



St. Luke's Gospel relates the story of the risen Christ appearing to two friends who were going along the road from Jerusalem to Emmaus. The two were walking together sharing their hearts' deepest concerns. The risen Christ joined them and explained the scriptures as they walked, how it was ordained that Christ should suffer and so enter his glory. This experience on the road was a heart-warming experience as the risen Christ walked and talked with them. The illuminating climax of the experience was when Christ took bread and said the blessing, then broke it and gave it to them. The two had their eyes opened and they recognized him as the risen Christ and they rushed back to Jerusalem to tell the other disciples.

(Luke 24: 13-35)

WHAT IS THE WALK TO EMMAUS?

The above story provides the image of the Walk to Emmaus, a programme of *The Upper Room*, that calls forth and renews Christian discipleship. Like its predecessor, *Cursillo de Cristiandad* ("short course in Christianity"), the Walk to Emmaus is a three-day experience, which takes a New Testament look at Christianity as a lifestyle. It is a highly structured weekend designed to strengthen and renew the faith of Christian people, and through them: their families, congregations, and the world in which they live. The Walk to Emmaus is a combined effort of laity and clergy towards the renewal of the Church.

THE HISTORY OF EMMAUS.

Originating in Spain in the late 1940's, *Cursillo* moved to America in the late 1950's. It was primarily a Roman Catholic movement until the 1970's. As Catholic centers started accepting applications from Protestants, efforts began among some groups to make *Cursillo* available to all Protestants. In the late 1970's, *The Upper Room* (a unit of the Board of Discipleship of the United Methodist Church, and a Tennessee non-profit corporation) formed *The Upper Room Cursillo Community* in Nashville, Tennessee. In 1981, by mutual agreement between the National Secretariat of the Roman Catholic *Cursillo* movement and *The Upper Room*, The name of the Nashville Protestant community was changed to Emmaus. The Emmaus movement is ecumenical.

WHAT HAPPENS ON A WALK TO EMMAUS?

On a Walk to Emmaus you will spend three busy but very enjoyable days at a retreat center. You will live and study together in singing, prayer, worship, and discussion. Discussion centers around fifteen talks given by laity and clergy. These talks present the theme of God's grace, and how that grace comes alive in the Christian community and expresses itself in the world. You'll also discover how grace is real in your life, and how you can live in the life of grace, bringing grace to others. You will have the opportunity to participate in the daily celebration of Holy Communion and to begin to understand more fully the presence of Christ in his body of believers. You will experience God's grace personally through the prayers and acts of service of a living support community.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER A WALK TO EMMAUS?

Your Walk lasts only 72 hours, but you are invited to build on it for the rest of your life. Those who attend a Walk to Emmaus are encouraged to do two things following their Walk:

1. Expand their own spiritual lives through study and congregational participation.
2. Become more active disciples of Christ in the world through their churches.

The focus of a Walk to Emmaus is God as known in Jesus Christ, and how a relationship with Him finds expression in the local church. The objective of a Walk to Emmaus is to inspire, challenge, and equip local church members for Christian action in their homes, churches, and places of work.

AN ECUMENICAL EXPERIENCE

In Hong Kong the Walk to Emmaus community includes people from more than 165 Christian churches, of many different denominations, who come together in fellowship to deepen their relationship with Christ and with each other. There is so much more that unites us than divides.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe in God, the Father, who created all things and sustains all creation by His abiding presence, love and care. We believe in Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, who was born of the Virgin Mary. Through His death and resurrection, He redeemed us and forgave us, sinners. By His atoning death on the cross, He has given us eternal life. We believe in the Holy Spirit, who calls us to be a part of Christ's Church. By His gift of faith, we are enabled to accept Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour.

Hong Kong Walk to Emmaus CANDIDATE APPLICATION

The Walk to Emmaus is not a silent retreat; it is an intense three-day religious experience, which uses modern group techniques to bring the candidate into a renewed relationship with Christ, the Church and fellow Christians. It can be physically and emotionally tiring. If you have a physical infirmity or an emotional problem for which you are now undergoing or have had treatment, this Walk may not be for you. Please consider this carefully before submitting your application. In applying, you are committing to arrive on time and to be present for the whole three days.

VENUE

TAO FONG SHAN CHRISTIAN CENTRE
33 Tao Fong Shan Road, Shatin, New Territories, Hong Kong.

I am applying for:

Men's WTE 79

10-13 May 2019

application deadline 3 May 2019

Friday 7:00 pm to Monday 5:00 pm

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Name (as preferred for Name Tag) _____

Telephone: Home _____ Work _____

Email: Home _____ Work _____

Home Address _____

Marital Status: Single Married Widowed Divorced Single Parent

Name of Spouse (if applicable) _____

Spouse's Mobile _____ Spouse's Work Tel: _____

Name/Denomination of Church: _____

Name of Pastor/Priest _____

Medical/dietary special needs _____

Emergency Contact _____ Mobile _____

Emergency Contact's relationship to applicant: _____

Doctor's Name _____ Tel _____

By signing this form I acknowledge that the HK Walk to Emmaus retreat ("the Retreat") may be both physically and/or emotionally demanding and my participation on the Retreat may risk harm to my physical and/or emotional health and wellbeing. I am willing to assume those risks. I also acknowledge that the Retreat is to be held in retreat and/or church facilities which are not owned, occupied or operated by Hong Kong Walk to Emmaus Limited ("HK WTE") and/or The Upper Room and over which HK WTE and/or The Upper Room exercise no substantive ownership, occupational or operational control. To the extent permitted by law, I waive and forego all and any claims that I have or may have, known or unknown, howsoever arising against HK WTE and/or The Upper Room from my participation on the Retreat and I release and hold harmless HK WTE and/or The Upper Room from all and any such claims.

Candidate's Signature _____

Date _____

COST: The fee is HK \$1,900 (which includes 3 nights' accommodation, all materials, and all meals).
A 50% scholarship is available on request, please apply through your Sponsor.

Cheques payable to **"HK Walk to Emmaus Ltd."** posted to
HK Walk to Emmaus Ltd. (Attn: The Registrar), P O Box 7145, General Post Office, Central, Hong Kong
Or by direct transfer to: HSBC Account No. 004 – 741 – 160287 - 838
please quote reference: WTE79 [your name] and then send a **photograph of the receipt** to the Registrar
Email: registrar@hkwalktoemmaus.org

SPONSOR'S INFORMATION

To be filled in by the Sponsor (ie. someone who has been on a Walk to Emmaus). In sponsoring this Pilgrim you are committing to understanding and fulfilling the Sponsor's role for this Walk.

Sponsor's Name _____ Walk to Emmaus # _____
Home Tel _____ Mobile _____ Email: _____
Sponsor's Signature _____ Date _____

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