

# Houston North Emmaus Community

## Pilgrim's Journey

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### FROM THE COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR

#### The Times – They Are A-Changing!

- *Bob Dylan Song*

"Behold I will do a new thing. Now it shall spring forth; Shall you not know it?"

Isaiah 43:19 (a)



Usually, this Fall article in the newsletter is where we share with the community how many pilgrims attended the Summer Walk, the current count for those attending the Fall Walks and the total number of pilgrims for the year. Since it is 2020 and we have had no Walks and not much is normal, I'd like to take the opportunity to share with the Community what the Board has been up to over the past 10 months.

December 2019 and January 2020, many on the board, as well as some community members, were working on enhancing training and updating and creating documentation for walk leadership, walk team and the HNEC board. The goal was to create and use standard training documentation for each position and to maintain a group of experienced and trained trainers for each position for each training venue.

On January 18<sup>th</sup>, leadership for all 2020 Walks were the first to benefit from the efforts of this training. This meeting was well attended and the goal of focusing on building and training the team was accomplished.

The men's and women's Spring Walks training was on February 1<sup>st</sup>. This was for the Lay Director/Assistant Lay Directors, Table Leaders/Assistant Table Leaders, Board Representative, Musicians, Servant Team Coordinator, Chapel Team, Agape Team, and Kitchen Team. The trained Trainers focused on training all team members in the execution of the walk.

Unfortunately, Summer and Fall Walk Leadership did not receive this training due to cancellation.

Our board meeting in April was different from the first three of the year. This was the first time that we were unable to meet in person, but transitioned to Zoom meetings just fine. We are looking forward to the day that we are able to again meet in person and fellowship with one another face to face.

Covid-19 has affected how businesses operate, including our beloved Kaiserhof Lutheran Retreat Center. Kaiserhof was dissolved by the Board of Directors this year and is now managed by Lutheran Outdoor Ministries. It has a new name: Camp Lone Star - Pines Campus. Normally, by July, we would have our upcoming year Walk dates scheduled. During this transition, that was not the case. We just received our contract for 2021 and the dates scheduled are:

Men's Walk #107 will be March 18-21, 2021  
Women's Walk #108 will be March 25-28, 2021  
Women's Walk #109 will be July 15-18, 2021  
Men's Walk #110 will be September 23-26, 2021  
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The Zoom gathering was a first. On August 8<sup>th</sup>, over 120 4<sup>th</sup> day attended from the comfort of their homes. This was an enjoyable time as we came together to sing, celebrate communion, and hear from a 4<sup>th</sup> day speaker. It was a wonderful evening and we were glad to see so many faces. We have truly missed seeing you in person.

On October 17, we will be hosting another Zoom Gathering, this will be the final gathering of the year so be watching on Facebook or your email for Zoom login information. November 5, 2020 be the final day to cast your ballot online for electing six (6) new members to serve this Emmaus Community for the next three years. This year, bios of the candidates are in this newsletter and on our website. You will be able to vote online for three men and three women to fill the open Board positions. I ask you to please be in prayer for all of the candidates that have accepted the call and have agreed to be considered by this Community; to give of their time and be in service to HNEC and our Lord.

In December, the term will end for several good and faithful servants to this Emmaus Community who have served it as members of the Board of Directors. Even though some are rolling off, new faces will bring different ideas and perspective to the Board.

I look forward to seeing you out at Camp Lone Star – Pines Campus or at the October 17<sup>th</sup> Gathering on Zoom. I pray that our Lord blesses you in all you do.

De Colores!!

