



SPONSOR'S CHECKLIST

8. Which Accountability group will you encourage your pilgrim to join? _____
9. I will encourage my pilgrim to attend future gatherings with me. _____
10. I will encourage my pilgrim to follow through on fresh hopes and new commitments. _____
11. I will encourage my pilgrim to serve the Emmaus Community (and future Walks). _____
12. I will help my pilgrim sponsor others. _____
13. I will continue to pray for my pilgrim. _____
14. Is the applicant married? _____
- Is the spouse also being sponsored? _____

Sponsor's name: _____

Email address: _____

Cell: _____

Phone (h) _____ (w) _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Only someone who has been on a Walk to Emmaus or Chrysalis Flight can fulfil this role. Sponsorship does not require paying for participants, but rather ensuring that they derive spiritual benefit from the Walk. It involves:

1. Prayerful selection of applicants in consultation with the sponsor's accountability group and the applicant's minister or pastor.
2. Submitting the application forms and deposit to the registrar for consideration by the PE Emmaus Board.
3. Support for the Walk - before, during and after. This includes the following:
 - Praying for the applicant.
 - Explaining the Walk to the candidate and his/her family before submitting the application form.
 - Discussing the Walk with his/her family/friends for appropriate support, encouragement and care for them over the period of the Walk.
 - Arranging transport to and from the Walk venue.
 - Obtaining agape letters from pilgrim's family and friends.
 - Participating in sponsor's hour, send-off, candlelight and closing.
 - Encouraging the pilgrim to attend follow-up activities after the Walk.

Emmaus relies on sponsorship to bring other Christians from all walks of life, denominations and races, to share this experience.

The personal nature of sponsorship underlines the personal care and commitment of God to each pilgrim.

As a past pilgrim we all want to share the gift of those 3 days with others. However appropriate sponsorship cannot be overemphasized. The quality of sponsorship ultimately influences the pilgrim; the health of the Emmaus movement and the local church community. Good sponsorship is the foundation for a strong, effective Emmaus movement that is fulfilling its true purpose – the development of Christian leaders and the renewal of the church in ministry.

Why do we sponsor?

One should sponsor with the follow aim

- to bring spiritual revitalization to Christians, who in turn will bring new life and vision to the work of the church in the congregation, home, workplace and community and thereby build up the Body of Christ.

Sponsorship is not “to get all my friends to go”, to fill up the weekend, or to fix people’s problems. Things to avoid in sponsorship:

- Do not sponsor a pilgrim because you believe they will have fun!
- Preferably do not sponsor if you are on team for the same weekend, because you cannot fulfil your sponsorship duties properly.
- Do not sponsor just because you had a wonderful time.
- Do not tell people they have to attend Emmaus. Emmaus is a ministry, it is not the ministry.

Who should go to Emmaus?

Emmaus is for growing Christians who are open to experience the grace and love of God in new ways through the Christian community. More especially, it is for those who will be committed to make a difference as a result of this experience.

(However please remember that a Walk can only accommodate a maximum number from any one congregation, the reason being that too many leaders away from the same church will place a strain on the congregation.)

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Please read the following checklist carefully and initial next to each responsibility to indicate that this sponsorship has been approached appropriately.

This form **MUST** be returned with the pilgrim's application form before the Registrar will consider the application.

Pilgrim’s Name: _____

1. I have prayerfully considered this pilgrim’s suitability and readiness for the Walk. _____
2. The pilgrim is currently committed to or involved in the church. _____
3. I have approached the pilgrim’s minister/ pastor who has indicated their support. _____
4. I have explained the Emmaus programme and the financial implication to the pilgrim. _____
5. I have taken a prayer slot/s on the weekend 72-hour prayer schedule. _____
6. I have organised and will collect agape letters for the pilgrim. (No presents, flowers or large items please) _____
7. I am aware of my commitment over the Walk.
 - I have arranged to take my pilgrim to the Walk venue. _____
 - I will attend Sponsor’s Hour, pray for my pilgrim and be at the send-off. _____
 - I will attend Candlelight. _____
 - I will attend the Closing Ceremony. _____
 - I will collect my pilgrim at the end of the Walk. _____