

Role Posting:
Spiritual Life Coordinator with L'Arche Antigonish



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Closing: October 8th, 2021

In Canada and around the world, L'Arche creates communities of friendship and belonging. In L'Arche, people with and without intellectual disabilities live, work, learn and grow together. L'Arche strives to shape a more human and just society where each person's gifts are known and celebrated.

Position: Spiritual Life Coordinator

Location: Antigonish, N.S.

Start date: Negotiable

Salary: Commensurate with experience and based on L'Arche Canada Compensation Policy- Range \$38K-\$51K per annum. Benefits TBD

Duration: Permanent Full Time

Responsible To: Community Leader/Executive Director

Meaningful, mutual relationships are at the core of what makes L'Arche unique. L'Arche Antigonish enables individuals to become connected to others in a way that ensures everyone is welcome and accepted just as they are. L'Arche members experience a sense of purpose and belonging, becoming engaged and feeling valued.

Part of the international network of L'Arche, Antigonish is one of seven communities in the Atlantic region. Over our 40-year history, L'Arche Antigonish has grown from two people sharing life together, to five homes, a supervised apartment, three day programs, and a summer camp. Living with difference and vulnerability is challenging, yet L'Arche is a sign that when all people, including the most marginalized, take their place, society becomes more human – more colourful, welcoming, creative, compassionate and joyful.

The members of L'Arche Antigonish are seeking a full time Spiritual Life Coordinator. This person would prayerfully focus on nurturing and expressing our shared spirituality and enriching our community life. Through commitment to their own faith, the Spiritual Life Coordinator is someone who can inspire us more deeply into our personal spiritual journeys and communal life. They will help community members to discover and appreciate the deeper meaning in our day-to-day life. The Spiritual Life Coordinator, through their commitment to mutual relationships, will help us see that trust in God and seeing the image of God in our fellow humans are essential to our life together.



A collaborative and inclusive leadership style is ideal for a Spiritual Life Coordinator—helping others to see and develop their gifts and inviting them to contribute to the spiritual and community life of L'Arche Antigonish. They will be a listening and thoughtful presence in community, both for individual accompaniment and for community dialogue as we strive to shape a more human society.

Main Duties and Responsibilities:

- Pray for the community
- Chair and be a member of the Spiritual and Community Life Committee
 - Coordinate the observance of Ecumenical/Interfaith traditions
 - Coordinate weekly community and house worship services
 - Organize the annual Community Retreat
 - Support members with opportunities for individual retreats
- Provide accompaniment to community members by being a listening ear in matters of spirituality
- Support learning and growth for community members in areas of prayer and spirituality
- Be a supportive and comforting presence when a community member is sick or dying
- Make and maintain connections with the wider community and with people who have gifts in leading community worship, providing educational opportunities, and facilitating important dialogues.
- Coordinate community days of fun and reflections
- Be a member of the Community Council
- Coordinate with others in the Region and Nationally to facilitate the Spirituality of L'Arche for our community and the larger community of L'Arche

Ideal Qualities and Qualifications:

- Commitment to their own spiritual journey
- A mature understanding of the Spirituality of L'Arche
- Caring, compassionate, and welcoming
- A good listener
- Willing to try their best
- Able to carry out and share responsibility
- Knowledge and respect for ecumenism and interfaith dialogue
- A desire to build relationships
- Willingness to make a 2-year commitment each term
- Interest and experience in practices of discernment
- Have experience in spiritual accompaniment

Please apply via email:

Please submit your cover letter, resume and 3 references October 8th, 2021 to:
Beth Wolters, Community Leader email: director@larcheantigonish.ca

