

# Houston North Emmaus Community

## Pilgrim's Journey

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*Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.*

*He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.*

*As they approached the village to which they were going; Jesus acted as if he were going farther. But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them.*

**Luke 24:24 - 29**

### From the Community Lay Director

Can you imagine inviting Jesus into your home to stay with you? Isn't that exactly what he does? And what he has done for you? He is always present, and has given us His Peace. He then brings people in our lives to demonstrate His love and grace that He has given us; people to encourage us, to love us and to speak truth to us. He calls us to be the Body of Christ, His hands and feet.

The Walk to Emmaus ministry calls us to live out Christian action by making Christ's love real in the world. After our Walk to Emmaus in our 4<sup>th</sup> day, we go back into our churches and communities to serve. We pray for each other, encourage one another, hold each other accountable in our Reunion Groups and stand side by side sharing God's love and grace through the acts of service. We don't go it alone; we have Christ in us and we are part of the Body of Christ. It takes each of us and Christ is counting on us. Whether you went on your Walk recently or more than 20 years ago, you are needed. There are many ways to serve, whether on a team or in 4<sup>th</sup> Day Community Servanthood. Visit [www.hnec.org](http://www.hnec.org) to learn more.

Christ is also counting on you to share His love and grace with others. Will you share the Walk to Emmaus experience with others? We have 4 more Walks this year 2 Summer Walks and 2 Fall Walks both men and women. Without sponsorship Walk to Emmaus would cease to exist. As you probably heard, our Summer Walks are a Monday to Thursday program. We stepped out on faith to change the program for the Summer Walks to allow those who serve in our churches to attend, but it's open to all. We currently have 7 men registered and 14 women. We have no doubt God will bless us with Pilgrims for the Summer Walks, but he is counting on us to share the message and sponsor.

DeColores!  
Cindy van Rensburg  
Community Lay Director

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**DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN FIND AND FILL OUT  
All of the forms below on the website?**

[HNEC Pilgrim Application](#)

[HNEC Sponsor Form](#)

[HNEC – Sponsor Checklist](#)

[HNEC - Sponsor Request for Pilgrim Letters](#)

[HNEC - Information Sheet for Sponsors](#)

[HNEC Team Service Interest Form](#)

[HNEC Day Servant Application](#)

Remember.....

We now offer the capability to pay for walk fees for Team Members, Pilgrims, and Day Servants online via **PayPal!**

## **Four Walks still to come for 2017, and pilgrims are needed!**

Please check the following schedule, be in prayer for the walks, and help us fill our remaining 2017 walks by contacting your prospective pilgrims and getting the application process started.

Men's Walk #94 - July 17 - 20  
Women's Walk #95 - July 24 - 27  
Men's Walk #96 - September 21 - 24  
Women's Walk #97 - September 28 - October 1

**Remember....** Both the Men's and Women's Summer Walks are **Monday - Thursday!** This decision was made to offer those on church staff and/or weekend workers and opportunity to experience an Emmaus Walk. I would ask for prayers for our Pastors and those working in our churches that they can attend the summer Walks.

When it comes to The Walk to Emmaus, prayer comes first, during, and after. Whether you are on the team, a sponsor, or a member of the 4th Day, prayer is the key to a successful experience for all involved.

The opportunity to serve on a Walk whether on a Team or as 4th Day is a blessing! The links below will allow you to submit a Team Interest form and to sign-up to support 4th Day activities such as Candle Light, Closing, and others. You can also access the links from the HNEC site at [www.hnec.org](http://www.hnec.org). If you have any questions you can e-mail [serve@hnec.org](mailto:serve@hnec.org).

[Click here for Community Servanthood opportunities](#)

[Click here for Team Service Information](#)



## HNEC Capital Campaign Update

**Dear Friends of Emmaus,**

Thanks so much to those who have given toward the HNEC capital campaign! To date we have raised more than \$10,500 toward the long-term viability of our HNEC community through support for three major needs listed below:

- 1) Emmaus Walk scholarships and fees**, enabling those on tight budgets to attend a Walk.
- 2) Maintenance and acquisition of HNEC property:** Replacement of the sound system for Kaiser Hall (now borrowed), golf cart maintenance and replacement, and other Walk-related equipment.
- 3) Maintain the quality of our current Walks**, while **offering financial assistance, as appropriate, to emerging sister Emmaus and other Spiritual communities**, in our area, Central America, and Africa.

