



To the Board Chair, Jim Rolfe
To the Community Leader, Bhupinder Singh
To the National Leader of L'Arche Australia, Claire Lawler
And to all the members of L'Arche Bendigo Community

January 2024

Re: Status of L'Arche Bendigo community

Dear friends,

During their meetings in November and December 2023, the International Stewardship Board and the International Leadership Team considered the application made by L'Arche Bendigo Community to become a probationary community of the International Federation of L'Arche.

We were encouraged to hear about your community's journey over the years and about all the work you undertook after 2021. We are satisfied that the community is consistent with the Federation Charter, Constitution, and policies.

As such, the decision was a unanimous vote. It is with great joy that we welcome **your community as a probationary member of the Federation.**

As a probationary member, your community will participate in all aspects of Federation life. However, you cannot exercise your right to vote until you are granted confirmed membership. As a member of the Federation, the International Constitution, the Charter, and policies of the Federation, which include financial transparency, payment of dues and solidarity with other communities apply to you.

We give thanks for your progress thus far and rejoice in the fact that we will continue this journey as fellow travellers. You can count on our support as you continue to deepen your relationships within the community and the Federation, and to develop the structures and means necessary to fulfill your mission.

Thank you for your community's gift to your local society, to the unity and diversity of your country and to the Federation.

Yours Sincerely,

Sylvain Brabant
Interim CEO