

# 2017 ANNUAL REPORT



ABBÉ PIERRE  
1912 – 2007



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ACTIVISTS FOR CHANGE

# EDITORIAL



**2017** was an important year for the Emmaus movement. On 22nd January, we marked the tenth anniversary of Abbé Pierre's death and we reflected on how much our founder's struggles still inspire us today. 2017 was also the year in which we started to implement the resolutions passed at the world assembly held in Jesolo, Italy, in 2016. At this assembly, our members decided to focus their collective efforts and determination on "bringing our heritage to life", "strengthening our movement" and "fighting the causes of poverty" over the next four years.

Our grassroots initiatives, wherever in the world they are carried out, are true levers for social change. Across our many forums for exchanging and debating ideas, such initiatives have helped us to build our campaigns around the three struggles which we defined together in Italy in 2016: for an ethical and solidarity economy, for social and environmental justice, and for peace and freedom of movement and of residence for universal citizenship.

All groups had the opportunity to participate in defining these "new" struggles and to take ownership of them, thus helping us rise to the challenge, left to us by Abbé Pierre, of making the "voice of the voiceless" heard again, through the campaigns we will build.

Patrick ATOHOUN,  
Chair of Emmaus International

# INTRODUCTION

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**F**ounded in 1971 by Abbé Pierre, Emmaus International is a movement based on solidarity, which fights against poverty and exclusion. It brings together 350 organisations in 37 countries, spread over four continents. Although these organisations exist in very different social, economic and political contexts, they share the values of welcoming those in need, solidarity, openness, respect and sharing. They also all share the same objective: taking action against the causes of poverty and bringing about social change by allowing the most impoverished people to take control of their own lives.

Emmaus organisations worldwide lead campaigns and take action as part of three struggles for basic human rights: an ethical and solidarity economy, social and environmental justice, and freedom of movement and of residence for universal citizenship.

Sole heir of Abbé Pierre, Emmaus International has the responsibility to preserve and bring to life the legacy of Abbé Pierre and the struggles he led unrelentingly throughout his life.

# ORGANISATION

**EMMAUS INTERNATIONAL**  
Board, Executive Committee and  
International Secretariat

## AFRICA

Regional Executive  
Committee

Regional Secretariat  
(Ouagadougou)

## THE AMERICAS

Regional Executive  
Committee

Regional Secretariat  
(Montevideo)

## ASIA

Regional Executive  
Committee

Regional Secretariat  
(Pondicherry)

## EUROPE

Regional Executive  
Committee

Regional Secretariat  
(Montreuil)

# MANAGEMENT

Emmaus International is run on a democratic and international basis, as demonstrated by its elected members from all four continents.

Every four years, all 350 member organisations meet at a world assembly. This key moment for the movement allows us to decide which direction to take over the following four years. Then, at the international level and in each region (Africa, the Americas, Asia and Europe), the elected authorities guide the movement in this new direction, with the support of salaried teams.

# WORLD MAP



# 2017, YEAR IN WHICH WE MARKED THE 10-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF ABBÉ PIERRE'S DEATH



Marking the anniversary of Abbé Pierre's death and sharing his moral legacy, Place de la République, Paris (France) – 22nd January



On 22nd January 2017, and throughout the year, the movement marked the 10 years that had passed since Abbé Pierre “went on long holiday”, as he liked to put it.

All over the world, our founder's legacy and his struggles were honoured and celebrated. Groups reflected on the ways in which this legacy is still alive and on how still today it guides the work we do to make the world a fairer place, with a place for all, even the most excluded.

The Emmaus movement is the result of Abbé Pierre's burning desire to establish an international network based on three fundamental principles: welcoming others without passing judgement, being open to the world, and raising awareness among the public and decision-makers.



Tribute to Abbé Pierre at the meeting of African groups in Ouagadougou (Burkina Faso) – December



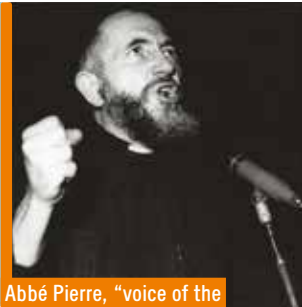
Vigil organised during a work camp held in Southern India with participants from all four continents - January



Abbé Pierre is given special importance in an internal training session on the movement's history. Cologne (Germany) – June

As the sole heir to Abbé Pierre, with a responsibility to preserve his legacy and spread the word about his ideas and work, Emmaus International provided support to groups marking this anniversary. As the custodian of Abbé Pierre's personal archives, Emmaus International is committed to sharing these records of his life and work as widely as possible, through raising awareness among both Emmaus members and the general public.

