



## Servas Canada: Furthering peace through multicultural dialogue

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### EMMAÜS AND SERVAS – PARTNERSHIP?

After World War II, Servas founder and conscientious objector, Bob Luitweiler, worked with the Emmaüs community while travelling internationally. On October 18, 2017, Servas International and Emmaüs International representatives met in Paris as both organizations share common values of hospitality, solidarity, and a belief that peace is achievable through mutual understanding and social justice.

At the United Nations in Geneva, Servas International invited an Emmaüs member (also a Servas member) to participate in panels on migration (September 2017) and on sustainable tourism (March 2017). This coming September, Servas aims to participate in a peace conference organized by Emmaüs in Geneva. *By Danielle Serres, SI Peace Secretary*

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### SERVASONLINE 10,000+ PROFILES

As of late March 27 there were over 10,000 profiles on ServasOnline, that is, more than half of all Servas members are now part of our community database including: Australia, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Brazil, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, Congo, Costa Rica, Cuba, Denmark, Finland, France, Gambia, Great Britain, Guatemala, Hungary, Iceland, Japan, Jordan, Lebanon, Luxemburg,

Mali, Netherlands, New Zealand, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Slovakia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Taiwan, Tanzania, Turkey.

ServasOnline membership data is currently being prepared for: Argentina, Columbia, Czech Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Georgia, Greece, India, Indonesia, Iran, Ireland, Israel, Kenya, Korea, Latvia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Portugal, Russia, Switzerland, Thailand, Uganda, Uruguay, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Venezuela.

### *Servas really is a global community!*

New Servas communities (or new Board memberships) have been established in Albania, Belarus, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mexico, Mongolia, and Russia. *These are exciting times for Servas travellers to experience the world!*

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### REDUCING SICOGA'S ECOLOGICAL FOOTPRINT

Servas International's Executive Board agreed to add this sentence to SICOGA 2018 (Seoul, South Korea) materials: *Bearing in mind the ecological footprint of an event such as SICOGA 2018 on the world's environment, SI Exco will make every effort feasible to minimize its impact.*

**An historic and significant move forward!**