

Northwest Georgia Walk to Emmaus

Summer 2018



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Community,

It is hard to believe that summer is almost over and the kids are all back in school. Where has the time gone? I have taken some time to reflect over the last few months and looked back over my journal to discover that we have been busy. It is easy to get caught up in life and lose our focus on what is most important. Recently, I planned a visit with my dad. I just wanted to have some daddy and me time. He lives a very simple life: gets up early to catch up on the local news and weather, is at the local restaurant around 6:00am, and sits there for a few hours. Then, he takes a few laps around the local Wal-Mart to get some exercise, and goes home to fix himself a brunch (because he does not eat lunch). Next, he watches *Gunsmoke*, then takes a nap for a couple of hours, goes back to the restaurant for a couple of hours, and then back home around 4. He fixes supper, watches a little TV, and goes to bed. Of course there are a few other things he does throughout the week, but for the most part, it is the same routine everyday - except for Sunday when you will find him at church.

Spending a week with him has made me ponder my own life, and think about a few questions that popped into my head. Do I take time to really sit with Jesus? Have I taken time each day to pour into someone that may not know the love of Jesus? What am I focused on most? These were just a few questions that God and I pondered as I sat at my dad's.

Emmaus changed my life! It was not just Emmaus though. It was each of you that I have had the opportunity to serve with. As I reflected over the last several months, each of you have taken time to pour into others: whether that is by serving on a team, sponsoring someone, praying, serving on the board, attending Emmaus events, encouraging others, and probably most important being there for those who have lost loved ones. We are truly a family that is blessed by God to have each other in a world that is clearly in need of the love of Jesus.

I could write about all the things we have accomplished this past year, and maybe I will next time. However, my heart is in a different place right now. As an Emmaus community, we have made some mistakes along the way; but one thing we do and we do it well is we love on each other. That is what we all need right now is to know we are not walking this journey alone. God has put us in each other's lives for a

time such as this. Thank you, for taking the time to love on others like Jesus does, it is encouraging and appreciated more than you will ever know.

If you have someone you would like to elect to the board, please send your nominations to me at judi.rainey@yahoo.com. We will be voting at the October meeting, which will be held at New Covenant in Douglasville. Hope to see you all there.

There have been some inquiries about how can you buy a brick in memory or honor of someone. This link will take you to the web page so that you can do that: <http://ngwte.org/ngwte-brick-fundraising-program/>

I look forward to seeing you all at Villa Rica UMC in September.

DeColores my brothers and sisters,

Judi Rainey
Northwest Georgia Community Lay Director
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Devotional Moments

Never Forget

This year marks 17 years since 9/11/2001. Every year, we remember and honor the over 3,000 people who lost their lives in one of the worst attacks on America since Pearl Harbor. With each year, we remember the bravery and faith of those who thought not of their own safety, but of others who needed their help. Hollywood has even made movies and documentaries retelling of acts of heroism and bravery.

Just as it did 17 years ago as a high school Junior, this day reminds me of the paralyzing fear I experienced as we watched helplessly when the second plane flew into the World Trade Center, and the

horrifying pictures of the Pentagon after the plane flew into it. I remember thinking, "How can this be happening?? Who could be so evil to plan something this terrible??" This morning, I found a fantastic devotional for 9/11 that I wanted to share that will hopefully remind you to never forget. This devotional is taken from the Christian Broadcasting Network (CBN) webpage.

Never Forget

"Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is." Ephesians 5:15-17 ESV

Each of our lives is a precious story that must be shared, so the world will never forget our unique chapter of God's great story. Every page of history is a page of His-story. September 11th is a day on which Americans patriotically declare, "We must never forget!" September 11, 2001 left a deep irrevocable impression on me, but not necessarily for patriotic reasons.

After working for years in the modeling industry, I decided that I wanted to pursue a career that was less compromising to my faith in Jesus Christ. So, I moved on to a new chapter in my life, pursuing a new business that I deeply enjoyed. All the while, I knew that God was calling me to do something more for His Kingdom. I knew that He wanted me to share my testimony of His love and forgiveness with other women, but I was afraid. As a person who had always received a great deal of my self-worth from excelling academically, my past as a model was embarrassing.

How on earth could God take something so vain and worldly and use it for His glory? I wanted to be remembered for something more than great skincare and makeup skills. So, I threw myself into my new business and ignored His call to step out in faith and fulfill my Kingdom purpose.

