



Getting to Know Tim Stone Again

He has the warmest, sweetest glimmer of light coming from his eyes. When he looks at you, he has a regard for who you are and a real interest in what you do and what you are interested in.

He also likes it when you like the things he likes, like coffee, chocolate and sweet things that have natural sugars, not high fructose corn syrup. Eating healthy, especially lots of fruits and vegetables are really important to him.

Tim likes to walk to decompress from long days, as well as for good exercise. Going to the YMCA is also a favorite activity. He is very proud of his ability to navigate and travel safely on the CTA system.

Tim also has a driver's licence, and a coffee business, "Timothy Coffee Company". Tim likes to talk and ask questions and has many projects to look up on the internet.

His family is important to him, and he spends time each week with his father in particular in Park Ridge.



Do I know you, you look familiar

One thing the core members like about Tim is that he came back to L'Arche this May after leaving in 2002 with a health problem. The new core members that are getting to know him like that he is into cars and baking and cleaning. We all see so many things about Tim that enhance our quality of living together.

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Help wanted!!!

**Do you have gifts & time that you could share with us?
Please consider if either of the following would suit you!**

A NEWSLETTER EDITOR!! If you are interested in helping coordinate our newsletter, by generating story ideas, coordinating the writing, editing, and gathering of photographs, and working with our graphic artist on layout, please let us know!! It's not a big job, but a consistent and committed editor to regularly coordinate this project would be a great boon!!

GRANTSEEKER/GRANTWRITER! Especially in the current financial climate in the State of Illinois, we are forced to be more aggressive in researching & applying for financial grants. If you have experience in this area, would you donate some time to us on a regular basis to help us research and apply for grants?

If you'd like to share your gifts by helping with the newsletter or with grantseeking/writing, please contact **Steve Nazaran**, Community Coordinator, at **574-876-9350**, or email him at **snazaran@gmail.com**

Meet Our Two Newest Assistants!

Meet **Lisa Sinnott**, who has worked at L'Arche Chicago part-time since fall 2009, and joined us as a live-in assistant in July 2010.

I lived for several years in the L'Arche community in Clinton, Iowa. I came to Chicago to study ministry at the Institute of Pastoral Studies at Loyola University. I am working on a double Master's degree in Divinity and Spirituality.

I would like to do spiritual direction and work in a wide range of ministry, from theology to religious studies and pastoral

And here's Joey...

Joey Jobe joined us as a live-in assistant in April 2010. Joey grew up in California and Nevada. Her mother worked with young people with developmental disabilities, and Joey often helped as a volunteer. Joey has worked as a substitute in K-12 classrooms, chiefly with disabled children.

She is a Certified Massage Therapist, and has studied electron microscopy. She would like to continue those studies with the help of grant from the Americorps program, which is how she found L'Arche.

She loves to laugh, and also to make others laugh. She is especially interested in early, primitive, & prehistoric culture & religion, and is especially interested in Wiccan spirituality. She's always ready for a good discussion on politics.

ministry. I find that my time in L'Arche grounds me in these areas. I get to listen to and attend to people and see people work at their relationships — with themselves, each other and the greater community. Because the community is relatively young and small, I like having many opportunities to offer my perspective and participate in major decisions.

I like that I live and work in the non-profit sector and build community.

I hope next year to have L'Arche as my site for the ministry practicum in my Divinity program. I'd like to bring a theology of grace to a living reality while living the L'Arche philosophy in community.



Joey on the left and Lisa on the right

Also, she enjoys cooking and especially letting her creative side loose by preparing hors d'oeuvres for community night; she has also claimed the right to cook Thanksgiving dinner at L'Arche this year!

Be sure to see the Cabaret correction notice for the phone number on the last page

L'Arche Chicago went to Canada, AGAIN!

Two years ago, a former L'Arche Chicago assistant, **Joanna McLeod** invited us to stay with her L'Arche community in London, Ontario. Last year, some members of their community came to Chicago to visit us. This year, we kept the new tradition alive by making a road trip to London!

We stayed at the three houses at L'Arche London: Bethany, Cana, and Jubilee. Core members and assistants were able to build upon relationships that began two years ago with our first visit.

