

A Short Reflection for Board Members

Consider investing some time to increase your effectiveness as a board member if you answer 'no' to five or more of the following:

	YES	NO
Fellow board members and L'Arche staff experience me as someone who is supportive and encouraging in area of fundraising	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I proudly make a strong financial gift (for me) to L'Arche every year	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
In the past six months I have personally thanked several of our financial partners (donors) in person, or by phone, card, or email.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I can clearly communicate L'Arche's fundraising goals and our plan to reach those goals	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I feel like I am part of the larger team of people who are working towards our annual fundraising goal.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I have been part of a meeting where someone has been asked to make a financial investment in L'Arche.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I have read Henri Nouwen's book 'A Spirituality of Fundraising'.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
In the past year I have referred our Community Leader or staff fundraiser to at least two people who I think could become friends/supporters of L'Arche	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
In the past two months I have brought up L'Arche in at least one conversation with a friend, colleague, or family member and spoken about why I am involved.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I understand the fundraising needs and goals of L'Arche USA and L'Arche international and I understand how my local L'Arche board and community are committed to help.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I truly believe that the need and opportunity to fundraise is a positive force for good.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Three Question to Ponder

- 1. What are your fears, concerns, hesitations, or negative thoughts or feelings about fundraising?**

- 2. Why did you join the board (go down memory lane) and why have you stayed?**

- 3. How does this sentence resonate with you?**

“IF you want different results, you need to change your way of thinking and what you are doing.”
