

Lake Cumberland Area Emmaus/ Chrysalis Community Approved By-Laws December 2016

Article I. NAME

The name of this community shall be The Lake Cumberland Area Emmaus/Chrysalis Community.

Article II. PURPOSE

The purpose of this community shall be to inspire, challenge, and equip church people for Christian action in their homes, churches, places of work and the world community through the Emmaus experience. Emmaus/Chrysalis lifts up a way for our grace-filled life to be lived and shared with others.

Article III. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. All persons who have completed a weekend experience of the Walk to Emmaus or Chrysalis Flight sponsored by the Lake Cumberland Area Emmaus/Chrysalis community shall be members of the community.

Section 2. Persons who have completed a Walk to Emmaus, Cursillo, Tres Dias, Kairos, or Chrysalis weekend may become members by participating in the activities of the Lake Cumberland Area Emmaus/Chrysalis Community.

Article IV. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Purpose

Direction of the community shall be vested in a Board of Directors acting as faithful stewards of the community.

Section 2. Composition

The Board will consist of fifteen (15) elected adult community members, three (3) appointed Chrysalis youth members and two (2) adult community members elected as Chrysalis. The Editor of the community Newsletter, Registrar and Treasurer are selected by the Board and become full Board members as long as they hold that position. The community Spiritual Director is a full member of the Board for the duration of his/her term in that capacity.

Section 3. Terms of Office

- (a) The fifteen (15) adult members shall be elected by the Emmaus/Chrysalis Community members in three (3) panels of five (5) adults for three (3) year terms. The three (3) youth Chrysalis members and two (2) adult Chrysalis shall be elected by the Chrysalis members for three (3) year terms. The board will prescribe nomination procedures in writing as a standing rule. A majority or plurality of votes actually cast shall determine election.
- (b) The Newsletter Editor, Treasurer and Registrar serve at the pleasure of the Board and have no set term of office.
- (c) Elected Board members serve for three (3) years and cannot succeed themselves in consecutive terms. Board members appointed by a Board majority to fill an unexpired

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term of a vacated elected position may succeed themselves for one elected three (3) year term.

- (d) Terms of office shall begin January 1, and shall terminate December 31, except for officers who shall serve until election for new officer in January as provided in Section 5.

Section 4. Officers

Officers shall be the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, and Finance Chairperson. In case of absences these will chair in this order. The Vice-Chairperson must be eligible to serve an additional one-year term on the Board and be willing to serve as the Chairperson if elected to that post. Officers can accept responsibility of a work area in addition to being an officer of the Board.

Section 5. Election of Officers

Officers shall be elected annually by the Board of Directors at the January meeting for one (1) year term of office effective with the close of the January meeting. All officers can be elected for more than one term.

Section 6. Meetings

The Board shall meet monthly in a regular meetings unless otherwise ordered by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board in a regular meeting. Location of Board meetings will be determined by the board at the preceding meeting. Special Board meetings may be called in accordance with guidelines established by the Board.

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 Board of Directors shall select the Spiritual Director of the Community annually. Term of office shall begin January 1. The Spiritual Director may be replaced during the term if deemed necessary by the Board of Directors. The Spiritual Director of the community may serve consecutive one year terms, if elected.

Section 9. Immediate Past Chairperson

The immediate past chairperson of the board remains a member of the Board for one additional year of their normal term, whichever is longer.

Section 10. Routine Conduct of Community Activities

The Board officers may take steps to conduct routine community activities as long as no conflict with Board policies and such is necessary for effective for Community functioning. Such actions will be reported to the Board at the next meeting.

Section 11. Vacancies on the Board

The Board may elect persons to fill vacancies until the next regular election. Such persons are eligible for election by the Community at such regular election. Officers of the Board

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may be replaced by a Board election when it is determined that an officer can no longer effectively fulfill their duties.

ARTICLE V. COMMITTEES

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall name Board members to Chair the following committees; Gatherings and Reunions, Registration, Agape, Pastor Relations and Communion & Worship, Facilities and Arrangements, Kitchen, Weekend Supplies, Book Table, Upper Room Supplies, Leadership Training, Communications, Finance. Other committees may be established as needed.

Section 2. The Chairperson of the Board will be an ex-officio member of all standing Committees.

ARTICLES VI. WALK TO EMMAUS

Section 1. Guidelines

The Community shall follow the guidelines of The National Walk to Emmaus Program for the formation of the three (3) day (72) hour experience "Walk to Emmaus or Chrysalis". The Upper Room Handbook on Emmaus/Chrysalis shall be used as a guide to help in planning an Emmaus/ Chrysalis weekend. Any activity or change planned for an Emmaus/Chrysalis weekend which is not covered by these manuals, it must be approved by the Board prior to the event. The Board may develop standing rules that provide Community guidelines in instances where National guides are not applicable.

ARTICLE VII. AMENDMENTS

Proposed amendments may be presented to the Board by any member of the Board one month in advance for consideration. If the board votes in the affirmative by a three-fourths (3/4) vote they will be circulated to the membership by the Community Newsletter via web-site. 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 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 by a notification via- web site of the vote to take place at the next regular gathering. A majority or plurality of votes cast by the membership will decide the matter.

ARTICLE VIII. RATIFICATION

The By-Laws are to take effect immediately upon certification of the Board that a majority of the ballot of the community at notified gathering approves them.