

hays praise newsletter

SW Texas Conference Emmaus Leadership Training Highlights from January 24, 2009 meeting

Lay Director & Team Formation

- qualifications: 2-TL/ATL, 2 talks, 2 ALD, 1 outside team (entire weekend)
- 23-26 hours of team formation
- do not discuss pilgrims at team mtgs
- develop Christian leaders for the church
- Priority & 4th Day given by ALD's
- Preserverance given by LD
- board rep & music do not give talks
- No handouts in conference room
- No conference room table agape
- ATL & TL stay in conference room during opening of agape letters

Team Selection - Upper Room

- 1/3, 1/3, 1/3 experience rule
- must have Upper Room Handbook,
- consists of non board members
- talks assigned by TS committee

Team Selection - Hays Praise Board

- 1/3, 1/3, 1/3 community rule

Clergy

- 2:3 or 3:2 men:women ratio is best
- diversity - religious, race, ethnic
- team selection picks clergy
- 6 -12 months in advance
- Spiritual Director must hear ALL talks
- SD must be present all weekend
- SD gives Means of Grace talk
- must have approved application on file with SWC to serve on walk

Child Care

- requested that children under 12 not attend candlelight
- workers must comply with SWTC policies

Board Reps

- must hear ALL talks
- must have Upper Room Handbook, Directors Manual, SWTC Policies manual
- steps in if LD steps down
- must be present all weekend
- must be on current board

Are you praying?

Men's Walk 1481

Lay Director

Pilgrims of Walk 1481

Blake Allen
Kelley Battles
William Blanchard
Laramy Boyd
Lee Bryant
Dale Burnett
Evan Doss
Rodney Ellis
Frank Fodor
Eddie Garza
Thomas Griffin
Kyle Hayes
Kyle Hollingshead
Eric Johnson
Michael Johnson
Eddie King
Patrick Kitzul
Michael Lott

Albert Lorver
Jerry McElyea
Danny Meeker
Travis Megason
Greg Miller
James Mock
Robert Moe
Heath Nickes
Junior Palomino
Bret Raymis
Trevor Sanders
Kent Schlotter
Thomas Sellers
Kyle Smith
Scott Taylor
Jim Wiley
Michael Williford
Peter Wyeth

February 12-15, 2009

Mike Embry

Team Servants

Paul Brown
Don Cawood
Russell Ehrlich
David Embry
Mike Embry
David Erck
Eric Gates
Neil Graff
Brian Gryta
Frank Hendley

John Hilgers
David Kerns
Gavin Loftus
Mike Long
Brad Mitchhart
Charlie Reinecke
Craig Smith
Marty Sorell
Blane Walker
Trey Wilson



Food & Drink Agape Needed - please bring donations to the team consecration, to team members or drop off at DSUMC before Thursday February 12, 2009. Homemade goodies - both salty and sweet as well as sodas, candy, veggies and fruit.



Hays Praise Board

SEEKING NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The present "sitting" BOD has made tremendous strides in organizing the Hays Praise Fourth Day Group according to Conference and National guidelines. Some of the "Local Communities" board representatives' terms expire in June. If you are interested in serving on the HP-FDG Board, nominations will be solicited at the March local meetings and elections held at the June local meetings. Contact your Local Community Director.

Community Reports

Dripping Springs UMC will host the Community Gathering this month:

The gathering and Team Consecration will be on Tuesday, February 3, 2009.

Join us as we pray for the pilgrims and team for Walk 1481! Pot Luck Dinner begins at 6:30. Childcare provided.



Kairos: Our next Kairos at the Hughes unit will be April 16-19, 2009. We have had on team meeting already which included several "first timers." We are accepting green agape, cookies and prayers. A sponsorship is \$150.00, but any amount is awesome! When cookies are ready let us know and we will pick them up, or you may bring them to the "gathering" on April 7 at San Marcos FUMC. Pray without ceasing!

