



# Adelaide Emmaus Community Newsletter

## *Greetings from your Community Lay Director*

Our Emmaus community year has started off really well. Despite the challenge of running the first Face To Face in SA, the team rose to the occasion. See Phil's report for more information

Simultaneously, our Walk Lay Directors have been very busy making lots of phone calls, touching base with many of our community and forming their almost completed teams.

Included this newsletter are the walk team lists so far, so that you can pray for the team members, vacant team roles and also consider how you can join in. Some of the many ways include

- Sponsoring a pilgrim
- Helping in the Dining Room
- Adding your name to the 72 hour Prayer Vigil on the website
- Be part of an Agape group and make some memorable items for pilgrims
- Write letters to pilgrims you know
- Encourage others to be involved too
- Attending Candlelighting and/or Closing

More details on a few of these below

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**Mostyn Krollig**

## *Greetings from the Community Spiritual Director*

I'm currently travelling around in north eastern Australia. In this vast land, there are signs of creation everywhere - in magnificent sunrises and sunsets, vast plains, some brown rivers, blue skies, not much rain, and large numbers of cattle, sheep and flies. There are numerous caravans on the highways and friendly people relaxing in the parks and tourist spots.

The conversations I'm having with strangers are varied. What is common is the interest in sharing where people have been, and their hopes and dreams for the new places to see. There is a friendliness that seems less common when we are on home ground in our local shopping centres and business places.

I wonder if that is because people on holidays are not rushing to do things in a hurry (even those like us who went about 2500km in a week!)... I remember hearing years ago that people were made for 'camel travel'. In other words, if we travelled on a camel from place to place, we'd have time to process things, to de-stress before we got to the next town or the next appointment, instead of always being like coiled springs, tense, and pressured, 24/7.

We'd have time and emotional and spiritual energy to really listen to each other. A bit like when people are holidaying.

So my encouragement to you is to slow down where possible, and to pay attention to who and what is all around you. Giving someone the gift of your undivided attention may be life-giving for them, and you might even learn something yourself. I know we can't go slow all the time, but an occasional (and regular) Sabbath rest may surprise you with unexpected blessings.

So go on. Put that device down. Take a walk (or a nap!). Chat to your neighbours (or a random stranger). And be prepared to see God.

Dr Colores!

**Ian Kitto**

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# Ways to be part of Emmaus

## EFFECTIVE SPONSORSHIP

For Emmaus Walks, sponsorship is an integral part of the event.

Sponsors bring their pilgrims to the walk, establish contact with family and friends of the pilgrims to request personal agape letters. Information is available on the Adelaide Emmaus website, along with Registration Forms. [www.adelaide.emmaus.org.au](http://www.adelaide.emmaus.org.au) and click on 'Events'



### 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 [www.adelaide.emmaus.org.au](http://www.adelaide.emmaus.org.au) Click on Events and click on the Men's and Women's Prayer Calendar. It will take you to the 'Sign-Up' website to register.

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](mailto:kristenisaiah4634@gmail.com) or 0400 714 462

## CHARA

Have you heard of it? Do you know what it means? 'Chara' means 'joy & gladness' in Greek. It is a giving program, where participants are invited to pledge a regular amount per week, month or year and so give joy and gladness to the recipient.

The funds donated help offset costs to keep registration fees affordable. We don't want the ever-rising cost of attending an Emmaus Walk to be a stumbling-block for people. We are also aware that some community members aren't able to be on team or on support roles, due to a range of reasons. Chara is a way to still be part of the team.

When we phone community members to see how their fourth days have been, how they feel about their Emmaus experience and how they can be part of the Emmaus experience, the Chara giving program is just one aspect, but one that has a tangible benefit to the recipient and also to the giver.

## IN THE DINING ROOM

We have 4 wonderful ladies coordinating the dining room for the Men's and Women's walks this year.

They are:

Tania Weinmann and Deb Bartlett for the Men's walk

Sandra Bates and Tilly Aston for the Women's walk

They would love to have your help serving meals – meal times are: *breakfast* 7.30am Friday to Sunday, *lunch* 12.15pm on Friday, 12.30pm on Saturday and 11.45am on Sunday, *dinner* 5.15pm both Friday and Saturday, with the dress code for the special dinner on Saturday being black and white, men wearing bow ties,

Please arrive 15 minutes prior to the starting times for the respective meals.

If you are interested in serving, please contact the dining room co-ordinators

Contact phone details for the co-ordinators:

