

THE PRESENTATION

This presentation should be given the Community Spiritual Director, the Community Lay Director, or respected leader who sits on the Board of the Community. This presentation is a high priority item to The Upper Room International Emmaus Office. Much of the future health, growth and expansion of this ministry will rest on the Communities Boards to implement this presentation and to understand the sheer importance of what it means to the Walk to Emmaus and Chrysalis movements. This is one of the reasons the leadership of each community has been entrusted to be stewards over part of the financial element of the programs. In no small part, you will be providing the growth of the ministry for future generations.

Please, before you give this presentation, be prayerful about the importance of the time you are about to share. The presentation should be completely from your heart; reflecting the work of the Holy Spirit in your life and what He has done through this ministry. Your words will help your listeners to understand that the gifts you are requesting are a return of blessings and grace in the life of all pilgrims. In short, we are all “paying it forward”. Others made it possible for us to walk this journey; THE GIFT ensures others will be able to do the same.

INTRODUCTION OF WHO YOU ARE:

Name, Walk, Table, History of your involvement with the Walk to Emmaus/Chrysalis.

EXPLANATION OF WHAT YOU ARE ABOUT TO BE ASKING THE COMMUNITY TO DO:

“Hello everyone,

In the packet of goodies that you received before closing was a lot of information. One of the pieces of paper looked like this: (Hold up “THE GIFT”). It was filled with information about emerging communities in The Walk to Emmaus and Chrysalis. Our movement is ecumenical in nature; that is, it reaches across churches and denominations. The Walk to Emmaus and Chrysalis movements receive no money or funding from the United Methodist Church or any other denomination. Financially, we exist through participant fees and the sale of products and printed materials.

These ministries are so powerful and so blessed by the Holy Spirit that they should be able to impact more Christians all over the world. We are committed to be the hands and feet of Christ in the world and to help our brothers and sisters in Christ. To that end, we are going to take a love offering. The money collected here today will go to the funding, supporting and sustaining of emerging communities who have the need.”

EXAMPLES OF WHERE THE MONEY CAN GO:

“This money will go the Latin American countries who cannot afford a simple wooden or pewter cross so they use 2 sticks and a strip of a leaf to tie it together. This money will go to the African countries that get pilgrims and food and teams ready to go on a Walk but then because of the one million percent inflation, cannot afford the facility. This money will also go the European countries as scholarship funds because they cannot afford the subsidized pilgrim fee. We cannot allow money to become an obstacle to grace. Brothers and sisters, it is our responsibility to provide the “First Fruits” funds to facilitate an opportunity for all Christians who want to draw into a closer relationship with Christ to be able to do so.”

***TELL A STORY (EITHER PERSONAL OR FROM YOUR OWN COMMUNITY) WHEN GOD HAS WORKED IN THE LIFE OF A PARTICIPANT WHERE GIVING PLAYED A ROLE.**

Friends, there are three ways that you help:

- 1. PRAY – This may not be the right season for a contribution but you can commit to praying for these movements as we move forward.*
- 2. SCHOLARSHIP – Sponsorship fees usually fall between \$50.00 and \$125.00 for a participant. You can provide the means to allow one or more persons to attend a weekend.*
- 3. LARGE GIFT – Your spiritual gift of giving has afforded you the means to make a larger gift to these movements.*

***OFFER A PRAYER BEFORE THE OFFERING IS TAKEN**

“We are going to pass the love offering baskets now and ask that you give all that you can to help us to keep these movements alive and vibrant throughout the world in the years to come. Please understand that no money collected will go toward salaries or pensions. Not one penny will go to pay the light bill or any expenses.

I invite you to go to our website to watch the progress as this fund grows and then becomes the source of help, scholarships and assistance to those who have not been as financially blessed as we are.

Thank you!”