



Jean Vanier Research Centre mourns the loss of Dr. Jean Vanier

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London, ON – The Jean Vanier Research Centre at King’s University College has issued a statement regarding the passing of Dr. Jean Vanier, C.C. The statement comes from Dr. Pamela Cushing, Director of the Centre, founder of Disability Studies at King’s and an Associate Professor in the program. She has a long professional acquaintance with Dr. Vanier which started with her PhD ethnography on L’Arche, the world-wide community which Dr. Vanier founded. As well, Dr. Cushing wrote the nomination for Dr. Vanier to receive the Templeton Prize.

“All of us at the Jean Vanier Research Centre at King’s University College mourn the loss of our friend and colleague, Dr. Jean Vanier. We wish to express our deep gratitude for the incredible gifts of insight and deep social change that Dr. Vanier shared so generously with the world during his 90 rich years on this earth. Not content with mere talk, Jean walked these ideas right into the light of daily life through founding the L’Arche and Faith & Light organizations with people with intellectual disability at their heart. It was through this radical move towards engagement with others, that Jean’s ideas were transformed, tested and strengthened. We pledge to continue our work, inspired by this great Canadian, to analyze, elaborate and share the insights- or 'treasures' as he called them - that grew out of his distinct style of real-world applied scholarship in disability, spiritual and religious studies.” Dr. Pamela Cushing, Director, Jean Vanier Research Centre, King’s University College.

For more information on the Jean Vanier Research Centre at King’s please visit:

<https://www.kings.uwo.ca/research/research-centres/jean-vanier-research-centre-at-kings/>

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