

!! IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT !!

The Board of Directors of the Bread of Life Emmaus Community has adopted a new policy on wearing our lanyard crosses. This policy will help our Community to better comply with the Upper Room model set forth for Walks. Effective immediately crosses will only be worn on Sunday afternoon at Closing. Please do not wear your cross to Send Off, helping out during the weekend, or at Saturday night Candlelight Service. Please DO wear your nametag at all times during the weekend.

During the Spring Walks of 2002 the team did not wear their crosses in the Conference Room. There was a tremendous change in the atmosphere of previous walks because the pilgrims felt as though everyone was equal. Previously, the atmosphere to some had been one of us vs. them (those with a cross and those without).

Imagine what it would be like to be a pilgrim again and to go in to Send Off looking just like everyone else. Everyone has a similar nametag on but there is no discrimination between who'd been on the Walk before and who hadn't. Continue to imagine being a pilgrim and seeing the lanyard cross for the first time when the first speaker comes in to give their talk. The only time during the Walk you see a lanyard cross is when a speaker is wearing it. *Hmmm... they must be sharing the cross they wear just like they share the cross they carry in. Cool!*

Imagine once more you are a pilgrim on Sunday afternoon – there couldn't be anything that can top the weekend, God's immeasurable grace that you've experienced by the new friends in Christ you've made, the food you've been served, all the acts of agape, the agape letters you've just read. *WOW! The mountain can't get any higher than this!* Then you walk into the Chapel and see the big cross, draped with 42 crosses just like the speakers wore. Unbelievable that one of those crosses is for you! And, get this; it had been prayed over all weekend. *Another act of agape!!* Walking into the Sanctuary for Closing, hearing everyone sing "When the Saints Come Marching In" and we all have our crosses on - we are ONE in community, ONE in the Body of Christ.

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