



**BRISBANE NORTH COAST
EMMAUS COMMUNITY
NEWSLETTER
March 2018**

Team Commissing

will be held:-

When: 5.30pm on Saturday, 10th March, 2018.

Where: Morayfield Uniting Church

Who: all members of Emmaus BNC Community, i.e. **YOU**

See you there!

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Northern Gathering

***Saturday 7th April 2018 - Maryborough Uniting Church
4pm Gathering followed by Shared Basket Tea***



From our Community Lay Director

Hasn't this month flown by quickly? It seems like yesterday I was writing my spiel for last month's newsletter.

Anyhow, may I encourage you to attend this month's Gathering at Morayfield Community Church as we commission the teams for Walks #99 and #100. These team members have stepped up on behalf of the community to demonstrate God's love to the pilgrims of Walks #99 & #100. So I do ask that you try to find the time to come and support them at their commissioning. We will also be commissioning the team for the first Face To Face Encounter. This is an exciting new program developed by The Upper Room which we have the privilege of piloting in Australia. The Face to Face team would also love your support and encouragement as they take a step of faith and participate in this new venture.

Speaking about the Emmaus Walks, have you been praying about who you could sponsor? We cannot run walks without pilgrims. If you do not have anyone you can sponsor for these walks, maybe you could provide financial support to a pilgrim or team member. If you would like to contribute financially, please let the board or Lay Directors know. Alternatively, you can make a donation through the offering collected at the gatherings or electronically via direct debit into the Emmaus bank account.

I ask that you continue to pray for the Walks and the teams as they continue their preparations. Pray also for the Face To Face Encounter and its team as they commence their training.

The National Emmaus Conference will in Adelaide from 13 to 15 April 2018. Please pray for all involved as they meet to share experiences and discuss the Emmaus movement in Australia. The board will be spending time praying for this and our community this month before the gathering instead of having a board meeting. Prayer has always been the foundation of the Emmaus movement and we believe that prayer is vital to keeping our community vibrant.

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Andrew Krosch



From our Community

Spiritual Director

To sanctify is literally "to set apart for special use or purpose," figuratively "to make holy or sacred," and etymologically from the Latin verb sanctificare which in turn is from sanctus "holy" and facere "to make."

Wow! Have you ever read the meaning of things you thought you knew, or thought that were too difficult to comprehend, I think sometimes we think we know and because of this we fail to do any follow through research on the subject. Now I think that this doesn't just hold for things of God in our life, but for any number of things; like baking and football opposite ends of the spectrum.

However, I am always looking up the meanings of words and new situations or cultures I come across in my readings, it is an interesting pastime, but as we come to these next Walks and as the teams train and work on all areas of the Walks, I thought it was a great topic to look at Sanctification. Sanctification is a biblical doctrine that is emphasized a great deal in Christian teaching. Yet despite its importance, it is often perceived as a religious notion too complex to comprehend. Though sanctification may at first seem to be a foreign concept, it is one of the greatest things that has and is happening to every believer in Jesus Christ. Sanctification plays a key role in a Christian's spiritual growth.

Sanctification comes from the verb sanctify. Sanctify originates from the Greek word *hagiazō*, which means to be "separate" or to be "set apart." In the Bible, sanctification generally relates to a sovereign act of God whereby He "sets apart" a person, place, or thing in order that His purposes may be accomplished. We read of many things set apart by God from Exodus, where God sanctifies a place of worship. "And there I will meet with the children of Israel, and the tabernacle shall be sanctified by My glory," Exodus 29:43. Even a day can be sanctified as seen in Genesis 2:3 where the seventh day is "set apart" as a holy day of rest. "Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made."

Similarly, when a person is sanctified he or she is being set apart by God for a specific divine purpose. This is where as an Emmaus Community when we Commission our Teams and Leaders we 'set them apart' for a divine purpose. Our work is of God; just as in the very moment we are saved in Christ we are

also immediately sanctified and begin the process of being conformed to the image of Christ. As God's children we are "set apart" from that moment to carry out His divine purposes unto eternity. Hebrews 10:14 says, "For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified."

To each one who has answered the call to be part of these Walks you have been 'set apart' by God for a divine purpose, to be the very best we can be for the Pilgrims who will come.

Please continue to pray for our teams and the leaders and for those pilgrims who will come. Pray for whom God is 'setting you apart to sponsor' and give the opportunity to know our God more.