There is still an **opportunity to pledge**, and help ensure that HNEC provides a quality experience of the love of Jesus for all who would like to attend. For those who would still like to pledge, there are three methods:

- Online at [www.hnec.org](http://www.hnec.org) (PayPal linked, account not necessary). See “HNEC Donations” in left Menu as one-time payment
- Online at [www.hnec.org](http://www.hnec.org) for recurring monthly charge to your charge card via PayPal
- Send a check payable to HNEC Treasurer at the following address: Houston North Emmaus Community at HNEC, PO Box 9252, Spring, TX 77387. Contributions are tax-deductible.

Thank **you** for **your** prayerful consideration, and

De Colores!

**The Board of Houston North Emmaus Community**

## Sponsorship Training Opportunities

Sponsorship Training will be offered before the HNEC Community Gathering on August 12 at a location to be determined. However, if you are aware of anyone needing training that isn't available to attend prior to the Gathering on August 12 please contact Peter Eckdahl at [peckdahl@aol.com](mailto:peckdahl@aol.com).

Sponsorship training is always available at ALL HNEC Community Gatherings. Otherwise, any HNEC Board member is authorized to provide Sponsor Training. Either Peter Eckdahl and/or John Follis are available to train at your small group meetings by prior arrangement. Emergencies may necessitate a 1-on-1 training via telephone. Call us, we're available ... we're in the HNEC.org Board Directory.

Additionally, now available from your HNEC Board is a "Sponsorship Primer" suitable to locate alongside your Re-union card ... in the "rainbow" card holder. Primer is a folded business card size. The Sponsorship Primer is a condensed version of the training presentation. All new 4th Day trainees should receive a "Primer" ... just as a reminder of how-to-do-it. Remember, HNEC Sponsorship Training methods are designated as "Best Practice" by The Upper Room.

### **Your Testimony Here?**

We welcome written testimonies of what your Walk to Emmaus has meant to you, and how it has helped to grow your relationship to Jesus Christ. Please send one page or less to

[Communications@h nec.org](mailto:Communications@h nec.org)

Thank you!



## Agape needs YOU!!

First of all, thank you for making all of the cross lanyards, dove lanyards, doves and Halo's...Please keep them coming!! They may seem like such a small item to you, however to each and every pilgrim, they are HUGE pieces of AGAPE!!

We still need Book Covers. If you or your reunion/church group are interested in making these agape items, please contact Susan Bilberry @ [susan.bilberry23@gmail.com](mailto:susan.bilberry23@gmail.com)

Thank you & DeColores

### Love an AGAPE Servant.

For Internal /Table and Pillow Agape, here are a few reminders...

50 Pieces – Pilgrims & Table Leaders

80 Pieces – Pilgrims & Serving Team

Always make a few extra in case items are misplaced or broken.

Please label your bags, sacks, containers, etc. with the following:

- # of pieces,
- preferred time to distribute,
- intended recipients.

## Houston North Emmaus Board Meetings

Board meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at The Woodlands United Methodist Church from 7:00-9:00 pm. Fourth Day members are welcome to attend as guests. If you have concerns that you would like to address with the HNEC Board, you may contact Cindy Van Rensburg, Community Lay Director at [cvr2@comcast.net](mailto:cvr2@comcast.net) at least 48 hours prior to the meeting, and you will be added to the meeting agenda

### Pilgrim Applications

Please make sure you are using the 2017+ forms for pilgrim applications.

Application forms should always be submitted in a timely manner and keeping the following in mind:

- The maximum number of Pilgrims per walk is 36.
- Walk registrations can be accepted up until the beginning Walk date provided openings are still available.
- Applications are considered received in the order of their postmark or email date.
- For questions about pilgrim applications, status, etc., contact registrar at: [registrar@h nec.org](mailto:registrar@h nec.org)
- For financial assistance on Walk fees, please indicate this need on the Sponsor's form.

Go to the "[Applications and Documents](#)" link on the web at [www.hnec.org](http://www.hnec.org).

### Community Related Sites

[Houston West Emmaus Community](#)  
[Houston Bay Area Emmaus Community](#)  
[Cradle of Texas Emmaus Community](#)  
[Houston West Chrysalis Community](#)  
  
[Cradle of Texas Chrysalis Community](#)  
[Kairos Prison Ministry](#)  
[Texas Epiphany Ministry](#)



All HNEC Emmaus Walks are held at the beautiful Kaiserhof Retreat Center.  
<http://www.kaiserhofretreatcenter.com>



Looking for a way to participate on a Walk Weekend without serving on a team or even as a day servant?? Consider volunteering for 1 of the 6 options which fall under the **"Community Servanthood" area!** These are the "behind the scenes" activities that add another special layer to the pilgrims' Walk experience . . . Remember yours?!



