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L'Arche Community News

Saying Goodbye to Shiloah



In April, our L'Arche community said goodbye to an old friend, Shiloah. Shiloah is a Biblical place mentioned in Isaiah 8:6, where "gentle waters flow." It was the name given by our founding community members to our beloved building on Sussex Avenue in Burnaby.

Since the founding of L'Arche Greater Vancouver 47 years ago, Shiloah has housed three L'Arche homes, our community inclusion day programs, and our administration offices. Over the years, many people have come through the doors of Shiloah and experienced the richness of being part of an intentional community that is L'Arche.

As a way of bidding farewell, our community took a day to write messages on the walls of Shiloah, to express our thanks



for the place we called home for almost half a century. We take away many wonderful memories as we move forward and closer towards our big dream of a new building and expanding L'Arche's mission.

With gratitude to God and to all our supporters and friends, we have entered into a momentous time in our history. A bittersweet moment for everyone!

Settling in at temporary location - Conway Centre

At the 11th hour, and after many prayers, we found a suitable fully accessible temporary location for our community inclusion day programs and our admin offices at Conway Ave. in Burnaby - about a 5-minute drive from Sussex Avenue.



Our big move from Shiloah to Conway was a massive undertaking. Staff, volunteers, and some of our core members worked together to sort through the many "treasures" that we had acquired over the years. Downsizing and determining what to keep and what not to keep was certainly an interesting process! The unpacking and organizing at our new temporary "home" may take a while; however, everyone is settling in well.

The kitchen space is smaller but that does not stop our program participants at the Emmaus Centre from baking scrumptious cookies, for everyone to enjoy after a long day's work!

Our mailing address (7401 Sussex Avenue, Burnaby) and office main phone number (604-435-9544) remain the same.



From Denise's Desk

I am inspired by the Hebrews scripture the Community used to reflect on our new mandate. It reminds me that as we embrace our future, and 'travel towards an unknown place' that will become our home, we are called to continue to be people of faith.

The journey towards realizing our dream and expanding our mission is well underway. This path is taking us to places we have never been. However, I believe with continued faith, we can trust that there will be enough light given for each new step.

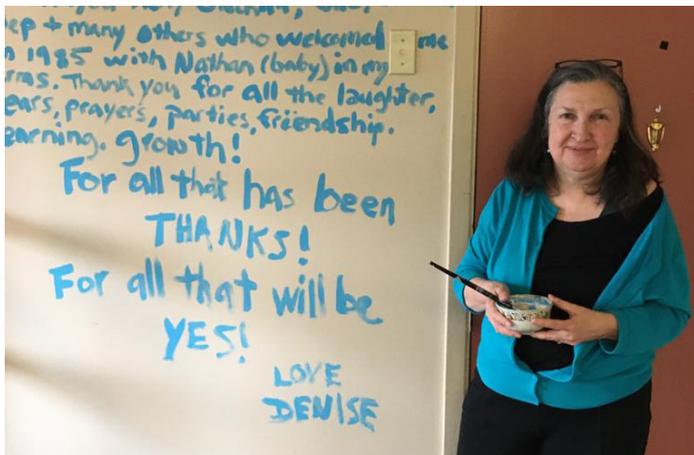
At the end of June, I will be stepping down from the role of Community Leader/Executive Director after having served the maximum term of three mandates. It has been a tremendous honour to serve in this role for fourteen years.

With the expansion of L'Arche, and especially in this transition while we wait for our new building to be built, a search is underway for a new Community Leader who can tend to the people and day-to-day operations of the community full-time.

However, in order to ensure continuity of leadership for our capital campaign and to see the building project through to completion, I am pleased to share that I will take on a new interim role of Senior Director of the L'Arche Foundation of Greater Vancouver and our newly formed Housing Society starting in July. I look forward to continuing to serve L'Arche in this capacity.