Tammie Walterbach

HNEC Community Lay Director





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## BOARD ELECTIONS - THE CANDIDATES WILLING TO SERVE

### Vote On-line by Midnight November 5!

- 1) Please vote for 3 **women** and 3 **men** from the list below. The persons selected will serve a 3-year term from December 2020 through December 2022. On-line voting is open, but please vote only once.
- 2) To vote on line, click here [online voting site](#), fill out, and submit the form. You will receive a voting “receipt” showing the results of your selections. The **DEADLINE FOR VOTING IS 12:01 AM, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2020.**



Hi, my name is **Susan Barcus** and I attended Houston Emmaus Community Women’s Walk #25 in the fall of 1990. I am married to my wonderful husband Dan and we have a son, daughter, son-in-law and two grandsons. Soon after making my walk I filled out an application to serve on a team, secretly telling God I would wash dishes all weekend if that is where I could serve best. God sent me in as a table leader instead (back then there were not any assistant table leader positions). I have served on teams over the past thirty years at all of the different places our community has held walks. I have been blessed to serve both in the conference room and on outside teams including as a day servant. For HEC Walk #166 I was the lay director and I was the third servant team coordinator when that position was instituted for walks. I still can’t decide which is the most fun! For the past several years my service to Emmaus has been behind the scenes, making cross lanyards and butterflies as part of the community agape, praying, and attending candlelight or closings when possible. I am now retired and so perhaps God is opening another door for me to serve. In the midst of this ongoing pandemic, new ways to provide a safe and meaningful walk for all participants is crucial. My prayer is that the community will elect the people God wants and that He will be glorified in the work to be done in the coming year!



My name is **Laura McMeans** and I am very excited to be a candidate for your HNEC Board of Directors!

I have been married to a wonderful man for over 17 years and have two beautiful teenage daughters. I have been serving on Emmaus teams in the HNEC Community for about nine years, and served many weekends in Ohio with the Findlay Area Emmaus and Chrysalis communities there before moving to The Woodlands in 2008.

Emmaus is unique because it goes beyond individual churches and denominations to bring Christ followers together to serve, encourage, love, and grow. Through Emmaus I have had the opportunity to form friendships and bonds with women I would have likely never met otherwise. And I appreciate that no matter where I go, there is an Emmaus community nearby where I know I will feel welcomed, just like the HNEC Community welcomed me after moving far away from family and friends ten years ago.

Thank you very much for your consideration!



My name is **Mickie Schindewolf**. I went on walk 55 at Kaiserhof and I sat at the table of Esther in April 2010. I was raised a Christian and have attended church all my life. I have been married to my husband for 46 years and we have been members of Foundry UMC for 13 years. We are also native Houstonians.

When I went on my walk I learned a lot about myself. I wanted to have a closer relationship with Our Heavenly Father. I was shy and did not like to be out of my comfort zone. On my walk I learned that coming out of your comfort zone can have amazing effects on you.

I have served as a day servant, assistant table leader and a table leader. Every time I serve on a walk my relationship with Christ grows and I want to share this love with others.

Thank you so much for considering me to serve on the HNEC board.



My name is **Margarett Vozar**. I attended Walk #5 at Kickapoo in 2001. I sat at the table of El Shadai. Have worked several walks since then, always coming away with a greater understanding of Jesus and what he wants from me. On Walk #5, I learned that no matter what I have done or what I have said, I am forgiven by a mighty God who gives mercy and grace in all aspects of our lives. I realized we are wholly and completely loved, no matter what decisions, challenges, or opportunities we experience. I also learned that the more I study, the more I grow closer to Jesus who is a pathway to eternity. I was given a chance to see what surrender feels like. I knew, after Walk #5, that love conquers all and God loves us just as we are.

I am married to Tim, my soul mate and best friend, for 24 years. We have three children who are grown and flourishing and two wonderful grand chillies who bring love and light to our lives continuously. My profession, of 18 years, as a criminal defense investigator has taught me that all people yearn to be heard and valued. I specialize in mitigation where I learn the life story of an accused person, humanizing them for the decision makers, the judge and jury. My gift for empathy and service makes my profession a perfect fit.

I would like to serve on the HNEC board to give back a fraction of what it has given me. Emmaus changed my life. I am hopeful anyone who attends a walk will have a life changing experience, too. I want to humbly work to help others gain spiritual growth and a stronger relationship with Jesus Christ.



