

Women's Team Selection

October Board Report

Oct 3, 2023

FALL 2023 WALKS

As of this report, Lese has 67 of 70 positions filled. She is short 1 Facilities Assistant and 2 Kitchen due to drops. Today she has **11 pilgrims**. If pilgrim count remains 25 or less, she can drop a table and release her two experienced ATLs to fill any open servant slots (or future drops).

October 19-22 W240 WEST / Lese Cooper, Northbrook UMC lesecooper@gmail.com

Meeting 6	Saturday	Oct 7	8:30am to 3:30pm	Northbrook UMC
Schedule Review	Thursday	Oct 12	7:00pm to 8:30pm	Via Zoom

Team Selection Liaison: Tracy Wheelis **Board Rep:** Patti Ann Allen **Spiritual Dir:** Leonard Akers

As of this report, Kendra has 67 of 70 positions filled. She is short 3 Kitchen due to drops. Today she has **13 pilgrims**. If pilgrim count remains 25 or less, she can drop a table and release her two experienced ATLs to fill any open servant slots (or future drops).

November 2-5 W241 EAST / Kendra King, Atlanta Christian Church Kendra.king1@gmail.com

Meeting 4	Saturday	Sept 30	8:30am to 4pm	Norcross FUMC
Schedule Review	Tuesday	Oct 17	7pm to 8:30pm	Via Zoom
Meeting 5	Saturday	Oct 21	8:30am to 4pm	Norcross FUMC
Meeting 6	Thursday	Oct 26	6pm to 9pm	Norcross FUMC

Team Selection Liaison: Kim Furlow **Board Rep:** Hilary Berman **Spiritual Dir:** Gail Thompson

SPRING 2024 WALKS

W242 (West) March 14-17, Tani Gilliam, team meetings at Mt. Zion UMC Marietta

W243 (East) April 25-28, Laurie Clough, team meetings at The Fountain Church Sugarloaf Campus

- Signed Lay Director Covenants have been uploaded to the board page of ngwte.org.
- Women's DRAFT is **Saturday, October 7** with recruitment to begin immediately.
- All team meetings have been scheduled with their churches. Head Spirituals have been recruited.
- ALD Training is Sat, Dec 9, at Mount Pisgah with Barbara Johnson and Andy Burt.

FALL 2024 WALKS

- I have successfully recruited our women's East and West Lay Directors for the Fall! They have in hand the **LD job description** and **LD To Do List**. Next is to send them the Covenant to sign.

	LD Training #1	LD Training #2	Draft	Recruit	ALD Training	Leadership Orientation	Team Mtgs (over 6-8 wks)	Weekend
244 East	Jan 2024	Mar 2024	mid-May	May/Jun/Jul	early Aug	late August	Sep/Oct	Oct 17-20
245 West	Jan 2024	Mar 2024	mid-May	May/Jun/Jul	early Aug	mid-late Sept	Sep/Oct/Nov	Nov 14-17

Fact to Face Liaison

- PENDING: Import all 18,000 Emmaus records so everyone can electronically access future F2F prayer vigils. As of mid-July, Upper Room halted this development work.
- Encounter #17 has had pilgrims committed and added to the Emmaus community.
- I remain tagged as the Data Administrator until such time to hand over to another.

MINISTRY MANAGER RECORDS *as of SEPTEMBER 29, 2023*

As of this writing the database counts are as follows....

18,204 total NGWTE records, of which... **17,848** ACTIVE; **0** INACTIVE; **356** DECEASED
7,308 ACTIVE lay men and **10,032** ACTIVE lay women
508 ACTIVE clergy and **17,340** ACTIVE laity
and **210** churches

Records divided by ROLE:

BASIC	118	116 future pilgrims and 2 test records
MEMBER	17,991	those who've completed a walk and/or served on a team
LEADER	49	current LDs/ALDs/Spiritual Dirs/Head Guards/ board cmte members
BOARD	41	current board members for Emmaus & F2F
Executive Cmte	1	Kendel Nickens
Data Admin	1	Tony Fisher
Support Staff	2	Many Shuman + Hunter Smith (Upper Room)
BOD Treasurer	1	Mark Niethammer
18,204		

We have added "online church" as a church option since many pilgrims on Encounter #17 fell into this category.

Churches

Search for the churches that make up Ministry Manager

ADD A NEW CHURCH

or

online church

Show: ALL CHURCHES ▾Community: ALL ▾

Export All Churches | Affiliated Churches | Current view

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Name	# of Emmaus Members	Address	Pastor Name	Pastor Email
online church	11	Anywhere, Georgia		

