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Micah 6:8 God has shown us what is good and what he requires of us: TO DO JUSTLY, TO LOVE MERCY, AND TO WALK HUMBLLY WITH OUR GOD. Micah 6:8

Dear Near the Cross Emmaus Community,

2020 has been quite a year of forced isolation, cancellations, and social distancing. I trust you are all doing as well as possible given the circumstances.

I wanted to let you know your board has continued to meet via Zoom each month. We have continued working on the various duties as required by our bylaws and the guidelines of the Upper Room Emmaus team.

At our meeting last Saturday, we discussed whether we would be able to have the fall walks. After much discussion and placing the safety of our community members as well as pilgrims first, the board has decided we can not support having the fall walks. This was not an easy decision, but again the safety of people overrides our desire to have the walks. We have all prayed about this and know this is the right thing to do.

So, what does this mean for our community? Well, we continue to be hopeful we can have gatherings under new social distancing and other health department guidelines. The board will continue to meet as we move forward discussing this and other matters for our community.

What you can do is to continue in your reunion group meetings whether they are in person or via some electronic means.

We quite possibly are entering a period where the Emmaus walks and gatherings take on a different look. We simply do not know as of now.

As we have discussed as a board, we know that we do not reach everyone in our community due to wrong contact information. We encourage those who get this to share this letter, by taking copies to your churches or reunion group members and being part of our solution for communication. We also ask that when you share this, point out that if someone is not receiving our newsletters and community news that they can email us at [info@nearthecross.org](mailto:info@nearthecross.org) to update their phone numbers, addresses, and email addresses. If they do not have email, ask them to give David Jordan a call to update their information, at 870-926-2855. Please leave a message if David is not available.

Our community will get through this!

David Malone -Board Chairman