My name is **Wayne Roche** and I went on Emmaus Walk #1149 at Mt. Wesley in Kerrville, TX in the spring of 2004 and served at the Table of Mark. Without question this experience was a game changer for me! Having been raised Catholic, I knew about the Holy Trinity and had an active prayer life but Emmaus opened my eyes to what it means to actively pursue opportunities to pay HIS love forward. As a result, I have humbly sponsored many men and women and served on Inside Teams on subsequent Walks through the years to include an HNEC Men's Walk led by HNEC Board Member Mr. Doug Spitz.

In recent years, I have served as a TDCJ Volunteer on four Kairos Prison Ministry Inside Teams assigned to the OL Luther Unit in Navasota which delivers a similar model to Emmaus twice per year to 42 Brothers In White. I also led the development of a short video promoting the power of attending a Closing Ceremony which is now approved for Kairos international distribution. I led Kairos Luther #6 last spring and currently serve as the Advising Leader for Kairos Luther #7 on October 17-21 this fall. I also serve on the Advisory Council for the Luther Kairos effort and will roll off next year. I deeply encourage all Kairos Volunteers to attend an Emmaus Walk and have opened to door for HNEC representation at Kairos Closing Ceremonies to promote Emmaus to the family members of the Kairos Participants. I continue to pray for new platforms from which to serve HIS Kingdom and would be grateful to humbly contribute on the HNEC Board.



Hi! I'm **Chris Schreiber** and I attended HNEC walk #70 in the Fall of 2012. Like many, the walk revealed what, I mean Who, grace is. I also left knowing a response to His grace would be my thank you and praise. I've had the joy of sponsoring several pilgrims and participating in reunion groups. I've also been so fortunate to serve on various inside and outside teams, across numerous roles, these past 7 years. Nothing matches the gratitude of seeing a Pilgrim's life transformed, and serving beside many of you; you've modeled how Jesus leads a community of many to unite and share Him.

Since my walk, I've served in several ministries in our church community and our greater Houston community...but each time I come back to Emmaus, the weekends and 4th day re-center and re-charge my love and commitment for Christ.

Our world and circumstances have changed immensely over the past 7 months...but God never changes! Inviting others into the Emmaus experience and our example of a Christ Community, is more important today than ever. It would be an honor and privilege to serve with the HNEC Board and continue looking for fresh and new ways to invite others to be transformed through a relationship with Jesus.



Hi! My name is **J. D. Wallace**, and in March 2014 I attended HNEC Men's Walk #74 and sat at the table of Matthew. My walk was transformative for me and really empowered me to take on servanthood opportunities with both courage and humility. In my Fourth Day, I have been blessed to work on several walk teams, as a chapel servant, assistant table leader, table leader, head chapel servant, and I had been preparing to work on Men's Walk #107 as an assistant lay director until the walk was canceled due to COVID-19. I

have sponsored 3 pilgrims on their walks and have also volunteered in numerous walk-related community service capacities, including setting up luminaries and directing traffic for Candlelight, serving the snack supper, and working as a day servant.

Since 2008, I have worshipped at The Woodlands United Methodist Church where I am heavily involved in the music ministry, singing in the chancel choir and multiple small ensembles. My walk experience emboldened me to step outside of that comfortable area of service into an area where, honestly, God had to convince me that I could be effective. For 6 years now, I have been humbled to serve as a facilitator for one of the Grief-Share groups hosted by my church. There is no better opportunity to emulate Jesus than to shepherd the bereaved as they journey through grief recovery.

I believe in the progressive servanthood model utilized by our Emmaus community, and service on the HNEC Board would be a different way in which I could continue serving this community and the pilgrims God brings to the HNEC walks. If elected to a Board position, I would endeavor to serve our Emmaus community to the best of my ability.



## FIRST TIME EVER!!! HNEC VIRTUAL GATHERING!

Due to the global pandemic restrictions imposed on large gatherings, on Saturday, August 8, 2020, the Houston North Emmaus Community hosted its first-ever “virtual” Gathering. This event was marked by almost all those features that we have come to enjoy at an Emmaus Gathering: a great Fourth Day testimony, worship through music, a word from the Word, the Lord’s Supper, and encouragement from our community lay director and community spiritual director. The only things missing were the food and the in-person hugs!!

