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# The Fishnet



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**From the Community Director:**

Brothers and Sisters,

I have been working these Walks To Emmaus for almost ten years now. And as I prepare for yet another Walk, I have been doing a little introspection and thought I'd share some of what I've learned.

As I look back on my faith walk, I can see just how far I've moved from where I was and see just how much further I have to go. My Walk was a wake up call that helped me understand just how little I knew about myself, my faith, about the heart of Jesus, and God's desire to draw me close to Him. I will continue to veer off and stumble from time to time but I know His voice now, and I'm working on a more faithful and deeper walk with my Savior.

I've known His blessing and provision in my life and I thank Him constantly. My wife, my boys, family, friends and the people who are part of my life, have enriched it in ways that I could never have imagined. And through it all, I see God's hand in my life, guiding and leading me along the path I have walked. I know that some of the choices that I've made in my life, have disappointed. That the pain I have caused has wounded His heart. And yet, God forgives and loves me still.

All that I know and understand about who God is, what He desires of me and for me, is reflected in you. I have come to appreciate that Jesus is in your face, in your words and actions, and in your reassuring touch and encouragement. I am in His presence when I am with you.

And I pray that you feel a little of the same way I do when I am with you.

We love because He loved us first,

Dan Bojorquez  
Community Director

**From Our Community Spiritual Director:**

I came across a short though beautiful prayer recently, which communicates honestly our need to be open to the Spirit's leading rather than asserting our will about tomorrow. I think of it in terms of our upcoming Walks.

*Lord, I know not what I ought to ask of thee; thou only knowest what I need. . . . I simply present myself before thee and I open my heart to thee.*

*Lead me onward as you would wish. Amen.*

The Spirit will move and we need to open ourselves to that movement and grab hold so we move with it. We might not know what to ask, but the Lord knows what to provide. Let's strip away the blocks and welcome the weekend's work with anticipation of marvelous things.

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Rev. Dr. Walter Dilg



De Colores Channel Islands Emmaus Community! God is indeed in His house!! He continues to abundantly provide for us, and has been actively present with us during our very full and rewarding team meetings. Thank you for the opportunity to be the Lay Director! You've truly blessed me, and I'm having an absolutely wonderful time!! God is so good to us all of the time.

Our focus continues to be on what God wants for the pilgrims He is bringing to Walk 38. Please focus your agape on the pilgrims. The team already went on their walk, and we know you are holding our hearts in your prayers, and we cherish your prayers. Our team is up to 60, which includes two men, and 11 lovely angels will be joining us during the walk.

Since we will have up to 30 pilgrims on the walk (and several ladies cannot accommodate the stairs) we are planning to have pilgrims sleep on the main floor, the same floor as the Talk Room. Normally our Support Team sleeps on the main floor. Please note: this means there should be no knocking on the door off the parking lot ramp after 9 PM or prior to 7 AM, use the Trotter Hall outside entrance. And 30-minutes after Candlelight we will say "good night" to the community, since pilgrims will be going to their sleep rooms.

Ladies, for Flower Shower, please enter through Trotter Hall. We will have to be extra quiet to ensure not waking up our pilgrims.

Please contact Sandy Swink at [swinkscreations@earthlink.net](mailto:swinkscreations@earthlink.net) or 805-526-8154 if you'd like to sign-up for an hour during the 72-Hour Prayer Vigil.

Servant for Christ,

Janel Suliga

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(emergency contact number during the walk)

**I can do all things through Christ,  
who strengthens me.**

- Philippians 4:13

De Colores my Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

We had our first team building for Walk 38 on Saturday, Jan 12th and we had a great turnout. As I was becoming reacquainted with old and new friends, I was reminded of how God so richly blesses us with so many good friends. Our Emmaus community is like a very close-knit family, full of humble, hard working, compassionate and supportive people that Love serving their God by serving others. We have been blessed so far with a mighty team of Godly men who will be serving the pilgrims that God is providing so abundantly. Our next 2 team buildings are scheduled for Jan 26th and Feb. 9th and there is room for more workers if you would like to join us. Walk 38 is just one month away and I invite all the men in our community to come and work and see how God will not only bless the pilgrims - but also bless you for your humble spirit and servants heart. Please pray for the team and the pilgrims that they will all remain healthy for the walk, and the pilgrims will experience God's Love and Grace in a very powerful way.

