

Taking Responsibility Together!

Mandate for the Federation 2017-2022



During the previous Mandate, we celebrated the 50th anniversary of L'Arche and entered into a new stage of maturity and transition, integrating our increasingly global and multicultural reality.

The previous Mandate opened a number of work streams, some of which will require ongoing attention or need to be pursued during the upcoming mandate. These include: inculturation, leadership formation, inclusion of persons with disabilities and the follow up necessary after the revelations concerning Father Thomas.

This new Mandate 2017-2022 is a continuation of the previous one.

The changing reality of the world in which we live calls us to revisit our history, to deepen in our fundamental values, to share what we have learned and strengthen the Federation, enabling it to better serve all the communities and to take our responsibility in the building of a more human society where everyone belongs.

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L'Arche is a gift that has been entrusted to us, and together, we are responsible for it. The vision of L'Arche has always been the fruit of prayer and listening to the Spirit of God while remaining faithful to our call to be present to the most vulnerable. Prayer and reflection will continue to guide our actions for the future. A strategic plan will be developed to help us implement our vision.

Today, we are called to go
deeper, to go out, and to go within.

1. Go Deeper: Claim and integrate our fundamental principles and values

- 1.1 Revise our **Charter** together; unifying the Federation around a clear expression of our values, vision and our common history.
- 1.2 Deepen our understanding of the **spiritual dimension** of L'Arche and its place in our daily life, taking into consideration the increasing diversity of this reality among our members and communities.
- 1.3 Rediscover the importance and the essential value of **community** for L'Arche in front of the challenges and changes we face today.

2. Go Out: Get involved on local, national, and international levels

- 2.1 Invest more time in “**going out**”. Leaders, and in particular the Federation Leadership, need to increase their interaction and collaboration in the society in which we live.
- 2.2 Respond **creatively** to existing and **emerging** hopes and needs of persons with an intellectual disability, especially those in situations of distress in our world today.
- 2.3 Create new opportunities for an **exchange of experience** with others; developing our own capacity for expressing our experience in L'Arche through the written word, creative arts, new technologies and other innovative means.

3. Go Within: Consolidate and strengthen the Federation

- 3.1 Create a greater **awareness** of the international reality of the Federation through increased internal communication and develop a stronger sense of our **responsibility** for one another. Provide the necessary means to enable all communities, particularly the most fragile, to progress in their capacity to fully live the mission.
- 3.2 Integrate **fundraising** as part of our Mission. Increase the fund-raising capacity of L'Arche International and ensure that all levels of L'Arche take responsibility for their finances, using resources in a transparent, sustainable and ethical manner.
- 3.3 Develop greater **synergy, coordination and supervision** in the roles of the members of the Leadership and Support teams of L'Arche International. **Evaluate** the impact of the implementation of the Constitution of 2012 on the life and functioning of the Federation.