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"Then their eyes were opened and they recognized Him..." - Luke 24:31a (NTV)



The Heart of Ohio Emmaus and Chrysalis Community

Face to Face Encounter Application

Section 1 – To be completed by the candidate

Please PRINT all information CLEARLY

First & Last Name: _____ Name for Name Tag (if other than first name) _____

Street Address _____ City, State, ZIP: _____

Email Address: _____ Home Phone #: (____) _____ Cell Phone #: (____) _____

Age: _____ Gender: Male () Female () Dietary Needs (gluten-free, diabetic, etc. – we need to know this for lunches that are served: _____

Do you have a health problem or physical limitation that may affect your attendance? Yes () No () If so, please specify: _____

Name of church you are now attending: _____ City: _____

Pastor's Name: _____ Church Phone #: (____) _____

Close Friend: _____ Friend's Phone #: (____) _____

Has the Heart of Ohio Face to Face Encounter been explained to you? Yes () No () Has it been explained to your spouse (if applicable)? Yes () No ()

Have you previously attended a Walk to Emmaus or similar program (Cursillo, Tres Dias, Kairos, etc.) Yes () No () If yes, what program & year did you attend? _____

Section 2 – To be completed by Sponsor

Please PRINT all information CLEARLY

Sponsor's Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Home Phone #: (____) _____ Cell #: (____) _____

Email: _____

Community, #, & Date of Sponsor's 3-Day Weekend: _____

Comments: _____

Please review application and correct any personal information that is not printed CLEARLY. Applicants will receive a postcard indicating the application was received. **Specific Encounter choices are subject to availability.** Applicants will be contacted by letter prior to the Encounter weekend when an opening becomes available for that specific weekend. After confirmation is received, the sponsor will receive an information packet to share with the applicant to assist him/her in the decision to attend an Encounter, to help him/her to enter fully into the Emmaus fellowship following the Encounter, and to provide prayer, other support, and transportation to/from the next Heart of Ohio Emmaus Gathering. **Note that all Encounters are Co-Ed; however, participants will sit at gender-specific tables.**

() **Face to Face Encounter #9**

August 5, 7, 12, 14, 2025

**Sunbury United Methodist Church
100 W Cherry St Sunbury, OH 43074**

I affirm my responsibility to enroll my pilgrim in a share group and for transporting my pilgrim to the next gathering.

Before mailing this application, please visit www.heartofohioemmaus.org and ensure you have the most current application. Registrars may change each January; avoid mail delays by using a current application.

Encounter Registration

Donna Baker – (614) 378-6212
109 S. Galena Road Sunbury, Ohio 43074-9548
Email: sdhnsb@aol.com

Sponsor's signature: _____

Date: _____

Section 3: Mail Completed Form

Please attach a check in the amount of \$75.00. Please make check payable to HEART OF OHIO EMMAUS. *Contribution is subject to change due to church fee increases. Specific Face to Face Encounter choices are subject to availability. Each applicant will be personally confirmed for a particular Encounter according to availability. (Registrar's Use)

Date Received: ____/____/____ Check #: _____ Amount Paid: \$ _____ Acknowledgment Sent: ____/____/____

What is A Face to Face Encounter?

A Face to Face Encounter is a spiritual renewal program intended for people 60 years old or older to strengthen the local church through the development of Christian disciples and leaders. The program's approach seriously considers the model of Christ's servanthood and encourages Christ's disciples to act in ways appropriate to being "a servant of all."

A Face to Face Encounter experience begins with four day short course in Christianity, comprised of fourteen talks by lay and clergy on the themes of God's grace, disciplines of Christian discipleship, and what it means to be the church. The course is wrapped in prayer and meditation, special times of worship and daily celebration of Holy Communion. The Emmaus and Face to Face community is made up of those who have attended an Emmaus weekend or a Face to Face Encounter and who support the four day experience with a prayer vigil and other acts of love and self-giving. A Heart of Ohio Face to Face Encounter typically is held on four week days beginning at 8:30 AM and ends at 4:00 PM. Men and women will attend the same Encounter but will sit at gender-specific tables.