On the morning of September 11, 2001, I was standing in the living room of a co-worker and friend, when the newscaster announced that two airplanes had crashed into the Twin Towers. We watched as the towers fell, instantaneously inducing a mass exodus of souls into eternity - many having never placed their faith in Jesus Christ.

My friend was not a believer and could not possibly fathom what I did next. I handed her my briefcase, containing the entire infrastructure of the business that I had allowed to consume my life - and walked away. God had gotten my attention. This world is full of people who are lost, dying, and going to Hell for all eternity without the gospel of Jesus Christ. My response had been so pathetically inadequate. But, no more.

None of those people could possibly have known that morning that September 11th would be the final page of their story. If they had known, I wonder if they would have filled the page with a different ending. None of us know how many pages are left in our own story. If we treated each page of each new day, as if it was our last, would it have a different ending?

If we poured ourselves and our testimonies of God's salvation and faithfulness onto the pages of other people's lives, would their stories have a different ending?

How will the final pages of your story end?

Sin threatens to destroy each of our lives. Whatever ending we choose in this life will determine the pages of our eternity. Jesus died to save the world from sin and Hell. He offers an alternate ending filled with pages of abundant life to be shared with anyone and everyone who will listen. He has called us to be:

"Children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world." Philippians 2:15 ESV

We must never forget.



We are in the planning stages of the next set of walks!

Thank you to Linda Wallace, Women's Lay Director for walk #62 and to Matt Fowler, Men's Lay Director for walk #59.

The walk dates are: Men's #59 ~ Feb. 28-March 3 and Women's #62 ~ March 7-10.

They will both be calling you to work the weekend. If you are interested in working the weekends, feel free to contact the Lay Director and let them know. If you see a number that is not familiar, it could be them. Go ahead and add their phone numbers to your phones, so that when they call you will recognize the name. Linda's number 662-420-3135, and Matt's number is 770-365-7665. If you want to work the walks, feel free to call them and they can put you on their list.

We have made a commitment to the Upper Room to work towards the 20 pilgrims in order to have a walk by increasing our numbers by 2. Therefore, we need to have 14 men and 14 women with the \$25 deposit in the hands of the registrar. As a board we are committed to following the handbook as the covenant that we signed calls us to do. Our only request of you is to help us by sponsoring well and by getting the applications to the registrar in a timely manner. I am already praying about who He wants me to sponsor. I pray you are as well!

If you have questions about Emmaus or if you just want to talk, feel free to call me anytime?

De Colores,

Judi Rainey
Community Lay Director
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**Team Meeting Schedule for
NWG Men's Walk #59 & Women's Walk #62:**

Please mark your calendars now for the following team meeting dates and locations:

- Heads Meeting: Sat, December 1, 2018: 10:00am @ Villa Rica 1st UMC
- Team Mtg. #1: Sat, January 12, 2019: 8:30 - 3:00 @ Acworth UMC
- Team Mtg. #2: Sat, January 26, 2019: 8:30 - 3:00 @ Villa Rica 1st UMC
- Team Mtg. #3: Sat, February 9, 2019: 8:30 - 3:00 @ Acworth UMC
- Team Mtg. #4: Sat, February 23, 2019: 8:30 - 3:00 @ Villa Rica 1st UMC

Childcare is available for all team meetings.

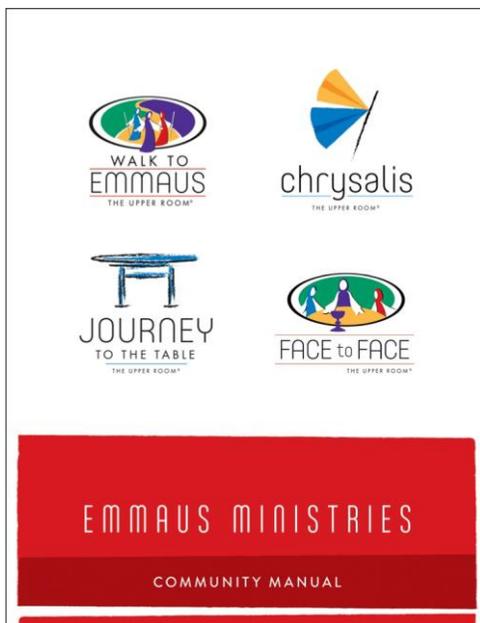
Church Addresses:

Acworth UMC
4340 Collins Circle
Acworth, GA 30101

Villa Rica 1st UMC
1789 Carrollton-Villa Rica Hwy
Villa Rica, GA 30180

Upper Room Handbooks

The new Upper Room Handbook is available for purchase. There are a few options if you would like to order one: either digital or a hard copy. I hope you will order one and help keep your board accountable to what the manual says. Here is the link you need in order to get your copy <http://emmaus.upperroom.org/news/291> just follow the instructions once you click the link.



