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For the attention of Emmaus Europe full and trial members

Subject: Invitation to the 8th Regional Assembly of Emmaus Europe

Dear friends,

We are delighted to invite you to attend the Emmaus Europe Ordinary and Extraordinary General Assemblies to be held on 27-29 April 2027 in Sarajevo in Bosnia-Herzegovina. You will need to attend from 26 April to 30 April in order to make the most of all the planned activities.

Our general assembly is a unique gathering that takes place every four years and brings together groups from across Europe to meet up, get to know new people and about new projects, see old friends, and discuss and build together Emmaus's future in Europe.

This assembly will be **all about peace and multiculturism**.

The host city, Sarajevo, is located at the crossroads of the East and West, and is enhanced by the diversity of cultures who have built the city and have lived peacefully there for such a long time. However, events in Sarajevo also sparked the start of World War I, and the city was also the scene of the terrible siege that symbolised the last war to take place in Europe before the Ukraine War began. At a time when nationalism and xenophobic parties are on the rise in Europe, Sarajevo is the ideal venue to take the opposing view and build together the Europe of Emmaus.

The next few years look set to be pivotal from a human rights, environmental and anti-poverty perspective. We need to continue moving forward so that we are ready to welcome those who need support in the future, in order to adapt our work to the new issues at stake, and to build a peaceful Europe that is supportive of the rest of the world.

I therefore hope to see as many of you as possible in Sarajevo!

An Extraordinary General Assembly has also been convened to amend our statutes in order to incorporate the changes made at the world assembly and improve our way of working.

In the event of being unable to attend, each organisation with voting powers can be represented by another Emmaus Europe member organisation by means of a proxy vote, with each organisation being allowed to hold two proxies in addition to its own vote.

Please read the information found below in order to register for the assembly or grant a proxy vote.

The Regional Executive Committee of Emmaus Europe and the Secretariat are of course available should you require any additional information.

I send you my warmest wishes, and hope to see as many of you as possible at this key event for the Emmaus Movement.

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Important reminder: Only **full member groups** that are up to date by 28 February 2027 with their Emmaus Europe membership dues for **2023, 2024, 2025 and 2026** may vote at the Regional Assembly in accordance with Article 19 of the organisation's statutes.

Please find attached the **provisional programme** to help you get ready for the Emmaus Europe Regional Assembly.

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