I look forward to working alongside all of you, as we seek God's will for this walk together.

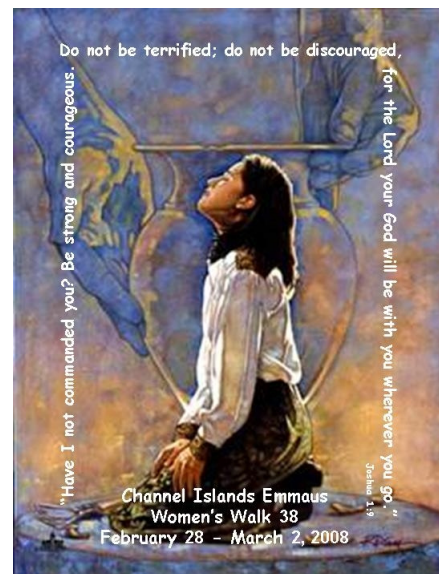
In his service,

Richard Lolley

Lay Director, Men's Walk #38

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**Men's Walk Pilgrims:**

Chris Benedict  
Boyd Donovan  
Ralph Duchacek  
Chris Fotsch  
Steve Gilger  
Greg Goulart  
Kent Hamilton  
Kris Hassell  
Al Herrera  
Hugh Hopkins  
Mark Horowitz  
Damian Lindo  
John C Marshall  
Mike Montross  
Joey Ortega  
Steve Rainer  
Brian Rains  
Edgar Ramirez  
Brian Thibeault  
Benjamin Wolf  
Alan  
Zimmerman  
Walter Claudio  
Zungri

Please check the  
Channel Islands  
Emmaus website

[www.emmausci.org](http://www.emmausci.org)

for any last-  
minute changes  
to the  
final Pilgrim list.

**Men's Team:**

Jim Anglin  
Dave Berg  
Steven Blasingame  
Dan Bojorquez  
Larry Brown  
Craig Brown  
David Brown  
Rick Bushong  
Larry Carlson  
Drew Cartwright  
Jeff Cheadle  
Dan David  
Ken DeVore  
Walt Dilg  
Paul Dixon  
David Eseke  
David Faulkner  
Darrel Felkner  
Bob Ferguson  
Kevin Ferguson  
Dick French  
Steven Fuesler  
Paul Giddings  
Tom Harper  
Dave Heiss  
Gene Holsclaw  
Tom Hundley  
Scott Hunter  
Chuck Iacobellis  
Tevis Johnson  
Scott Junge  
Tom King  
Paul Krieg  
Charles Laing  
Richard Lolley  
Glenn Lowes  
John Luis  
Cliff McMullen

**Men's Team: cont'd**

Rob Nowakowski  
Steve Peralta  
David Pierce  
Robert Pierce  
Brad Resare  
Roberto Rivera  
David Rogers  
Walter Romero  
Ken Seeley  
Joe Simonson  
Rick Slater  
Tim Snyder  
Scott Spindel  
Patrick St. Clair  
Dan St. Pierre  
Ken Suliga  
Mark Swink  
Darrell Tate  
Andy Thompson  
Jim Torgeson  
Ray Ulmer  
Bruce Wade  
Sid Ward  
Bill Williams  
LeRoy Wojciechowski  
**Women's Team:**  
Oleta Bennett  
Cathy Bojorquez  
Jan Burrus  
Ruthie Burrus  
Judy Caldwell  
Julianne Carlson  
Jeanne Catlett  
Jeff Cheadle  
Peg Cheadle  
Janet Chu-Hooker  
Carol Conner  
Kim Crane-Anglin  
Barbara Crowdis  
Jeanne David

**Women's Team cont'd:**

Carolyn DeVore  
Katrina Dixon  
Alice Duckett  
Heidi Eseke  
Tanya Ferguson  
Linda French  
Ann Fries  
Grace Fuesler  
Cheryl Giddings  
Linda Graul  
Shannon Ham  
Lynne Hartley  
Alma Hawkins  
Cavalain Hawkins  
Jackie Holsclaw  
Patty Hunter  
Sharon Hurd  
Gina Junge  
Giovan King  
Beverly Kirkhart  
Michele Krieg  
Diane Kunz  
Helen Lowes  
Marian Lydick  
Linda McCabe  
Jean McMullen  
Judy Messerschmidt  
Jan Newton  
Gina Nicolas  
Marlyn Nicolas  
Kathy Pierce  
Diana Rainer  
Morena Romero  
Pam Scott  
Midge Seeley  
Linda St.Clair  
Ernestine Stansbery  
Janel Suliga  
Sandy Swink  
Saba Tewolde  
Sally Thompson  
Joanna Ulmer  
Kathy Wade  
Diane White  
Christine Wilson  
Sandi Wilson