You're Invited

Please make plans to attend our
September Gathering:
Villa Rica 1st UMC
1789 Carrollton-Villa Rica Hwy
Villa Rica, GA 30180

Please make plans to attend our
October Gathering:
New Covenant UMC
5960 GA-5
Douglasville, GA 30135

Board Meeting at 4:00pm
Graze at 6:00 (bring a covered dish to share), and Praise at 7:00.
Childcare will be provided.
Directions will be available on the website.

Giving Tuesday,

November 27, 2018

Giving Tuesday is a global giving day fueled by the power of collaboration to bring about change. And, it is the perfect day for those who have been impacted by The Walk to Emmaus, Chrysalis, and Face to Face to share their gratitude and help other Christian leaders around the world experience this meaningful journey. This year, donations raised on Giving Tuesday will support the start-up of Emmaus communities in Kenya, Bolivia, Argentina, Peru, Chile, Poland, and Bulgaria. Plus, money for the Gift Fund supports the essential work of our regional leaders, representing us around the world. In 2017, we raised nearly \$125,000 for the Gift fund. **This year, our goal is \$140,000 because the need is greater.**

Here's how you can help:

1. **Share** the word with all community leaders. Ask them to post information on their community website, social media, newsletters, and gatherings. Here's our website that will be updated along the way with stories about how Gift donations make a difference: <https://emmausgift.org>
2. **Pray**. Set aside time today to pray for these new communities.
3. **Give**. [A gift of any amount will make a difference.](#)

To learn more about the powerful impact of Giving Tuesday, [visit their website.](#) If you have suggestions or ideas about how to make the most of Giving Tuesday, please contact Sherry Elliott at selliott@upperroom.org.

We appreciate you.

By-Laws Revision

The Board has been in the process of revising our Community By-Laws to better align with the updated Upper Room Handbook. This effort has been led by a subcommittee headed up by Chuck Standridge, who had the opportunity to travel to Nashville and take part in the Upper Room Manual revisions. The board is very grateful for Chuck and the hard work of his subcommittee in revising our By-Laws. Please review the updated By-Laws. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please contact Chuck Standridge at wcsjr3@comcast.net and he will be more than happy to address these with you.

BYLAWS
OF
NORTHWEST GEORGIA WALK TO EMMAUS, INC.
(Revised June 2018)

ARTICLE I

Corporate Status and Operating Name

1.1 Northwest Georgia Walk to Emmaus, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as “**NWGWTE, Inc.**”) is registered as a domestic non-profit corporation with the Georgia Secretary of State and has been granted 501(c)3 status by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service.

1.2 Northwest Georgia Walk to Emmaus, Inc. shall operate and be publicly known as the “Northwest Georgia Walk to Emmaus Community” (hereinafter referred to as the “**Community**”).

ARTICLE II

Affiliation and Purpose

2.1 Affiliation. The Community is affiliated with the International Emmaus Program of Upper Room Ministries, Nashville, Tennessee.

2.2 Purpose. The purpose of the Community shall be to inspire, challenge, and equip church members for Christian action in their homes, churches, places of work, and the world community through the Emmaus experience.

ARTICLE III

Membership

3.1 Emmaus Community. All persons who have completed a weekend experience of the Walk to Emmaus sponsored by an Upper Room Emmaus Community shall be members of the Community.

3.2 Other Fourth Day Movements. Any person who has completed a Walk to Emmaus, Cursillo, Tres Dias, or any other Fourth Day movement may become a member of the Community by participating in Community activities and requesting that their name be added to the mailing list maintained by the Secretary of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IV

Board of Directors

4.1 General Powers. The business and affairs of NWGWTE, Inc. and the Community shall be managed by a board of directors (hereinafter the "**Board**").

