

Coordinators' Council, Egypt 2026

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

**To the attention of the provincial coordinators
and the members of the international coordinating team**

Dear friends,

In addition to the invitation letter, you will find below some practical information regarding the organisation and running of the 2026 Coordinators' Council in Egypt.



- **Dates of the meeting:** the Coordinators' Council will take place **from Tuesday 27 October to Sunday 1st November 2026** in Egypt, at the **Beit el Wadi Centre** (located in Beni Salama, Natura Valley, Beheira), approximately 1.5 hours' drive north-west of Cairo. www.beitelwadi.com
See **Appendix 1, presentation brochure** for the Beit el Wadi Centre.
- The **theme and programme** of the meeting will be communicated to you at a later date.
- **Participants:** provincial coordinators, a group of ten chaplains designated by the international team and representing the different Christian denominations of the movement, the international coordinating team, the President of the Board of Directors, interpreters, the international secretariat, around fifteen members of the local team and a few guests from local communities in Egypt.
- **Registration form in Appendix 2, to be completed and sent by 16/02/2026 at the latest** to international@foietlumiere.org

Note: Additional time to return registration forms will be given (when possible) to the new provincial coordinators elected during the year.

- **Passport:** Please note that your passport should be valid for at least 6 months after your return date (May 2027). If you need to renew your passport, please start the necessary procedures now.



Visa: In a future letter, you will receive additional information, including practical details on obtaining a **visa, which is mandatory** for Egypt. For your information, Faith and Light International will reimburse you for visa fees upon presentation of proof of payment.

- **Cost:** The participation fee is **€1,800 per person, payable by your province**. This amount covers:



- ✓ accommodation and meals for 5 nights: **€330**
- ✓ **travel expenses** (airfare, checked baggage, insurance) calculated on an equalization basis (*): **€870**
(*) Costs are divided equally among all participants in order to smooth out individual differences and ensure a fair contribution for everyone.
- ✓ contribution to **overheads** (shuttle costs between the airport and the meeting venue, transport/accommodation costs and interpreters' fees, hire of booths for interpreters, microphones and headsets, sound equipment and the presence of a technician on site, hire of meeting rooms, etc.) **€550**
- ✓ Contribution to **the costs of invited chaplains: estimated at €50**

Exception: As the coordinators' council is taking place in Egypt, the three Egyptian provinces (Holy Family, Egypt Center, and Egypt South-Kuwait) will not participate in the equalization of the travel cost. They will pay €930 per provincial coordinator, participating for their accommodation expenses, contributing to overheads and expenses for guest chaplains.

The secretariat will **purchase the plane tickets for all participants** through its usual travel agency.

The secretariat will shortly inform the provinces of the terms and conditions for payment of the **financial participation**.

- **International solidarity:** Provinces unable to finance the full cost of their coordinator's participation (€1,800 per person) **may submit a request for partial solidarity** in agreement with their international vice-coordinator. The form in **Appendix 3** should be sent to the international secretariat **before 16 February 2026**. international@foietlumiere.org



The solidarity requests will be submitted to the Board of Directors for approval.

As it has been the case in previous years when international meetings were held, the Solidarity 2026 will be exclusively dedicated to helping provinces that are unable to fully fund the participation of their coordinator.

- **Sightseeing tour:** a day of discovery in Cairo may be offered. Information will be provided at a later date, along with the price per person. This additional cost (which should not exceed €60) will **be paid by each participant** (return coach travel, tourist tickets, etc.).

Please feel free to contact us if you require any further information or clarification.
With our best regards.

Céline Doudelle
Faith and Light International Secretariat

Appendices:

- **1.** Brochure presenting the Beit el Wadi centre
- **2.** Registration form **(to be returned by 16/02/2026 with a copy of your passport)**
- **3.** Solidarity request form