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February 2018

A Time of Transition and Thanks!

Just as we transition into a new year, we transition to new leadership for our board. Welcome members of the **Class of 2020**:

Linda Alderson
Ron Langford
Daniel and Kelly Lockey
Rick Graff

At the January Board meeting, new officers were elected to lead our Board and Emmaus community.

Thank you to these servant leaders who answered the call:

Lay Director: Mike Myers
Spiritual Director: Rev. Richard Young
Asst. Lay Director: Jesse Avendano
Secretary: Steve Bales
Treasurer: Daniel & Kelly Lockey

As we welcome these new members and support our new leadership, we recognize and applaud those who have traveled the path before them and served our community unselfishly—honoring God with their loyalty, trustworthiness, and commitment to Emmaus and our community. We thank the Class of 2017 for their dedication as they complete their terms on the Board:

Sandra Langford
Tyanne Rakowitz
Bo & Perri Raz
Jean Wehmeyer

While on our Board, Tyanne Rakowitz served an exemplary term as the Lay Director of our community. She challenged us, encouraged us, loved us, and led us to think creatively to build and strengthen our Emmaus community and walks. When faced with challenges, she inspired us to make lemonade out of lemons! While she has completed her three-year term as an elected board member and as our Lay Director, she will continue to provide her gifts and talents to our community and serve on the board as Immediate Past Lay Director this year.

The end of 2017 brought about other reorganization for our board leadership. Bill Rakowitz, who served as Team Selection Chair (formerly Rio Texas Board Representative) and Janie Gulley, our Emmaus Registrar, both stepped down from their leadership roles after serving our board and community for numerous years. Janie dedicated her time and experience handling the registration for our walks, previously working directly with Rio Texas to make sure our registrations were timely processed. Janie was always steadfast and faith-filled going above and beyond to encourage and support the registration process to make it as simple as possible, even as deadlines to make walks loomed. Janie modeled belief in God's plan beautifully! Bill successfully led us through the transition to a fourth day community, stepped in whenever needed to make sure nothing fell between the cracks, while dedicating infinite hours to team selection and development of future leadership. Bill mentored our future, steadfastly encouraging progressive servanthood, the key to building and believing in the long term duplication of our faith-filled walks to Emmaus. Both Janie & Bill love Emmaus and our community. They graciously shared their faith and Emmaus wisdom, gleaned from many years of service.

We extend heartfelt thanks and deep gratitude to every member of this wonderful group! Each have sacrificed their time to serve and lead our community. Their unending, tireless commitment to serving our community is clear. Many lives have been touched by these loving hands and feet of Christ.

Well done, good and faithful servants!

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A Season for Service

The season of walk preparation is in full swing!

Leadership roles have been filled for both the Men's and Women's Walks.

Men's Walk #85

April 26-29, 2018

Lay Director: Paul Gordon

Spiritual Director: Rev. Richard Young

Board Representative: Mike Myers

Women's Walk #86

June 21-24, 2018

Lay Director: Neta Ripple

Spiritual Director: Rev. Richard Young

Board Representative: Linda Alderson

Both walks will be held at the Spiritual Renewal Center, Victoria.

Registration fees - \$225

Registration Fee Assistance guidelines are attached and also available on our website.

Checklist for Crossroads Emmaus Community:

- ✓ Get the word out for the Men's Walk & Women's Walk at your churches!
- ✓ Print out, post on bulletin boards, and distribute the information flyer attached to this newsletter at your church and wherever you can get the word out!
- ✓ Pray for Men's Walk team meetings as they begin this month.
- ✓ Pray for the formation of the team for the Women's Walk.
- ✓ Start registering pilgrims for the Men's Walk. It is never too soon to start registering! The deadline to make the Men's Walk is April 12, 2018--a mere 9 weeks from now. A registration form is attached and can also be found online at www.cremmaus.org
- ✓ Jot down a list of prospective pilgrims for the Women's Walk. Pray about your list--then start visiting with your friends, family, and loved ones about attending the Walk.
- ✓ Go online to www.cremmaus.org and sign up for the Prayer Vigil and agape for the Men's Walk.
- ✓ Pray for the leadership and all activities of the Crossroads Emmaus community.
- ✓ Spend time daily in God's Word!

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Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.

Matthew 18:20

GATHERINGS:

February 16, 2018

FUMC-Edna

March 16, 2018

FUMC-Ganado

April 20, 2018

Louise United Methodist Church
(Men's Team Commissioning)

May 18, 2018

FUMC-El Campo
(Men's Walk Babe Chicks meet at 6:00 p.m.)

Potluck dinners begin at 6:30 PM!

CRE Board Meetings:

Monday, March 19, 2018 @ 7:00 pm

Monday, April 9, 2018 @ 7:00 pm

Board meetings are held at the Jackson Electric Coop,
8925 State Highway 111 South, Ganado, Texas 77962

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<i>Treasurer:</i>	Daniel & Kelly Lockey	Rick Graff
<i>Team Selection Chair:</i>	Carolyn Gordon	Ron Langford
<i>Immediate Past Lay Director:</i>	Tyanne Rakowitz	
<i>FDG Spiritual Director:</i>	Rev. Richard Young	<u><i>Class of 2019:</i></u>
<i>FDG Asst. Spiritual Directors:</i>	Rev. Mark Smith	Steve Bales
	Rev. Dan Zellmer	Clint Mitchell
<i>Prayer Vigils:</i>	Bo Raz	Cheryl Worley
<i>Agape Chair:</i>	Cheryl Worley	Carolyn Gordon
<i>Trailer:</i>	Sharing the Love of Christ Men's Reunion Group, Port Lavaca	
<i>Music:</i>	Linda Alderson	
<i>Candlelight:</i>	Mike Kinsey	<u><i>Class of 2018:</i></u>
<i>Reunion Groups:</i>	Bo Raz	Jesse Avendano
<i>Fundraising:</i>	Jesse Avendano & Ron Langford	Kim Wood Mike Myers
<i>Newsletter:</i>	Monica Bard	
<i>Website:</i>	Bill Rakowitz	
<i>Emmaus Registrar:</i>	Kim Wood	
<i>Community Trainers:</i>	Neta & Gerald Ripple	
<i>2018 Women's Walk Lay Director:</i>	Neta Ripple	
<i>2018 Men's Walk Lay Director:</i>	Paul Gordon	