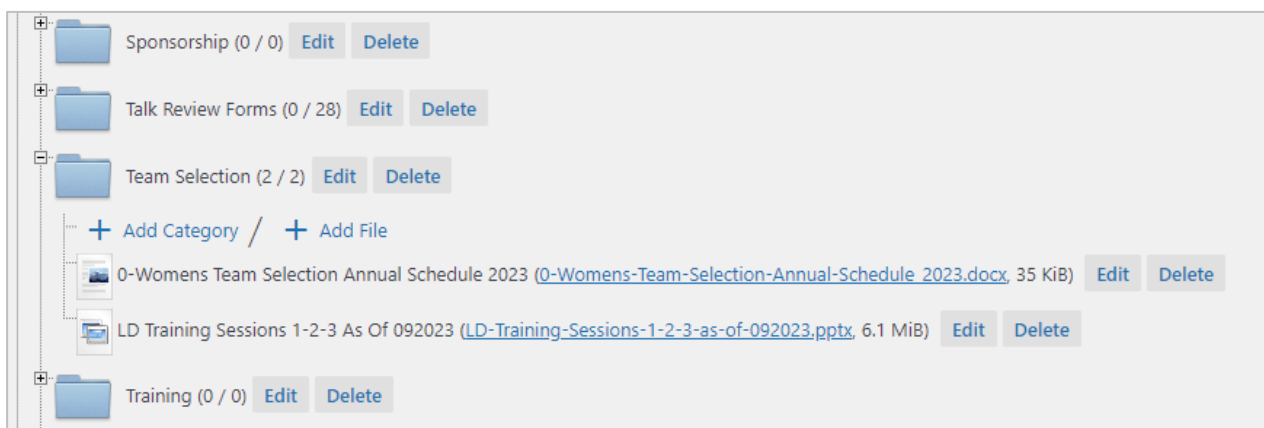
MINISTRY MANAGER *STANDING ACTIVITY*

- I continue to add city and state identifiers to **church records** with similar names.
- The Upper Room has approved two Data Administrators for our community (allowing us to merge duplicate profiles and churches, and correct church typos). We may need to push for this.
- If someone from another community wants to join ours, email mmsupport@upperroom.org who can add the North GA community to that person's existing record.
- All past and future walks/flights/encounters in MM populate [our Upper Room page](#). This means we want future walks/flights/encounters entered into MM as soon as dates are approved.
- Pilgrims who attend churches that are not listed in MM must have their church entered into our community (by Registration or team Board Reps). Go to **Communities / NGWTE** and click the **"churches" tab**, then search for the church name on the left and click the **"+"** sign to add them to the column on the right.
- Should you receive an error message ("email already in use") when updating an email address, that means that email is in use—either in another record (the spouse?), in another community (that we can't see), or in a phantom record. Contact mmsupport@upperroom.org to link the records and accept the new address.

MY PREPARATION FOR ROLLING OFF THE BOARD

TEAM SELECTION RELATED

- I have created and uploaded two documents to the board page under **C: BOARD DOCUMENTS / TEAM SELECTION** that detail the annual schedule of activity and the current Lay Director Training PowerPoint for my successor.



- My successor will attend the October, November, and December board meetings to observe interactions and read in advance all submitted reports.
- Next we will review report preparation, how to upload reports and access/review other reports. I also will hand over a thumb drive of historical documents and all ownership of Google Doc tools.
- I will also hand over four Lay Director Portfolios (that Training prepares) containing three Upper Room manuals; two are currently with both Fall LDs (six total).

MINISTRY MANAGER RELATED

- Martin Conner, Tony Fisher, and I had two lengthy conference calls reviewing the issues surrounding handing off management of Ministry Manager. Martin has recommended community member Paul Sligar as an option. Paul joined one of our calls and brings a knowledge of database management. He is a longtime member of our community. We'll look to add Paul to the Technology and/or Fourth Day Committee and have him putter in the system for familiarity, then revisit next steps.
- I spoke with 2 of 7 Emmaus communities recommended by Steve Zuercher from the Upper Room. These communities are advanced in their use of Ministry Manager like us. Unfortunately, this yielded no helpful insights as they both struggle with "extensive import glitches" that prohibit using filters and other features.

West Tennessee Emmaus, Jackson TN, with 7,000 members, began in 1987 and is on Walk #138

- Tim Herndon, 14 yrs as Treasurer, predecessor served 14 yrs. Manages MM, but is 72 and will need to hand it off. Database Manager is a permanent volunteer role.
- IMS import of 7k records did not include anyone's pilgrim walk nor any chapel service. They're still manually correcting. Unable to use any MM filters for Team Selection. Doesn't really use the database for anything useful.
- FYI: they charge \$150 for pilgrims and team, but kitchen servants are \$75, and Chrysalis is \$125. A full team is only 32-ish.
- FYI: Was told that the Upper Room separated ties with the software company that did the migration from IMS due to rampant problems. That is also why the Upper Room IT Dept took on MM support issues and why no new development is being entertained.

Blue Lake Emmaus, Andalusia Alabama with 3,000 members, began in 1985 and is on Walk #277.

- Joquita McKibben, 37yr member of community, ex officio Data Manager, former LD, former CLD and Team Selection, is in her 19th year as Lay Director Trainer
- IMS import of 3k records only included Conference Room roles. Is slow to enter outside service role history, so continues to keep all Team Selection in Excel for tracking all service. Her work-around is meeting her needs. MM filters are not applicable to her community or used.
- FYI: They held 10 walks a year before COVID; has 5 walks planned for 2024.

SUBCOMMITTEE

Allison Kirksey (West) thru 2024

Kim Furlow (East) thru 2024

Tracy Wheelis (West) thru 2025

submitted by Ginny Sternberg

Women's Team Selection Chair, 2020-2023