



## **Adelaide Emmaus Community Newsletter**

## A Message from the Community Lay Director

http://www.adelaide.emmaus.org.au

A big Thank You to Phil, for covering for me, whilst away in Israel. We had a wonderful, enlightening and inspiring trip, with lots of photos to prove it. Unfortunately, I brought home some excess-baggage by way of Influenza-A virus. I am much better, I am no longer infectious and I am back at work. My 'quarantine' period,

also meant I was unable to attend the annual Emmaus Australia Secretariat and Conference in Tamworth. Again, Phil, in his capacity as National Secretary, was able to be our representative. See Phil's report on Page 2.

We are well on our way into the 2019 Emmaus calendar so far. It is a 'busy' year, but also a 'blessed' year, as we dip-our-toe into Face To Face and continue on the great work of our Emmaus walks.

This Newsletter has a lot of information about Face to Face as it is approaching fast. This should not be seen as detrimental to Emmaus Walks, as God has a plan for both to minister to the different groups.

A point to reflect on. Do you remember that immense rush of excitement & gratitude when you attended your Emmaus Walk? The amazing feeling of so-many, mostly-unknown faces, wanting you to experience what they had ... an intimate knowledge of the love of God.

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We all have an opportunity to help others to experience that reality, through Face To Face Encounters (F2F's version of a Walk) & Emmaus Walks. It can be as simple as serving morning tea, through to being on team, which often gives you an opportunity to once-again experience your Walk afresh.

We are grateful to God that teams for Face To Face and this year's Walks have almost been completed and the Emmaus Walk Lay Directors, Barb Yates & Taswell Wakefield are doing well with their preparation. If you get a call, please pray about your involvement.

#### **FACE TO FACE**

More immediately, there is a need for some helpers serving the morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea at the Face To Face Encounters. See information on Page 4.

We are seeking registration of pilgrims for Face To Face. As F2F has been created for the 60+ age group, it is less-demanding physically in-so-far-as you get to go home at the end of each day and sleep in your own bed. The topics of the talks are also aimed at 'where people may be at' in their life-thinking. A registration form and dates are at the end of this Newsletter. Registrations close **27th April** and you don't necessarily need a sponsor. Participants can sign-up themselves.

Also, you can attend our inaugural Face To Face Team-Commissioning Gathering.

This is an **Emmaus Gathering**, open to the whole community and incorporating the F2F elements.

The Gathering is on **Saturday 27th April**, Rostrevor Baptist church at 4:30pm. Attending would be a great encouragement to the team and a chance for you to hear a bit more about this exciting new ministry. Then on Monday **27th May** at 1:30pm, come along and experience a new way of doing Candlelighting ... Face to Face style. It will begin in the youth shed at the western end of the church complex. Candlelighting is a great time to encourage pilgrims and team. Please arrive from **1.15**pm.

So, keep praying about who you can invite or recommend Face To Face or an Emmaus Walk to.

As with Emmaus, there is always an opportunity to serve on the Dining Room rosters, the 28-hour Prayer Vigil and the Closing Ceremony. Details are on the following pages. Please pray also regarding how you can serve, to be a service to others.

De Colores

Mostyn Krollig CLD - on behalf of the Adelaide SA Emmaus Board.

## From the Community Spiritual Director - Ian Kitto:

I recently returned from five days in the Alpine National Park in Victoria with 12 other men from our church. The 80+km trek carrying appropriate food, shelter, and clothing for our journey on the Bogong High Plains, climbing more than 3500m in total, needed months of preparation and training, carrying our loaded packs up and down hills for hours on end each week. The end result, as we followed our map from start to finish, was a fantastic experience in God's creation, no injuries or illness, and a wonderful bonding time for the 6 or 7 of us in each group.

Reflecting on this trek reminds me of the faith journey we each face in life. There is preparation, some high points, and occasional valleys to traverse. We journey together with others, receiving encouragement and help along the way. We have a map for guidance. And the end of the journey is not really the end, but a transition from one part of the journey to another.

