



Diversity & Inclusion Team

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Personal Identity



“My name is _____ and I am a child of God.”

At our last meeting, we practiced saying this aloud using our own names. What does it mean to you be a child of God? Is it hard to believe this about yourself or others? Who in your life helps you to see yourself as a child of God?

To Charles, a member of our team, this statement “means love.” Charles believes that he is a child of God because “I believe in Jesus” and “God’s the one who made me.” He also said that even if we might not think of someone as a “good person,” that person is still a child of God because “God still made him.”

Current Work:

The team has broken into four working groups:

- creating a team mission statement
- discerning outside training
- creating a personal identity reflection
- celebrating our diverse cultures

“In a divided world, L’Arche wants to be a sign of hope. Its communities, founded on covenant relationships between people of differing intellectual capacity, social origin, religion and culture, seek to be signs of unity, faithfulness and reconciliation.”

- Charter of Communities of L’Arche

Purpose:

Our Diversity & Inclusion Team seeks to honor our mission of relationship by celebrating our diversity, further developing how L’Arche GWDC can be inclusive of our diverse cultures, and posing new challenges for L’Arche GWDC to create unity, faithfulness and reconciliation around diversity in our community.

Upcoming Meetings: We meet quarterly as a large group.

August 29, Saturday, 3-5 pm - Lost Dog Café, Arlington

November – TBD

Questions?

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