# BUILDING OUR CAMPAIGNS COLLECTIVELY



Abbé Pierre, “voice of the voiceless”, Beirut 1969



Two regional board meetings were held in the Americas, in Montevideo (Uruguay) in March and in Lima (Peru) in October. A meeting of group leaders in Montevideo – September

A meeting for the secretariats from the Asia, Africa, Americas and Europe regions, and the head office in Paris (France) – February



Embracing political commitment as a key part of solidarity is one of our guiding principles, inspired by Abbé Pierre, which have been in place since the creation of Emmaus International.

Thus, since the beginning, Emmaus International has been working for structural change in our societies, fighting “until the cause of each ill is eliminated” and defending “access to fundamental rights for all” (The Universal Manifesto of Emmaus, 1969).

In April 2016, at the Emmaus movement’s world assembly in Jesolo, Italy, groups reasserted their desire to achieve this vision and to put solidarity into practice in this way.

Since 2016, our grassroots initiatives, formerly divided into six policy areas (right to water; international migration; health; education; ethical finance; and fighting human trafficking) have been based around three struggles:

- for an ethical and solidarity economy,
- for social and environmental justice,
- for peace and freedom of movement and of residence for universal citizenship.

Over the course of 2017, on all four continents, opportunities to exchange and debate ideas were created, allowing groups to contribute towards building the movement’s policies, based around these three struggles.

By working together, as elected members, members, volunteers, and salaried staff, we were able to define the movement’s position on these subjects. This position is based on our grassroots initiatives, which are key to our movement’s legitimacy.

Workshops have enabled us to further discuss in order to identify, for each of our three struggles:

- The injustices of the global system which have become unacceptable to our groups
- The values and guiding principles that underpin the alternative initiatives supported by our movement
- Why we take issue with the current perverse and unfair global system.



A meeting of the Africa regional board in Lomé (Togo) in April 2017 and a regional meeting for all African groups in Ouagadougou (Burkina Faso) – December

For the Asia region, a regional board meeting was held in Beirut (Lebanon) in March, and a regional assembly in Thanapara (Bangladesh) – September



# OUR GROUPS REASSERTED THE FIVE VALUES THAT GUIDE OUR WORK

- Unconditional welcome
- Solidarity, a source of strength against isolation and in conflict resolution
- Openness to understanding others and their points of view
- Respect for humankind, including its diversity and its environment
- Sharing in every sense: human, material and financial.



Dialogue to build alternative solutions.  
Emmaus Luanda – Angola



Learning about humanist values from a very early age.  
Cuna Nazareth School – Peru

## THE 10 PRINCIPLES WHICH ARE THE FOUNDATION OF OUR WORK

- Prioritising the most vulnerable
- Reinforcing gender equality in all that we do
- Embracing political commitment as a key element of solidarity
- Ensuring that all our actions are sustainable, socially just and equitable
- Ensuring that our actions live up to our statements in the groups' operations
- Educating and raising awareness
- Working towards empowering people
- Strengthening democracy and championing diversity
- Redistributing wealth whilst serving the common good
- Making the groups more financially self-sufficient



Solidarity, a vital force in conflict zones.  
Emmaus AEP – Lebanon



The community, a place to live and work.  
Emmaus Coventry, United Kingdom.

# OUR THREE STRUGGLES IN BRIEF



Working for the common good.  
Emmaus Oselya – Ukraine



Micro-finance, an alternative way to make a living from your work and to take control of your life.  
Emmaus Pahou – Benin

## An ethical and solidarity economy, which serves humankind

**AGAINST** the dominant global economic system, which rewards competitiveness, benefits the most powerful, has rendered the working conditions of millions of people uncertain, and deepens inequality, particularly between men and women. This is a system based on the financialisation of the economy, tax optimisation, etc.

### EMMAUS INTERNATIONAL IS CAMPAIGNING FOR...

- the redistribution of wealth and the defence of the commons,
- the essential needs of all people to be fulfilled, allowing them dignity,
- a sustainable balance between individuals, communities and the environment,
- effective alternatives to the capitalist, neoliberal system, so that everyone can live together in dignity.



Recycling materials in order to fight pollution and the over-exploitation of natural resources.  
Emmaus Recife - Brazil



## Social and environmental justice, for a sustainable world

**AGAINST** a global system which leads to growing inequality, as political and economic power is further removed from the people, the climate and environment are gradually destroyed; and rights to health, education and housing are violated.