**Women's Walk Pilgrims:**

Lynn Abrams  
Amelia "Mimi"  
Burns  
Jann Duchacek  
Dori Fotsch  
Danielle Giddings  
Paige Goulart  
Linda Hamilton  
Eileen Hazeltine  
Robin Herrera  
Laura Jean Hole  
Pamela Hopkins  
Kate Horowitz  
Andrea Kohagen  
Annie Lindo  
Barbara M  
Marshall  
Connie Molino  
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Montgomery  
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Debbie Smith  
Lisa Noel Smith  
Nancy Morse  
Thibeault  
Maureen Toner  
Linda Valdes  
Sara Ann Wolf  
Angela Zungri

## 4th Day Gatherings

De Colores! We have a number of Community events planned for this coming year: Walk Reunions in March and August at Ventura First United Methodist Church, the May Picnic at a local park in Ventura, and a November Potluck in Valencia. We are also trying to start up Regional Gatherings in Ventura, the Santa Clarita Valley, Santa Barbara, and Simi Valley/Thousand Oaks.

These gatherings are meant to emphasize fellowship and sharing of your 4th Day experience. We need volunteers to form the Regional Gathering Committees. Each Committee will plan, organize, and host a Gathering twice a year - about a month after each Walk Reunion. Committees will decide the date of the Gathering, where it will be, what time, and what you'll be doing. There's no set agenda or theme. This is an opportunity to fellowship at fun places in your own community, adding your own local flavor.

A committee is necessary to spread the work and responsibilities over several people. The concept isn't all that different when compared to putting on a Walk – the Committee is the Core Team.

Everyone loves to attend these kinds of events but it often falls on the same few to organize them. If you don't step up to help, I'm afraid that these much needed events will not happen.

Call me (Dan Bojorquez) today if you'd like to help at (805) 794-2853.

## Prayer: Email Guidelines

All of us understand the importance of prayer in our own spiritual life and growth. Because of that many of us have asked the whole of our Community to pray for our special needs through the Channel Islands Emmaus Prayer Chain. We offer up prayers for our family, our loved ones, and people whom we barely know, for the healing of fragile bodies and hearts, for wisdom and discernment. And we have all been blessed by God's answer to many of those prayers – healing, peace after a difficult decision, a new job - to name a few.

Because of the value we attach to prayer, it should never be treated as a way to gossip or used as a voyeuristic window into anyone's personal life. In the past we have received and sent out prayer requests that contained some very personal information. Recently there was even an instance where a prayer request contained some incorrect personal info and caused a lot of hurt when it was sent out. As a result, the CIE Board was asked to develop some simple guidelines to be widely distributed among the Community and used by the Prayer Chain Coordinator. The Board prayerfully considered the guidelines and regrets that they are being used, but even one unintentional incident is one too many. The guidelines are as follows:

Prayer requests from a CIE Community member for themselves, spouse, and family members will be forwarded automatically. Personal and medical details may be included.

Prayer requests from a CIE Community member for another CIE Community member or a third party will be forwarded automatically provided that it is non-specific or general in nature, and that it contains no personal/medical details. The requestor may be asked, by the Prayer Chain Coordinator or other Board member, to revise portions of the prayer request before sending out to the Community.

Prayer requests from a CIE Community member for another CIE Community member or a third party with personal/medical details included will be returned to sender for permission from the person the prayer request is for, or revision (to remove details) before sending it out to the Community.

The following prayer requests will not be forwarded

Requests from an unknown source or sender.

Requests from anyone for a second party regarding a third party that includes personal/medical details.

Requests that address issues of serious criminal action (murder, abuse, rape, etc.), including accusations or mention of pending legal action.

Personal details include: Illness, financial problems, death in family, job change, "family problems", general depression, etc.

Medical details include: specific cancers (leukemia, ovarian, prostate, liver, etc); medical procedures, clinical depression, etc.

