

# Declaration from the Central Texas Conference (CTC) of Emmaus Ministries

## History and Actions:

After holding one Walk event in February of 2020, the COVID-19 Pandemic descended on Central Texas and the world causing changes to our world at all levels. The Walk to Emmaus Program is based on love of Jesus Christ, and Brotherly/Sisterly Love. It involves much Singing, Small Group interaction, Holy Communion, Group Worship, and lots of food, laughs and sometimes hugs. Walk to Emmaus would not be the same without these things. None of these things adhere to the precautions that we were all told to take, in an effort to curb the spread of the virus. Therefore, the CTC Board of directors decided to Cancel or Postpone all further events for 2020 and the Spring of 2021. Our hopes were that conditions would return to a more normal state by mid-2021.

As of today, May 15, 2021, the outlook is good for keeping people healthy. Vaccinations are available for those who wish to get one. Cases of New infections are consistently dropping every day, and we are near reaching the Herd Immunity levels that everyone has been hoping for.

Therefore, the CTC Emmaus Ministry Board of Directors has chosen July 15, 2021 as a date when we can hopefully begin holding Walk Events again. This remains to be dependent on the actions of the Local, State, and Federal authorities who regulate our actions.

## **What should you do?**

- Adhere to any Covid-19 Rules and Regulations set forth at that time, by the Local, State, and Federal regulating organizations in your area.
- Ask and adhere to all Covid-19 related rules and regulations, as set forth by the church, camp, or other facility where you are holding Walk to Emmaus related events.
- DO NOT Require nor Deny any person from their own personal choice to protect themselves from potential infection. This includes Mask Wearing, Social Distancing, and other sanitation actions. They are absolutely free to take whatever precautions that they feel necessary.

We sincerely want the Walk to Emmaus experience to be as meaningful for you as it was meant to be and we hope that you come away from this experience with an enhanced love of Jesus Christ, and a desire to go forward, making disciples of Jesus Christ for the Betterment of the World.

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