4.2 Composition. The Board shall be made up of the following members of the Community:

- (a) Fifteen (15) lay members;
- (b) The immediate past-chair of the Board if he/she is beyond the elected term; and
- (c) Three (3) clergy members, one (1) of whom shall serve as Community Spiritual Director (ordained).

4.4 Election.

- (a) Board members will be elected by members of the Community;
- (b) No later than _____ each year, the Nominating Committee (as hereinafter defined) will submit to the Board a list of nominees sufficient to elect five (5) lay members and one (1) clergy member to the Board for the coming year. The list of nominees will be provided to the members of the Community in the September newsletter;
- (c) Community members will be given the opportunity to vote in person at the October gathering or via absentee ballot prior to the October gathering;
- (d) All absentee ballots received by the Board prior to the October gathering will be counted with the ballots collected at the October gathering. Absentee ballots received after the October gathering will not be counted;
- (e) All ballots will be counted at the October gathering and election results will be announced to the Community prior to the end of the gathering and in the November newsletter; and
- (f) Election shall be by majority vote of all ballots cast.

4.5 Term.

- (a) Each elected Board member shall serve a three (3) year term commencing January 1st after elections are made;
- (b) Each yearly term shall begin January 1st and end December 31st, except for those serving as Officers on the Board who shall continue to serve in such capacities until election of new officers by the Board in January;
- (c) No Board member shall serve consecutive terms unless he/she has been requested by the Board to fill a position vacated by another Board member who resigns prior to expiration of his/her term; and
- (d) Family members residing in the same household may not serve on the Board simultaneously.

4.3 Classes. Each group of Community members elected each year shall constitute a "Class" who shall serve their three (3) year term together commencing January 1st following elections. The Board shall consist of three (3) different Classes of Community members at all times:

- (i) Newly elected first (1st) year Board members;
- (ii) Second (2nd) year Board members; and
- (iii) Third (3rd) year Board members.

No more than two (2) members of the same church may serve in the same Class at the same time.

4.4 Board Meetings. The Board shall meet monthly unless otherwise agreed upon by a vote of no less than ten (10) members of the Board. Special board meetings may be called by the Chairperson of the Board or when requested in writing by ten (10) members of the Board.

4.5 Quorum. Ten (10) members of the Board present at a duly called meeting shall constitute a quorum.

4.6 Past Chairperson. The immediate past Chairperson, if no longer a member of the Board due to expiration of his/her Term, shall serve as an ex-officio non-voting advisor to the Board for one (1) additional year.

4.7 Early Resignation. In the event any Board member is unable to fulfill his/her commitment and resigns prior to expiration of his/her Term, then upon nomination by the Chairperson, the Board may elect a member of the Community to fill the vacated seat for the remainder of the Term until the next regular election for that Class. The Community member nominated shall be the same gender as the person vacating the seat to be filled and shall be eligible for election to a full term by the Community at the next regular election for that Class.

4.8 Attendance; Removal from Board. The Board has determined that attendance by each Board Member at monthly meetings is imperative to a successfully functioning Board and Community. Any Board Member missing a total of three (3) meetings in a calendar year is subject to removal from the Board by majority vote of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE V

Officers

5.1 Officers. Members of the Board will elect the following officers (the “**Officers**”) at the January Board meeting to serve for a period of one (1) year, effective immediately upon election: Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer. In the event of absences at any meeting, the Officers will chair the monthly meetings in that order. The Vice-Chairperson must be eligible to serve an additional year on the Board and agree to serve as the Chairperson if elected to that post. Officers shall also serve in other committee positions on the Board in addition to the elected Officer position.

5.2 Election of Officers. Officers shall be elected annually by the incoming Board of Directors at the December meeting for a three (3) year term of office, effective immediately.