Our life journey involves preparation, when God's prevenient grace is at work before we accept Jesus for ourselves. We have a map to follow – the Scriptures. We journey together in fellowship with other Christians, receiving guidance and encouragement (and sometimes correction) along the way. There are peaks to ascend (a Walk to Emmaus weekend experience?) and occasional valleys of testing and difficulties along the way. The end of the journey for believers (our life on earth) is not the end, but a transition to new life lived with God forever.

Our life journey (our Fourth Days) might be great, or there may be many complications along the way, but the good news is that 'the best is yet to come'. This is the blessing of this season around Easter, when we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, and, together, look forward to the next part of our journey with Jesus.

De Colores! Ian Kitto, CSD

## Emmaus Ministries National Conference 2019 - Phil Jennings:

CSD Ian Kitto and I represented the Adelaide (SA) Community at this year's Secretariat meeting and conference, held at quite a remote recreation centre on the banks of Lake Keepit, some 70km west of Tamworth on the last weekend of March. This normally large lake was nearly empty, due to the severe drought. Unfortunately, our CLD Mostyn could not attend, due to illness.

On the Friday evening we all prayed for rain on the parched farmlands and on Saturday morning the heavens opened with a heavy downpour, which was an encouragement for our hosts, the Northern Inland NSW Emmaus Community.

Discussions took place on exploring new Emmaus board structures. In was also a training weekend including a detailed question and answer session on the Upper Room Handbook on Emmaus. One of the highlights was the enthusiasm of the new Webmaster, as he outlined his plans for a new web site & his willingness to listen to communities and what they felt were necessary elements of the web site.

On Saturday afternoon, we travelled by bus into Tamworth for the Community Gathering, during which Bruce Cornish was commissioned as National Spiritual Director and myself as National Secretary. In the evening, after the Annual General Meeting, there was a panel discussion on Face to Face, with much interest on the achievements to date by the Brisbane North and Adelaide (SA) communities.

Sadly, Sunday came all too soon as friendships were being formed and we had to head for home. Next year's conference will be held in Toowoomba QLD.

De Colores! Phil Jennings, National secretary

### **Upcoming Events**

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	
Sat 27 April	4.30pm	Face to Face Team Training	Rostrevor Baptist Church	
		Commissioning gathering	288 Montacute Rd, Rostrevor	
Mon 20, Sat 25,		Face to Face Encounter 1	Rostrevor Baptist Church	
Mon 27 May			288 Montacute Rd, Rostrevor	
and Sat 1 June				
Sat 1 June	2:30pm	Face to Face Closing Service	Rostrevor Baptist Church	
		followed by bring & share	288 Montacute Rd, Rostrevor	
		afternoon tea		
Mon 27 May	1.30pm	Face to Face candle-lighting	Rostrevor Baptist Church	
			288 Montacute Rd, Rostrevor	
Fri 14 June	8:00pm	Emmaus Gathering	Tea Tree Gully Uniting Church,	
			600 Milne Road, Banksia Park	
Sat 29 June		Emmaus Team Training	St Pauls College,	
			792 Grand Junction Rd, Gilles Plains	
Sat July 27,		Emmaus Team Training	St Pauls College,	
Sun July 28	4.30pm	Commissioning Gathering	792 Grand Junction Rd, Gilles Plains	
Thurs 8 – Sun 11		Men's Walk 87	Nunyara	
August			5 Burnell Dr, Belair	
Thurs 15 – Sun		Women's Walk 88	Nunyara	
18 August			5 Burnell Dr, Belair	
Sat 31 August	8:00pm	Post Walks Gathering	Woodville Uniting Church,	
			44 Woodville Rd., Woodville	

#### EFFECTIVE SPONSORSHIP

We shouldn't consider Sponsorship as a 'duty', something that 'has to be done'. We should consider it as a privilege and a blessing, to assist someone to attend either Face To Face or Emmaus Walks.

As with Emmaus Walks, Sponsorship with Face To Face is an integral part of the event. Sponsorship is encouraged but not required.

If someone does not have a sponsor, there is an opportunity for **Emmaus Community members to become sponsors** for the pilgrims who do not have sponsors.

These people will establish contact with family and friends of the pilgrims to request personal agape letters. The contact information will come from the pilgrims registration form.

That is certainly a different dynamic. If interested, you can contact the Board Agape co-ordinator, Caroline Krollig (ckroll55@gmail.com), or she may contact you.

