



PILGRIM INFORMATION

What is a Face to Face Encounter?

In Luke 24 we read the story of the risen Christ appearing to two disciples who were walking from Jerusalem to Emmaus. He explained the Scriptures, and their hearts were warmed. Their eyes were only fully opened to recognize Him when Christ took bread, blessed and broke it, then gave it to them. Filled with joy, they rushed back to Jerusalem to share the news with the other disciples.

This story provides the image of the Emmaus movement. The Emmaus movement came to Southern Africa in 1990 from the United Methodist Church in the USA, which in turn developed it from the Spanish Roman Catholic Cursillio de Cristiandad (a short course in Christianity), which started in the late 1940's. The Emmaus movement is true to Protestant theology, with some Methodist emphases, but is ecumenical in practice. The Emmaus movement is seeking to find authentic expression in the cultures of Africa, while retaining the wealth of Christian experience from other cultures. The said movement offers different programs, such as Emmaus Walks and Face to Face Encounters aimed at renewing and strengthening the faith of Christians all over the world.

Encounters are meant for Christians of all denominations who are in their senior stage of life; want to strengthen their spiritual lives; desire a deeper, more meaningful walk with the risen Christ; hope for Christ's love to be real in every relationship they have and wish to make a deeper impact on the world and their community of faith by living a life centred on Jesus.

The purpose of Face to face

The purpose of Face to Face is to resource a group within the Christian community to provide leadership for a spiritual formation experience for individuals and customised to meet the needs and requirements of senior citizens. Face to Face is portable and co-ed. The overarching theme is "Living in Grace."

Who should attend a Face to Face Encounter?

Face to Face is designed for people aged sixty and older who may be employed still, who may facing new challenges in life, have experienced the loss of a spouse or other loss, and for those facing end of life issues. Face to Face encounters are tailored to meet senior men and women on their own terms.

What happens on a Face to Face Encounter?

The duration of an encounter involves two (2) consecutive weeks of four (4) sessions on Thursdays and Saturdays from 09:00 for 09:00 until 15:30. People who will be attending a Face to Face Encounter will:

- Hear fourteen spiritual talks about God's grace and love over the course of 4 sessions;
- Participate in Holy Communion;
- Enjoy in-depth table discussions with people your age;
- Covering topics such as God's grace, grief, and end-of-life issues;
- Experience God's grace personally through prayer and service;
- Understand more fully the presence of Christ in the body of believers; and
- Meet new friends, enjoy good food and have a lot of fun!

What happens after a Face to Face Encounter?

One of the primary strengths of Face to Face Encounters is the follow up. Your Encounter lasts four sessions as explained, but you are invited to build on it for the rest of your life by expanding your spiritual life through study, by remaining involved at your local church and with fellow Christians and to be an ambassador for Christ wherever you are. To nurture this discipleship, Emmaus also offers specific opportunities:

- * Small "Reunion Groups" that meet regularly to maintain spiritual accountability.
- * Community Gatherings for fellowship and worship (± 10 annually).
- * Opportunities and training to serve on future Face to Face Encounter.

How to apply to participate in Emmaus:

The attached form needs to be completed the applicant.

Cost

The current cost of the four sessions is **R350.00**, which includes all material needed for the Encounter, refreshments and four (4) lunches, We ask that this amount be settled before the Encounter starts. In the event of it being necessary to cancel once you have been accepted on the Encounter, please let **the Registrar** know immediately so that the place can be offered to another person. The Encounter take place on 17/19 and 24/26 October 2019. Only 42 pilgrims (men and women) can be admitted to attend a Face to Face Encounter. Your application will be considered prayerfully and you will be informed once your application has been approved or is on hold for the next Encounter.

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SONVALLEY EMMAUS COMMUNITY

Payment can be made by deposit/EFT into the following Bank account
Son Valley Emmaus Community, Standard Bank, Benoni
Account no: 022419071 Branch code: 013042

Reference: F2F Name and Surname

2019 APPLICATION FORM (LEGIBLE CAPITAL LETTERS PLEASE – VERY NB!)

Title: _____ Surname: _____ Name by which you are called: _____

Postal address: _____ Code: _____

E-mail: _____ Home Language: _____

Phone (H): _____ (W): _____ Cell: _____

Date of birth: _____ (YYYY/MM/DD)

Marital Status: Married _____ Single _____

Please specify any conditions that might affect your participation: health, medication, special diet, mobility, disability, etc:

Church's Name: _____ Denomination: _____

Pastor/ Minister's name and surname: _____ Contact No: _____

Why do you wish to attend the Face to Face Encounter? _____

While you are on the Encounter it may be necessary to contact your family and home or a close friend. **Please give us the names and contact details of three close family members or friends**

1. Name: _____ Contact no: _____ E-mail: _____

2. Name: _____ Contact no: _____ E-mail: _____

I realized that the Face to Face Encounter is inter-denominational, and I am comfortable with the teachings and practices of the mainline churches. (Electronic submission implies signed consent)

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Date: _____

To be completed by person who invited the Pilgrim: (Only if relevant)

Name: _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____ Code: _____

Phone (H) _____ (W) _____ Cell: _____

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Paid by: cash / cheque / internet transfer Amount received: _____ Receipt no: _____ Date rec'd: ____/____/____

Letter e-mailed or mailed to sponsor & applicant on: ____/____/____

Confirmation of attendance: ____/____/____