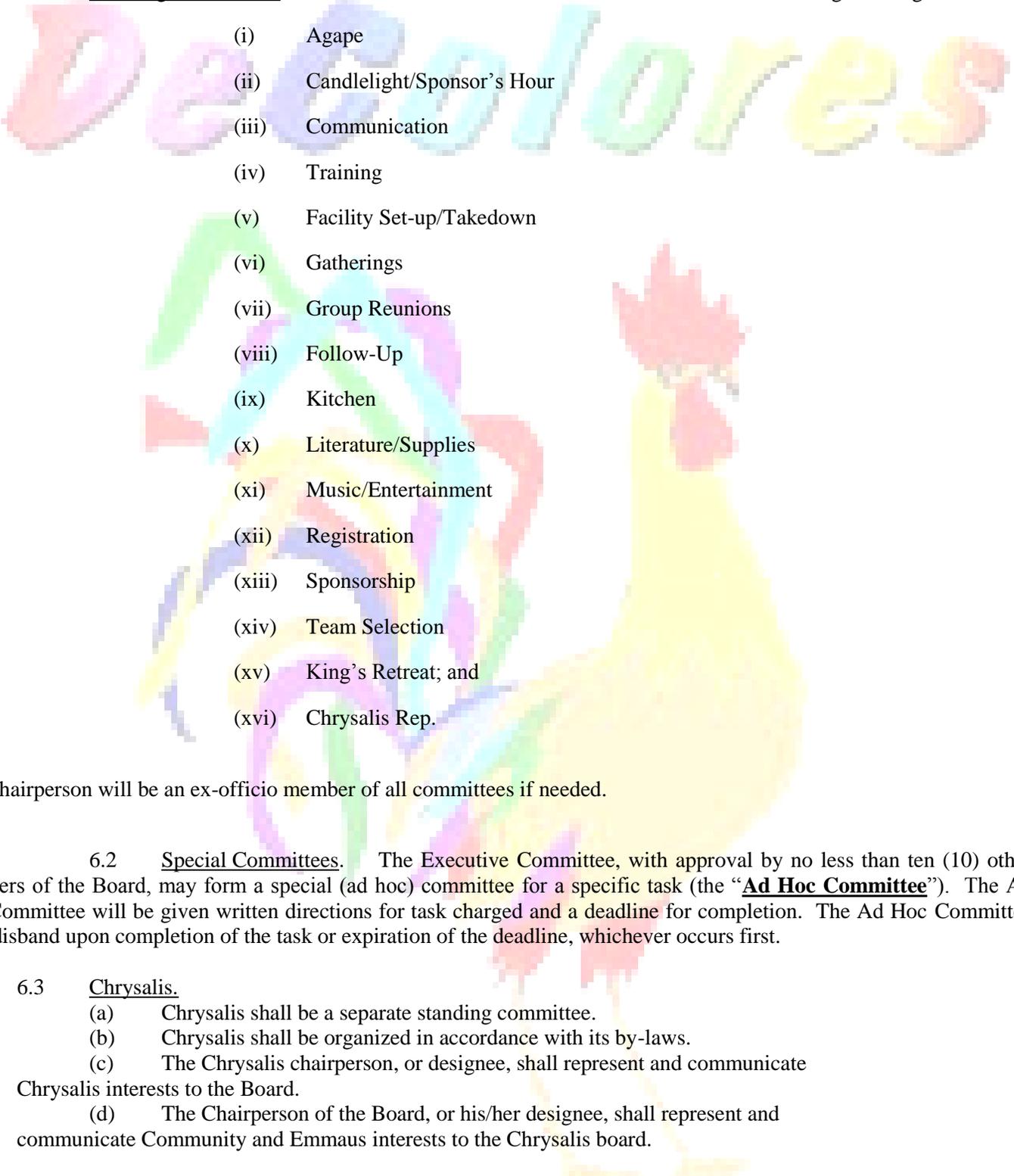
5.3. Spiritual Director. The Community Spiritual Director as defined in *The Upper Room handbook on Emmaus* shall be elected annually by the Board of Directors at the December Board meeting. His/her term of office shall begin immediately upon election by the Board. The Spiritual Director may be replaced by the Board at any time during his/her term by ten (10) affirmative votes.

5.4 Executive Committee. The Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and Community Spiritual Director shall comprise the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VI

Committees

6.1 Standing Committees. The Board shall name Board members to chair the following standing committees:

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- (i) Agape
 - (ii) Candlelight/Sponsor's Hour
 - (iii) Communication
 - (iv) Training
 - (v) Facility Set-up/Takedown
 - (vi) Gatherings
 - (vii) Group Reunions
 - (viii) Follow-Up
 - (ix) Kitchen
 - (x) Literature/Supplies
 - (xi) Music/Entertainment
 - (xii) Registration
 - (xiii) Sponsorship
 - (xiv) Team Selection
 - (xv) King's Retreat; and
 - (xvi) Chrysalis Rep.