**Listed below are the Areas of Service:**

**Snack Supper**

Requirement: 6-8 people

Arrival time: 5:00 pm

Task: Provide light supper for team and arriving pilgrims and sponsors

**Agape Dinner**

Requirement: 6-12 people

Arrival time: 3:30 for decorations; 4:30 for food preparation, serving, and cleanup

Task: Provide special Agape Dinner for pilgrims and team. Fourth Day persons from multiple churches can join together. If you want to serve, let us know and we will put you together with others.

**Candlelight Parking Attendants**

Requirement: 4-6 people

Arrival time: 7:15 pm

Task: Direct traffic to designated parking areas.

**Candlelight Luminary Team**

Requirement: 6-8 people

Arrival time: 7:00 pm

Task: Set up luminaries for pilgrim arrival and take down after Candlelight is finished.

## **Community Servanthood Continued**

### **Candlelight Service Team**

Requirement: 6-8 people

Arrival time: 6:30 pm

Tasks: Set up the Fourth Day service area in the Dining Hall; serve as ushers; hand out candles and then collect them; assist in taking down chairs in the Dining Hall after the Fourth Day service.

### **Moving Cleanup**

Requirement: 4-5 people

Arrival time: 1:30 pm

Task: Move furniture from cabins to the conference room; move kitchen supplies from the dining hall to the property room; move agape supplies from the inn to property room; and to assist the servant team in the cleanup of Kaiserhof.

### **Rose Providers**

Requirement: Individual or small group Task: Bring 4 dozen (48) roses to Kaiserhof to be handed out to pilgrims, table leaders, and assistant table leaders in their rooms prior to breakfast on Sunday morning.



**To volunteer for any area of service or if you have any questions, contact HNEC Board members:**

Leslie Townsend – 281.381.549 / [letown01@hotmail.com](mailto:letown01@hotmail.com)

or

Orpha Haag -713.202.6738 / [orpha@entouch.net](mailto:orpha@entouch.net)

**\*\*\*To see what opportunities are still available check the Signup Genius website at \*\*\***

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0f4dabab23a57-hnec6>

## **Team Selection – positions remain for Summer Men’s and both Fall Walks**

Dear Fourth Day,

Team Selection again thanks you so much for your willingness to serve.

We have already had two mighty walks this year. The July women’s team has been selected, but we will still need some positions filled for the July Men’s walk and the fall teams. Please continue to be in prayer for the teams that God is calling and for the pilgrims God is calling to these walks.

If you would like to serve on a team, please let us know if you have not already done so. You may register your desire to serve on a team by going to the HNEC website, and selecting “Team Service” under Fourth Day Community on the Left side. Read through if you have any questions and then look for the “Team Service Interest” link which will take you to the page to actually notify Team Selection of your interest. Names that are submitted through the website or any Fourth Day activity are brought to each Team Selection meeting to be considered for appropriate positions.

**Please help us honor your offering of service if you presented your name this year but did not get a call to work a walk. Please [re-submit your name](#) and give us a note that you submitted your name but did not receive a call. We will try and give you priority for next year.**

Please also help us to spread the word among our clergy! Remind them how the walk to Emmaus has deepened your faith and prompted you to serve in your local church. Encourage them to talk to the congregation about the Walk to Emmaus opportunity and, if appropriate, ask if they would be willing to serve as a clergy for a day or for the weekend. Remember, Christ is counting on each of us!!

DeColores,

**Robin Collier & Greg Bengel**  
**[serve@hnec.org](mailto:serve@hnec.org)**

## Note from Communications -

If you have not received any emails from HNEC yet this year (and haven't opted out of our email system) please let us know at [communications@h nec.org](mailto:communications@h nec.org) so we can check on the problem. If you're not sure, we can send you a test email to check and see if our system can reach your email address.



You can find lots of information about handling your HNEC email at [www.hnec.org/email](http://www.hnec.org/email), including changing your email options and changing your contact information in the HNEC data base.



## Is Your 4<sup>th</sup> Day Reunion Group Listing Up-to-Date?

HNEC strives to maintain a comprehensive listing of [Reunion Groups on our web site](#) (**Reunion Groups** is the first item listed in the **Stay Connected** section of the menu). This information includes the day, time, and place when/where the group meets as well as contact information.

**We need your help to keep this information current!** Recently a 4<sup>th</sup> day moved into our area and attempted to contact some 4<sup>th</sup> day groups. There was some discouragement when calling the contact phone numbers resulted in “no longer in service” messages and emails were not returned.

If you are a member of an active 4<sup>th</sup> day group, please check our [Reunion Groups page](#) for the accuracy of the information about your group. If your group isn't listed, please forward the information about your group as seen on the page for other groups to [communications@h nec.org](mailto:communications@h nec.org) and your group will be immediately added to the page.