Margaret Niethe

Men's Walk # 99

Can you believe it's March already? I wish I could give news of how the Team Formation day went, but this was typed up a few days prior to I being held.

However, speaking of team, there have been some new faces come on board!!

Dave Thomas has rounded up a great team of Spiro's with Ken Steer, Neil Storey & Justin Lipiatt coming on board, I'm really looking forward to serving with all these guys. Anita Nivala/Williams has put up her hand to provide us with music, but....we do need a praise leader.

We now have a full team of table leaders/assistant table leaders with Jono Handreck joining us. I do feel blessed, we have what I consider a young, energetic team.

Please start thinking about how you may be personally involved in both the upcoming walks, from committing to the Prayer Vigil or even serving in the Dining Room (if you have never done this before it's a great way to get to know other members of the community). Carol King is the Dining room coordinator (for the men's walk), if you do feel you would like to help, Carol can be contacted on 0403 549 858.

Please Keep Helen & myself in your prayers, and both teams as well, and pray for leading as to who you may sponsor on these Walks.

Wayne Morrison

Women's Walk # 100

Our preparation for Walk No. 100 is well a truly underway. We had a great Formation Day where those who didn't know each other were able to get to know one another in a relaxed situation. We have a complete Conference Room Team who are eager to share with the pilgrims.

We do need some help with Support Co-Ordinators – a couple of ladies who would like to work together or a couple who would like to do this very helpful job on our Walk or a lady who would be happy to work with Ray Nutley. Please contact Helen Nutley if you feel you are able to be involved in this way – 0407647796.

Now what we need are Pilgrims – registrations are very slow coming in and we wouldn't want anyone to miss out, this is an incredible opportunity to encourage people in their Christian growth and involvement in their local church.

The 48 hour prayer vigil is up and ready to go. Please go to the website and put your name down to pray for both Walks, prayer is extremely important from now until the end of each Walk.

Helen Nutley – Lay Director Walk #100
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The logo for 'De Colores' is written in a colorful, cursive font. The word 'De' is in red, 'Co' is in yellow, 'lo' is in green, and 'res' is in blue.

Face & Face Encounter #1

The Face to Face team is now complete with a worship team. It has been wonderful to see the Lord at work during the process of getting a team together and He has certainly provided the right people.

It has been encouraging to witness the enthusiasm of those who have committed to go on team and be a part of the first Face to Face Encounter. We are also starting to see enthusiasm from people who have been hearing about Face to Face. Our Logistics Coordinator, Karren has been doing a fantastic job of promoting the program. We ask the community to pray for Pilgrims and pray for the Face to Face team.

Speakers have finished their talks and their PowerPoint presentations and are preparing their hearts for our team formation days. I for one am, really looking

forward to hearing what God has had each speaker prepare. My personal prayer is that the talks will reach into the Pilgrim's hearts and encourage them to walk more closely with Jesus.

We are all very excited and looking forward to our Orientation day on Tuesday 6 March at Sandgate Uniting Church. Members of the Brisbane North Coast Emmaus Community are welcome to attend the Orientation day. Start time is 9.30 am sharp. The Orientation day will be led by the National Coordinator for Face to Face, Mr. Vince van Sant.

Wednesday 7 March will be our first full team formation day when we start critiquing the talks. Our second day of team formation will be Tuesday 13 March 2018.

The team are looking forward to attending our normal monthly gathering on 10 March, 2018 at Morayfield Uniting Church, at 5.30pm for commissioning. The teams of the upcoming Men's Emmaus Walk and Women's Emmaus Walk will also be commissioned on the same night. It would be really great to see the community support all three teams by attending the gathering in great numbers.

Face to Face Encounter #1 is now on the prayer vigil website. I encourage the community to sign up to the prayer vigil as soon as possible. Prayer is the power base of any ministry and it will be the case for Face to Face. I would also encourage community members to sign up for the Prayer Vigils for Men's Emmaus Walk #99 and Emmaus Women's walk #100.

At the time of preparing this article, I'm delighted to advise we have our first pilgrim sign up for Face to Face and other interested people requesting Application Forms.

I would ask the Community to not just consider sponsoring but to commit to praying for pilgrims for Face to Face. We will have 6 tables, 3 for women and 3 for men. That means at least 18 women and 18 men. We will be trying to keep a fairly even gender ratio.

