



AUGUST 2020 NEWSLETTER

**YOUR NEAR THE CROSS BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAS BEEN MEETING VIA ZOOM.
TOPICS RECOMMENDED TO THE COMMUNITY:**

1. PLEASE, help keep the Near the Cross community viable. Consider: meeting with your reunion group OR posting a personal Emmaus related video on facebook, OR by praying for your Emmaus friends and the leadership of Emmaus. Remember your commitment at closing? Christ is counting on me; I am counting on Christ. (The order of the reunion card is a good tool to use: it starts with the prayer to the Holy Spirit, asks what moment you have felt closest to Christ, includes a call to discipleship, your plan, a prayer of thanksgiving) Do you still have your cross lanyard? Your address list? Your suggestions and creative responses to staying connected are appreciated.
2. Nominations are being accepted for board member positions 2021. If you are interested in serving on the board of directors or know a community member who would be interested in serving, please let one of the board members know by September 11, 2020. We have five members whose term ends at the end of December 2020: Allen Jones, Paula Hensley, Kathy Roberson, Andy Adams, and David Malone. We also have one open clergy position. The next board meeting is Sept. 12 via zoom.
3. 2021 will be the Near the Cross 15th year anniversary.

Please look at our new web site [Near the Cross Emmaus: Home](#)

Emmaus Ministries International [Walk to Emmaus: Home](#)

Emmaus Ministries is hosting an online international gathering Sept 19

From the group reunion card - Christ needs you: your heart, your mind, your hands and feet. He needs you committed in faith, so that your life in grace may bear witness to that faith in Christ through:

| <u>Your Spiritual life/Prayer</u> | <u>Your Study</u> | <u>Your Action</u> |
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| Morning devotion | Reading scripture | showing Christ's love |
| Journaling | Christian books | to your family, |
| Worship | Bible studies | your work friends, |
| The Lord's supper | Classes | your small group, |
| Spiritual retreats | Seminars | your local church, |
| Prayer | Scripture memory | in/ for our country |

"And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles." Acts 2:42-43. ESV If you read on in the book of Acts, Peter prays, "And now Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness, while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus." "And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness." Acts 4:29-31

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." Hebrews 13:8

Someone around you may need to know Jesus: his power, his love, his grace, his healing touch, his compassion, his strength, and his purpose.

