

Springfield Area Emmaus

Each community must have its own local Emmaus Board of Directors. Insofar as they take responsibility for enabling Emmaus weekends in their locality, it is recommended that the Board be structured as a "Working Board" described in the outlines for Springfield Area Emmaus Board of Directors. The Board of Directors of each new Emmaus Community should adopt bylaws which set forth the structure and rules of operation for the Board of Directors. The bylaws which follow are those set forth for the Springfield Area Emmaus Communities, originally published September 16, 1992 and most recently revised at the _____, 2012 board meeting to be effective on _____, 2012.

BYLAWS OF THE SPRINGFIELD AREA EMMAUS COMMUNITY

Revised effective _____, 2012

ARTICLE I **NAME**

The name of this community shall be The Springfield Area Emmaus Community, hereinafter referred to as the Community.

ARTICLE II **PURPOSE**

Section 1. The object of the Community shall be to inspire, challenge and equip church members for Christian action in their home, 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.

Section 3. The Community is established for tax purposes as an organization of High Street United Methodist Church. As such, it uses the church's tax identification number and exemption status for purchases and to accept purchases and to accept tax deductible contributions. Any potential taxable event (i.e., employment, extended product sale, or related business income) should be discussed and approved by the Administrative Council of High Street United Methodist Church.

ARTICLE III **MEMBERSHIP**

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

Section 2. Persons who have completed a Walk to Emmaus in another Emmaus Community, *Chrysalis*, *Cursillo*, *Tres Dias*, *Kairos or Epiphany weekend, or a similar weekend (approved by the Board of Directors of the Springfield Area Emmaus Community as recognized by the Upper Room)* may become a member by participating in the activities of the Community and contacting the Community Lay Director, Leadership Chairperson, or Registrars of the Community to ask their name be added to the mailing list.

ARTICLE IV **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Section 1. *The purpose of the Springfield Area Emmaus Board of Directors is to govern the local Emmaus Community and to oversee the quality of the program. The Board of Directors is the link between the local Emmaus Community and the Upper Room.*

Section 2. The Board will consist of at least fifteen (15) elected lay members, as elected by the prescribed Nominating Guidelines.