

# WALK TO EMMAUS



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Dear Sister in Christ,

1983/84 was not a good year. The pastoral flame was flickering out; I was the 4<sup>th</sup> pastor in 7 years at that charge, when my fiancé decided: “God has not called me to marry a minister.” I nearly set sail to the South Pacific when I was invited to a Tres Dias weekend. On that weekend I opened my heart and let God’s love come in.

The Walk to Emmaus, is an experience of Christian spiritual renewal; sponsored by the Upper Room and the NY Annual Conference – similar to its Tres Dias cousin. The objective of Emmaus is to inspire, challenge, and equip the local church members for Christian action in their homes, churches, communities, and places of work.

The Emmaus Mission:

*Renewing Christian Disciples,  
Strengthening Local Churches*

The **Women’s Walk to Emmaus #48** is scheduled for October 17-20 at Montfort Spiritual Center in Bayshore. I would like to invite and encourage you as a lay woman of your local church to attend as an Emmaus “Pilgrim”. Attending will be a gift:

- a gift of spiritual community with others who deeply desire to go deeper in faith.
- a gift of time to ‘be still and know that I am God’ (Psalm 46:10).
- a gift of encouraging and to be encouraged in Christian friendship.
- a gift of opening your heart to the love of God; through prayer, worship & song, talks and table conversations on the Christian life and discipleship.
- a gift of renewal and rekindling the ‘gift of God that is in you’ (II Tim. 1:6,7).
- a gift of reawakening the flame and passion to follow as a disciple of Jesus.
- a gift of experiencing a tool to use and strengthen your local church.

Experiencing Walk to Emmaus, is a gift to yourself and your local church. It is my personal goal to build Emmaus as “all-embracing” – to be one in the love of Christ. I seek and ask for your participation as an Emmaus Pilgrim at Women’s Walk #48.

Enclosed: “Application to Attend a “Walk to Emmaus” Weekend. Emmaus Pilgrims do have “Sponsors” to support you. A lay person or clergy friend who has completed an Emmaus Walk or Tres Dias Weekend may be your Sponsor. If you need help finding a sponsor, we can help you do that. If you need funding for your Emmaus weekend, please ask. For additional information, please contact me, your pastor, or Emmaus Lay Director Alexandra Bossung.

With my prayers and eager expectations of you as an Emmaus “Pilgrim”,

*Bob*

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*While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and walked with them. - Luke 24:15*