## HNEC at the Texas Annual Conference of the UMC

HNEC again sponsored an informational booth at the Texas Annual Conference (Methodist) during and after the Memorial Day Weekend. Pictured are Peter Eckdahl and Cindy van Rensburg, HNEC Board Members, at the 2017 Conference. The booth represented the "Walk to Emmaus," not HNEC only, and the Houston West Community also helped to staff the booth.

Many Conference Delegates and clergy stopped for a visit. The Conference for 2017 was held at The Woodlands United Methodist Church, and HNEC's Board helped staff the booth. The 2018 Conference will be May 27-30, also at The Woodlands United Methodist Church.



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## MEN'S WALK #92 ~ MARCH 23-26, 2017 KAISERHOF RETREAT CENTER ~ TOMBALL, TEXAS

### Attendees, left-to-right:

- Floor:** Craig Hantelman, J.D. Wallace, Ray Sims, Larry Thieme, Rodney Canizaro, Larry Dean, Paul Fortner Jr, Bruce Jarvis, Ed Kelly, Ray Cox.
- 2nd Row:** David Dees, Thurman Clark, James Goodwin, Mike O'Shea, Ken Gau, Todd Sullivan, Wayne Parcel, Nate Ellis, David Whittlesey, John Ramsey, Goran Haag, Randy Mikel, Cliff Bodin, Terry Clark.
- 3rd Row:** Jeff Mueller, Scotty Scott, John Garlock, Larry McCord, Gary Tesch, Brian Banner, Ed Guthrie, David Kautz, Gus Useche, Benjamin Parker, Nitant Chakranarayan, John Ruffino Jr, William Zarco, Todd Garaux, Joe Burrell.
- 4th Row:** Donovan Kirschke, Ron Davis, Mark Temple, David Mauck, Dale Johnson, Gavin Zietsman, Dick Manning, Michael Cagle, Glen Wilson, Ellis Landrieth, Daniel Sherrill, Ben McLean, Jue Stutts, Chris Herrera, Steve Scales, Tryan Stutes, Brian Cruickshank, Bob Wolf.
- Back Row:** Jeff Lovett, Peter Eckdahl, Paul Kessler, Larry Burgess, Robert Horton, Dan Pearce, Charles Trotter, Jordan Whitehead, Ryan Powell, Brad Moore, John Follis, Clay Whitaker, Chad Runeberg, David Bilberry.

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## WOMEN'S WALK #93 ~ MARCH 30-APRIL 2, 2017 KAISERHOF RETREAT CENTER ~ TOMBALL, TEXAS

### Attendees, left-to-right:

- Floor:** Sharon Heald, Lisa Buval, Phyllis Palmer, Terri Cook, Jody Crow, Lisa Anderson, Sheryl Rowe, Theresa Nichols
- 2nd Row:** Kathy Reedy, Debbie Drost, Sunni Richman, Drewann Pearce, Anne Wilcox, Lauren Robertson, Arlene Caffrey, Judy Lee, Corey Worthen, Melinda Dodd, Laurie Roddy, Brittany Allen-Boyd, Leslie Townsend, Sally Hurlbutt, Zoeieann Townsend
- 3rd Row:** Deanna Gau, Teresa Boyd, Barton Wallace, Kim Gorsalitz, Trisha Morrison, Heather Burgess, Rebecca Brown, Gladys Poston, Erma Clark, Madhumeeta Chakranarayan, Jana Carlson, Fannie Messec, Karen Nesmith
- 4th Row:** Kelli Eldridge, Adrial Boals, Margaret Andrew, Dana Walker, Nadia Binkley, Danielle Judge, Cathy Sharpe, Shelly Flores, Janelle Steves, Becky Sherrill, Misty Melancon, Jean Solomon, Andrea Thompson, Susan McDonald, Jill Bechtold, Carrie Hunt, Arrie Gehan, Suretha Viljoen, Kathy Kitchell, Peggy Moore
- Back Row:** Laura McMeans, Kristi Schaeper, Debbie Smith, Courtney Osborne, Trish Bilbo, Beverly Gault, Kathy DeFazio, Pam Davis, Tracy Tidwell, Lisa Wittliff, Jerri Harmon, Robin Castro

# In Memoriam – Tami Denton

Many of you were blessed to know Tami. She attended Houston North Emmaus Walk 24 and has worked a Walk every year since then. In December 2016, Tami began serving on the HNEC Board. She was always a faithful servant and had a heart to share the Love of Jesus with everyone! We will miss her smile and the light she brought to this world sharing God's grace and light! The board will continue to honor Tami and her time of service on the Board by placing a lit candle at her seat. Our prayers are with Tami's family!

***My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? John 14:2***

