



Community Mandate

June 2013 -June 2017

We see many signs of new life in community and are grateful for God's faithfulness to us and to the commitment of all who helped build and support our community in the past four years. We believe that we are called to bear good fruit for ourselves and others.

We believe that we are called to renew the spirit of L'Arche, to remember that our founding in Trosly and our founding in Sudbury were bold actions moved by the Spirit. We know that the vision can get worn down by ministry regulations, busyness, turnover, and our desire for security. We are called to deeper discernment -reflecting on the charism (gifts of the Spirit) of L'Arche and the signs of our times -to discover where we called to step out in faith and bold action today. Living with a passion for the mission will keep the fire burning for a new generation.

In creating this Mandate, we are conscious that we already have a mandate for L'Arche approved at the International Assembly 2012 in Atlanta and made specific to Canada at Assembly 2013 in Vancouver. Among other things these Mandates call us to work together on Development (including new ways to live L'Arche), Servant Leadership, the leadership of members with disabilities (e.g. core member council), and having greater impact in society. The 50th Anniversary will be a special time of celebration, renewal and public awareness. The mandate of L'Arche Sudbury is intended to compliment these directions to which we are already committed.

In this Mandate, we are called to live the Mission and Spirituality of L'Arche with greater intentionality.

We will do this by:



- Sharing our personal and communal stories with family, friends and new members more frequently and skillfully using gathering times and technology.

- Naming, celebrating and welcoming the gift(s) of each member, sharing these in the wider community, and fostering leadership at the point of gift.



- Deepening in L'Arche spirituality in daily life, inclusive community worship and presence in our faith communities -making room for joy and spontaneity.



- Renewing and creating traditions and rituals which give deeper meaning to our daily life, the seasons of the year and our lives.

- Strengthening our formation and accompaniment of assistants to educate them, guide them, call them to deepen in mission in L'Arche or beyond.



- Building a stronger circle of friends, partners and supporters in the wider community by welcoming them well in our community and contributing more to making Sudbury a place of welcome for all people.

- Exploring new ways to grow that respond to the changing needs of our members and the cry of those in Sudbury who need friendship and community.