There were over 100 “participants”, or email accounts that logged in. Actual participation was higher than that, as many log-ins were attended by more than one person, such as friends, spouses, and other family members. It was a blessing to see each person. For those who are undergoing strict isolation due to health concerns, our prayers are with you!

Below are several testimonies from persons who were able to join in:

I thought the meeting was very well done and a great way to reconnect during Covid. Amazing that over 100 people joined!

Lisa Newburn

We enjoyed a fun, yet intentional, worship moment with our Emmaus family. Loved the music too!!!!

Phil and Sally Henderson

It was so nice to see some familiar faces and hear familiar voices at the virtual Gathering. I hope we can do it again SOON! For those of us still social distancing, we felt a part of the community that evening. It was also fun to have the song sheets to “sing along”! And for those of us with “old eyes” – we don’t have to worry about driving home late at night!!

Dan and Susan Barcus

I absolutely enjoyed our zoom meeting. It filled my soul to connect with my Emmaus family. I so look forward to seeing each other again soon.

Roxann Boggs

Thanks to all who organized the virtual Gathering, worked out the technology, and shared! See you on the Zoom at our upcoming Gathering October 17, 2020.

## WELCOME TO CAMP LONE STAR – PINES CAMPUS

Yes, you're in the right place – it just has a new name! All HNEC activities will take place in the same buildings as before. The property room is in the same place and the golf carts (ours and the ones that belong to HWEC) are in the same location.

As Tammie stated in the opening letter, our 2021 walks will be held as follows:

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Please be in prayer that the COVID 19 virus that has caused such suffering and isolation will be eradicated and that we will be able to hold these walks as planned. The Lord tells us in His Word that, "The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much." James 5:16(b) NKJV



**All HNEC Emmaus Walks are held at the  
beautiful Camp Lone Star – Pines Campus.  
22610 Tuwa Rd, Tomball, TX 77375**

## WHAT EMMAUS MEANS TO ME

By Rhonda Fronk

Pilgrims and team members often express questions about certain events or guidelines associated with the Walk to Emmaus. “Why can’t we take our cell phone?” “Why can’t we wear a watch?” “Why can’t we take pictures?”

After serving on many Walk teams, I have come to find symbolism in many Emmaus events or guidelines. These directives were placed in the Emmaus Model by its authors through the power of the Holy Spirit, to point us to Kingdom Living. As Christians, we are “in the world but not of it.” By faith we know the Kingdom of God exists all around us, unseen, through a veil. As it says in I Corinthians 13:12, “For now we see through a glass, darkly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; but then shall I know, even as also I am known.”

So here’s my take on a few things. As you reflect on your own Emmaus Walk, I am sure you can find your own meaning or symbolism in various moments of the Walk and how the Walk to Emmaus models God’s Kingdom on Earth. De Colores!

**THE SPONSOR TAKES AND PICKS UP THE PILGRIM.** We are escorted into the Kingdom of God by others. We cannot get there on our own. As pilgrims, we learn to trust our sponsor and the team to take care of us; we give up self-reliance.

**NO CLOCKS, OR WATCHES.** In Eternity, there is no Time. We learn to live in the moment, focusing only on Jesus. We leave our past behind, we forget our present troubles, and we need not worry about the future.

**NO CAMERAS.** There is no need for pictures. We will know as we are known.

**ALL OF THE PHYSICAL PROVISIONS.** In Heaven, we will have everything we need. Our life there has been prepared in advance.

**TEAM SERVICE.** In the Kingdom of God, we will serve and be served. There is no room for self-sufficiency, selfishness, or the word “I”.

**SCHEDULE KNOWN BY TEAM BUT NOT THE PILGRIMS.** We are not in control, God is. We don’t know what’s ahead, but He does, and He is leading us to it.