Brisbane North Coast community please pray, pray and pray again. There can NEVER NEVER be too much prayer!

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Lyn Chalmers
Lay Director



Help Needed

- ✚ Pilgrims needed. Very few pilgrims are registered at present. Sponsorship is at the heart of Emmaus Walks. We have great Teams ready to go but we need your help. Enrolment forms available on the website or contact Lay Directors.
- ✚ Praise Leader needed. We are looking for a Praise Leader for the Men's Walk to work with Anita Nivala/Williams. Please contact Leanne Close 0414768329 if you are able to help or know someone who could.
- ✚ Support co-ordinators for the Women's Walk – either by yourself or bring a friend. We need one female or two people, one of which needs to be female.
- ✚ Help in the Dining Room. For the Men's Walk contact Carol King 0403 549 858. For the Women's Walk phone Judy Gallagher 0428 535 427.

Reunion Groups

We are in the process of updating our list of groups. If you belong to a Reunion Group, could you please forward to me at raynutley@tpg.com.au the name of your Group, when and where you meet and your contact details.

Thank you,

Ray Nutley

Reunion Co-Ordinator



For any prayer needs

that you wish to share with the Emmaus Community, please contact our Prayer Co-ordinator, Beryl Nielsen at berylnie@gmail.com or [0438488843](tel:0438488843)

2018 CALENDAR

DATE	TIME	PLACE	COMMENTS
10 February 2018	5:30pm	Morayfield Uniting Church, 12-16 Weier Road, Morayfield	Gathering & Commissioning of Lay Directors Walks #99 & #100 & Lay Director for Face to Face Encounter #1 (Board meeting prior)
10 March 2018	5.30pm	Morayfield Uniting Church, 12-16 Weier Road, Morayfield	Gathering & Commissioning teams for Walks #99 & #100 & Face to Face Encounter #1 (Board meeting prior)
7 April	4.00pm	Northern Gathering – Uniting Church 23 Sussex St Maryborough.	Basket tea to share following Gathering.
13-15 April 2018		National Conference, Adelaide	
19-22 April 2018		Frederick Marsden Youth Centre, 10 Narangbah Road, Kallangur	Men's walk #99
21 April 2018		Sandgate Uniting Church, 116 Board Street, Deagon	Gathering and Candlelighting for Men's walk #99
26-29 April 2018		Frederick Marsden Youth Centre, 10 Narangbah Road, Kallangur	Women's walk #100
28 April 2018		Sandgate Uniting Church, 116 Board Street, Deagon	Gathering and candlelighting for Women's walk #100
12 May 2018	5.30pm	Morayfield Uniting Church, 12-16 Board, Street, Morayfield	Walk Celebrations (Board meeting prior)
5 June 2018		Face to Face Encounter – Session 1 Sandgate Uniting Church, 116 Board Street, Deagon	
12 June 2018		Face to Face Encounter – Session 2 Sandgate Uniting Church, 116 Board Street, Deagon	
19 June 2018		Face to Face Encounter – Session 3 Sandgate Uniting Church, 116 Board Street, Deagon	
26 June 2018		Face to Face Encounter – Session 4 Sandgate Uniting Church, 116 Board Street, Deagon	
8 July 2018		TO BE ADVISED BUNDABERG/HERVEY BAY/MARYBOROUGH	GATHERING FOLLOWED BY POT LUCK DINNER
11 August 2018	5.30pm	Morayfield Uniting Church, 12-16 Board, Street, Morayfield	Gathering & Commissioning of Lay Directors for Walks #101 and #102 (Board meeting prior) (Board Nominations)
8 September 2018	5.30pm	Morayfield Uniting Church, 12-16 Board, Street, Morayfield	Gathering & Commissioning of teams for Walks #101 and #102 (Board meeting prior)
11 – 14 October 2018		Glendalough Outdoor Education Centre	Men's walk #101
13 October 2018		VENUE TO BE CONFIRMED	Gathering and Candlelighting for Men's walk #101
1 – 4 November 2018		Glendalough Outdoor Education Centre	Women's walk #102
3 November 2018		VENUE TO BE CONFIRMED	Gathering and Candlelighting for Women's walk #102
10 November 2018	5.30pm	Morayfield Uniting Church, 12-16 Board, Street, Morayfield	Walk Celebrations (Board meeting prior)