

AUCKLAND EMMAUS COMMUNITY
COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR NEWSLETTER

Greetings to you all. This year has already started and as some of you are aware we have had some communication glitches which we will be trying to sort out before the next Board meeting but before that we have some items that need to be communicated to the Community hence the need for this Mini Newsletter.

The Board is operating with a small number of volunteers but there are positions that need filling urgently, if you feel able to help us in these areas please let me know urgently. We need a Treasurer and someone to compile our Newsletter.

The Teams for Walks #33 and #34 are currently undergoing their training, we have full teams for both walks but we are lacking pilgrims. At the first Training day I issued a challenge to each team member to find someone to sponsor one pilgrim for one of the walks. Given that there were 30 people there that would make 30 pilgrims without any pilgrims from other areas of the community. Please consider who you could sponsor in the next week and get those names to Janet Huddleston as soon as possible.

The next Gathering is being held at Meadowlands Methodist Community Church on 29th March at 5:30pm beginning with a Pot Luck Dinner. At this gathering the prayer Vigil will be available, copies can be taken away and names are to be added further details will be explained at the gathering.

The walks this year will be run under the new instructions from the Upper Room and one of the changes that we would like to bring in is the "Sponsors hour", this is at the beginning of the walk where the sponsors arrive at the venue with the pilgrims. There are 3 tasks for the sponsor of pilgrims

- Make sure the Pilgrim arrives at the venue before 7pm for registration
- Ensure that their bed is set up and their belongings are in the cottages.
- Bring your pilgrim into the venue where tea and coffee are being served, by this time team members should be milling around to ensure that conversation is started. Ensure that your pilgrim has found someone to chat to and around 7:25pm say good bye. At this time the team should begin to be in control and will lead the Pilgrims away to the next venue. At this stage all sponsors should retire to the Prayer Chapel for the Praying over the crosses this should take no longer than 20minutes

I encourage you all to hold in prayer the upcoming walks and where possible participate where ever you can to ensure that the pilgrims are moved closer to God in their walk with the Lord.

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