

Notice of Meeting 2026 World Assembly

To all the Emmaus International member organisations
Copy to Board members, Executive Committee members and the regional secretariats

Montreuil, 25 November 2025

Subject: notice of meeting for the Emmaus International General Assemblies

Dear friends,

As Chair of Emmaus International, I am delighted to officially invite you to the 15th World Assembly, which will consist in:

- An Ordinary General Assembly **from 13 to 17 April 2026**,
- An Extraordinary General Assembly, on **16 April 2026**.

These two assemblies will take place **in Someren, in the Netherlands**, thanks to the hospitality of the Emmaus Netherlands Federation. The presence of all the Emmaus groups in the Netherlands will be a first for our Movement.

This body meets once every four years and plays a crucial role for our Movement, the strength of our democratic life, promotion of our shared messages and for our members to get to know each other. Attached you will find the provisional agenda for the event. We have planned three thematic days on our common work areas:

- **Tackling the causes of poverty**
- **Bringing our values to life**
- **Strengthening our Movement**

Inspirational round tables, trainings and workshops will allow us to work together on the resolutions and guidelines that we would like to set for the next four years. The event will also be the time to elect our new Chair and to meet the new Emmaus International Board, which you will have elected between October and April during the Regional Assemblies.

Finally, such an event is above all a chance for us to come together. It is one of the drivers of our Movement and a poignant need following the difficulties we have gone through together these past years. That is why many moments will be built into our programme for coming together, creating

connections, exchanging on our actions and challenges, discovering the groups hosting us through visits and cultural or celebratory times.

In line with our Statutes, please remember that any proposed additions to the agenda must be submitted at least eight weeks before the first day of the General Assembly (Article 25 of the Statutes), that is, by 16 February 2026 at the latest.

Furthermore, for groups who cannot take part in this General Assembly, I would like to remind you that proxies must be sent in their original or digital form¹ to the Emmaus International headquarters **before 28 February 2026**.

Registrations and voting rights

As a reminder, all the groups can take part in the General Assembly, but **only full members have voting rights**. To be able to vote, all member groups must be **up to date with their subscription payments**.

All requests for partial or total exemptions, along with staggered payment of subscriptions should be sent to the Treasurer at Emmaus International (someren2026@emmaus-international.org) by 31 January 2026 at the latest.

Registration for the General Assembly will be completed online using the registration form available here: www.someren2026.org.

Registrations will be opened from 18 November 2025 to 28 February 2026.

To get ready for your trip, we would like to ask you to check immediately that you have a valid passport (valid for at least 6 months after the date of the World Assembly).

I am looking forward to seeing you all. It's important for us to meet during this time where the world needs Emmaus's alternatives more than ever to radically change course.



Patrick Atohou
Chair of Emmaus International

Extract from the statutes and internal rules

Article 21 - Voting rights

Each Member Organisation may vote and has one vote at the General Assembly on condition that it is up to date with its obligations under the statutes and in particular the payment of its subscriptions at least since the last two General Assemblies, unless an exception is granted by the Board upon justified request.

Rule No. 47 -

Any dispensation request by a Member Organisation for non-payment of subscriptions since the last two General Assemblies must be justified by the following information:

- annual financial statements for each year for which subscription dues are owed
- Detailed explanations for non-payment

Rule No. 48 -

Each Member Organisation votes through the intermediary of its President or of any other natural-person who is a member of that Member Organisation and to whom the president has given written power to that end.

Article 22 - Proxies

A Member Organisation may give another member organisation a proxy to represent and vote on its behalf.

The member organisation may receive a maximum of two proxies which must be submitted to the Chair of Emmaus International at the latest at the start of the General Assembly.

Rule No. 49 -

Proxies given according to Article 22 of the Statutes shall be either established in the name of the proxy Member Organisation or be blank proxies. All proxies shall be sent to the headquarters of Emmaus International. Blank proxies shall be distributed by the Chair of Emmaus International.