

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

1. Your reunion group is the most important part of your 4th Day. Be diligent in setting one up, and be faithful to it. Don't be afraid to change groups if you do not feel comfortable in the group you join.
2. You may not be on a team right away, but you can serve the community and express your support by working in the kitchen or on one of the support committees. Committee chair-persons and their phone numbers are available in the newsletters for you to volunteer in the area of your choice.
3. Please fill out the Volunteer Sheet completely and return it to the Zionsville Great Banquet Community, 4775 W. 116th Street, Zionsville, IN 46077.
4. The Candlelight on Saturday night and the Closing on Sunday night are open to all who have attended a Banquet/Emmaus/Cursillo. Those who have not attended a Banquet/Emmaus/Cursillo are welcome at the Banquet Gatherings. Children should not be brought to any activity, except those planned for the entire family.
5. There is a desire in each of us to want to be near the heart of the Great Banquet because we have wonderful memories of our own experience, but remember the weekend is for the guests. They are at the church to remove themselves from their day-to-day contacts and circumstances. The 4th Day Community needs to respect this aspect of the Great Banquet.
6. If you are working in the kitchen or in the building for any reason, we ask that you limit your contact with the guests as much as possible. No one, other than the kitchen crew and servers, should be in the dining area with the guests and team members. (We ask that you not come to the kitchen area during Saturday's dinner unless you have signed up to serve the meal)
7. If you have signed up to pray on the 72-hour Prayer Vigil, you are welcome to pray in the back of the chapel or in the Prayer Room at Zionsville Presbyterian Church, but please remain in the chapel area, out of the flow of the weekend.
8. Your spouse is welcome to come to the 4th Day meeting the Tuesday following a Banquet Weekend (or other date to be announced). Following the men's weekend, the wives who come on Tuesday night will be given a talk by the Lay Director of their Banquet. They will also be given the opportunity to ask questions and discuss the weekend in general.
9. You are now a potential sponsor. As such you have certain duties and responsibilities, not the least of which is deciding who to sponsor. (Sponsor's Responsibilities are listed on a separate sheet.)

The Great Banquet is an instrument of Christian renovation. Its purpose is to train people who will become solid leaders in their own churches.

POINTS TO REMEMBER

1. Do not develop a “Holier-than-thou” attitude. The Banquet is only ONE OF MANY instruments of holiness.
2. Do not bug people - especially clergy - to attend the Banquet. This often creates the impression that the Great Banquet is absolutely necessary for salvation. It is not.
3. Do not compare the Great Banquet with a retreat. They are two different instruments of renewal. They complement each other, but the Great Banquet is an once-in-a-lifetime experience.
4. Do not form a clique or special society among yourselves. This is not Christ-like and is repugnant to those who have not had the opportunity to attend the Banquet, or who are not interested.
5. Do not act as though the Banquet Community is a secret society. When people ask, tell them what the Great Banquet/Emmaus/Cursillo Community is and what the weekend meant to you.
6. Offer your services, whatever they may be, to your pastor. Together with him/her and other parishioners you are the church in your area. You need the pastor, and he/she needs you to be involved in personal ministry. Do not be negatively critical of his/her plans and programs.
7. When you wish to seek spiritual counsel or talk over a matter with your pastor, be courteous and ask when it would be convenient for him/her to see you. He/she is your servant, yes, but the pastor also has many other persons to serve. Do not think you are special because you have attended a Banquet weekend.
8. Attend your weekly group reunion and attend Banquet Community Gatherings. The Great Banquet does not pretend to, nor is it able to give a complete Christian formation in three days. If you think you have arrived after three days, you are wrong! You have just begun anew.