

The Upper Room
Emmaus & Chrysalis Movements
Clergy Training Program

Rationale:

In the process of clergy certification training (2008 – 2010) we came to see the importance of training for all clergy who serve in Emmaus and Chrysalis.

In keeping with our mission of “Empowering Christian leaders through Emmaus and Chrysalis to be the hands and feet of Christ”, we believe local Boards have the responsibility to identify and equip clergy to serve as Weekend Spiritual Directors and Assistant Spiritual Directors. It is important that every clergy person who wants to serve in any of the above categories have a clear understanding of the role and responsibilities of the Spiritual Directors, the theology of Grace that is core to this movement, as well as the ecumenical outreach of both Emmaus and Chrysalis.

The Walk to Emmaus and Chrysalis International office has Clergy Regional leaders in all five regions of the United States who stand ready to offer UR Clergy Training for individual communities or at Regional Leadership Development Events (RLDE). The dates for every RLDE in the US are posted on both Emmaus/Chrysalis web pages. You can access these dates by visiting: www.upperroom.org/emmaus or www.upperroom.org/chrysalis and going to the Leader Development link appearing on the left margin. Dates for individual community UR Clergy Training are to be negotiated with the Clergy Regional Leader in your area.

Clergy Training offered during 2009 & 2010:

Those clergy, who were recommended by their Boards, and who have participated in a full Clergy Certification Training with your Clergy Regional Leader during 2009 & 2010, should have received a certificate from our office indicating they have completed their training and are qualified to serve if asked by their Boards.

We will be sending certificates to all clergy who have attended the training during 2009 & 2010. They **do not** need to repeat this training.

Clergy Training from 2011 on:

Every clergy desiring to serve as Spiritual Director in these movements, in order to be fully empowered needs to have completed the following process:

- 1) Participate as a pilgrim on a WTE weekend or another recognized Fourth Day weekend.
- 2) Fill out a Clergy Team Application form and submit it to the Community Spiritual Director of his/her community.
- 3) Attend an Upper Room Clergy Training offered by the Emmaus/Chrysalis Clergy Regional Leaders in your area (dates for Regional UR Clergy Training are posted on both web pages).

- 4) Receive a certificate of completion from The Upper Room Walk to Emmaus/Chrysalis International Office and be added to the qualified list of clergy for their community.

Board role in the continued development of Spiritual Directors:

Boards shall keep a file of clergy applications, updating them routinely. Boards shall exercise care in selecting clergy who have been trained and who are committed to follow the Upper Room Walk to Emmaus & Chrysalis models.

Boards shall support the above mentioned process by encouraging all clergy to participate in an UR Clergy Training session with an UR Clergy Regional Leader.

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