



Biographies

International Stewardship Board Candidates



TOGETHER IN THE WORLD

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As first-term members of the International Stewardship Board:



Pedro Toussaint

I came to L'Arche Mexico in 2003 together with Maricruz, my wife. Ever since then we have been participating in the life of the Community and feel extremely happy to be counted among its members.

In the midst of difficulties, and with more to celebrate and be thankful for, I bear witness to the fact that it is the values that inspire us that are the strength of L'Arche and what gives meaning to its life. I am a member of the L'Arche Charter Team, and this has strengthened my love and sense of belonging to L'Arche and made me feel the gift of being part of the Federation. I have been chair of the board for L'Arche Mexico since 2013.

In the 80s, for a period of 6 years, I was a member of a religious congregation with studies in Humanities. Later, I studied Computer Engineering and since then I work as a consultant for projects in the implementation of technological solutions.



Georges de Chaisemartin

Hello, I am Georges de Chaisemartin, I am 68 years old, I've been married to Claire for the last 45 years, we have 4 children and 6 grandchildren. I am French and I live close to Paris.

I retired 4 years ago. I have a financial background and for many years was a CFO for various companies, in particular for a French-English-Canadian company, where I was trying to get people from these 3 cultures to work together.

I came to know L'Arche by working the last 3 years of my professional life as CFO for L'Arche International, from 2016 to 2019. More specifically, I tried to clarify the financial needs of L'Arche International with the 4 confirmed countries.

I also have a more direct knowledge of people with disabilities since my 4th son has Down Syndrome.

I would like to work on achieving unity between the communities, the national federations and L'Arche International.



Ina Eggemann

I am Ina Eggemann and I was born in 1957 in the north of Germany.

Since I was 18 years old, I've had two main fields of interest: theology -in particular spirituality-, and medicine -in particular care, that is everything that benefits body and soul in human beings. This led me to receive a doctorate degree in theology while training as a medical assistant.

For 25 years I was a member of a Spanish religious congregation, the Verbum Dei fraternity. I taught at their university, in Spain and in Africa (Cameroon and Equatorial Guinea) until 2008, when I left the order.

For the past 23 years I have been working as a theologian for the Osnabrück diocese, and I am involved in various fields, promoting 'spiritual life' in the diocese, and as a chaplain in parishes, hospitals and emergency services.

I have known L'Arche for 25 years. Starting as a volunteer, I then became chair of the board at L'Arche Tecklenburg, and am now chair of the board for L'Arche in Germany.



Rhodes Jules Garçon

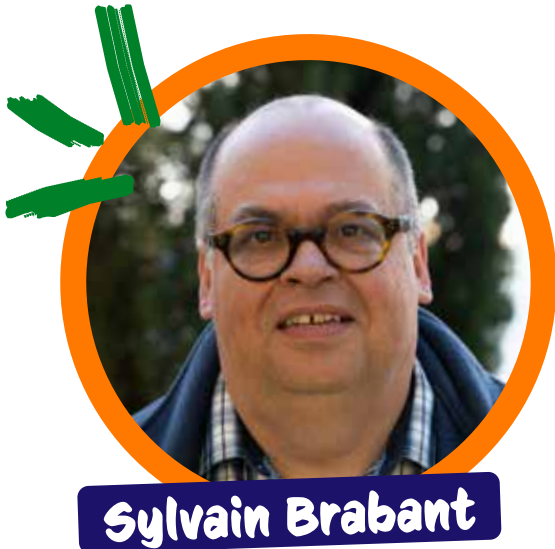
I am Rhodes Jules Garçon and I come from Haiti. When I was young, I always had a soft spot for the more vulnerable people, hence my choice to become a psychologist.

I met L'Arche in the early 2000s and have been involved ever since. Married to a man who knew L'Arche long before me, and having two daughters who are attached to this mission that binds us all, were a sign.

As a trained manager and psychologist, I have worked for more than 25 years in international organisations on institutional strengthening, training and household support. For the last ten years I have been providing support to the governance of my country.

Having chaired the Board of Directors of L'Arche Haiti for the past 12 years, I am honored to be part of the ISB and to continue to work on this mission that involves us all.

For renewal as members of the International Stewardship



As Chair of the International Stewardship Board

Experience in L'Arche: Sylvain is a member of L'Arche Joliette (Quebec) since 2008: Community Council member, board member and Chair of L'Arche Joliette until June 2015.

He was a board member and Chair of the Association des Arches du Quebec (AAQ), the board for the L'Arche Region of Quebec (Canada) until June 2016. He has been accompanying assistants in Joliette for a few years. He served on the national committee for the revision of national dues and the process of dialogue between L'Arche Canada and L'Arche in the Quebec region. Sylvain has also facilitated workshops for L'Arche in leadership and in governance.

Professional experience:

Sylvain has been working in education for 28 years, first as a teacher and as a principal in a private high school for the last 15 years. He was also a member, or the Chair on boards of different organizations (schools, communities, non-profit organizations). He had the opportunity to be part of an international religious community for 20 years.



Experience in L'Arche :

Natalya's first experience with L'Arche began in 2002. She was responsible for the coordination of the five workshops in the community in Ukraine (2002-2004), before the community was officially recognised as part of L'Arche.

Since 2014, Natalya has been a member of the board of directors of L'Arche Kovcheh (Ukraine). She and her husband have also been members of the Faith and Light Community for more than 15 years.

Professional Experience :

Natalya leads the Institute of Leadership and Management at the Ukrainian Catholic University. For the past nine years, the Institute has provided management education and leadership formation for NGOs from all over Ukraine. Before the Catholic University, she worked as deputy director for the Lay Leadership Center and for more than 10 years, she was a college teacher. She has a master's degree in Mathematics from Ivan Franko Lviv National University (Ukraine) and a degree in management education from the Ukrainian Catholic University.



Experience with L'Arche:

Andrew and his family have been involved with L'Arche for over 25 years.

When based in Toronto, he was a board member at L'Arche Daybreak and was actively involved with both L'Arche Toronto and the Henri Nouwen Society. In 1997, he moved to London, England with his family and has been involved with various activities with L'Arche UK.

Professional Experience:

Andrew is a banker at JP Morgan Private Bank in London and has spent most of his career working in investment banking and finance. Before working in banking, Andrew practiced law in Toronto and London. He has an undergraduate degree (BA Hons) in Philosophy and Religious Studies from the University of Toronto and a Law degree from the University of Windsor.