In gratitude,

Community Leader/Executive Director



Denise saying goodbye to Shiloah

New Mandate and Search

New Community Mandate - Roadmap for Impact (July 2021 - July 2025)



"By an act of faith, Abraham and Sarah said yes to God's call to travel to an unknown place that would become their home. When they left, they had no idea where they were going. By an act of faith, they lived in the country promised them, lived as strangers camping in tents. They did it by keeping their eye on an unseen city with real, eternal foundations—the City designed and built by God." (Hebrews 11:8-10)

This Scriptural quote was selected by our Community to use as an inspiration in developing a new Mandate that will guide our Community over the next four years. As our new building gets built, we will need to come together in new ways to live and build Community.

Our 2021-2025 Mandate will contribute to our ultimate impact of building **a society where more people experience belonging, connection, and community**. An Action Plan will be developed to ensure progress is made on the directions identified in this Mandate. The key outcomes for our L'Arche Community are:

- 1) Resilient in times of change and challenge
- 2) Live Community with intention
- 3) Build an inclusive and collaborative culture
- 4) Support learning and growth
- 5) Live into the vision in the new building
- 6) Let our light shine! Be a place of welcome and belonging

More information about the new Mandate will be available on our website at www.larchevancouver.org.

New Community Leader/Executive Director Search

Upon the approval of our new Mandate by the L'Arche Greater Vancouver Board in March, the search for a new Community Leader/Executive Director immediately began.

A Selection Committee was formed and is hard at work to find a leader whose passion and skills match the needs of the L'Arche Greater Vancouver Community today.

News from our Homes

The Crossing

With sadness, we share the news of our friend and long-time community member, Delinda Perry's passing on May 28th, after a long courageous battle with cancer. Delinda first came to L'Arche in 1994 and had just turned 69 years old. We will miss her open and welcoming spirit and will always remember her when we hear, "Jesus loves me", which was one of her favourite songs. Our community will have a memorial service for Delinda, as soon as we can gather again in person.



Creation House



In March, people in Creation House, the last home to be relocated from Shiloah, moved to a renovated and fully accessible new home on Irmin Street in Burnaby. Living in this beautiful spacious place is making such a difference in the daily lives of our aging

community members with mobility issues and the assistants who support them.

Nazirah House

Nazirah welcomed their new house leader, Daniel, who has been with L'Arche for many years. They also celebrated Sujit's 12 years of faithful service at L'Arche. Sujit served as a house leader in the past and continues to be a dedicated assistant in that home.



Emily House

This spring, Emily House members have been engaging in activities such as gardening, cooking, and daily physical exercise to keep everyone fit and healthy. They gave Daniel a nice farewell party and welcomed Bethany, a summer coop student, and Mayra, a new assistant.



Redevelopment Update



The old courtyard at Shiloah



Rendering of the new building and courtyard

Full Steam Ahead!

With our big move out of Shiloah now completed, fencing around the Sussex property is up and preparation for demolition has begun. Planning for the ground breaking in late summer is also in the works.

To date, we have raised \$3.4M of our fundraising campaign goal of \$6M, thanks to the many generous donors who have come forward to contribute to this major project. Our L'Arche Community is also very grateful for the provisional commitments from local and provincial governments that will help us see this \$29M redevelopment project to fruition.

PROJECT TIMELINE

- Spring 2021 Hazmat abatement
4th and final Burnaby City Council reading
Building permit issuance
- Summer 2021 Demolition
Final approval of construction contract
Ground breaking and blessing of the land
- 2021 - 2023 Building construction (18-24 months)
- Fall 2023 Move in/building occupancy

Thank You!

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Tribute

The following people were honoured/remembered with a tribute gift to the L'Arche Foundation (November 1, 2020 to May 31, 2021)

In Memory

Bill and Olga Carter	Trevor Nash
Engeline Chiang	Mair Reynolds
Robert Durante	Ken Schmidt
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A heartfelt thank you to the many individuals and families who wish to remain anonymous. We could not be L'Arche without your support!

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