Men's walk: Tania Weinmann 0428 413 113

Women's walk: Sandra Bates 8263 1657



## 2019 Emmaus Team Lists

Team Roles	Men's Walk #87	Women's Walk #88
Lay Director	Taswell Wakefield	Barb Yates
ALD	Glenn Pitchford	Margaret Rose
ALD	Gary Matena	Hazel Mack
ALD	Adam Richardson	Brenda Supple
Spiritual Director	Ken Wright	Coral Smith
Assistant Spiritual Director	John Cozens	Maureen Jennings
Assistant Spiritual Director		Colleen Brooks
Assistant Spiritual Director		Shirley Coe
Table Leader	Craig Woodward	Val Lane
Table Leader	Robert White	Marci Day
Table Leader	Graeme Cavanagh	Janene Lyn
Table Leader	Alastair Watson	Rachel Grafton
Table Leader	Ian Forsyth	Lindy Cozens-Masri
Assistant Table Leader	Matthew Driver	Sue Galpin
Assistant Table Leader	Mark Scott	Jenny Prior
Assistant Table Leader	Kingson Selvaraj	Kay Gosnold
Assistant Table Leader	Alan Thomson	Chris Jenkinson
Assistant Table Leader	Dave Gould	Jeanette Ross-Naylor
Music Director	Ben Simmonds	Leah Hopton
Music Director	Martin Septoe	Kate Tretheway
Prayer Director	Milton Clark	Sarah Twinn
Prayer Director	Jamie Bowden	Deidre Mazurkiewicz
IT / Tech	Peter Twinn	Kathy Walker
Board Rep	Wayne Baxter	Caroline Krollig
Dining Room co-ord	Tania Weinmann	Tilly Aston
Dining Room co-ord	Deb Bartlett	Sandra Bates
Agape	Chris Thomas	Carolyn McKenna
Agape	James Ross-Naylor	Leng Hughes
Special Agape	Raelene Thorpe	Northern Lights team
Special Agape	Trevor Thorpe	Northern Lights team
72-hour Prayer Vigil	Kristen Tredrea	Mostyn Krollig
72-hour Prayer Vigil	Gaynor Bowden	Kristen Tredrea
Registrar	Meredith Williams	Meredith Williams
Supplies	Meredith Williams	Meredith Williams

### **Face to Face News – Adelaide (SA) Encounter No 1.**

Face to Face is an experience in the tradition of the Walk to Emmaus designed specifically for persons 60 and over. Men and women attend together and the course (Encounter) is non-residential.

The Adelaide (SA) Encounter No.1 was held over two Mondays and two Saturdays in late May – early June. Our Coaching Committee was established by the Board in September 2018 to coordinate the planning and implementation stages. SD Graham Burgan and LD Phil Jennings were commissioned in November 2018.

Calling of the remainder of the team commenced in January this year. Whilst some who were called were unable to accept roles on team for various reasons, it became clear then that those who had said “yes” were all very enthusiastic and committed to the success of the program. God’s guiding hand and blessing on the team were truly evident.

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Team Orientation and Training Days were held over 3 days in April. The orientation sessions were presented by Vince van Sant (National Coordinator FtF) on 6 April, assisted by Lyn Chalmers and Margaret Niethe, both from the Brisbane North Coast Community, which ran its first Encounter in June 2018. These three wonderful servants also travelled back to Adelaide to be part of our conference room team. We were truly blessed with the number of pilgrims, 13 women and 5 men.

Each day of the Encounter started with a “thought for the day”. The first of these was “God doesn’t call the qualified, he qualifies the called”. Those of us on team thought this was very appropriate, as we all felt we had our “L” plates on!

Dying moments on Day 2 was particularly moving and memorable. Another highlight of the whole program was the set of 4 videos on “Living fully, dying well” by retired American Bishop Rueben Job. This coupled with the “Coping in Tough Times” talk (by Maureen Jennings in her capacity as an aged care chaplain and “Hospice” carer) added a whole different dimension to what I and other team members had experienced on Emmaus Walks. This talk was followed by a question and answer session, with a number of challenging questions put to the speaker.

The day-time candlelighting on Day 3 was also a unique and memorable experience. It was lovely for the pilgrims and team to see so many community members coming out on a Monday afternoon and processing into the darkened conference room with their candles singing “Jesus Jesus”.

At the Closing Service, some pilgrims shared their response to the question “What am I going to do as a result of my Face to Face Encounter”. This service was followed by a community afternoon tea, which was enjoyed by everyone and a lovely way to celebrate the conclusion of a very successful Encounter.

We were blessed by a great venue and very co-operative church community at Rostrevor Baptist Church, who through Darryl Bishop had offered access to a large group of people from their Tuesday seniors group. This resulted in 9 of the 18 pilgrims.

There was great community support outside the conference room. The catering for lunches and snacks was carried out entirely by community volunteers and the food was great. There were plenty of thoughtful Agape gifts as well.

The Board is hoping to have two Encounters in 2020, including one in a regional area.

Phil Jennings, Lay Director

## *Upcoming Events*

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Sat July 27, Sun July 28	4.30pm	Emmaus Team Training <b>Commissioning Gathering</b>	St Pauls College, 792 Grand Junction Rd, Gilles Plains
Thurs 8 – Sun 11 August		Men’s Walk 87	Nunyara 5 Burnell Dr, Belair
Thurs 15 – Sun 18 August		Women’s Walk 88	Nunyara 5 Burnell Dr, Belair
Sat 31 August	8:00pm	Post Walks Gathering	Woodville Uniting Church, 44 Woodville Rd., Woodville
Sat 21 Sept	5:00pm 6:30pm	Country Gathering Shared meal	Kadina Uniting Church 59 Taylor St, Kadina
Fri 25 Oct	8:00pm	Gathering with Board nominations	Hallett Cove Uniting Church 18 Zwerner Dr, Hallett Cove
Sat 30 Nov	8:30pm	Gathering with Board elections	Meadows Uniting Church 81 Mawson Rd, Meadows