Call for candidates
Chair of Emmaus International

To the member organisations of Emmaus International, Board members, regional secretariats, national secretariats and national delegates

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Subject: Call for candidates to be Chair of Emmaus International

Dear friends,

To renew our governing bodies and fully guarantee the democratic life of the Movement, Emmaus International will hold elections for its next Chair at its **Ordinary General Assembly from 13 to 17 April 2026 in Someren, Netherlands.**

In accordance with the statutory requirements, I invite you to now put forward candidates for this position. Attached here, you will find a note specifying the details of the Chair's duties (see also Part VI of the Statutes) and a reminder of the statutory provisions: Article 28, Rules No. 54, 55 and 56.

As I complete my second and final term of office, I am writing to remind you of the importance of this mission at a time when our Movement is undergoing profound internal changes.

The Chair is a challenging role, which demands day-to-day commitment but also offers a unique opportunity to work with motivated individuals across the globe. Being the Chair of Emmaus International means not only **working in service of the Movement to carry our political message** but also going out to meet with groups and spreading a message of peace, solidarity and a shared desire to find alternatives in the fight against the causes of poverty.

The next Chair will need to embody the energy of "Together, we are Emmaus". She or he must play a unifying role, ensure that solidarity remains at the core of our collective commitment and be available to visit groups around the globe to promote a more just and solidarity-oriented world.

Send in your candidacies!

Warm regards,
Patrick Atohoun
Chair of Emmaus International

CANDIDACY FOR THE CHAIR

The Chair of Emmaus International is elected by the World Assembly and presides over the Board and Executive Committee. He or she has a four-year term of office, from one World Assembly to the next, and can be re-elected one time.

Serving as Chair requires being available to visit groups around the world and participate in various international and regional meetings (regional assemblies, regional boards, etc.). It also calls for active participation in meetings with other international organisations at forums, summits, symposia, etc. to make Emmaus' voice heard there and the ability to organise and work together in coalitions, which is essential nowadays if we want to achieve the goals of our organisation.

To be successful, the Chair must have the sensitivity and capacity to make space for the Movement's various bodies, listen, provide support and increase participation because the scope and diversity of Emmaus demand democratic, transparent leadership in all decision-making processes.

The Chair must also care about encouraging and most of all supporting the groups and individuals living in difficult political or economic situations.

Finally, the Chair must remind us that the aim of our commitment is to strengthen the "structure" of Emmaus, a necessary task that is not a goal in and of itself but which will help us continue to better make heard the voices of all who are experiencing poverty and injustice.

The Chair of Emmaus International is not a position that includes any remuneration or personal compensation outside of the regular rules for covering the costs of travel and participation in events. However, to compensate for the Chair's partial availability, her or his home group can receive a lump sum allowance, the amount of which is determined by the Board.

Candidates for Chair of Emmaus International, must:

- Have been an active member of the Movement for at least 5 years.
- Have the support of their member organisation and/or their national organisation and/or their regional organisation and/or 5% of the member organisations.
- Write a **candidacy letter** to be submitted alongside a curriculum vitae and a work programme.
- Provide a document in which their home national or regional organisation states that it has no objection regarding the candidate's integrity and honesty.

> Candidacies must be emailed to someren2026@emmaus-international.org **before 3 March 2026.**

See Articles 28, 49 and 51 of the Statutes of Emmaus International for more information.

Contact persons:

For questions about the position or the candidacy process, feel free to contact **Adrien Chaboche, Chief Executive** (a.chaboche@emmaus-international.org /+33 6 52 51 66 76) or any current member of the Board.

MOTIVATION TO BE THE CHAIR

In order for candidacies to be presented in a manner that makes them clear and comparable, it is suggested that each application be structured in two parts: a **letter of motivation** and a **work programme.**

These two parts will allow candidates to share both their personal commitment and their vision for the Movement in the coming years.

1. Letter of motivation

In this part, you are invited to present the reasons why you are submitting your candidacy for Chair of Emmaus International.
Explain your motivations, your values and how your experience within and outside of the Movement has prepared you to take on this role. You can also share details of what you think the Movement's priorities should be for the next four years.
You can also highlight three personal qualities that you see as essential for the Chair of Emmaus International and illustrate how these qualities are evident in your way of acting and working.

2. Work programme

In this second part, you are invited to describe your strategic vision for the Movement and the principles you see as important. You can also share what your personal priorities would be during your term of office.
You can also discuss how you would collaborate with the Board, how you would balance your responsibilities as Chair with your role in your group, and any other element that you consider relevant.

INTRODUCTION VIDEO

Additionally, each candidate will be contacted by the Commitment, Heritage and Communications Department of the Emmaus International Secretariat in order to create an introduction video that is no longer than three minutes. This video will enable all members of the Movement to get to know the individual candidates. It will be subtitled so as to be accessible to all and will be distributed to all member groups before the election. In the video, you can speak freely about your experience, your motivations and the key points of your programme.