

## WALK TO EMMAUS – HONG KONG

### SPONSOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES

Dear Sponsor,

Please consider prayerfully who God is calling you to sponsor for this upcoming Walk, bearing in mind that it is difficult to fulfil the duties of a sponsor properly if you are proposing more than one candidate. We hope you find this information useful in support of the pilgrim you sponsor.

This is a summary intended as a guide in helping you to fulfil your role as sponsor. There are 3 sections : Pre-Walk, the Walk itself and Post-Walk. There are many aspects of the Walk and please remember that each one of us experiences Emmaus uniquely and each Walk itself is a “first”.

#### PRE-WALK

1. I am praying for my candidate
2. I will choose the Scripture Verse for the candidate I am sponsoring and communicate it to the Agape Chairperson to print it as instructed.
3. I have explained about-
  - ❖ The importance of participation in the entire three days
  - ❖ The silent retreat on Thursday night [shd this be deleted?]
  - ❖ The 15 talks and the table discussions that follow
  - ❖ The meditations and celebrations of communion
  - ❖ Being open to the Holy Spirit
  - ❖ The weekend location, layout facilities
4. I have told my candidate that the following items will be needed-
  - ❖ Toiletries, earplugs, medications
  - ❖ Clothing: comfortable, casual, appropriate for temperature
5. I have checked about or have helped with arrangements for-
  - ❖ Childcare, meal planning, etc.
  - ❖ House-sitting/security of the candidate's home, where required
  - ❖ Other concerns – to alleviate any of my candidate's concerns
6. I have arranged for, or am providing, transportation both to and from the Walk venue so the candidate will arrive on time
7. I have invited / organized AGAPE from my candidate's-
  - ❖ Parish priest or pastor
  - ❖ Family and special friends
8. I have explained that my candidate may abandon the Walk at any time but that such a departure should first be discussed with one of the Spiritual Directors of the Walk.

### DURING THE THREE DAYS

1. On Walk to Emmaus Thursday, I will-
  - ❖ Ensure that my candidate has supper before arrival
  - ❖ Ensure that my candidate arrives on time at the venue
  - ❖ Deliver any AGAPE to the site before Saturday
  - ❖ Stay for “Sponsors Hour” on the Thursday evening to pray for my candidate
  
2. I will uphold my candidate, all through the three days-
  - ❖ Through prayer at set times
  - ❖ During any church service which I may attend
  - ❖ By some form of personal sacrifice  
(Many people light a slow-burning candle and pause to pray whenever they pass by it)
  
3. Where appropriate I will help my candidate’s family at home, throughout the three days, by looking for opportunities to provide a meal, transport children, etc.
  
4. I will attend the Candlelight on Saturday evening at approximately 9:00pm (no children under age 10, please)
  
5. On Sunday, I will-
  - ❖ Attend Closing
  - ❖ Help my candidate, after closing, to get home  
(if I am unable to attend I will ask another to act for me.)
  - ❖ Remind spouses who have not attended a Walk that they should wait to attend a Closing following their own Walk. Children under age 10 should not attend. If children attend they should sit away from the Pilgrims.

Note: Please do not press your candidate to share with you. It is probable that there may be a desire to do so but the candidate may need a little time first for reflection. Please be sensitive to this.

### POST WALK

1. I will endeavour to-
  - ❖ Contact my candidate during the first week to offer my support during that period of readjustment
  - ❖ Invite my candidate to join a Reunion Group
  - ❖ Personally encourage my candidate to find a spiritual director and to seek ways of service in their surroundings
  
2. I will help and support my candidate when sponsoring their first candidate

If you, as a Sponsor, seek God’s guidance and the support of your Reunion Group in doing these things, the Walk to Emmaus-Hong Kong will continue both as a strong force in your own walk with God and in bringing others closer to Him.

Joy in Christ