

EMMAUS MINISTRIES AUSTRALIA

NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2022



Warm winter greetings in the name of Christ

I am now settling into my new role and our thanks go to my predecessor David Nivala for his years of dedicated service as NLD during some difficult times.

My NLD “journey” started with a vivid and memorable experience, turning back in time over 2000 years ago as I witnessed Christ’s passion, crucifixion and resurrection so realistically presented by the residents of the village of Oberammergau in southern Germany. The Oberammergau Passion Play only happens for one season every 10 years and the group from my home church booked our seats way back in 2017!

Now back home in Adelaide, I participated in a national board zoom meeting, during which we welcomed our new National Spiritual Director Christine Rose and National Treasurer-elect Norm Evers.

We launched our initiative for all Emmaus communities and members to “Unite in Prayer”, on the first day of each month. While some communities have been able to plan and hold walks and other events this year, others are still struggling

with the difficulties of filling board positions, forming teams, securing affordable venues with minimal Covid restrictions, and finding pilgrims.

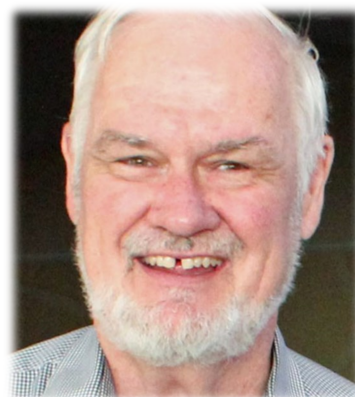
The National Board is still looking for a secretary and a Chrysalis coordinator.

If you would like to see which Emmaus walks and Chrysalis flights are going ahead in the coming months, just go to “prayer vigils” on our national Emmaus website. You might like to add your name to these vigils, I’m sure the communities would appreciate your offer of prayer.

On the afternoon of Saturday 8 October, we will have another Secretariat zoom get-together, followed by a national zoom gathering.

The 2023 National Conference is planned for Friday 31 March – Sunday 2 April 2023 in Toowoomba, hosted by the Darling Downs Community.

We hope this will be an “in-person” event after more than three long years of pandemic restrictions and several zoom meetings.



On the positive side, Emmaus globally is discovering some benefits of virtual tools such as zoom in reaching out to pilgrims who may not be able to access weekend residential events. One such new virtual initiative under development is “Village Encounter”.

De Colores,

Phil Jennings

National Lay Director

CHRISTINE ROSE

NATIONAL SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

Restoration

This year I have the privilege of taking on the position of National Spiritual Director.

Over the last 35 years I have been able to experience many roles in ministry and I find myself saying that there is nothing more fulfilling than being involved within the Emmaus community. Yes, there have been many changes since my first time as NSD many years ago but one thing remains constant and that is the amazing love of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

It is this that keeps us focused on demonstrating that same love and to share that same enlightenment that the disciples had on their road to Emmaus as Jesus spoke with them, indeed, their hearts burned within them. As we pray together on the first day of each month let us see restoration take place to all our communities.

Restoration.

What a powerful word. What do you think of when you hear that word?

Whatever your picture is, we know that our God is a God of new beginnings, and a God of second chances. God is in the restoration business !

Job experienced this. He lost everything, and in the book of Job it records his struggles with himself and with God during that time of devastation. Then at the end of the book, he has everything restored !

Many people enjoy watching the sunrise. Sunrises are especially significant because they come after long, dark nights. Sunrise is that moment when the light touches the darkness and the light wins out. They are significant because they are signs of hope. In the midst



of hopelessness a light shines. In an instant a bright light floods over the horizon dispelling the darkness. This is what we need to see in our communities.

Watch your sunrise dear ones and let us continue in sharing this hope of God's love !

De Colores

Christine Rose

National Spiritual Director

+ JESUS



Active Prayer Vigils

Please support your Emmaus Communities in Prayer!



Prayer Vigils

Thankyou.

National Board Vacancies

The Emmaus Australia Secretariat is the governing body of Emmaus Ministries in Australia and consists of two representatives of each community, plus National Board members. It meets once a year, in the national conference normally held in April or May. The Emmaus Australia National Board (EANB) is the executive arm of the Secretariat and handles the month-by-month business of the movement on behalf of the Secretariat. Officers generally serve for a three year period.

The Emmaus National Board has current vacancies for the following positions:

- ◆ Secretary
- ◆ Chrysalis Coordinator
- ◆ Newsletter Editor
- ◆ NLD Elect



Normal terms are for a three years, attending National Board Meetings (via Zoom) and understudy the respective roles until a transition is complete.

It is preferable that nominees have held similar positions in an Emmaus Community. They must have given their consent and, nominations must be endorsed by the Board of their own Community.

A Nomination Form is available on the website: [Nomination Forms](#).

For further information please contact:

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Written nominations should be sent to the National Lay Director, Phil Jennings, at nld@emmaus.org.au or post to 29 Ruthven Avenue Glandore SA 5037.

Please prayerfully consider how you may be involved in this important service to Emmaus Ministries in Australia.

National Secretariat & Gathering

Saturday 8th October 2022

Community Connections



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