

BY-LAWS OF THE ADELAIDE (S.A.) WALK TO EMMAUS COMMUNITY

- ARTICLE 1 NAME**
The name of this community shall be Adelaide South Australia Walk to Emmaus Community hereinafter referred to as 'The Community'.
- ARTICLE 2 PURPOSE**
- Section 1 The purpose of the community shall be to inspire, challenge and equip church Members for Christian action – in their homes – churches – places of work – and the world community through the Emmaus experience.
- Section 2 The Community is affiliated with -
- The National Emmaus program of the Upper Room – Nashville – Tennessee.
 - The Australian National Secretariat, sponsored by the Uniting Church in Australia.
- ARTICLE 3 MEMBERSHIP**
- Section 1 All persons who have completed a weekend experience of the Walk to Emmaus sponsored by The Community shall be deemed to be members of the Community.
- Section 2 Persons who have completed a Walk to Emmaus sponsored by other Emmaus Communities—or Cursillo –Alarga – Chrysalis –or Tres Dias may also become members by participating in the activities of The Community and asking the Secretary or Database recorder of The Community to include their names in the database.
- Section 3 For the purpose of formal notification regarding elections, the By Laws etc. "Community Members" shall be those people who are listed on the Community database and choose to be actively involved in the activities of The Community
- One notice per household is deemed adequate.
- ARTICLE 4 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**
- Section 1 Purpose
- Direction of the Community shall be vested in a Board of Directors.
- Section 2 Composition
- The Board will consist of a maximum of twelve (12) elected Lay members and in addition –The Community Lay Director, Community Spiritual Director and clergy members.
 - Lay and Clergy representation to the Board shall preferably be in the approximate ratio 4 : 1
- Section 3 Terms of Office.
- (1) Each lay person on the Board shall be elected by the Community members for a three (3) year term.
 - (2) One third or thereabouts of the Board shall retire annually by effluxion of time. The existing Board at June 30 2006, shall retire as above in accordance with the current status of their three year term.

- (3) Board members elected in November 2005 and thereafter may not succeed themselves, notwithstanding that they may renominate after a period of one or more years have elapsed since their previous term of office.
- (4) Terms of office shall begin December 1 and shall terminate November 30 with the exception of Board officers who shall continue until the December Meeting of the Board.

Section 4

Election of Board members

- (1) Advice of an election shall be given and nominations for Board membership will be sought by notice in the Community Newsletter, or at a Community "Gathering" three weeks before the closing date for nominations
- (2) Nominations for the Board must be made in writing to the Secretary of the Board under the signature of two other Community Members.
- (3) Community Members shall be advised of the nominations and the date and location of the election which may be a Community Gathering with at least four weeks notice prior to the election.
- (4) Voting shall be by written ballot at the nominated Community Gathering or votes may be cast by Community Members by mail to the Secretary of the Board before the date set for the election.
- (5) The election shall be determined by a majority of votes cast. Plurality voting system shall be used.

Section 5

Officers

Officers of the Board shall be, Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer elected from within the Board. The Community Lay Director may be the Chairperson.

Section 6

Election of Officers.

Officers shall be elected annually by the Board of Directors for a one year term of office at the December meeting.

Section 7

Community Lay Director

A Community Lay Director elect shall be appointed by the Board from the Board at least six months before taking office. The Community Lay Director shall hold office for a maximum of two years and thereafter shall continue as a member of the Board for one further year without re-election.

Section 8

Community Spiritual Director

A Community Spiritual Director elect shall be appointed by the Board at least six months before taking office. The Community Spiritual Director shall hold office for a maximum of two years and thereafter shall continue as a member of the Board for one further year without re-election.

Section 9

All Clergy members of the board shall be called and appointed by the Board

Section 10

Replacement of Spiritual Director or Lay Director.

The Spiritual Director or the Lay Director of the Community may be replaced during the term of Office by 2/3 affirmative vote of the Board plus ratification by the Australian Spiritual or Lay Director who may not be a voting member of the Board for purpose of removal.

Section 11

Casual vacancies on the Board.

The Board may appoint persons to fill extraordinary vacancies until the next regular election.

Section 12 Meetings.
The Board shall meet monthly in regular meetings unless otherwise ordered by a 2/3 vote of the Board at a regular meeting.

Section 13 Quorum.
One (1) more than half members of the Board of Directors present at a duly called meeting shall constitute a meeting.

ARTICLE 5 COMMITTEES

Section 1 The Lay Director, with approval of the Board, may recommend board members at his/her discretion to convene the committees and for any other Board representative roles as may be deemed to be necessary from time to time.

Section 2 The Chairperson of the Board and the Lay and Spiritual Directors of the Community shall be ex officio members of all committees.

ARTICLE 6 WALK TO EMMAUS

Section 1 The Community shall follow the Guidelines of the Upper Room Walk to Emmaus program in the formation of the three day (72 hour) experience "Walk to Emmaus" using the guidelines as per the Upper Room Handbook on Emmaus.

Section 2 The Board shall have general oversight in all matters relating to The Community.

Section 3 The Board shall choose a Lay Director for each Community Walk to Emmaus Weekend.

Section 4 The Spiritual Director for each Community Walk to Emmaus shall be appointed by the Board after recommendation from the Community Spiritual Director.

Section 5 The weekend Lay Director and Spiritual Director are responsible to the Board as leaders of the Walk.

Section 6 The Board Representative for each Walk is to be appointed by the Board and must have been be a previous Director of a Walk.

ARTICLE 7 AMENDMENTS

Proposed amendments to the By Laws shall be presented to the Board by any member of the Community, fourteen (14) days in advance for consideration by the Board. If the amendments are voted in the affirmative by a three fourths (3/4) vote they shall then be circulated to the membership by Community Newsletter and if no petitions signed by twenty five (25) Community Members objecting to the new amendments are received – the amendments will be considered adopted. Any objections must be received within twenty one (21) days of mailing of the notification.

If an objection petition is received the amendment will be considered void.

If the Board then wishes to submit the amendment to the Community for a vote it may do so. A majority of votes cast by the membership will decide the matter.

Notification to the Community Members of the amendment will be by Community Newsletter with a closing date for the vote to be notified on the ballot paper.

Any requests for amendment(s) by 25 or more Community Members not agreed to by the Board shall be put to The Community at a Community Gathering. A majority of votes cast by the membership will decide the matter.

ARTICLE 8 RATIFICATION

The By Laws shall take effect immediately upon certification by the Board When no objection has been received from Community Members or

- Any amendment put to a vote by the Community has been passed by a simple majority.

ARTICLE 9 PUBLICATION

The By Laws are to be available to members on the community internet site. Copies shall be made available to members upon their request. Notice shall also be given in the Community Newsletter following the acceptance of the By Laws by the Board.

ARTICLE 10 NON PROFIT

The assets and income of the Community shall be applied solely in furtherance of its above mentioned purpose and no portion shall be distributed directly or indirectly to the members of the Community except as bona fide compensation for services rendered or expenses incurred on behalf of the Community.

ARTICLE 11 DISSOLUTION

In the event of the Community being dissolved, the amount which remains after such dissolution and the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities shall be transferred to any organization which has similar objects and which, itself, is exempt from income tax.

Ratified by the Board of Directors on 9th December 2006