

Community Mandate 2009-2013

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With gratitude to God for calling and guiding L'Arche Sudbury for our first 25 years, we desire to renew our life in the Mission of L'Arche for ourselves, the greater family of L'Arche, and the city of Sudbury as we:

❖ **Strengthen belonging and commitment by:**

- Implementing the Membership Document;
- Welcoming the Vocational Program into the heart of the community;
- Creating ways to name and claim the gifts of all members, employees, and volunteers.

❖ **Increase opportunities for celebration, sharing stories and having fun together** in order to strengthen relationships and community life, respect the different life rhythms of our members, and have fun!

❖ **Ensure that each member with disabilities has a strong circle of committed family and friends** who collaborate with the assistants to provide a good quality of life, support in making choices, and help to respond to changing needs.

❖ **Reach out more actively in the city of Sudbury** by sharing our stories, partnering with like-minded organizations and participating in community building projects in order to help those in need and to broaden our circle of support and connections with potential volunteers, board members, assistants.

❖ **Foster leadership and renew community traditions and forums for communication/decision-making** in order to build a dialogue of mutual respect and shared leadership for our mission.

❖ **Refocus our Spiritual Life Committee in order to:**

- Support members to express their faith in ways that are meaningful to them;
- Provide guidance for prayer life in our homes, programs and community;
- Provide opportunities for retreats and faith sharing;
- Seek a spiritual guide(s) to lead us in this process.

Note: These directions are not in order of priority –all are important; priorities will be set by the Board and Leadership.