

DECEMBER
2010

Ideally Speaking My thoughts, My words, My heart

What is that old saying about the older we get the faster time goes by? Well, I for one believe that is truth. Here we are at the end of another year already. And to top that off, we are at the end of another decade. Do you remember, as I do, all the frantic concern about Y2K? Doesn't seem that long ago does it? And yet, it's been 10 years!



This has been quite a year for me. I have grown, I have learned, I have questioned, I have wondered. There have been opportunities for me to once again evaluate who I am, and what I believe. And the really good news is that no matter what I was going through, where I was in my journey, what I was wrestling with, I saw God's faithfulness first hand over and over again. There is no God like our God. There is no grace like His grace. There is no love like His love. And at the end of this year 2010 I am more sure of that than ever!

I trust that you, too, have seen God's faithfulness as well this past year as you have served your Emmaus community. Many times as we have traveled throughout the Region we have heard about something wonderful, something almost miraculous, that God has done in not only the lives of the pilgrims, but the lives of the leaders, and in fact the lives of communities. And through those experiences our faith grows and we once again are motivated to continue to serve, to continue to love, to continue to share a life in grace.

We were blessed to spend time with representatives from 50% of our Regional communities this past year at one of our Leadership Development Events. It is wonderful to see the results of these Events. The more time we spend together understanding the true meaning, the true intent, and the true purpose of Walk to Emmaus, the more we see communities grow into strong, active communities where 4th Day is the focus: changing our worlds, renewing ourselves, renewing our churches, and truly becoming the hands and feet of Christ!

I look forward to getting to spend time in more communities in 2011. Our commitment is strong as we already have several Leadership Development Events scheduled and will be adding more along the way.

Did you make it to a Leadership Development Event in 2010? If so you know the value in attending and will send more of your community members I am sure. Maybe you will even make it back again in 2011.

If you did not, then make plans right now to attend. Discuss it with your board. Get it on your calendar. Be there! *Can't wait to see you in 2011!*

If you have something you would like to see in this newsletter, please contact me at idealcurtis@yahoo.com or 530-258-2168.

In Him I Live and Move and Have My Being. Acts 17:28

WALK TO EMMAUS WESTERN REGION

The WALK in the West

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

*EQUIP
EMPOWER
EDUCATE*

EVERYONE
IS
WELCOME

A program designed for strengthening
Boards and Communities

BOARD AND COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

2011 DATES

Clergy Certification Friday - 9:00 am

Community Gathering Friday Evening

Leadership Development Saturday - 8:30 am

APRIL 1 - 2

IDAHO EMMAUS
- BOISE, IDAHO

MAY 13 - 14

CHANNEL ISLANDS EMMAUS
- SANTA BARBARA, CALFORINA

JUNE 3 - 4

UTAH EMMAUS

SEPT 30 - OCT 1

MOUNTAIN TRAIL EMMAUS
- OREGON

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW FOR THESE DATES

Be watching for more details and information

If your community is interested in hosting a Leadership Development
Event please contact me at: idealcurtis@yahoo.com

IMPORTANT NOTICE:
THURSDAY NIGHT MOVIE CHANGE
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2011
ALL EMMAUS COMMUNITIES

Greetings from the International Emmaus and Chrysalis Office,

We've been working hard in the Emmaus and Chrysalis Office to prepare for the fall period when a lot of Emmaus and Chrysalis weekends are conducted around the world. September and October seem to always be a very busy time for these movements. As this time comes to a close, we will begin to slow down in November and December and focus our attention on the holiday season.

The reason that I am writing to you is because there is a change in the Thursday night schedule content that will affect every Emmaus community. (This will not affect Chrysalis.) Even though we are telling you about it now, the change will not take effect until January 1, 2011. This change was actually initiated by the Emmaus communities around the world and it involves the Thursday night movie. "In Remembrance" will not be the authorized Thursday evening movie after January 1, 2011. READ ON IF YOU WANT TO KNOW THE DETAILS.

For many years, we have been hearing negative comments from communities around the USA and world. The movie was too dark, too dated, or people were distracted by the corduroy jacket or that the message became diluted when the movie was shortened several years ago. Many of these comments came from Conference Room Team members so we didn't pay too much attention because we know that this movie and entire weekend is for the Pilgrim. But recently, there has been a shift; Pilgrims are commenting on the movie. And it hasn't been positive.

So, for the past two years, we have been looking for some movie or short film to replace "In Remembrance". We contacted the founders and they had no problem with bringing the movie up to date. (Did you know that "In Remembrance" wasn't even part of the weekend until Weekend #15?) We looked at a lot of different movies and discarded a lot of movies because there was something that was either distracting or got away from the intended message.

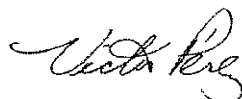
The original hope and intent was that after the film, the "Examination of Conscience" in the chapel and silence, the pilgrim will begin thinking about their relationship with Jesus and to prepare them for the journey. We have found a DVD that fulfills that intent. It is seven and one half minutes long and uses terminology that we use during the weekend. It fulfills the original hope and intent and is presented in an up-to-date manner. It has been approved by the Regional Leaders Team and by the 2010 International Advisory Committee members. We have also tested it in several communities around the world and it has been received with great enthusiasm.

I know that there are some out there who like the "In Remembrance" movie. All we ask is that you think back to your weekend. What did you think then? We've all served on teams and either became attached to the movie or detached to the movie. Remember- the weekend is for the Pilgrim.

