

'What we can do right here, right now is pool our talents and skills to help others, in a spirit of fraternity. This makes the inequalities of nature bearable, for we counteract them with our honesty and fairness" Abbé Pierre INTERNATIONAL Patrick Atohoun, new Chair of Emmaus International

Ithough we've all now returned to our groups and daily lives, it's time to work

make sure the movement remains united. in a spirit of solidarity, around the Emmaus values and guiding principles adopted at the and that they enable us to guarantee access anniversary of the death of our founder, we we can use solidarity to transform society also have a duty to mobilise to keep Abbé and campaign. I invite you to join us to tackle

relevant. We should show that Emmaus is putting alternative approaches into practice World Assembly. As we approach the 10th to fundamental rights. We should prove that Pierre's heritage and struggles alive and these challenges together.





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"OUR VALUES AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES"

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world live and work by the same values and evolve our action in line with this.



KEEPING OUR HERITAGE ALIVE

current and future struggles, to share them with the general the past 10 years will help our campaigns. public and win over as many people as possible to our cause.



TACKLING THE CAUSES OF POVERTY

In a changing world, the Emmaus movement asked itself Sole legatee of Abbé Pierre and the movement since 2007, Following the 2014-2015 surveys of the groups on policy and The Jesolo World Assembly recalled that our movement what values inspire and characterise its action. For over a Emmaus International is responsible for promoting its campaigns and solidarity, and the Guidance Report based functions on the basis of common rules and collective work year, Emmaus groups from all continents were consulted, heritage. The Jesolo World Assembly reaffirmed that on them, the World Assembly reaffirmed that we must that comply with our values. The participants reaffirmed and the result was a common basis of 5 values: welcome, today, we need to involve all the movement's groups in see solidarity as a political commitment in combatting the need to improve the movement's democratic openness, sharing, respect for human beings and the this task, strengthening our shared ownership of the poverty and its causes. Beyond the 6 work areas of past functioning – even if this didn't happen through adoption environment and solidarity. Guiding principles were history and struggles of the movement and its founder, years, the assembly decided to organise its fight against identified for each value, giving rise to our **5th founding** and using our initiatives to show how we have modernised the causes of poverty around 3 struggles: building a truly text Our Values and Guiding Principles, adopted at the to face the challenges of the 21st century all around the ethical and social economy to give access to fundamental world. Using the commemoration of the 10th anniversary of rights, **implementing social and environmental justice** Nearly ten years after our founder died, we must strengthen the death of Abbé Pierre, from September 2017 onwards all for a sustainable world, and advocating **peace and freedom** the movement, ensuring that all its members around the Emmaus groups will be invited to showcase the alternative of movement and settlement for universal citizenship. approaches they consider to best represent Emmaus's Work to capitalise on the local and shared experiences of



STRENGTHENING OUR MOVEMENT

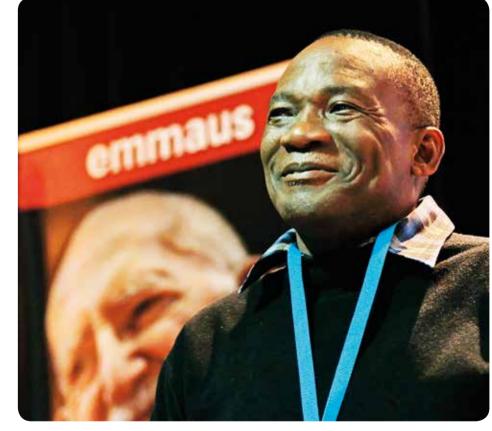
of the statutes to gain public interest status, it can be done via honest, transparent and participative governance. The assembly reminded all members that they have a joint responsibility to encourage and **support future leaders in the movement** to ensure it's sustainable. They also insisted that we must **boost our collective resources**, by **fulfilling our duties** especially in paying subscriptions or the annual solidarity sale. Our actions should correspond to our words.



group in Benin and active in the movement since 1992, is the new Chair of Emmaus International. He talks about the plans he has for his chairmanship.

Il us about your journey with Emmaus. I worked for the archbishop of Cotonou, who created Emmaus Hêvié. The group joined Emmaus International in 1992, before becoming Emmaus Pahou in 2003. I'm now its leader. We work with young people in difficulty, who take drugs, are unemployed, whose family relationships have broken down or have been in prison. We help them reintegrate into society and the world of work through training in agriculture, livestock and fish farming. For 10 years I've also headed up the Nokoue

Why did you want to become Chair? My work, in my group What plans do you have for Emmaus? We'll implement the or to Nokoué, led me to take on responsibility in the Africa World Assembly's resolutions. I expect the elected members region, then in Emmaus International bodies, as Secretary to embrace the decisions taken and commit themselves then Vice-Chair. I'd now like to fully devote myself to serving to their role, without ever losing sight of the interests of the movement in the hope of giving back as much as it's given the movement. The Emmaus International secretariat has me. Having a chair from the 'South' could be a great chapter been restructured to better carry out its work. I'd like us in our history, as all former chairs have been European. This $\,\,\,\,\,\,\,\,\,$ to be a movement united in addressing our joint challenge: shows the movement's maturity, it sees groups from other improving the well-being of the people we work with. Finally, continents not as 'recipients' of solidarity but as a source of I'd like Abbé Pierre's struggles and our values to be shared inspiration, along with all other groups. We should learn and respected by everyone, that Abbé Pierre's saying 'come from each other and pursue the same goals.



and help me help' be brought to life.