### EMMAUS INTERNATIONAL IS CAMPAIGNING FOR:

- public decision-making systems to be democratised,
- fair access to natural resources and for the people to have sovereignty over these resources,
- civil and penal liability for states or other economic entities that cause degradation, pollution or violate rights.
- food sovereignty and agro-ecology.



The land as a commons to be protected and respected. Emmaus Toulouse – France



Face à la spéculation, construction de maisons avec des familles en difficultés. Emmaüs Home – USA



Access to healthcare for the most excluded. Mutual health schemes in Benin, India and Burkina Faso

## Peace and freedom of movement and of residence for universal citizenship

**AGAINST** a global system which leads to exclusion and conflicts, and migration policies with unacceptable human and financial costs which make freedom of movement selective and create competition among migrants, thus violating their rights.

### EMMAUS INTERNATIONAL IS CAMPAIGNING:

- to welcome the most vulnerable,
- to denounce actions or policies which infringe fundamental rights,
- for the right to freedom of movement and the real possibility of putting this into action,
- to fight all forms of discrimination,
- to support peace processes and transitions to democracy,
- to establish a model of universal citizenship.



Working with former child soldiers to explore their possibilities for the future. Emmaus CAJED – DR Congo



Offering moral, logistical, legal and political support to migrants. Calais – France



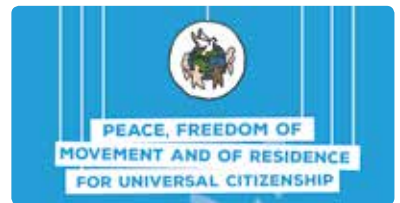
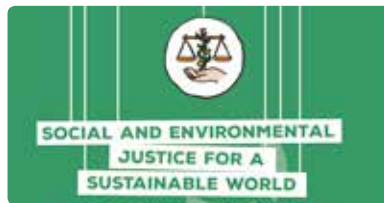
Campaigning to raise awareness about and denounce human trafficking. Emmaus FIS – Bosnia



# TOOLS FOR TAKING ACTION

In order to allow all Emmaus members to take ownership of the work carried out over the four continents and to share the results of this work more effectively internally and externally, communication tools have been created, based around our approach to solidarity and our campaigns.

➔ Fact sheets and instructional videos on our struggles



➔ Films presenting our grassroots initiatives



➔ The May 2017 issue of "Emmaus Express" aimed to allow our groups, all over the world, to find out more about what the movement does at the international level.

➔ A double-sided leaflet briefly introducing the movement was published.

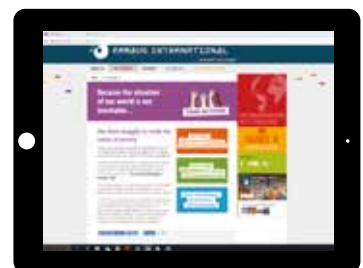


➔ An exhibition dedicated to the many facets of Abbé Pierre's personality (child, priest, member of the resistance, father of Emmaus, etc.) was put together in 2017, with the generous support of the Archives Nationales du Monde du Travail (National Archives of the World of Work) in Roubaix, France, which is where our archives relating to Abbé Pierre and the history of the movement are stored.



➔ A collection of the key texts adopted by the movement between 1969 and 2016 was published so that we can more easily share these texts, which were the bedrock, upon which the values and guiding principles that form the identity of the Emmaus movement, were built.

➔ The website was updated in light of our three struggles in order to share our ideas, our initiatives and, indeed, our struggles with as many people as possible!



# INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY

Solidarity is at the heart of the Emmaus movement. Emmaus organisations pool their resources so that they are able to come to the rescue of those most in need, through solidarity programmes.

## IN 2017

In 2017, it was possible to fund the projects of

**18** Emmaus organisations in Eastern Europe, Africa, the Americas and Asia, with a total of

**€ 479,019**

raised by

**205** Emmaus organisations.

### A SOLIDARITY SALE TO FUND COMMUNITY PROJECTS

All organisations in the movement organise an annual solidarity sale. The money raised by these sales is pooled and then redistributed to fund projects designed to build the capacity of Emmaus organisations, support their initiatives and respond to developing needs.

**21** organisations sent a total of **44** containers to **20** other Emmaus groups.

### SOLIDARITY THROUGH SHARING RESOURCES

By sending shipping containers, Emmaus organisations in Western Europe share materials resources with those in Africa, Latin America and Eastern Europe. These resources can be used as equipment, sold second-hand, or can be used to help local partner organisations. The programme also gives an opportunity to members of Emmaus groups to meet one another.



## EMERGENCY AID

When a member organisation facing an emergency situation sends out a call for help, all the movement's groups are called on to show their solidarity. The financial support collected in this way can allow the organisation to deal with the initial emergency or to put into place longer-term solutions.



