

GOLDEN SPREAD EMMAUS COMMUNITY BYLAWS

ARTICLE I - NAME

SECTION A:

The name of the community shall be the Golden Spread Emmaus Community, hereinafter referred to as the "Community."

ARTICLE II - OBJECTIVE

SECTION A:

The Community shall be organized exclusively for religious purposes within the meaning of section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and its objective shall be to unite, inspire, challenge, and equip church members for Christian action in their homes, churches, places of work, and the world community through the Emmaus experience.

SECTION B:

No part of the funds of the Community shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, directors, or other private persons, except that the Community shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Section A of this Article. No substantial part of the activities of the Community shall be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation and the Community shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing and distribution of statements) and political campaign on behalf of any candidates for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these bylaws, the Community shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by any organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law), or (b) by an organization contributions to which are deductible under section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue law).

SECTION C:

The Community is affiliated with the International Emmaus Upper Room Ministries, Nashville, Tennessee.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

SECTION A:

All persons who have completed a weekend experience of The Walk to Emmaus sponsored by an Upper Room Emmaus community shall be members of the Community.

SECTION B:

Persons who have completed a Walk to Emmaus, Cursillo, Chrysalis, or a Tres Dias weekend may become members, by participating in the activities of the Community and asking the secretary or registrar of the Community to include their name on the mailing list.

ARTICLE IV – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION A: (Purpose)

Direction of the Community shall be vested in the Board of Directors, hereinafter referred to as the "Board".

SECTION B: (Composition)

The Board shall consist of at least fifteen (15) elected lay members and the Community Spiritual Director.

SECTION C: (Terms of Office)

- (a) Laypersons on the board shall be elected by the Community members for three (3)-year terms in three (3) class, each class having an equal number of members.
- (b) Board members cannot succeed themselves in consecutive terms, a term being three (3) years.
- (c) Terms of office shall begin January 1 and shall terminate December 31, except for officers, who shall serve until election of new board members in January as provided herein.

SECTION D: (Election of Board Members)

- (a) Board members are elected by the community.

- (b) The nominating committee shall submit to the board a slate of nominees (at least 7-10) from which to elect board members.
- (c) The ballot shall be provided to the Community members no later than October 15 of each year.
- (d) Ballots are to be received by the board no later than November 15 of each year.
- (e) Election is by majority vote of the ballots cast.
- (f) The immediate past chair of the board shall serve on the board one (1) additional year or the normal period of the term, whichever is longer.
- (g) The board may elect persons, upon nomination by the chair, to fill a vacant term until the next regular election for that term. Such persons are eligible for election to a full term by the Community at such regular election.

ARTICLE V – OFFICERS OF THE BOARD

SECTION A: Officers/Community Lay Director

Officers shall be the Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer, and in case of absences will chair meetings in this order. The Vice-Chair must be eligible to serve an additional year on the board and serve as the Chair if elected to that post. Officers can accept responsibility for a work area in addition to an elected position on the board. The Chair shall also be the Community Lay Director, with the Vice-Chair being designated as the Assistant Community Lay Director.

SECTION B: Election of Officers/Community Lay Director

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.

SECTION C: Spiritual Director

The Spiritual Director of the Community shall be selected annually by the Board of Directors. Term of Office shall begin January 1. The Spiritual Director may be replaced during the term by two-thirds (2/3) affirmative votes by the board.

ARTICLE VI. MEETINGS

SECTION A: Regular Meetings

The board shall meet monthly in regular meetings unless otherwise ordered by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the board in a regular meeting.

SECTION B: Quorum

Two-thirds (2/3) members of the Board of Directors present at a duly called meeting shall constitute a quorum.

SECTION C: Special Meetings

Special board meetings may be called by the chair or when requested in writing by two-thirds (2/3) members of the board.

ARTICLE VII. COMMITTEES

SECTION A:

The Board of Directors may name board members to chair the following committees: Community Gatherings, Behind the Scene Team, Reunion Groups/Follow-Up, Fourth Day Committee, Literature, Team Selection, Nominations, Candlelight, Sponsor's Hour, and Training Committee.

SECTION B:

The Chair of the board will be an ex-officio member of all standing committees.

ARTICLE VIII. WALK TO EMMAUS

SECTION A:

The Community shall follow the most current guidelines of The Upper Room Walk to Emmaus program in the presentation of the three-day (72 hour) experience Walk to Emmaus.

SECTION B:

The Board of Directors shall have general oversight in all matters relating to the local Walk to Emmaus Community.

SECTION C:

The Board of Directors shall choose a Lay Director for each Community Walk to Emmaus weekend.

SECTION D:

The Spiritual Director for each Community Walk to Emmaus shall be selected by the board.

SECTION E:

The board shall establish a Team Selection Committee. The Team Selection Committee shall consist of a board member who serves as chair, the Community Spiritual Director, Registrars and at least three (3) or four (4) members of the Emmaus Community who have a broad awareness of the community membership and a solid understanding of team needs. Community members are appointed by the Team Selection board chair.

ARTICLE IX – AMENDMENTS

SECTION A:

Proposed amendments may be presented to the board by any member of the Community one (1) month in advance of the consideration by the board.

SECTION B:

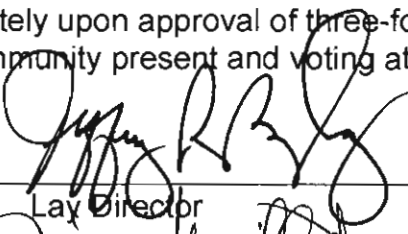
If the amendments are voted in the affirmative by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the board, they will be circulated to the Community, and if no petitions signed by at least twenty five (25) community members objecting to the new amendments are received, the amendments will be considered adopted. Any objections must be received within sixty (60) days of the mailing of the notification. If an objection petition is received, the amendment as proposed will be considered void, except as provided below.

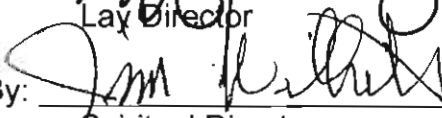
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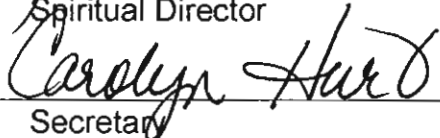
If the board then wishes to submit the amendment to the entire Community for a vote, it may do so. A majority or plurality of votes cast by the membership will decide the matter.

ARTICLE X – RATIFICATION

The bylaws take effect immediately upon approval of three-fourths (3/4) of the board and a majority of the Community present and voting at an Amarillo gathering.

By: 
Lay Director

By: 
Spiritual Director

By: 
Secretary

Approved at the Community Gathering on 5th day of May 2011.