



2022 WORLD ASSEMBLY INVITATION

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY
OF EMMAUS INTERNATIONAL**



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

Montreuil, 8 February 2022

Subject: Invitation to the 2022 Ordinary General Assembly and Extraordinary General Assembly of Emmaus International

Dear friends,

As the Chair of Emmaus International, I am delighted to officially invite you to the second part of our 2021-2022 World Assembly, which will consist in:

- An Ordinary General Assembly from 9 - 12 May 2022;
- An Extraordinary General Assembly, on 11 May 2022;
- A public event and visits on 13 May 2022.

As you know, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Emmaus International Board had to postpone the World Assembly planned for 2020 to 2021. Subsequently, given the health situation, it decided to organise the first part virtually on 30 November, 1 and 2 December 2021.

Please find attached to this letter the provisional agenda for the General Assembly. The stakes are high given that it includes voting on the movement's 2021-2025 guidelines, based on the initial proposals presented during the virtual General Assembly in 2021. We are also planning to hold debates on internal issues related to the life of our movement, such as the statutory amendments that will be subject to the vote during the Extraordinary General Assembly, along with internal and external issues that affect our international movement. These include environmental, economic, social and democratic challenges that are looming today, the responses that we can develop collectively, and the preservation of our common base of values, principles and practices which, since the beginning, have made our movement strong and unique (community, work, welcome, self-sufficiency, solidarity, awareness-raising, co-construction particularly with the most excluded).

The presence of all the Emmaus groups in South America will be a first for our movement. It will be an opportunity to make our voices heard on the continent, alongside the region's groups, during a public event that will be organised in Montevideo on Friday 13 May. We are planning visits to find out more about the Emmaus initiatives on the ground, along with local actions to combat poverty.

To ensure the continuity of debates between the two parts of this World Assembly, **we would like those who will be officially representing their groups in Uruguay to have also attended the virtual assembly in 2021, as far as possible.**



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 14 March 2022 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 format¹ to the Emmaus International head office **by 19 April 2022**.

By way of 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**. Exemptions were granted in 2021 and are pending regularisation.

All requests for partial or total exemptions, along with staggered payment of subscriptions, should be sent to the Treasurer of Emmaus International (tresorier@emmaus-international.org) by 7 March 2022 at the latest.

As with the virtual part, registration for the General Assembly will be online, using the registration form available here:

www.assemblee-mondiale-emmaus.org

The registration will be opened from 18 February - 4 April 2022.

To get ready for Uruguay, we would like to ask you to check straight away that you have a valid passport (valid for at least 6 months after the date of the World Assembly), as this is required to obtain a visa. You may also be required to have a full course of vaccinations, and we will let you know what Uruguay's requirements are when the registration opens.

I look forward to seeing you again. We need to meet and must do our utmost to achieve this, while allowing for the constraints caused by the Covid pandemic.

Sending you my warmest regards,

Patrick Atohoun
Chair of Emmaus International

¹ provided that the person concerned can be duly identified and that it is prepared, communicated and retained in such a way as to guarantee its integrity.



Extract from the statutes and internal rules

“Article 20 - Voting rights: *Each member organisation may vote and has one vote at the General Assembly on the condition that it is up to date with its obligations under the statutes and in particular the payment of its membership dues, at least since the last two General Assemblies, unless an exception is granted by the Board upon justified request.*

Rule 44 - *Any dispensation request by a Member Organisation for non-payment of membership dues since the last two General Assemblies must be justified by the following information:*

- *annual financial statements for each year for which subscription fees are owed;*
- *detailed explanations for non-payment.*

Rule 45 - *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 21 - 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. 46 - *Proxies given according to Article 21 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.”*