## LONG-TERM SUPPORT AFTER A NATURAL DISASTER

In Peru, in February 2017, more than 100,000 people were badly affected by flooding, landslides and mud flows caused by the El Niño phenomenon. Emmaus groups in the country were able to help local people in various regions (Piura, Trujillo and Lambayeque) by handing out emergency kits, providing temporary shelter to those who had lost their homes, and then by rebuilding homes. The total funds required were €93,800.

## REBUILDING AFTER A FIRE

The St-Francis community (USA) was hit by fire at the end of 2016. The house used to shelter formerly homeless people was completely destroyed. For the Maldonado community (Uruguay), it was a workshop for repairing household electrical appliances which was ravaged by fire, at the end of October 2016. Left without a home, or somewhere to carry out work to raise money, both of these communities needed to call on the movement for help. They received €39,000 and €6,000 respectively, which allowed them to carry on working in solidarity with those most in need.

# 2017 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

## DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

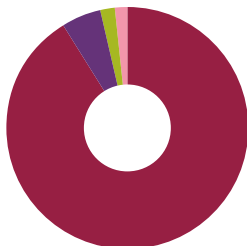
The move from six priority areas to our three struggles led us to review the names of the budget lines, thus creating a dedicated fund to each of these three struggles. Our accounts have been audited by an auditor, as they are every year.

### 1 - OPERATIONS AND LIFE OF THE MOVEMENT: SURPLUS € 48,821 (NOT INCLUDING THE EXTRAORDINARY RESULT)

#### INCOME

- Group subscriptions € 2 162 835
- Subsidies and sponsorship € 129 000
- Donations and bequests € 45 587
- Other income € 35 042

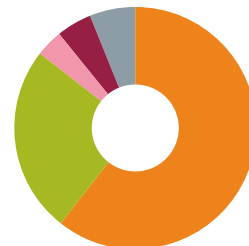
**TOTAL € 2 372 464**



#### EXPENDITURE

- Salaries and overheads €1 408 301
- Coordination of the Movement €580 974
- Communication €86 855
- Heritage (including support for the Abbé Pierre - Emmaus Centre) €106 190
- Other expenditure €141 323

**TOTAL €2 323 643**

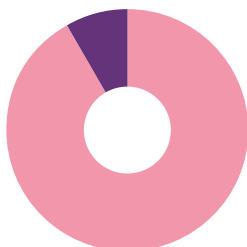


### 2 - SOLIDARITY AND POLITICAL COMMITMENTS

#### INCOME

- Emmaus groups' contributions €1 185 007
- 2016 restricted funds carried over €104 085

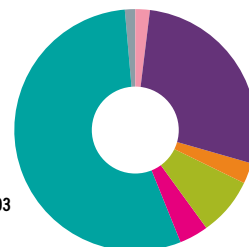
**TOTAL €1 289 092**



#### EXPENDITURE

- Restricted funds: Ethical and solidarity economy €28 833
- Restricted funds: Social and environmental justice €353 880
- Restricted funds: Peace and universal citizenship €34 939
- Emergency fund €102 380
- Promoting our archives and heritage €49 403
- Supporting our initiatives in Africa, Asia, the Americas and Europe €701 735
- Other expenditure (including learning tools) €17 922

**TOTAL €1 289 092**



## BALANCE SHEET EXTRACT (IN EUROS)

1 - STATEMENT OF ASSETS			ON 31/12/2017	ON 31/12/2016
	GROSS	RESERVES FOR DEPRECIATION	NET	NET
TOTAL PERMANENT ASSETS	€2 125 839	€292 535	€1 833 303	€1 977 040
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	€2 826 009 €	€24 512	€2 801 497	€2 712 991
OVERALL TOTAL	€4 951 848	€317 047	€4 634 800	€4 690 031

1 - STATEMENT OF LIABILITIES	ON 31/12/2017		ON 31/12/2016
	NET		NET
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS	€1 340 981		€ 1 292 161
RISK AND CONTINGENCY PROVISIONS	€23 484		€19 885
RESTRICTED FUNDS	€1 868 641		€1 972 611
DEBTS	€ 1 401 694		€1 405 258
LIABILITY CONVERSION DIFFERENTIAL	-		-
OVERALL TOTAL	€4 634 800		€4 690 031

As engaged citizens, let's put solidarity to work.

**“Selfishness overwhelms us, brutality strikes everywhere. We need to rise up and confront this dirty war that risks destroying us.”**

**Abbé Pierre**  
(Uruguay, 1984)

YOUTH CAMP - DENMARK - 1963



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