

IDAHO WALK TO EMMAUS

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GREETINGS FROM THE COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR

Dear Emmaus Community,

With two sets of Walks each year, it seems that at any given time your IWTE Board is either gearing up for a weekend, holding a weekend, or transitioning between weekends. We do manage to find time to tackle other important tasks, though.

Over the past 8 months, we have been diligently pursuing the following:

- Conducted a comprehensive 5th year review and update of our *By-Laws* and *Policies*
- Began a thorough IWTE Database scrubbing exercise
- Integrated new 2018 *Upper Room* manuals/materials into our Idaho program
- Streamlined Walk weekend job descriptions
- Identified prospective Weekend Lay Directors beyond 2019

Going forward, we will also be revisiting Board job descriptions and discussing ways to more consistently engage local churches in the pilgrim sponsorship process, since the stated mission of Walk to Emmaus is “to inspire, challenge, and equip the local church members for Christian action in their homes, churches, communities and places of work.”

If you would like to become involved with your IWTE Board, please reach out to me directly. We always have room for aspiring leaders.

To paraphrase Mahatma Gandhi, “Be the change you wish to see in your IWTE Community!”

De Colores!

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A letter from Malena Rodriguez & Calvin Connell

Lay Directors of Fall Men's & Women's walk #67

Dear community,

As you are all aware, getting these fall walks put together has been a struggle and a great challenge! Christ calls us to be his hands and feet, which is not always easy. Despite of all the trials, this walk will go on as planned at the Kimberly UMC, 131 Syringa Ave. in Kimberly, Idaho 83341.

Men's walk is September 27 to 30th

Women's walk October 4 to 7th

At this time while writing this letter, we have 13 women, and 6 men signed up for these walks. Still praying for more men pilgrims to come.

Having walks in this Central Area has become a challenge every time. Part of the reason I think, is the inactivity of many members of the community in this area, the long distances that pilgrims and workers have to travel, and financial reasons as well.

In order to keep this ministry alive, an active involvement from the community is necessary, especially new pilgrims! Financial support is also needed and of course your prayers!

I want to encourage you to attend if candle light and closing if you can.

Both walks are also in need of members of the **Love Teams** to help set up and take down dividers, tables etc.

CHRIST IS COUNTING ON YOU!

DE COLORES!

MALENA RODRIGUEZ & CALVIN CONNELL

MEN PILGRIMS
FOR WALK #67

Richard Dunn

Cleo Tamayo

Francisco Arevalos

Ruben Olmos

Jim Sommer

Duane Clemons

WOMEN PILGRIMS
FOR WALK #67

Connie Dunn

Flora Tamayo

Ruth Barnes

Maribel Olmos

Doris Sommer

Ann Coleman

Patrice Powers

Kathleen Dixon

Linda Boston

Rita Mortitz

Karen Johnson

Gayla Dumont

Karen Burnes

Team Selection

As a member of the Team Selection, it is my responsibility to support the creation of each team for the Walk weekends. This team works with the Lay Directors in gathering names of the Idaho Walk to Emmaus community to support the upcoming weekends.

For the fall walk weekends, we are still in need of members to participate. For the spring walk weekends, we are in the process of creating the teams. As a member of the Idaho Walk to Emmaus we can always use your support in being on a team, sponsoring pilgrims, and praying for the weekends.

By filling out a “Request to Serve on an Idaho Walk to Emmaus Weekend” form, you are not only helping in keeping our database updated with your current information, but also letting the upcoming Lay Directors know that you are interested in working on the walk weekend. It is never too early to submit your application. As you fill out your request to serve, it can be sent to the team selection chair, person on the application, or the upcoming Lay Director.

We hope you will continue to pray for the Idaho Walk to Emmaus and how you can be a support to this community.