#### Another way to support is to Pray:

Your prayer should be focussed on the person's openness to becoming a more vitally alive disciple for Christ.

Currently, the usual 3-day Prayer Vigil site is not working, so we have setup a shared Google spreadsheet on our website.

Go to <u>www.adelaide.emmaus.org.au</u> Click on Events / Face To Face and click on the <u>yellow highlighted</u> 'Face To Face Prayer Calendar'.

If you are unable to access the spreadsheet, please contact Kristen Tredrea, who can record your time slot. Kristen's contact details are: kristenisaiah4634@gmail.com or 0400 714 462



# The Adelaide (SA) Emmaus Community will hold its first Face to Face Encounter in May-June 2019.

#### What is Face to Face?

The Face to Face Encounter is based on The Walk to Emmaus but is modified to be more suitable for older adults who:

- Might have difficulty with the physical demands of a 72-hour Walk to Emmaus
- Might have lost a spouse or have experienced other losses though their life
- Have End of Life issues that might be Important.

The program seeks to invite men and women, ages 60 and older, to experience Jesus through a four-session journey, covering subjects such as discipleship, mission, grief, and end-of-life issues.

The highly flexible schedule allows participants the freedom to engage in structured Bible study and prayer in a church setting or other community space. Led by clergy and lay leaders, Face to Face strengthens and renews followers of Christ and bolsters the spiritual life of individuals, families, and congregations everywhere.

Face to Face is open to members of any Christian denomination who want to strengthen their spiritual lives, discover answers to their questions about faith, and are open to understanding the responsibility of living a Christian lifestyle.

- Face to Face will be delivered in 4 one-day sessions of 7 hours. No overnight stays required.
- Men and Women are combined in the one Encounter but sit in separate table groups.
- There are 14 talks about God's grace and love, given by Lay and Clergy.
- Sponsorship is encouraged but not required.
- Participants are required to commit themselves to the 4 days.

Encounter dates: Monday 20th May, Saturday 25th May, Monday 27th May and Saturday 1st June 2019 Encounter Venue: Rostrevor Baptist Church, 288 Montacute Rd, Rostrevor.

An application form is included on the following pages.

If you would like to find out more about this exciting new program, please visit

www.emmaus.org.au/face-to-face

or contact our Face to Face Lay Director Phil Jennings at philjennings@internode.on.net or 8371 3910.

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#### **FACE TO FACE CATERING**

Help is urgently needed with preparation and serving of morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea to team members and pilgrims on each of the four days of the Encounter (Monday 20 May, Saturday 25th May, Monday 27th May and Saturday 1st June). Food will be similar to that provided to team members on Walk Training Days. Help will be required from 9am to approx 4-5pm each day.

If you are able to assist on even one of the days, particularly <u>between 10am - 2pm</u>, please contact

Alison Cameron (0422 489 792) or Val Lane (0459 331 801)

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#### **FACE TO FACE REGISTRATION FORMS ON NEXT 2 PAGES**



## South Australian Emmaus Community

## Registration

## Face to Face Encounter

Mon 20, Sat 25, Mon 27 May and Sat 1 June 2019

# The Registrar SA Emmaus Community PO Box 616 Marleston BC SA 5033 Received Paid Reply Sponsor

Reminder

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## INFORMATION PRIVACY

After an Applicant receives acceptance to a Face to Face Encounter these application details will be forwarded to the director of the Encounter. During the process of organising a Face to Face encounter, application information will be shared with appropriate team members where it will remain confidential.

This application information may also be used to inform the applicant of future Emmaus or Face to Face activities.

If you are being sponsored please give this form to your sponsor for completion.

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#### **Payment Information**

The cost of the Face to Face Program is \$70 and payment may be paid by:

Cheque made payable to "Adelaide (SA) Emmaus" or

EFT to "Adelaide Emmaus Community" BSB 015-025 Account Number 7450-10334.

Please use Applicant's surname and initial as reference eg SMITHJ for John Smith

**NOTE:** <u>Applications close Monday 29 April 2019</u> for this Encounter. Applications are encouraged to be in as early as possble. Late ap