The Board's intent in implementing these new guidelines is to continue for warding prayer requests to a caring and prayerful Community that does not cause pain to those whom we lift up to God. And if it happens that your prayer request or someone else's doesn't go out, know that God hears all of our prayers. He knows our hearts. May God bless each of you and keep you in the palm of His hand.

Dan Bojorquez

## Got an Opinion? Let's Hear It!

All of us received a Pilgrim Cross when we went on our Walk. You know, the rainbow colored lanyard with the "Christ is counting on you" cross. Well I was recently informed that we currently have enough of our traditional lanyards to supply all Walk #38 and possibly all of Walk #39 Pilgrims.

The reason for this article was originally to solicit Knitters within our Community to agape more of these lanyards. But after discussing this issue with another Board member, I was asked "Do we want to change the look of our Community's Pilgrim crosses?" Being a fairly traditional, "we've always done it that way", kind of guy, the thought would never have occurred to me.

The rainbow lanyard is as much a standard of the Emmaus movement as the rooster. Someone once mentioned that they wore their cross when traveling and was greeted with a "DeColores!" There is tradition to be considered.

On the other hand, change is good. One suggestion was to switch over to what Chrysalis is using – a tan leather lanyard with 3 or 4 large rainbow colored wood beads on each side of the same cross. It costs less in materials and could be made by someone on Core Team (Prayer Agape, LD and ALDs) as they pray for the Pilgrims.

Regardless of the options and alternatives, the Board would like to know your thoughts and opinions on the matter. So we are asking you to take part in an e-mail survey. The two choices are:

- 1) Keep the rainbow colored lanyard, or
- 2) Change to the Chrysalis lanyard, or
- 3) Change to describe your design.

Remember, this is just a survey. But it does give the Board some idea of what you think. You can send your vote by e-mail to me at

[dcbojorquez@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dcbojorquez@sbcglobal.net).

In the subject line type "CIE Lanyard Survey" or your e-mail will wind up in my spam folder. The survey will be open until Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. Looking forward to hearing from you. De Colores!

## Sponsorship:

### A Success Story in the Making!

Praise God! Through prayer, outreach and the leading of the Holy Spirit, our Community has made the turn with regard to Sponsorship. As of this writing (before the 3<sup>rd</sup> Team Building), we have 21 male and 27 female Pilgrims for Walk #38. With one more opportunity to approve applications for this Walk, I anticipate a full Walk. Yea!

But that doesn't mean that we should let up on our efforts and rest on our laurels. Nooo.

You need to seek out who in your church communities could benefit from a closer walk with Jesus. Who in your small groups needs to experience God's grace and love in a whole new way? Who in your social circles is in need of a weekend of spiritual renewal? And after you've identified who those people are in your lives, you should write down their names on a 3x5 card and place it in your Bible so you can pray for them and ask whether God wants them to attend a Walk. Then once you've prayed about it and have received your answer, talk to them about your experience at Emmaus. Take them to one of our many Dessert Nights. Then pray some more. Pray that Jesus will speak to their hearts in the quiet and contemplative moments of their day. Pray that the Holy Spirit will lead married couples to talk to each other about enriching their lives and agree to attend out of agape love for one another. Pray that God will call them from their own private wilderness to the foot of the cross.

Good sponsorship begins with you and your own faith walk. If you are humble and faithful, prayerful and obedient, trusting and waiting upon the Lord, God will place people in your lives and open your eyes to who they are. "We live by faith, not by sight."

Dan Bojorquez

## Walk 38 Events the Community is Invited to Support

### Men's Weekend

Sponsors Hour - Thursday, February 21, 8pm, Sanctuary

Candlelight - Saturday, February 23, 8pm, Sanctuary

Flower Shower - Sunday, February 24, 5:45am, Small Chapel Courtyard

Closing - Sunday, February 24, 2:30pm, Sanctuary

### Women's Weekend

Sponsors Hour - Thursday, February 28, 8pm, Sanctuary

Candlelight - Saturday, March 1, 8pm, Sanctuary

Flower Shower - Sunday, March 2, 5:45am, Small Chapel Courtyard

Closing - Sunday, March 2, 2:30pm, Sanctuary

### Walk 38 Reunion

Saturday, March 15, 3—6 pm



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