During and after the four days, Face to Face leaders encourage participants to meet regularly in small groups. The members of the small groups challenge and support one another in faithful living. The four-day Face to Face Encounter experience and follow-up groups strengthen and renew Christian people as disciples of Jesus Christ and as active members of the body of Christ in mission to the world.

The Upper Room, a ministry unit of the General Board of Discipleship of The United Methodist Church, sponsors A Face to Face Encounter and offers it through local Emmaus groups around the world. Although connected through The Upper Room to The United Methodist Church, A Face to Face Encounter is ecumenical.

A Face to Face Encounter mirrors the Walk to Emmaus Model

A Face to Face Encounter gets its name from the story in Luke 24:13-35, which provides the central image for the three-day experience and follow-up. Luke tells the story of that first Easter afternoon when the risen Christ appeared to the two disciples who were walking together along the road from Jerusalem to Emmaus. Like Christians and churches who are blinded by preoccupation with their own immediate difficulties, these two disciples' sadness and hopelessness seemed to prevent them from seeing God's redemptive purpose in things that had happened.

And yet, the risen Christ "came near and went with them," opening the disciples' eyes to His presence and lighting the fire of God's love in their hearts. As they walked to Emmaus, Jesus explained to them the meaning of all the scriptures concerning Him. When they arrived in Emmaus, Jesus "took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them," and their eyes were opened. They recognized Him as Jesus, the risen Lord, and they remembered how their hearts had burned within them as they talked with Him on the road. Within the hour, the two disciples left Emmaus and returned immediately to their friends in Jerusalem. As they told stories about their encounters with the risen Lord, Jesus visited them again with a fresh awareness of His living presence.

However, the story of Jesus' resurrection does not conclude with the disciples' personal spiritual experiences. Jesus ascended to the Father, and the disciples became the body of the risen Christ through the empowerment of the Holy Spirit. The disciples were sent forth by the Spirit to bear witness to the good news of God in Jesus Christ. They

learned to walk in the spirit of Jesus, to proclaim the gospel to a disbelieving world, and to persevere in grace through spiritual companionship with one another.

A Face to Face Encounter offers today's disciples a parallel opportunity to rediscover Christ's presence in their lives, to gain fresh understanding of God's transforming grace, and to form friendships that foster faith and support spiritual maturity. While Face to Face provides a pathway to the mountaintop of God's love, it also supports pilgrims' return to the world in the power of the Spirit to share the love they have received with a hurtful and hurting world.

A Face to Face Encounter is grounded theologically and institutionally in The Upper Room ministry unit of the General Board of Discipleship of The United Methodist Church.

However, A Face to Face Encounter is ecumenical. The program invites and involves the participation of Christians of many denominations. Face to Face, as well as Emmaus, is ecumenical not only because members of many denominations participate, but because the Encounter seeks to foster Christian unity and to reinforce the whole Christian community. This is one of the great strengths and joys of the Emmaus and Face to Face movements. The fact that Face to Face and Emmaus are ecumenical does not mean they are theologically indifferent. On the contrary, Face to Face Encounters and the Walk to Emmaus are designed to communicate with confidence and depth the essentials of the Christian life, while accentuating those features that Christians have traditionally held in common.

The Upper Room Face to Face Encounter and the Walk to Emmaus are tightly designed events that are conducted with discipline according to a manual that is universally standard. Emmaus and Face to Face Encounters are offered only with the permission and under the guidelines of The Upper Room. This ensures a proven format and a common experience that should be trustworthy from weekend to weekend wherever Emmaus is being offered.

Who should attend a Face to Face Encounter?

Face to Face Encounters for the development of Christians who:

- ✓ wish to gain a fuller understanding of God's love,
- ✓ wish to strengthen their friendship with Christ,
- ✓ may have unanswered questions about what it means to be a Christian,
- ✓ understand that being Christ's friend, or Christian involves responsibility,
- ✓ and are open to dedicating their everyday lives to God.

For more information about a specific Encounter, please contact the registrar for the walk in question.