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Greater Indianapolis Area Emmaus Community

How has COVID-19 Impacted the GIA Emmaus Community?

It has been a challenging year for many. With the onset of COVID-19 many of our personal, professional, and community goals have been temporarily deferred. Some of the GIAEC community events have been postponed for the year, and the uncertainty of the duration of the stay-at-home ordinances may potentially affect other activities as we advance further into the calendar year.

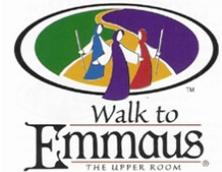
These challenging times do not mean that the GIAEC community is in hibernation, idly waiting for the next gathering. It is the moment where our community is in full motion exhibiting the love for one another that Jesus spoke of in John 13:34, "Love one another as I have loved you."

Our community expresses this love by reaching out to each other within the GIAEC community to ensure that each one has what they need to sustain

themselves. We exhibit the breadth of our community when we call a neighbor, friend, coworker, or even that person who gets on your nerves a bit to inquire of how they are handling the challenges of loneliness that comes with self-quarantine. We acknowledge the blessing of those who dedicate their work to fighting this virus through prayer and personal expressions of thanksgiving for their service.

There will be a time soon when our GIAEC gatherings will return. The planning for the Emmaus Walks will continue to move forward. We will have an opportunity to shake hands, hug, and partake together in communion once again. Until that time, continue to pray and serve those who are in most need of what our community can uniquely provide.

DeColores,
John Magnabosco
GIAEC Community Lay Director



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Changes to Fall Walks

As of now, the board is planning on having the Fall Walks, however, the location and dates of the Fall Walks have changed. The Community has been blessed to hold Walks at Christ United Methodist Church the last few years while we have gone through a period of drought. We have seen an increase of pilgrims and are looking forward to the continued growth of the numbers of pilgrims on the Walks. Next year Christ UMC pre-school will be going to a five-day schedule. Emmaus and the pre-school would need to share the same space and the logistics would be interesting, to say the least. After much prayer, the GIAEC Board decided to move the Walks to a new location, which also meant new dates. We will be going back to CAMP!! The new location for the Fall Walks will be the Indiana Conference And Training Center in Fortville, Indiana. The new location provides ample space for Emmaus Walks as we continue to grow. More details are provided on page 2.



#WeAreInThisTogether

Back to Camp for Fall Walks

The new location for the Fall Walks will be the Indiana Conference and Training Center, located at 1900 E Broadway St, Fortville, IN 46040. This is a campground that has new dorms, a hospitality building, and an awesome kitchen. One exciting reason for moving to this location is it will allow for growth of the Emmaus Walks.

Candlelight will be at a church, however, not the camp. New Life Christian Fellowship, 1574 IN-234, Fortville, IN 46040 has agreed to host the candlelights. They will start at 7:30 PM on Saturday October 17th and October 24th. The pilgrims will be transported over from the camp, which is less than 10 minutes away.

The Men's Walk to Emmaus #191 will be held October 15th through October 18th and John Wakeman has agreed to be the Lay Director.

The Women's Walk to Emmaus #192 will be held October 22nd to October 25th. The Lay Director for the Women's Walk will be Kay Korty.



Both Lay Directors are assembling teams. You may have gotten a call to work. If you did, will you prayerfully consider joining the team? If you did not get a call and would like to work, there are two ways to connect up. You can go to indyemmaus.org, and electronically fill out a form or download a team form and email it to Bob Sabo at babykins5@comcast.net.

Team Lists will be published this Summer and the prayer vigils will also be available at that time!

Chrysalis Postponed - A Note from the Chrysalis Lay Directors

We wanted to let you know that we have decided to postpone Chrysalis. Postpone. Not cancel. Times right now are uncertain and we want to ensure that everyone is safe and able to focus on what God has for them during the weekend.

Because of the postponing, we face some logistical issues with rescheduling. There are some possibilities. We would love to have the current team still serve and know this would be deter-

minate on schedules, etc. but please remain in prayer for these flights.

In the meantime, many of you are struggling with our current normal. We will be in prayer for you.

Fly WITH Christ!
Kirsten Jones and Bill Oliver
Lay Directors GIA Chrysalis
Flights #55 and #56



Gatherings

During this time the Upper Room has asked that all Emmaus events be suspended or held on line. The next Gathering was scheduled in May and is tentatively scheduled to be held in July at Lawrence United Methodist Church. The board will continue to follow the advice of the Upper Room and the rules of our Governor when making decisions on meeting as a group.

