

BYLAWS  
Of the  
MIDWEST CROSSROADS EMMAUS COMMUNITY, INC.

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ARTICLE 1. NAME

The name of this community shall be the Midwest Crossroads Emmaus Community, Inc., hereinafter referred to as the Community.

ARTICLE 11. PURPOSE

Section 1. The object of the Community shall be to inspire, challenge, and equip church members for Christian action, in their homes, churches, places of work, and the world community through the Emmaus experience.

Section 2. The Community is affiliated with the National Emmaus Program of The Upper Room, Nashville, Tennessee.

ARTICLE 111. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. All persons who have completed a weekend experience of the Walk to Emmaus sponsored by an Upper Room Emmaus Community shall be members of the Community.

Section 2. Persons who have completed a Walk to Emmaus, Cursillo, Great Banquet, or Tres Dias weekend may become members by participating in the activities of the Midwest Crossroads Emmaus Community, Inc. and asking the secretary or registrar of the Community to include their names in the mailing list.

ARTICLE IV. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Purpose

Direction of the Community shall be vested in a Board of Directors.

Section 2. Composition

The Board will consist of seventeen (17) elected lay members, the Midwest Crossroads Emmaus Community Spiritual Director, and two (2) other clergy of the Walk to Emmaus.

Section 3. Terms of Office

a) Laypersons on the Board shall be elected by the Community members in three (3) year terms. Nomination procedures will be prescribed in writing as a standing rule by

the Board. Election shall be determined by a majority or plurality of votes actually cast.

- b) Board Members cannot succeed themselves in consecutive terms.
- c) Terms of office shall begin January 1<sup>st</sup> and shall terminate December 31<sup>st</sup>, except for officers who shall serve until election of new officers in July as provided in Section 5.

Section 4. Officers

Officers shall be the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, and Treasurer; and in case of absences will chair meeting in this order. The Vice —Chairperson must be eligible to serve an additional term on the Board and serve as the Chairperson if elected to that post. Officers can accept responsibility of a Work Area in addition to an elected position on the Board.

Section 5. Election of Officers

Officers shall be elected annually by the Board of Directors at the January meeting for a one-year term of office effective with the close of the January meeting.

Section 6. Meetings

The Board shall meet monthly in regular meetings unless otherwise ordered by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board in a regular meeting or unless the Community Lay Director reschedules the meeting.

Section 7. Quorum

Ten (10) members of the Board of Directors present at a duly called meeting shall constitute a quorum.

Section 8. Spiritual Director

The Spiritual Director of the Community shall be selected by the Board of Directors annually. Term of office shall begin January 1<sup>st</sup>. The Spiritual Director may be replaced during the term by ten (10) affirmative votes.

Section 9. Special Meetings

Special Board meeting may be called by the Chairperson upon his/her own initiative or when requested in writing by ten (10) members of the Board.

Section 10. Vacancies on the Board

The Board may elect persons, upon nomination by the Chairperson, to fill vacancies until the next regular election. Such persons are eligible for election by the Community at such regularly election.

## ARTICLE V. COMMITTEES

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall name Board members to chair the following committees: Gatherings, Registration, Site Coordination Gathering, Sound/Video, Day Packet, Prayer Chain, Community Services, Quarter Master, Communication, Book Table, Team Selection, Newsletter, Music/Entertainment.

## ARTICLE VI. WALK TO EMMAUS

- Section 1. The Community shall follow the guidelines of the Upper Room Walk to Emmaus program in the formation of the three-day (72-hours) experience "Walk to Emmaus." The guidelines are attached hereto.
- Section 2. The Board of Directors shall have general oversight in all matters relating to the local Walk to Emmaus Community.
- Section 3. The Board of Directors shall choose a Lay Director for each Community Walk to Emmaus weekend.
- Section 4. The Spiritual Director for each Community Walk to Emmaus shall be selected by the Community Spiritual Director after consultation with the Board.

## ARTICLE VII. AMENDMENTS

Proposed amendments may be presented to the Board by any member of the Board one (1) month in advance of consideration by the Board. If the amendments are voted in the affirmative by a three-fourths (3/4) vote they will be circulated to the membership by the Community Newsletter and if no petitions signed by at least twenty-five (25) community members objecting to the new amendments are received, the amendments will be considered adopted. Any objections must be received within sixty (60) days of the mailing of the notification. If an objection petition is received the amendment will be considered voided. If the Board then wishes to submit the amendment to the entire Community for a vote it may do so. A majority or plurality of votes cast by the membership will decide the matter.

## ARTICLE VIII. RATIFICATION

The Bylaws are to take effect immediately upon certification of the Board that a majority of the mail ballot of the Community approves them.