

Section 11. **VACANCIES ON THE BOARD**

Upon nomination by the Community Lay Director, the Board will elect person(s) to fill vacancy (s) until the end of the unexpired term. Such persons are eligible for selection by the Board of Directors at the regular election as governed by the Springfield Area Emmaus Board Selection Guidelines. **If for any reason the Community Lay Director cannot fulfill his/her office, the immediate past Community Lay Director shall serve as Acting Community Lay Director until a successor can be elected.**

ARTICLE V. **COMMITTEES**

Section 1. The Board of Directors selects Board members to chair the following committees: Registrations **(2)**, Sponsorship **(2)**, Good Shepherd **(2)**, Kitchen, Purchasing, Social, Logistics, Worship, Outreach, Agape, **Supplies**, Music, Newsletter, Chrysalis, Kairos, **Epiphany**, and the High Street Methodist Church Representative (ex-officio voting member.)

Section 2. The Community Lay Director shall be ex-officio member of all standing committees.

ARTICLE VI. **WALK TO EMMAUS**

Section 1. The community shall follow the guidelines of The Upper Room Walk to Emmaus program in the formation and conduct of the three-day (72- hour experience) "Walk to Emmaus."

Section 2. The Board of directors shall have general oversight in all matters relating to the Springfield Area Emmaus Community.

Section 3. The Leadership Committee of the Board of Directors shall nominate Lay Director candidates for each Walk to Emmaus weekend. The Board of Directors shall approve the Lay Director for each Walk as governed by the Springfield Area Emmaus Team Selection Guidelines.

Section 4. *The Community Spiritual Director shall nominate Spiritual Director candidates for upcoming Walk to Emmaus weekends. The weekend Spiritual Director shall be responsible for the remaining Clergy for the weekend.*

ARTICLE VII. **AMENDMENTS**

Proposed amendments to these Bylaws may be presented to the Board by any member of the Board one (1) month in advance of consideration by the Board. If the amendments are voted in the affirmative by a three-fourths (3/4) percent vote they will be circulated to the Community in the Community Newsletter and if no petitions signed by at least twenty-five (25) community members objecting to the new amendments are received within sixty (60) days of the mailing of the notification. If an objection petition is received, the amendment will be considered voided. If the Board then wishes to submit the amendment to the entire Community for a vote, it may do so. A majority of plurality of votes cast by the membership will decide the matter.

ARTICLE VIII. **RATIFICATION**

The Bylaws will become effective immediately upon certification by the Board of Directors.

These Bylaws were originally approved by the Springfield Area Emmaus Board of Directors December 20, 1992. They were amended June 19, 1994, August 20, 2000 and _____, 2012.