In Christ's Love, Sparky Sparks

512-757-6836 tommiesparks@gmail.com

Kairos Lane Murray #8 (Gatesville women's unit):

We had our first team meeting January 24, 2009, and it was a great success...God is so good. We have room for more volunteers and it is my prayer that God will tender the hearts of some of the Emmaus graduates to join the team. The next team meeting will be February 28 at DSUMC starting at 9:00am - 4:00pm. I will bring some Closing Applications to the next Emmaus Gathering. The dates of the weekend are April 29 - May 3rd. For more information call me @ 858-4100-Office, 585-0335 - Cell, or 858-7217 - Home.

God Bless, Angela Johnson

"The greatest among you will be your servant." Matthew 23:11 NIV

- February 3 Community Gathering - Dripping's Springs UMC
Team Consecration Men's Walk 1481 
- February 12-15 Men's Walk 1481 - Highland Lakes
- February 17 Welcome Back - Men's Walk 1481 Dripping Springs UMC
- March 3 Local Gatherings - Buda/Kyle, Dripping Springs/Driftwood,
San Marcos & **Wimberley**
- March 5 Local Gathering - Manchaca
- April 7 Community Gathering - San Marcos FUMC
- May 5 Community Gathering - Buda UMC
Team Consecration Women's Walk 1502
- May 14-17 Women's Walk 1502 - Highland Lakes
- May 19 Welcome Back - Women's Walk 1502
- June 2 Local Gatherings - Buda/Kyle, Dripping Springs/Driftwood,
San Marcos
- June 4 Local Gathering - Manchaca
- June 9 Local Gathering - Wimberley
- July 7 Community Gathering - Manchaca UMC

***Applications can still be submitted for the following two walks to
Kathy Welch rebanatics@msn.com fax 512-523-8134***

Men's Walk August 27-30, 2009 Lay Director Gene Sueltenfuss
Women's Walk November 19-22, 2009 Lay Director Reba Hilgers

The fundraising committee is exploring the possibility of an online auction. It would function similar to Ebay. We would need donations for auction items from the community. This would take minimal effort and could result in big gains. To see how this idea would work go to www.cmarket.com/auction/AuctionHome.action site. We would like your feedback on this possibility. Email or call Gene Sueltenfuss at 830 632-9915, gene_sueltenfuss@hotmail.com.

"Give, and it will be given to you. They will pour into your lap a good measure - pressed down, shaken together, and running over. For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return." Luke 6:38 NASB

Community Lay Directors

- Lay Director Kelly Garner 512-288-9356
- Buda/Kyle - Kathy Welch 512-312-0224
- DS/Driftwood - Lisa Crowder 512-350-3579
- Manchaca - Greg Moore 512-295-3434
- San Marcos - Rhonda White 512-396-4616
- Wimberley - Bobby Doherty 512-847-1175

Dear Hays Praise,

A long process of transformation has preceded the revision of The Walk to Emmaus Worship booklet, better known as the "Emmaus purple book". We have engaged in prayer and dialogue with clergy and lay persons, members of our International Advisory committee, our Lay and Clergy Regional Leaders, and leaders from several Emmaus communities. confident that we now have a better resource with updated liturgies, more modern prayers, and helpful aides for our pilgrims Fourth Day journey.

As of now your Board can order the 2008 revised version of the Emmaus worship booklet.

Also, within a few more weeks, the Chrysalis Worship booklet will be available to the Chrysalis communities. The liturgy for Holy Communion is now the same in both Emmaus and Chrysalis Worship booklets to facilitate the participation of butterflies and pilgrims during community gatherings, candlelight services as well as regional events.

We are grateful to God for the revised Emmaus worship booklet that will enhance not only our community worship time, but our individual Fourth Day journey.

Within a couple of weeks your community will receive a sample copy of this new product. We look forward to our serving together side by side during this New Year.

De colores!

Rev. Victor Pérez,
International Spiritual Director
The Walk to Emmaus

As soon as the new books become available, the board will have these available for purchase at gatherings for purchase. De colores!