**LAY DIRECTOR CALLS OUT EACH NAME.** In Heaven, God will call each of us by name, and we will answer Him.

**SPEAKERS.** Their testimony moves us closer to Christ. Their testimony helps us overcome darkness.

**AGAPE DINNER.** The Table of the Bridegroom at the wedding feast of the Lamb.

**CANDLELIGHT.** Our entrance into Heaven, as we behold the “great cloud of witnesses” that have gone on before us.

**FOURTH DAY ONLY AT CANDLELIGHT AND CLOSING.** The ones who have gone before await the new pilgrims.

**CROSSES.** We remember and are dependent upon Christ’s sacrifice for us. Christ is counting on me, and I am counting on Christ.

**CLOSING.** We will give account.



## Houston North Emmaus Board Meetings

Due to the social distancing mandates from our state and national government, the monthly HNEC board meetings are being held on the Zoom meeting platform.

Normally, board meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at Klein United Methodist Church from 7:00-9:00 pm. Fourth Day members are welcome to attend as guests, once we are able to meet again. If you have concerns that you would like to address with the HNEC Board, you may contact Tammie Walterbach, Community Lay Director at [CommunityLayDirector@HNEC.org](mailto:CommunityLayDirector@HNEC.org) at least 48 hours prior to the meeting, and you will be added to the meeting agenda.

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Have you ever wondered where the big white binders for Walk Leadership or the individual Walk Team manuals come from?

Hi, my name is Diana Malin. Todd Sullivan and I make up the Documentation Team on the HNEC board. Our team is responsible to:

- Maintain the central HNEC document repository
- Coordinate the maintenance of HNEC Walk Team and Board of Director documents
- Maintain training manual composition guides
- Order materials to build team manuals for training sessions
- Build and distribute team manuals
- Build 4<sup>th</sup> Day folders for pilgrims for each Walk
- Maintain book supplies for walk book tables

Some of the materials used in the Walk Team and Board of Director manuals are purchased from the Upper Room. However, much of the material is HNEC specific and has been developed and maintained by HNEC Board and 4<sup>th</sup> Day disciples over the years. And the composition of the Walk team manuals is HNEC specific, in line with Upper Room guidelines.

As we are hopeful that Walks will resume in 2021, our team will be preparing to compile team manuals for 2021 in the near future. This is a process that can use help from 4<sup>th</sup> Day Community.

If you have any interest in assisting the Documentation team as we prepare for 2021 Walks, please contact Diana Malin at [cdauidmalin@gmail.com](mailto:cdauidmalin@gmail.com) or 936-714-1349 and we will put you on a list to contact when assistance is needed.

Grace and peace,

Diana Malin



## Agape !!!

Hello my wonderful Agape suppliers! We love, appreciate and miss you during this time of quarantine!

If you are looking for things to do while you are home, please continue to make those Book Covers, Butterflies, Doves, Lanyards for Doves and Crosses, Caterpillars and Halos!

This is also a perfect time to make regular Walk agape for both Men's and Women's Walks. For internal/table and pillow agape, here are a few reminders:

50 pieces	Pilgrims and Table Leaders
60 pieces	Pilgrims and Conference room teams
75 pieces	Pilgrims, Servant teams and Conference Room teams

(Please make a few extra in case of misplaced or broken items)

Also, please label your agape as follows:

# of pieces and intended recipients  
Preferred time to distribute  
Label for Men's or Women's Walk or either one

Praying that before too long we will be back to holding Walks and at that time our inventories will be WELL-STOCKED ... thanks to YOU – our wonderful 4<sup>th</sup> Day community.

Prayers and God's Blessings on each one of you!!!

Donna Drabek

HNEC Agape Board Rep

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# JOIN THE TEAM OF SPONSORSHIP TRAINERS

## COMING SOON: NEW DIGITAL FORMAT FOR SPONSOR TRAINING

HNEC will soon offer its Sponsorship Training through an online webcast to fulfill requirements for Pilgrim sponsorship. The webcast will provide a helpful overview on the roles and responsibilities of sponsorship to help give Pilgrims a meaningful and memorable weekend experience. We will still offer a live session of Sponsorship Training after Walk follow-ups at Gathering events to share personally with our newest Fourth Day members.

Keep watch for an update in upcoming announcements.

