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**EMMAUS & CHRYSALIS**  
*"Then their eyes were opened" - Luke 24:31*



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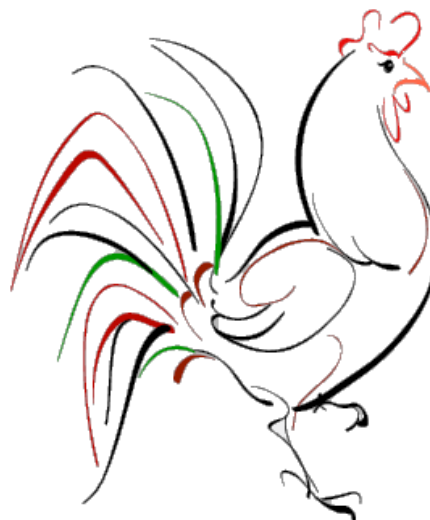
The Monthly Newsletter of the Pioneer Country Emmaus Community

**May 2022**

## OUR NEXT GATHERING!!!!

No, it's not this month due to Graduations and other conflicts, but mark your calendars for June 18 when we hope to be able to meet in person again, and maybe Walks in October??

Check the PCE website for further details as the date gets closer



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### **Upcoming dates**

- June Gathering
- Walks in October (pending)

# Upper Room Ministries Announces Two New Programs

## Village Encounter

Be part of the inaugural event! As we continue to provide opportunities for ongoing Christian spiritual formation, the Emmaus Ministries International Office invites all communities to partner with us for the launch of our newest online offering, Village Encounter.

Village Encounter provides a digital space for adults to experience God's grace in transformative ways. This new offering seeks to renew Christians in their faith and to further inspire, challenge, and equip them for Christian leadership. The online experience begins with an invitation to journey with the risen Lord and continues, through its six sessions, to move participants to deeper levels of commitment as disciples of Christ.

In addition to the six sessions, the participants will meet in small groups that encourage their personal Christian growth and spur on Christian action. Ultimately, as is the case with all other Emmaus Ministries "graduates," participants will have the opportunity to take part in the activities of their local Emmaus Ministries community.

In preparations for the inaugural event in May 2022, the International Office is developing a team of clergypersons and lay leaders who will partner in ministry with Village Encounter participants. We are grateful for the almost 50 volunteer team members!

Now we also would like to invite existing communities to be part of this ground-breaking experience by sponsoring participants at a cost of \$40 per person for the entire event. To register for the inaugural online experience go to the PCE website, [www.pioneercountryemmaus.com](http://www.pioneercountryemmaus.com).

The Emmaus Ministries Village Encounter schedule will be as follows:

- Orientation – Evening of Thursday, May 5
- Session 1 – Evening of Friday, May 6
- Session 2 – Morning of Saturday, May 7
- Session 3 – Evening of Friday, May 13
- Session 4 – Morning Saturday, May 14
- Session 5 – Evening of Friday, May 20
- Session 6 – Morning of Saturday, May 21

All sessions will average between three or four hours in length.

## Day Four Restore

**Day Four Restore is a new one-day retreat designed to refresh the spirit and renew the commitment of those who have attended an Emmaus Ministries event or that of another Fourth Day ministry. Day Four Restore is held online and from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (CST). There will be a \$40 fee to participate.**

**Day Four Restore is designed to be held annually and its thematic content to be cycled in a three-year rotation. This one-day retreat supports the spiritual growth of church leaders and empowers those leaders to expand their ministries beyond the Fourth Day community.**

**The next Day Four Restore will be happening soon, so watch for an announcement as to when it will be.**

## Thank You Community

Thank you so much for your generosity. As a community you have donated \$4288.00 towards the purchase of cots to replace the old foam rubber mattresses. In addition, the donor who pledged to match everything up to \$5000.00 has donated the entire \$5000.00 giving us a total of \$9288.00 to purchase the cots. That should be enough to purchase the 75 cots we initially wanted to buy and allow us to get a few extra. With the Walks being cancelled, we will probably delay that purchase.

To be honest, we never expected the community to respond so positively since the COVID pandemic has prohibited us from having Walks or Gatherings. Pioneer Country Emmaus is blessed to have such a tremendous community. We look forward to more “normal” times when we can once again have Walks and in-person Gatherings.

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Pioneer Country Emmaus Board

## What is the Walk to Emmaus?

Community, it is time to start thinking about Sponsoring someone for Walks in October! What will you tell them about the Walk to Emmaus? Here is how the Upper Room describes the weekend experience:

### A Journey with Christ

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

The Walk to Emmaus is an experience of Christian spiritual renewal and formation that begins with a three-day short course in Christianity. It is an opportunity to meet Jesus Christ in a new way as God's grace and love is revealed to you through other believers.

The Walk to Emmaus experience begins with the prayerful discernment and invitation from a sponsor. After one accepts this invitation they complete an application. The Emmaus leaders prayerfully consider each applicant and in God's time, the person is invited to attend a three-day experience of New Testament Christianity as a lifestyle.

Through the formational process of accountable discipleship in small groups and participation in the Emmaus community, each participant's individual gifts and servant-leadership skills are developed for use in the local church and its mission. Participants are encouraged to find ways to live out their individual call to discipleship in their home, church, and community.

**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. Emmaus lifts up a way for our grace-filled lives to be lived and shared with others.**

Following the three-day experience, participants are joined in small groups to support each other in their ongoing walk with Christ.

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