De Colores,
Dedra Swanstrom

Men's Walk #67 Team Roster

Director: Jesus Christ

Lay Director: Calvin Connell

Spiritual Director: John Mars

Assistant Spiritual Directors: Karla Sampson, Rob Walters

Board Representative: Sam Pile

Assistant Lay Directors: Jim Dobbins, Brandon O'Meara, Eric Shaner

Musicians: Mark Brown, Rick Demmer, Don Moore

Table Leaders: Michael Henson, Bob Mosby, Simon Rodriguez

Assistant Table Leaders: Dan Critell, Esteban Galan, Bill High, Nicholas Moorhead

Head of Support: Lance Schmidt

Agape Coordinator: Todd Swanstrom

Agape Assistants: Marden Plant, Sonny Shaw, John Turpin, Kim Wardwell

Church Liaison: Randy Robbins

Dining Room Coordinator: Steve Hamm

Dining Room Assistants: Phillip Burch, Ben Madsen, Gabriel Rodriguez

Kitchen Coordinator: Steve Waugh

Kitchen Assistants: Paul Brown, Craig Fredericksen, Doug Kerner, Les Patterson

Quartermaster: Mike Kroenke

Sacristan: Bill Atwell, Mike Kroenke, Dean Kubena

Candlelight Coordinator: Sassy Connell, Malena Rodriguez

Photographer: Zandra Moorhead

Love Team: Sassy Connell, Justin Majerus, Hank Williams

Women's Walk #67 Team Roster

Director: Jesus Christ

Lay Director: Malena Rodriguez

Spiritual Director: Ruth Marsh

Assistant Spiritual Directors: Desi Larson

Board Representative: Lesli McGowan

Assistant Lay Directors: Sassy Connell, Luanne Hardy, Brenda Kerner

Musicians: Karen Egersdorf, Sarah Spencer

Table Leaders: Paula Blair, Janet Eld, Lesli McGowan, Kay Rice, Sue Sterling

Assistant Table Leaders: Bonnie Critell, Tina Williams

Head of Support: Barbra Young

Agape Coordinator: Zandra Moorhead

Agape Assistants: Linda Demmer, Shannon Gnesa, Holly Leonard, Brenda Mitchell

Church Liaison: Linda Robbins

Dining Room Coordinator: Connie Dobbins

Dining Room Assistants: Nancy Copp, Marla Jo High, Sheryl Schaffer, Ann Wardwell

Kitchen Coordinator: Dedra Swanstrom

Kitchen Assistants: Carla Biersdorff, Christina Carr, Jackie Kennedy, Kymrie Plant

Trailer Angel: Becky Allred

Sacristan: Lynette King

Candlelight Coordinator: Calvin Connell

Photographer: Zandra Moorhead

Love Team: Calvin Connell, Patricia Gilbert, Justin Majerus, Nicholas Moorhead, Simon Rodriguez

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who supported the last set of walks with sponsor and worker donations! I hope to see this same support for Walk #67. Your support is essential to supporting the budgets that make these walk successful.

Carl Christensen
Treasurer

Agape Letter

Dear Idaho Walk to Emmaus Community,

Throughout the IWTE weekends, there are various types of agape you can provide to support the weekends.

Community wall Agape: items given to the conference room which are posted on the walls

- Posters and letters addressed to the pilgrims as a group from other communities and reunion groups.
- Wall agape will begin to be presented in the conference room during the Justifying Grace talk on Friday afternoon, and will continue throughout the weekend.

Table/Pillow Agape: Small gifts for dining tables, conference room tables or pillows

- Table agape distribution will begin at dinner on Friday and continue throughout the rest of the weekend at meals.
- Pillow agape distribution will begin Friday evening and continue throughout the rest of the weekend.
- Table/pillow agape is an expression of God's unconditional love; therefore **personal names are not attached**, although Reunion Group names are permissible.
- Agape and anonymous demonstrations of love serve to move the pilgrims closer to Christ, so their thanks and glory go to Him only.
- When providing table agape, please provide enough pieces for **40 people** in the conference room. Pillow agape can be for pilgrims only - remember that we are no longer secretive about who pilgrims are and who are not.

Personal Agape: Letters written specifically to the pilgrim

- 8-12 letters gathered by sponsors, written for each pilgrim by those in the pilgrim's life who are supportive of their spiritual journey. Remember that family members may not always be supportive, and therefore sponsors should be careful to get letters from those who will be positive and will commit to being a support system for the pilgrim's 4th day walk with Christ.
- It is the responsibility of the **sponsor** to bring the 8 to 12 letters in a bundle for their pilgrims.
- In order to assist sponsors in preparing bundle, it may be helpful to lightly mark in pencil on a corner of each envelope an S- for sister, H- husband, F- friend, P - pastor, etc., as letters come in. Once there are 8 to 12 letters erase markings and bundle (or place in baggie) and mark with pilgrim's name.
- Give any remaining personal letters to the Agape servants, marked for placement in Sunday "take home" bags for the pilgrim to read after returning home.
- Individual gifts for pilgrims must be delivered before or after the weekend, so that others don't feel left out.

