

Sponsorship



The Minnesota Walk to Emmaus Guide to
Pilgrim Sponsorship

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- ❧ Sponsorship is one of the highest forms of a gift from one Christian to another – much like Christ's Love for his people
 - ❧ As the gift has been given to you, provide the same to another
 - ❧ Let's pay it forward in multitudes
- ❧ The Best Resources
 - ❧ *Day Four – The Pilgrim's Continued Journey*
 - ❧ Provided in your Walk packet
 - ❧ Sponsorship Board Chair
 - ❧ Asking Questions of Others

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Who Should You Sponsor?

- ❧ Church Leaders & Dependable Church Members
 - ❧ Often the “quiet backbone” of every church
 - ❧ Less active church members desiring a spiritual renewal
- ❧ Christians who are hungry for “something more”
- ❧ Diverse congregations, denominations, and ethnic groups.

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Who Not to Sponsor

- ❧ Non-Christians
- ❧ Incompatible Traditional Theologies
- ❧ Persons Undergoing an Emotional Crisis
- ❧ “Church Hoppers” With an Axe to Grind
- ❧ Persons Seeking Another Emotional High

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How to Sponsor - Day Four pages 53-59

- ❧ Pray for Your Friend
- ❧ Meet With Your Friend
 - ❧ Make the Invitation
 - ❧ Encourage Commitment
- ❧ Continue to Prepare
- ❧ Handle the Pilgrim's Weekend Responsibilities
- ❧ Remember "Day Four"
- ❧ Go Back to Church
- ❧ Understand Emmaus
- ❧ Help the Pilgrim Sponsor Someone Else

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What MUST You Tell a Pilgrim?

- ❧ The Equal Commitment Rule
 - ❧ Ideally spouses should Walk at the same time
- ❧ Sleeping Arrangements
 - ❧ Explain as much as you know about the facility
- ❧ Hours of Commitment
 - ❧ Generally from 7PM on Thursday to 7PM on Sunday
- ❧ Personal Items to Bring
 - ❧ Bedding, toiletries, towels and washcloths, comfortable attire for the 72 hours
- ❧ Expect No Outside Contact Except Emergencies

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Things You Will Want to Tell a Pilgrim

- ❧ Tell the Person What the Experience Meant to you
- ❧ Tell the Person How the Walk Has Affected your Family, Church, Job, and Community
- ❧ Tell How Emmaus Has Helped Change Your Priorities
- ❧ Tell the Person About Gatherings And Reunion Groups
- ❧ Tell the Person That Each Weekend is Unique and the Experience is Personal in Scope

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Things You May Want to Tell a Pilgrim

- ❧ Fifteen Talks - Five Clergy, Ten Laity
- ❧ Small Group Time Discussing the Presentation
- ❧ Time in the Chapel Praying and Meditating
- ❧ Communion is Emphasized
- ❧ Plenty of:
 - ❧ Good Food
 - ❧ Good Fellowship
 - ❧ Good Songs
 - ❧ Walks With Christ

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Things You May NOT Want to Tell a Pilgrim

- ❧ Anything About Candlelight or Closing
- ❧ The Personal Agape Letters
- ❧ Saturday Night Dinner

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Who Pays?

There is no set rule as to who pays for the Pilgrim's Walk. Each situation is different. Below are ways currently in use

- ❧ The Pilgrim Pays
- ❧ The Sponsor Pays
 - ❧ Or Sponsor Pays the Deposit/Pilgrims pays the balance
- ❧ The Church Pays
 - ❧ Some churches develop an Emmaus Education Fund
- ❧ The Church Pays for the First Male and First Female Participant
 - ❧ Then the New Community Members Pay for the next set of Pilgrims

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*From all of us on the Minnesota Walk to Emmaus Board,
thank you for being a Sponsor, willing to share this
experience with others.*

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