If you have additional questions about Pilgrim sponsorship, contact [salana.yarger@att.net](mailto:salana.yarger@att.net)

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### Pilgrim Applications

Please make sure you are using the 2016+ 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@hnec.org](mailto:registrar@hnec.org)
- For financial assistance on Walk fees, please indicate this need on the Sponsor's form. Partial payments are appreciated if possible.

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



## Wanting to Work a Walk? Wondering How?

Dear Fourth Day,

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

Corey Worthen and Scotty Scott  
serve@h nec.org



### Other Ways to Serve

2020 has indeed been a different year, with plans disrupted and all Walks cancelled. However, we look forward to 2021 and, the Lord willing, seeing our Walks resume.

Even though the 2021 Walks are still in the planning stages, we ask you to begin praying about how you, your reunion group, your church's Fourth Day community, your family, or just you and some of your good Emmaus friends, can be a participant under the "Community Servanthood" area in one of the six areas (Men's Walks) or seven areas (Women's Walks) listed below. These are the "behind-the-scenes" activities that add another special layer to the pilgrims' Walk experience.....*Remember yours?!*

#### **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 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.

#### **Candlelight Parking Attendants**

Requirement: 4-6 people

Arrival time: 7:15 pm

Task: Direct traffic to designated parking areas.

## **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 Camp Lone Star-Pines Campus.

### **Rose Providers**

Requirement: Individual or small group Task: Bring 4 dozen (48) roses to the Lodge 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:**

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# 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!**

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.



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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

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



## **Community Related Sites**

- Houston West Emmaus Community
- Houston Bay Area Emmaus Community
- Cradle of Texas Emmaus Community
- Cradle of Texas Chrysalis Community
- Kairos Prison Ministry
- Texas Epiphany Ministry

## **THE ONLY ONE**

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(see Isaiah Chapters 43 and 44)

The only One who could create me  
Did create me.  
The only One who could save me  
Did save me.  
The only One who could redeem me  
Did redeem me.

The only One who can be my Rock  
Is my Rock.  
The only One who can be my King  
Is my King.  
The only One who can be my Lord  
Is my Lord.

The Holy One of Israel.  
The Holy One of Israel.  
The Lord, the Lord of Hosts.  
The Lord, the Lord of Hosts.

The only One who can be First  
Is First.

First to comfort  
First to guide  
First to love  
First to avenge  
First to heal  
First to forgive  
First to conquer  
First to serve  
The Alpha

The only One who can be Last  
Is Last.

Last to condemn  
Final victor  
Last Word  
Last One standing  
Last Light, only Light  
Final Hope  
The Omega

Everlasting!  
Everlasting!

# Closing Comments from our Clergy

Greetings!

We are now over 6 months into Covid-19 changing our world as we know it. We are also dealing with unrest in our country both politically and culturally. It seems like every time we think it is going to settle down, 2020 gives us another reason to scratch our heads in wonder.

Where is God in all this? Why are we going through all this? Where is it leading?

The only thing I know is that God is in control. He does have a plan and we are a part of it. The same God that created all is still with us. He has a plan.

I recently read from Exodus 14:14 "The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still." How many times are we tempted to step up and speak our mind or "do something" about this? I think God sometimes wants us just to be silent.

In Kairos there is a saying, "We have two ears and one mouth so we should listen twice as often as we speak." We should spend some time each day in silence, perhaps praying, perhaps reading His word, perhaps listening to a friend who is scared and just needs to talk.

In 1<sup>st</sup> Kings Chapter 19 we read:

11 The Lord said, "Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake.

12 After the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper.'

We need to encourage one another rather than tear each other apart. We need to help one another rather than being selfish. We need to be there for one another rather than be there for ourselves.

I encourage you while we are going through these strange times to take more time and listen to what God is trying to tell us. He cannot speak over the noise in our lives, we must quiet ourselves and listen.

I pray that you will be safe, secure and continue to grow your faith. Rest, reach out to others and in all things give God the glory!

Blessings,

*Karl*

Rev. Karl H. Decker  
HNEC Community Spiritual Director