Prayer Agape: opportunities to pray during the weekend

Prayer Chapel Agape: Pray for the speaker before, throughout, and after the talk or during the 72- Hour Prayer Vigil.

- For Community members to sign up (reminders will be sent to those praying outside of the weekend facility).
- Snack Agape: Fruit, cookies and refreshments available throughout the weekend.
- The Snack Assistant or Kitchen Coordinator will request community members sign up to bring snack items.
- Community members will be sent a reminder- with location and time to drop off snack items
- Participation Agape:
 - Attendance at Candlelight on Saturday night is a way to show God's presence, and by taking the time to come and pray communally over the pilgrims, partake in Holy Communion and be a witness to their once-in a lifetime event speaks volumes of the love and concern of the hands and feet of Christ.
 - Attendance at Closing on Sunday is a way to show God's presence in numbers, to demonstrate the force of the love of the Community, and allows the opportunity for interaction and follow-up between pilgrims and community members.

General thoughts about this agape...

- The Agape servants will organize areas where agape can be dropped off during Send-Off and throughout the weekend.
- They will prepare drop off boxes for wall, table/pillow and personal agape. To insure that agape is distributed, please have it to the Agape servants no later than noon Saturday.

Walk # 67 Team Needs

Love Team:

People are needed for both walks to help set up and take down on Thursday and Sunday afternoons.

Agape

Water bottles (Women)

Table and pillow agape (Both)

Kitchen

Cookies (Both)

Snacks (Men)

Crackers (Women's)

Sliced cheese (Women's)

Vegetables & Fruit (Women's)

Snack items -ie. nuts (Women's)

email dedra@swanstrom.net for items you'd like to donate for the women's walk

Sponsor's Hour, Candlelight, Closing

Sponsor's Hour: If you are sponsoring a pilgrim, Sponsor's Hour will be Thursday evening at 7:40 pm.

Candlelight: The community will gather for a communion service at 7:30 pm in the sanctuary followed by Candlelight. Everyone who has been part of a Walk or a 4th Day program (Cursillo, WTE, Chrysalis, Koinonia, Kairos) is welcome. Appropriate attire is a white shirt and black pants/skirt.

Closing: The Community will begin gathering for Closing on Sunday at 2:40 pm. Everyone, including those who have not attended a Walk to Emmaus is welcome to attend Closing.

Leftover Food: There will be two opportunities for the community to purchase left over food from the Women's Walk to Emmaus. The kitchen team will put food out in the dining area prior to Candlelight on Saturday night and prior to closing on Sunday. This will be by donation, and we ask that you take it to your car as soon as you can so that we can clean and organize the area. Thank you for your support!

The address for Crossroads UMC is 131 Syringa Ave, Kimberly, ID.

Prayer Vigil

You can sign up for the Prayer Vigil for our walks at the following links.

Women's Walk:

<http://www.3dayol.org/Vigil/GetVigil.phtml?pvid=14398&commid=533>

Men's Walk:

<http://www.3dayol.org/Vigil/GetVigil.phtml?pvid=14357&commid=533>

Calendar of Important Dates - 2018/2019:

September 27-30	Men's Walk to Emmaus weekend #67, Kimberly UMC
October 4-7	Women's Walk to Emmaus weekend #67, Kimberly UMC
October 20	Board Meeting, Amazing Grace Fellowship, Twin Falls 8 a.m.
October 20	Day 4, Amazing Grace Fellowship, Twin Falls, noon
January 25	Grand Gathering, TBD
February 21-24	Men's Walk to Emmaus weekend #68, Boone Presbyterian, Caldwell
Feb. 28-March 3	Women's Walk to Emmaus Weekend #68, Boone Presbyterian, Caldwell
March 9	Day Four, TBD

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www.idahoemmaus.org

Go to the Idaho Emmaus Website to find: dates and directions to the gatherings, map and directions to the church holding the next Walk, contact information of a board member or Walk Director, forms to serve on or attend a Walk. Download forms at www.idahoemmaus.org/forms.htm.

