

# Rooster Tales



**April 2023 - Special Edition: AZ Walk to Emmaus in CRISIS!**

Our Dear Emmaus Brothers and Sisters,

Since 1985 we have held 258 Walks as well as Chrysalis and Kairos weekends and have had close to 9,000 people participate. Through the hard work of our Emmaus brothers and sisters, we have been bringing people to a stronger relationship with Christ and making Christian leaders step up into the roles to which God has led them.

The Arizona Walk to Emmaus cannot exist without the hard work of our Board members, and the service of the Teams. It is a true labor of love, and one that many of us have been blessed to experience.

There have been multiple calls for new board members and sadly, nobody has stepped up. For this reason, the board has made the difficult decision to suspend Walks until we again have a full board. In addition, if we are unable to fill the positions by **June 1, 2023**, we may have to disband the AZ Walk to Emmaus.

In order for Emmaus to continue, the following board positions **must** be filled:

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| * <b>Community Lay Director Elect</b> | * <b>Secretary</b>                    |
| * <b>Communications</b>               | * <b>Community Spiritual Director</b> |

In addition, we will also need to fill the following positions: 3-Day, Gathering Chair, Southern Representative and Chrysalis Chair.

If we disband, the AZ Walk to Emmaus can be reinstated at a later time, but we will then fall under the National Upper Room guidelines. When the Upper Room adopted Emmaus, Arizona's version was grandfathered in and we were able to continue many of the flavors of Emmaus that are unique to Arizona. If we disband and reinstate at a later time, we will lose many of those elements we love, which include but are not limited to:

- Banners for the Pilgrims
- Bibles for the Pilgrims
- Cookies as part of the weekend
- Individual gifts for Pilgrims
- The Sermon on the Mount
- Stations of the Cross Thursday Night
- Crosses will be provided by Upper Room, rather than the unique ones we currently receive

These are all elements of the Walk that are unique to Arizona, and not part of the Upper Room Walk to Emmaus manual for sponsoring Walks.

This is not a decision that is being made lightly or in haste, but the reality is that a small number of people cannot provide the manpower needed to organize and provide an Emmaus Weekend.

We ask that you be in prayer for our current board members, for future board members, and to ask if God is calling you to answer this plea. **Anyone who is part of the Emmaus community is eligible to serve.** If interested in being a part of the board or if you have questions, please email [registrar.azwalk2emmaus@gmail.com](mailto:registrar.azwalk2emmaus@gmail.com) or [Secretary.azwalk2emmaus@gmail.com](mailto:Secretary.azwalk2emmaus@gmail.com).

In Christ~Your AZ Walk to Emmaus Board

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