

Stephan Posner and Stacy Cates-Carney's Report

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The mandate ASKED us to:



Go DEEPER



Go OUT

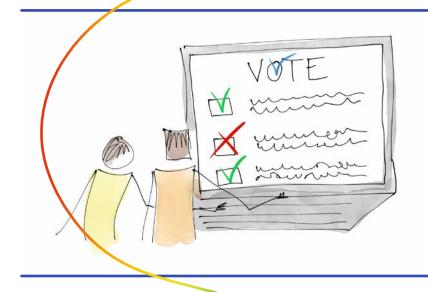


Take CARE of the Federation

To go DEEPER we needed to review the charter:



We did the work all together.

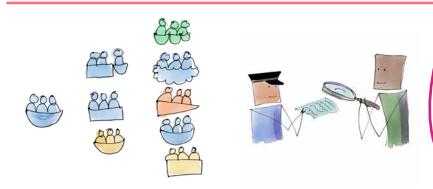


We hope that the vote will say that the charter is really helpful for the future.



We will need to continue integrating it in our lives.

We needed to DEEPEN our spiritual life and our community life



Communities evolve. We are beginning to evaluate the future needs of communities.

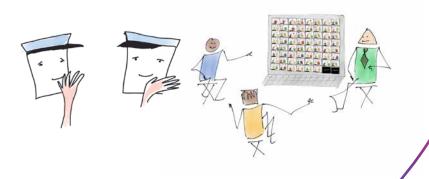


For the charter or the inquiry, we began conversations that will need to be continued.

Some **SERIOUS** events happened:



The death of Jean Vanier, Covid, the inquiry report...



We have listened to the members of L'Arche. We have talked together.

To go WITHOUT We had to speak of us to the outside world.



But the inquiry taught us some difficult things.



We choose to tell the truth.

We needed to REACH OUT to others



But COVID didn't allow us to go out. It became more difficult to create links.



We linked with others in formations.



Communities showed their solidarity with the L'Arche communities in Ukraine.



We did not have the means to create L'Arche communities in new countries.

We had to REVIEW our international administrative tools





We are making informations lists on our communities so as to better understand our resources and share them with our partners.

We learnt how to better evaluate communities in order to better accompany them. We need to improve some more.

We needed the COMMUNICATION team to put our communities forward







We wrote reports, news and videos.



We renewed our website and what we say about ourselves.



But we need to learn how to speak of L'Arche by integrating the charter and the revelations on our history. The story of L'Arche is also the story of each one of us.





We have created encounters: the L'Arche Light Festivals and the open calls.

We had to go over again on what it means to be a COMMUNITY MEMBER of the Federation.

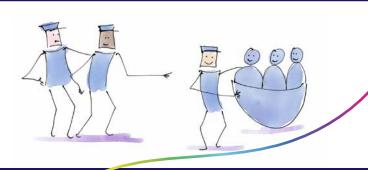


Each one in their role worked better with the others.



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We had to better SUPPORT the more isolated communities



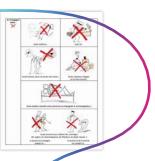
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We wrote a code of conduct for the safeguarding of each one of us.

We had to TALK about money



We made savings.
Our finances are
more stable.



We are starting to look for money together. We must do it more.



Communities are getting more involved to find part of the money they need.

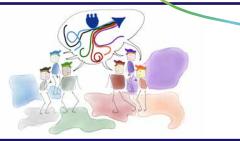
For the **FUTURE**, the constitution will need to be clarified and respected



The rules to govern L'Arche need to be reviewed. This is often the case after the death of a founder.



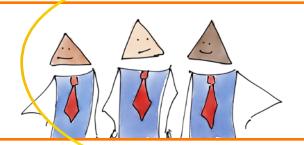
The rules are not clear enough.
Not everybody understands them in the same way.



There are several possible models. We need to agree in order to fully live our mission.

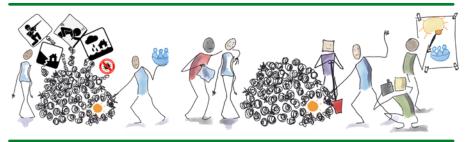


We, Stephan and Stacy, leave without being yet replaced.



The leaders in Rome thought out a transition period so as to better organise the next teams.

CONCLUSION



The example of Haiti shows us that joy can be there, even when life is very difficult.



Our engagement is free. It is not an engagement for Jean Vanier. But for what we live together.



Thank you to all of you who have worked with us. Thank you, to each one of you.



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