The Chairperson will be an ex-officio member of all committees if needed.

6.2 Special Committees. The Executive Committee, with approval by no less than ten (10) other members of the Board, may form a special (ad hoc) committee for a specific task (the "Ad Hoc Committee"). The Ad Hoc Committee will be given written directions for task charged and a deadline for completion. The Ad Hoc Committee shall disband upon completion of the task or expiration of the deadline, whichever occurs first.

6.3 Chrysalis.

- (a) Chrysalis shall be a separate standing committee.
- (b) Chrysalis shall be organized in accordance with its by-laws.
- (c) The Chrysalis chairperson, or designee, shall represent and communicate Chrysalis interests to the Board.
- (d) The Chairperson of the Board, or his/her designee, shall represent and communicate Community and Emmaus interests to the Chrysalis board.

ARTICLE VII

Walk to Emmaus Weekend

7.1 **Emmaus Experience.** The Community shall conduct the 72-hour Walk to Emmaus experience in accordance with the model as set forth and defined by the International Director of the Walk to Emmaus and as presented in *The Upper Room Handbook on Emmaus*.

7.2 **Oversight.** The Board shall give general oversight in all matters relating to the Northwest Georgia Walk to Emmaus, in accordance with the provisions of the Upper Room Manual.

7.3 **Lay Director.** The Board shall choose a lay director for each Northwest Georgia Walk to Emmaus weekend in accordance with the provisions of the Upper Room Manual.

7.4 **Team Selection.** The Board shall select a chairperson for both the men's and women's team selection committees. Each team selection committee shall consist of the chairperson, the Community Spiritual Director and no more than four (4) to five (5) lay members of the Community who have varied work experience, are varied in ages and have a solid understanding of the Northwest Georgia Walk to Emmaus Community membership and team needs. (*See Addendum attached hereto for Team Selection guidelines*).

7.5 **Clergy Selection.** The Community Spiritual Director will prepare a list of clergy nominees for each Walk to Emmaus weekend. The list will be presented to the Board for approval. The Board will present the approved list to the Team Selection Committee.

7.6 **Board Approval.** The Board is required to approve all section heads and alternates only, both for lay members and clergy for the weekend.

ARTICLE VIII

Parliamentary Authority

8.1 **Board Meetings.** Board meetings shall be operated in accordance with guidelines as set forth in the most recent edition of *Robert's Rules of Order* in all cases where they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the Community may adopt.

ARTICLE IX

Amendments

9.1 **Amendments.** Proposed amendments to these By-Laws may be presented to the Board by any member of the Board or any Community member at any time. Proposed amendments must be presented to the Board in writing no less than one (1) month prior to the Board meeting at which the Amendment will be voted upon so that each member of the Board will have sufficient time to review the proposed amendment prior to voting. Amendments presented less than one (1) month prior to the next Board meeting will not be discussed or voted upon until the following Board meeting. Amendments may be presented in writing to any member(s) of the Board by email, regular U.S. mail or in person. Upon receipt of the proposed Amendment, the Board will confirm receipt of same with the person presenting.

9.2. **Voting.** If the proposed amendment is approved by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the Board members present (provided a quorum is present), it will then be presented to the Community by way of the monthly newsletter for two (2) consecutive months. If the Board does not receive a petition signed by at least twenty-five (25) members of the Community objecting to the proposed amendment within sixty (60) days of it first being published in the monthly newsletter,

the amendment will be considered approved and adopted. If a petition signed by 25 or more members of the Community objecting to the proposed Amendment is received by the Board within said 60 days, the amendment will be considered rejected and void.

9.3 Effective Date. The effective date of the amendment shall be the date on which the Board confirms approval by the Community or the effective date stipulated in the amendment.

Communication Updates

There are several ways to communicate and stay in touch with your NWGWTE community:

- ✚ Visit our website www.nwgwte.com to find applications, upcoming walk information, Gathering directions, and other community info.
- ✚ Like us on Facebook: "Northwest Georgia Walk to Emmaus"
- ✚ Email us at nwgwtenews@gmail.com to share any prayer requests or contributions for the monthly newsletter.

We look forward to hearing from you, and staying in touch in the future!



2018 Board Members

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