Words of encouragement and Upper Room resources

Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic – a Spiritual Companion in Times of Need - *Updated April 6, 2020*

Morning Prayer on Facebook Live – Each day at 11AM CT. Please join [here](#). Each session of this brief daily communal prayer time is led by an Upper Room staff member or friend. On average, 59 people are joining us live each day, and videos are reaching over 5,000 people after they air.

“New Every Morning” with daily video campaign. This e-newsletter offers daily reflection featuring an excerpt from an Upper Room Books title, a reflection question, space to comment and/or to add prayer request, and a reminder of the weekly lectionary text. Since the pandemic, a video clip featuring a staff member or author has been added with each person responding to the question: “What does creating a life with God look like for you today?” These videos are reaching over 3,000 people through various social media channels, and now over 6,000 through the New Every Morning daily email. To view videos, click [here](#). [New Every Morning email sign up page](#).

eLearning. Nearly 400 students have enrolled in the *Freedom From Worry* eCourse, offered free to all since March 19. This eCourse featuring Upper Room Books author Patricia Wilson is designed to help participants reduce their anxiety level and develop practices of prayer and trust. Robin Pippin is serving as the course facilitator. To register, go [here](#). Other individual eCourses are being offered for half price. To view all available eCourses, go here UReLearning.upperroom.org/courses and use promo code **URHALF** when registering.

[UpperRoom.org/covid-19 / Resources for Spiritual Wellness in Anxious Times](#) is one of our top viewed resource pages on upperroom.org for the month of March, with 16,916 page views since its creation. It includes our collective response, along with the following articles: [Seven Suggestions for Healing and Renewal in the Midst of Stress and Anxiety](#) by Flora S. Wuellner
[A Blessing for Those Who Wait](#) by Beth A. Richardson
[The Work of Hope](#) by Luther E. Smith, Jr.

[Getting Started with Your Private Online Classroom](#)

The Upper Room Prayer Wall is available for posting prayers of concerns and for praying for those prayer requests by name and need. We have received a huge spike in prayer requests related to the corona virus and an increase in prayer volunteer applications. Beth Richardson has [created a helpful video](#) for all those who want to be serve in intercession for individuals who have posted concerns during these difficult days.

The Academy staff have worked diligently and creatively to reschedule the final sessions of Academy #40 and #41 as well as several Five-day Academy programs that were to be held this spring. The Academy also offers [this month's podcast](#), where Claire McKeever-Burgett talks with Marjorie Thompson, a longtime Academy faculty person and author, about how to remain grounded faith leaders in the midst of chaos, disaster, and fear.

The **Upper Room Editions** team has created a new space on the daily devotional blog for the purpose of sharing personal, theological reflections on the current global pandemic. It can be [found here](#). Several new reflections have already been received and will be posted in the days to come.

GIAEC Board Meetings—still meeting on Zoom!

The Board is still meeting and continuing the work of Emmaus and Chrysalis. It's just a bit different right now! Board meetings are open to any members of the Emmaus or Chrysalis Community. Would you like to be involved? Please contact our GIAEC Lay Director John Magnabosco at john_magnabosco@live.com if you are interested on information on the Board.

AGAPE

Looking for something to do at home? Consider making Agape for the Emmaus Fall walks. There are tons of ideas if you go to Pinterest and type “Emmaus Agape Ideas”. Make 75 for the whole team.

DeColores!

Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. they were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them;

Luke 24:13-15

each

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The Walk to Emmaus is a spiritual renewal program intended to strengthen the local church through the development of Christian disciples and leaders.

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at indyemmaus.org**

Mark Your Calendar for 2020

Emmaus Walks—Indiana Conference and Training Center, Fortville, IN

GIAEC Men's Walk #191 - Oct. 15th to the 18th

GIAEC Women's Walk #192 - Oct. 22nd to the 25th

Please plan to attend . . .

Candlelights - Saturday, Oct. 17th and Oct. 24th at 7:30 PM at New Life Christian Fellowship Church, Fortville, IN

Closings - Sunday, Oct. 18th and Oct. 22nd at 4:30 PM at Indiana Conference and Training Center, Fortville, IN

Board Meetings for Emmaus -

May 18, July 20, Sept. 21, Nov. 16

Via Zoom

A little laugh for the day!



The Coronavirus ZOO