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# Lowcountry Emmaus Community

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*And their eyes were opened, and they knew Him ~ Luke 24:31*

**Please stay safe and continue practicing  
social distancing.**



## **From the Community Lay Director: Dan Hare**

To the Lowcountry Emmaus Community,

I hope everyone is well and staying safe in the trying times. As Churches are trying to get back into some normalcy we at Lowcountry Emmaus are watching and meeting as a Board via Zoom and making decisions to keep the walk to Emmaus alive and well.

The Board met on June 16<sup>th</sup> along with Stephone Brooks who is the spiritual director for Emmaus in Nashville. At the meeting with some deliberation we decided to postpone Walks until we get a better handle on this virus and Churches are available for gatherings again. We will be waiting until January to see how the situation is progressing before we pick new dates. The main reason we are postponing is to keep everyone safe. We also discussed

that to have walks would not be what the Pilgrims receive as we remember our walks with singing, hugging, and sharing with each other. There would be so many things different about these walks that would change the outcome for the Pilgrims. Remember that these walks are for Pilgrims not for us. When the time comes to be ready to have the walks and it will be great for these pilgrims. Though we have not reset dates for the future walks we are monitoring the situation closely and as a Board we will continue to meet via Zoom and discuss the future and be prepared.

As the Board is still active we are still looking for new people to serve on the Board. As a lot of us have served our term, we are still serving the Lowcountry Emmaus community until we get through this crisis and a new board is elected. So search your hearts and see if you would be willing to serve. Please contact Tom Thurman or myself to give us your name. You may also contact any Board member to ask what it entails and various responsibilities.

While we are still in limbo about the walks, keep in mind there is still room for pilgrims on these next walks so be in prayer about who you may want to sponsor and how you can serve. Don't put off what you know you could be doing today. Please contact the Registrar about applications even if don't send money at this time, we can still be one step ahead.

I thank the board and their hard work during these times and hope if you see a Board member thank them also. I ask you to be in Prayer for all of GOD'S children in this troubled world and let these people know JESUS is the answer.

God Bless You,

Dan Hare

Presently still the Lowcountry Emmaus Lay Director

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### **From the Community Spiritual Director: David Lupo**

As COVID-19 continues to spread through our state and country, there are many things we used to do that we have to give up for a time. That includes some of our favorite Emmaus activities. We can't assemble sixty people in a conference room to sing, hug, and sit close together. We can't assemble the community from a wide area for a Gathering or a meal. But you *can* find ways to keep in touch with your reunion group. It doesn't have to be something high-tech like a Zoom meeting; my reunion group manages by using the conference-call feature on one member's cell phone to call the other households in the group. If your reunion group has not been meeting recently, I encourage you to check in with each other and see if you can plan a regular time to talk. If you aren't currently in a reunion group, maybe there is someone you have found yourself thinking of calling. This might be a good time to act on that thought. At the present time, geography doesn't matter so much; you can be in a phone group with someone you know from a Walk even if you live fifty miles apart.

De Colores,

David Lupo

## Featured Board Member:

### Meet Tom Thurman



This month in our board member profile we are highlighting Tom Thurman. In 2008, Tom attended Lowcountry Emmaus Walk #64 and sat at the table of Mark. He attends church at Bethany UMC in Summerville. Tom's current position on the Lowcountry Emmaus Board of Directors is as Assistant Lay Director. He and his wife Eyvonne have 5 children and 13 grandchildren. Tom is Director of the After School Program at Bethany. In his "spare time" Tom enjoys boating, camping and golf and he is also involved in many volunteer projects. Tom continues to be involved in Emmaus because of the changes it has made in his life. He could not identify any particular Emmaus moment as his favorite because, as he stated, "there are so many." The biggest impact Emmaus has had on his life is that he feels he is closer to his God. If you or anyone you know is interested in serving on our Emmaus Board, please contact Tom.

From Agape: Peggy Lawton

The Emmaus Board of Directors has asked me to return all agape that I collected prior to our scheduled/cancelled walks in March to the original reunion groups that it came from. Most of it has been returned already. However, there are two remaining: The Sunrise Reunion Group from Summerville and the BRE "Papa's Princesses" Reunion group from North Carolina. If someone from either of these groups can contact me at [lawtonp@comcast.net](mailto:lawtonp@comcast.net) to arrange a time to meet and return this agape to you, it would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you,

Peggy Lawton

Agape



We will try to meet for a board meeting, July 14<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm via Zoom.