One highlight of our trip was a visit to the Shakespeare Festival in

nearby Stratford. We took the London community to see a production of the original version of *Peter Pan*, and afterwards enjoyed dinner at Swiss Chalet (a Canadian tradition). We joined their community for prayer night, their Monday morning music club, day program, and Sunday worship, as well as accompanying them in their daily life.

They remind us of the diversity..

We also visited Daybreak, the first North American L'Arche community, once again. Daybreak is near Toronto. We toured their

workshop, visited their bookstore, and then joined them for dinner in their various homes. Steve and Jean were happy to see Daybreakers whom they had first met in Paris last November.

Trips like this remind us of what L'Arche is: we see communities that are different from ours, but who are nevertheless living out the same Mission & Identity as ourselves. They remind of the diversity of form that a community can take, but also how each community is not an island, but part of a larger community that of the whole federation.

Retreat Dramatically, Have Fun Instinctively

Core members and assistants from L'Arche communities in the Central Region gathered in Chicago this August for a drama retreat, graciously led by **Lisa Wagner**. Lisa is the founder of the Still Point Theatre Collective (www.stillpointtheatrecollective.org), a community of Chicago artists who work with marginalized people, including prison inmates and adults with developmental disabilities.

We were hosted by the Focolare Community, an ecclesial movement with a house just down the street from the Obama residence in Hyde Park. We spent the week learning about drama,



acting and the importance of having fun, all while trusting our instincts and learning from each other. Nearly everyone from Chicago participated, and it was a blast seeing core members from Kansas, Florida, Iowa. Together we saw a professional production of

The Emperor's New Clothes at the Shakespeare Theatre at Navy Pier. We also had a night of singing and old washed up rock and roll.

Our finale was acting out skits about our lives through teamwork, narration and lots of well, drama. Elbert was especially into his part and did a great job telling his story of not being

afraid of bees, with Mike in an awesome supporting role as Elbert's brother. There are so many layers and entertaining moments of our stories wrapped up in this week. "Are you sure about that?" Elbert was asking during our story, "yes, Elbert, now let me tell it!"

L'Arche on the Farm

Each summer, the Arts of Life, an art studio for artists with disabilities in which four of our core members work, takes a two week break.

Elbert has the summer off as well while the college cafeteria at which he works is closed.

During that time, we visited the farm of **Jo Anne Horstmann**, regional coordinator for Central USA L'Arche communities.

We went in groups of three, each for two nights. Jo Anne was especially pleased to see us, since she got to spend time with L'Arche Chicago without having to travel.

Jean caught FIVE fish, and along with Mike and Steve, visited an

organic pig farm owned by friends of Jo Anne.

There were also pies to bake, cats to play with, and a garden to enjoy.

It was a big change for the city-slickers of Chicago to stay in a house whose nearest neighbor is more than half-a-mile away!

Top: Mike fishing at Jo Anne's farm

Right: Jean with Jo Anne's dog, Mercy



Congratulations to our Director!!

On October 9, our Director **Alex Conroy** married **Adam Baig** at St. Catherine & St. Lucy's Church in Oak Park! Core members participated in the wedding by bringing forward the gifts for the celebration of the Eucharist. Our regional coordinator, Jo Anne Horstmann also shared her gift of a beautiful voice by singing at the wedding. Please keep the newly married couple in your prayers as they begin their life together!



Our Identity

We are people with and without developmental disabilities sharing life in communities of faith.

Mutual relationships and trust in God are at the heart of our life together.

We seek to build a world that recognizes the unique value of every person and our need for one another.

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CABARET CORRECTION!

Please note that the phone number on our cabaret invitations was in error! If you are interested in attending...

please call **312-226-1273**

Saturday, November 6

Acts of Kindness Cabaret presents an evening of songs & stories to benefit L'Arche Chicago.

Pre-show reception includes drinks, hors d'oeuvres, dessert & raffle

Doors open at 7pm, Show at 8pm, at the Old Town School of Folk Music, 909 W. Armitage, Chicago.

Tickets are \$50 in advance, \$60 at the door.

<http://www.larchechicago.org/upcoming.html>