WATCH FOR INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO RECEIVE YOUR COMMUNITY'S FREE COPY AND CORRESPONDING THREE DAY SCHEDULE PAGES. WE WILL BE SENDING INFORMATION TO COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTORS VIA EMAIL BLAST AND WILL BE POSTING INSTRUCTIONS ON THE WEBPAGE www.upperroom.org/emmaus THIS WILL BE COMING NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 15, 2010.



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HAVE YOU BEEN TO THE UPPER ROOM WEB SITE? There are so many resources there for your community. One of which is The Emmaus Library. This series of 10 books covers everything from The Early History, to The Board of Directors, to Fourth Day. They are inexpensive and are wonderful for your book table at Walks and other events. Check them out!

www.upperroom.org/emmaus

A MESSAGE FROM REV. RONALD GRIELICH

The first year of Clergy Development sessions for Walk to Emmaus and Chrysalis has concluded. We have no sessions scheduled for December and the first ones for 2011 come in January. You will be hearing more about it, perhaps in this issue of Walk in the West.

This past year all of the clergy sessions have been attached to the laity trainings. The clergy have met on Friday from 9 - 3. This has provided adequate time.

Of greatest importance is what we accomplished during the sessions with both information and inspiration. At every session clergy responded positively and said they learned things about Emmaus and Chrysalis they did not know. The numbers of clergy attending were smaller than we would have liked, but this was the first time around.

We met in widely divergent locations to make it easier for clergy to attend with the least amount of travel. We were in Washington, Idaho, Colorado, Nevada, and Southern California. In 2011 we will be meeting in different locations.

We heard from some clergy who did not know about the sessions until the very last minute. We hope to improve on that next year. That is where Community Spiritual Directors are so important. Since I do not have the emails of all the clergy related to the various communities we depend on you to let the clergy in your area know about the sessions. Thank you for doing this.

The first certificates have been sent out to clergy. It is our goal to have each person who is qualified receive a certificate this next year.

There may be some circumstances where it might be wise for me to come and do a clergy session separate from the laity. If you think would be beneficial for you, please contact me and we can work something out. My email is: greilich21@sbcglobal.net.

Have a joyous Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

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Leadership Development Event Curriculum

*We will be presenting the Year Two Curriculum in 2011,
but will be happy to discuss any of these issues with your community
on an individual basis if requested.*

Each Leadership Development Event includes Clergy Certification

YEAR ONE

Servant Leadership
Board of Directors
4th Day/Next Steps
Core Elements
Sponsorship
Clergy/ Laity Partners
Behind the Scenes
Team Selection

YEAR TWO

Servant Leadership
Board of Directors
4th Day/Next Steps
Sponsorship
Table Dynamics
3 Day Event

YEAR THREE

Servant Leadership
Board of Directors
4th Day/Next Steps
Core Elements
Sponsorship
Weekend LD/Team Formation
Emmaus/Chrysalis & Church

EMMAUS/CHRYSLIS CURRENT MANUALS

WALK TO EMMAUS

	<u>PRINTING</u>	<u>YEAR</u>
Coordinators Manual	2 nd	2006
Team Manual	2 nd	2009
Three Day Schedule	4 th	2010
Directors Manual	4 th	2009
Handbook	3 rd	2008
Talk Outlines	4 th	2010

CHRYSLIS

Coordinators Manual	4 th	2010
Team Manual	4 th	2007
Three Day Schedule	1 st	2009
Directors Manual	5 th	2008
Handbook	1 st	2002
Talk Outlines	4 th	2010

One pilgrim to another....

In their words...

"The Leadership Development was such a great opportunity to review what we knew and to learn something new. The history of Emmaus was a wonderful piece. It was an excellent overview of the essential elements to keep a community strong. I appreciate your (Regional Leaders) support."

"I have learned more in this one day about Walk to Emmaus than I ever could read about in the manuals. Personal contact with our Western Region and International staff is a great help!"

"I found the information presented to be most informative. I intend to share this with the rest of my board and community. I learned the value of uniformity in the program, the vision, the methods, to insure the experience remains true to the vision.

This was an inspiring training experience!"

It was the first time that I really saw a much bigger picture of the gift of the reunion card...It is a multi-layered tool for guiding the group not only at each individual meeting, but over time, through the Holy Spirit.

The whole training opened my eyes to a much bigger picture of how God is using this movement... I have to admit that I was skeptical about what new information I might gain to warrant giving up yet another Saturday. Then I was reminded that God always blesses my Emmaus experiences, and the training turned out to be very helpful and it provided me with all kinds of new information. It is also a good relationship building time when we eat and snack."

LEADERSHIP
DEVELOPMENT

"This is an opportunity you need to take advantage of.

I promise you will hear something new.

You will learn something new.

And you will be renewed!"

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Please feel free to contact any of these leaders with questions, concerns, or suggestions. It is our privilege to serve together and with you.

OUR VISION:

FOURTH DAY LEADERS EMBODYING CHRIST

OUR MISSION:

**EMPOWER LEADERS THROUGH
EMMAUS AND CHRYSALIS
TO BE THE HANDS AND FEET
OF CHRIST.**

CHRYSALIS NEWS

We are informing all Chrysalis Communities of the voting for change the name of HOOTS. This will be done in January. The 3 finalists are

JUMP

JAM

RUSH

Check Upper Room website for details.

As we celebrate this Christmas season

Let us never forget that we have the BEST present there is to give:

We have the amazing, ever enduring love of our Heavenly Father.

We have the life changing hope of the risen Christ.

We have the ever living presence of the Holy Spirit.



For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom his whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that our of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together will all the saints to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge - that you may be filled to the measure of the fullness of God.

Ephesians 3: 14 - 19

Let's Change Our World This Christmas - give only the best!