

October – 4th Day Chair Report

Martin Conner

I attended Candlelight for Men's WTE #203 and Women's #240. Both 4th Day Servants did an excellent job in their assigned talks to the Community. The 4th Day Committee Members spoke to the 4th Day servants at least two weeks prior to the Weekend to review action steps. Below are the letters from Andy Burt to the Sponsors and then the post Walk letters to the Pilgrims that I propose be included in the Job Description as a Template to use and edit for future Walks: Editable Text in RED

Pre-Walk Letter to the Sponsors:

Greetings Sponsor,

I am the 4th Day Servant for Men's / Women's Walk #XXX which kicks off this Thursday, DATE. One of the roles of my position is to reach out to the sponsors of our pilgrims and be a resource for any questions you may have. I see that you are sponsoring NAME. Thank you for sponsoring and growing our Emmaus Community. I look forward to meeting NAME and getting to know him/her this weekend at King's Retreat.

Here is a reminder of some of the sponsor responsibilities and logistics:

- Be sure to collect Agape Letters for your pilgrim (especially letters from spouse, family and pastor). Bring these with you to Send-off on Thursday night. Any additional letters you receive can be dropped off at Candlelight on Saturday night
- Please bring "oven agape" with you on Thursday night for the pilgrims and team (cookies, brownies, cupcakes). Thank you!
- Remind your pilgrim of what to pack for the weekend (see list in the *Sponsor Resources* attached).
- Let me know if your pilgrim has any specific dietary restrictions or dorm requests (lower bunk, bunk near an outlet, etc.). This was likely included in the pilgrim's application but it doesn't hurt to have this info again to be sure.
- Plan on arriving at King's Retreat this Thursday DATE between 6:30 – 7:00 pm. Please arrive NO LATER than 7:00.
- Plan on attending Candlelight this Saturday night DATE beginning at 7:30 pm. Plan to arrive between 7:00 – 7:30
- Plan on attending Closing ceremonies on Sunday afternoon DATE. Closing is scheduled to begin at 4:00. Arrive a few minutes early to pick up your pilgrim's luggage in the Chrysalis Room.

Aside from this, let me know if you have any questions. We want your pilgrim to have the absolute best experience at King's Retreat. We know the Holy Spirit is the primary source for that, but whatever we can do as his team of servants to assist is our primary goal.

DeColores!

Post Walk Email to the Pilgrims:

Good Sunday to you my (brothers / sisters)! How is your fourth day going so far? Are you still riding on a Spiritual High after your weekend at King's Retreat? After a weekend like that there is usually a flood of emotions.....from exhaustion to exhilaration and everything in between. By now your feet have likely touched ground again as you being your fourth day.

As your 4th Day Servant my primary responsibility is to be your resource for ALL things Emmaus and to get you plugged in to our awesome North Georgia Walk to Emmaus Community. I work in conjunction with your Sponsor. Between the two of us, our collective goal is to walk alongside you on your 4th Day and keep you involved with your new Emmaus Community. Here's a few ways to do this:

1. If you have a Facebook account, please join our Facebook Page by clicking on this link <https://www.facebook.com/groups/849421310144853>

Note: this is a Private and Closed account so only men who attended or served on our weekend are members.

2. *Attend a Candlelight* over the next two weekends. Some of you were able to attend Candlelight last night. How was that experience? Especially for those of you who had wives attending the Walk?

The next two Candlelights are Saturday, **DATE for Men's / Women's Walk #XXX** and Saturday, **DATE** for Women's Walk #XXX. Candlelight starts at 7:30 in the Chrysalis Room (the room where you registered to start your Walk weekend)

3. *Serve on an Emmaus team!* There will be opportunities to serve on a future walk next Spring. Please let me know if you're interested in serving, or better yet, contact the Lay Director directly. They would love to hear from you as they are always interested to include first time servants. It's the lifeblood of our team building. Here is the contact information for the Spring Lay Directors and details about their Walk dates and team meeting locations.

Men's Walk #208 – Lay Director Mark Harper. Email mehsr@bellsouth.net Walk Weekend, March 7-10, 2024. Team meetings will be held at Sanctuary Church in Acworth beginning in January. Mark was an Assistant Table Leader on Walk #203.

Men's Walk #209 – Lay Director Andrew Von Essen. Email madfuzz@gmail.com Walk Weekend, April 18-21, 2024. Team meetings will be held at The Fountain Church in Duluth (Sugarloaf) beginning in February.

Note: the Men's Walk next weekend, Walk #207 is in need of kitchen servants. They have had several team members drop from the team in the past week. If you can serve next weekend please let me know and we can discuss.

4. *Serve on a Chrysalis team!* You may recall that Chrysalis is a similar Emmaus weekend for High School and College Age young men. It is held at King's Retreat as well. We normally have **2 Boys** Chrysalis Flights each year. The next flight is January 12-15, 2024 (MLK Weekend). The Lay Director is Eric Glick who was the Board Rep on M203 last weekend. If you would like to serve on this Chrysalis team or have any questions please contact Eric at rickga59@gmail.com His team meetings are starting soon!

5. *Attend an Emmaus Gathering!* This is a community-wide gathering for everyone in our North Georgia Emmaus Community. They are held every few months at area churches throughout the community. There is worship music, fellowship, a short program, personal testimony and of course.....food! **The next Gathering is Friday, December 1 at Hillside UMC in Woodstock.** Look for more details about this event.
6. Last but not least, *join or start a Reunion Group!* Of all the ways listed above to stay plugged-in on your fourth days this is the most significant. A weekly meeting with other Christian men is so important in your walk with Jesus Christ. For me, it is a vital element of my walk. It can be daunting to know where to turn to join a group. That's where we come in. Between your sponsor, myself and our 4th Day Board Chair Martin Conner this is part of our mission. We would love to help you find a reunion group. Also, we can help you start a reunion group if that's where you're feeling lead. Let's us know how we can help.

(For anyone in the Alpharetta/Roswell area, I had one of our brothers tell me they are looking to add someone to their group. Is that you? Let me know if you live in that area and are interested).

That's enough for now! I will keep in touch. Please reach out to me with any questions you may have. I have attached a few photos from our weekend together. It continues to bring a smile to my face. What an amazing weekend on Holy Ground!!

DeColores,

Searching Relevant Church Membership Instructions in Ministry Manager Database for finding potential Reunion Groups

One other enhancement to the 4th Servant's Job Description: (Thanks Ginny!) When accessing the full database for the 4th Day Servant in helping new pilgrims (or any team member) looking to join a RG. And all that starts with researching people in their church or nearby churches. This of course means they need to be trained on this feature and how it can help them do their follow up. So things related to this would be enhancing their job description so they know this is a new responsibility, changing their "role" in MM for a time, teaching them how to maneuver in the system, then returning them to "community member" mode at some point.

- You don't need to delete your church but ADD to your own profile the church you want to see the membership of.
- To do that, go to the CHURCH tab on your record, and click "add a church" and then type the church name in the pop-up box, and select it.
- Then it looks like you are members of two churches. Click on the newly added church (it's hyperlinked), and the screen changes.
- Then click on the green EXPORT MEMBERS hyperlink which will email you a csv file of members.
- Resave the CSV file as an Excel file and work from there.
- The CSV comes over pretty raw, so warn her or you take a minute to clean it up. The "gathering" column is mislabeled but shows the events that person served.
- When you are finished with the report, remove the church from your CHURCH tab on your profile.