

GREAT RIVER WALK TO EMMAUS (GRE) COMMUNITY UPDATE

DECEMBER 2023

IT'S UP TO YOU

Without you stepping up to serve as Christ's hands and feet throughout the year – Great River Walk to Emmaus won't exist. What can you do?

Sponsor Pilgrims! Volunteer to help on committees. Assist with short-term projects! There are many tasks that can be done at home. If you have computer skills – we've got plenty of opportunities to choose from 😊 If you're a hands-on person who doesn't like technology – there is much for you, too! There's something for everyone! Board member contact information is on the back; and we're waiting for your call, text, or email.

Remember what Emmaus/a closer walk with Christ has done for you. May it inspire you to become active in making a difference so people can participate in a 3-day walk, experiencing His real presence through their 4th days.

Luke 24: 13-35



PROPOSED CHANGE TO BYLAWS

The board unanimously agreed to propose a change to the ByLaws – Section 6, which currently reads: Ten (10) members of the Board of Directors present at a duly called meeting shall constitute a quorum. The proposed change is to read: A quorum for Board meetings shall be whoever is present at a duly called Board meeting. A duly called meeting is a meeting time approved by the Community Lay Director and the Community Spiritual director and is announced to the other members of the Board at least 2 weeks in advance by email and text.

Community members objecting to this change must file a petition signed by at least twenty-five (25) community members. The objections must be received within sixty (60) days of this notification. If an objection petition is received, the proposed change will be considered void.

WELCOME OUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS!

Monday, December 18, our GRE board will meet, welcoming our new board members. Please join us for our board meeting and reception! There will be food/snacks to celebrate!
Madison Park – The Commons (on hill south of church)
6:30 pm. All are welcome! Feel free to bring snack.

New board members:

Serving a 3-year term: Desiree Dennison, Jen Dougherty, Brandy Miller, Dina Spencer and Pastor Eric Anderson.

Serving a 1-year open position: James Abbott

Serving a 2-year open position: Dan Clair

MATCHING FUND OPPORTUNITY

Quincy University has received a grant from the Tracy Family Foundation to do some much needed upgrades to the Franciscan Retreat Center. The upgrades will help the facility be more energy efficient. The grant will cover the costs of new air conditioning in the Conference Room, window air conditioners for the rooms that have not yet been updated, and it will start the process to install a tankless water heater to replace the very aged one.

The initial grant awarded is \$30,000. The Tracy Family Foundation will also do a matching grant of an additional \$10,000 if the Retreat programs (Cursillo, Walk to Emmaus, and TEC) jointly contribute \$10,000. This would make a total contribution of \$50,000 toward the above project.

If you would like your donation doubled/matched by the Tracy Foundation, send a check to Great River Emmaus, PO Box 5215
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UPCOMING WALK DATES

Quincy University

Men's Walk #35
February 22-25

Women's Walk #36
March 14-17

Applications on
www.greatriveremmaus.org

WEEKEND RATES

Great River Emmaus has never had a rate increase, and must do so now to help cover costs.

Weekend rates increased to \$170.00 for the upcoming walks.

Prep weekend increased to \$85.00.

Volunteer rates to be determined.

Matching Opportunity (continued from front) ...

Quincy IL 62305. Indicate on the check or in a note that the contribution is for the QU Matching Funds.

Donations are always welcome to GRE. We provide scholarships for pilgrims and team members who would otherwise be unable to attend. If you are inclined to give toward future scholarships, please indicate such on your check.

PILGRIMS NEEDED! WHO ARE YOU SPONSORING?

A weekend must consist of at least 10 pilgrims whose applications are in the hands of the registrar by the Thursday one week prior to the walk.

At this time we have no pilgrims officially registered for the February/March walks. Our registrar is checking with pilgrims who wanted to attend previous walks, but could not.

Please ask people now! Do not wait until the deadline! Our board has discussed routine reminders to keep the numbers in front of our community. Ask early – waiting until the last minute makes it more of an attempt in desperation – which should never be the case.

INCOMING & OUTGOING GRE BOARD:

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