

## On Site Prayer Team (OSPT) Guidelines

**Mission:** The OSPT shall consist 5-6 members of the Emmaus community who shall be willing and able to stay at the Walk site during the entire Walk, standing in the gap through prayer and intercession on behalf of the Walk pilgrims, its team members and the Walk as a whole.

### **THE OSPT LEADER**

The leader of the OSPT shall be appointed by the NENM Board and shall be responsible for seeking out other pray-ers from the Emmaus Community who would volunteer to serve in this capacity. Their duties shall include but, are not limited to the following:

- Coordinating and communicating with the Spiritual Director and/or the Lay Director and the Holy Spirit in all matters which might arise. The OSPT Leader shall get instructions or information from the Lay Director such as:
  - Any pray-ers who would like to be considered to serve in this position.
  - Their desire for the OSPT to attend team meeting in order to become familiar with team members and take prayer request prior to the walk
  - Current team member lists and pilgrim lists so that the OSPT can begin praying prior to the Walk.
  - The exact location of the prayer team's 24/7 prayer room at the site.
  - The location of sleeping accommodations for the OSPT.
  - The freedom that the OSPT may have to leave the pray room and go pray for speakers or support team members should they be asked to do so.
  - Get the printed Walk Schedule by the time the Walk begins
- Coordinating and communicating with the ALD's concerning the delivering of prayer cards to the prayer room discreetly. Prayer requests are to be read **ONLY** by the OSPT, LD and Clergy. This shall be done in order to maintain a high standard of confidentiality that is promised to the Pilgrims when they fill out the prayer cards.
- Shredding or burning the prayer cards or any talks that might have come to the prayer room and reminding OSPT members that those prayer requests are **NEVER**

- to be repeated.
- Coordinate with the Trailer Angel to determine what OSPT supplies are on the trailer and in good shape and coordinate with the Trailer Angel to get them off and on the trailer at the Walk. This shall include but, is not limited to:
    1. Get the kneeling rail and transporting to prayer room if deemed necessary.
    2. The OSPT ice chest.
    3. The OSPT coffee pot, filters, coffee, tea, cream/sugar, napkins, paper towels, spoons, cups, etc.
    4. Locating or making arrangements for refrigeration at the sight to keep things cold during your stay.
    5. Have shredder on hand.
  - Shall set up an alter in the prayer room and/or anything else that the Holy Spirit leads you to do. It has become a NENM Emmaus tradition to have a candle or lantern in the prayer room that is lit at the beginning of the Walk and extinguished at the ends. Please allow the Holy Spirit to lead you here. Each Walk can and is a bit different.
  - Shall prepare the schedule at the leading of the Holy Spirit for prayer “shifts/watches” for the team so that at least one OSPT member will be in the prayer room praying at all times beginning by the time pilgrims go in from Send Off. Prayer team members who are “off duty” may attend Send Off, Sponsor’s Hour, Candlelight, and Closing. With.
  - Shall provide information and disseminate Walk information to the OSPT members prior to, during and at the close of the Walk.
    1. Team and pilgrim lists
    2. Arrival time
    3. Time for candlelight and closing.
    4. Items to bring: music, books, snack of preference, Kleenex supplies, paper, pens, scissors, blankets for the night shift, etc. List may vary some depending on personal preferences, the site location and the team itself. It is not wise to assume that the agape room will make snacks available to you.
    5. Whether OSPT attendance at the nightly team meeting is acceptable, necessary and/or desired.
  - Shall be available and eager to pray for support team, Clergy or team members when they ask or come to the prayer room and shall encourage the team to do so as well.
  - Shall be responsible for the final clean up and the prayer room being put back the way it was found.
  - Shall make a brief inventory of prayer room supplies and any helpful comments that they might have and pass it on to the next OSPT Leader.
  - Shall be responsible for cleaning up the OSPT trailer items and returning them to the trailer site to be loaded.
  - Use of prayer shawls, oil, and other prayer tools needs to be reviewed by the walk Spiritual director. Discretion must be used to ensure that individuals are

comfortable with the use of these tools.

## **OSPT MEMBERS**

- Shall prepare themselves to serve prior to the Walk i.e., examination of conscious, fasting, prayer for self, worship, etc. Come prepared for Spiritual Battle.
- Shall make themselves available to assist the OSPT Leader and shall submit to the leading of the Leader.
- Shall be aware and respectful of the sanctity and reverence of the prayer room and of those who are praying as they come and go.
- Shall be mindful and adhere to the highest standard of confidentiality that is expected when handling prayer concerns.
- Shall be aware that they need to dress modestly on all occasions as the teams may consist of both men and women.
- Shall be encouraged to get other team member(s) to join them during their shift if they feel that they are praying up against a wall. OSPT members are encouraged to be in the prayer room praying, reading, and listening to praise & worship music, etc. anytime they are led to be there whether it be day or night.
- Shall remain with the OSPT as a whole, not leaving the group without the consent and/or direction of the OSPT Leader.
- Should inquire about the items that you might want to bring from the Team Leader and/or look at the list under OSPT Leader responsibilities. The prayer room can be your home away from home and should be comfortable as well as functional.

## **OSPT GENERAL GUIDELINES**

The guidelines above were inspired by the leading of the Holy Spirit and the experiences of the OSPT's that have come before you and are not intended to be a rigid set of rules to follow but, merely an outline to give you framework from which to spring from. At all costs, please, follow the leading of the Holy Spirit as you prepare to serve and serve in this capacity, submit all things to the leadership of the Walk and the North East New Mexico Emmaus Region should it not be mentioned or defined in the above guidelines. Additions, changes and questions need to be submitted to the NENME Board.

Thank you for serving and may your time spent before the Lord be richly blessed.