Over the coming months, try out some of these ideas in your community:

It is exciting to encounter and learn from each other. Please do take videos and pics and upload them to the Facebook members page: bit.ly/larche_members
bit.ly/larche_slack

On the Road to the Assembly:

We can continue to use nature: an object, words, photos, drawings, as symbols to help us prepare and learn more about ourselves.

- We can share about the symbols, why we chose them, what they mean, to get to know each other.
- What is something we all have in common?
- Is there anything that we think is Universal, true for everyone?

Together in our World

As we continue to prepare ourselves and our spaces for our time Together, we have had the chance to add symbols of connection. The invitation this month is to explore our world, and how we take care of it.

It’s hard to know what is true for others. What we all have in common. One of the few things we all directly share in, is our earth’s resources, the air, the water, the earth, and light from the sun.

What are the qualities of these 4 elements, what do they have in common? How are they different?

Find, choose, make a symbol together to represent each of these elements to add to your space, as a reminder of our shared home: Earth, Water, Air, Fire.
We have many expressions of care for our world:
L’Arche Genesareth, Australia recycling plastic caps (top), or L’Arche Kenya’s APT Paper-based Technology initiative that transforms paper waste into assistive devices and toys for children (middle).
We also look to the collaborative manufacturing, packaging, and distribution of environmentally friendly soaps hand-made in L’Arche Kana-no-ie in Japan (bottom).

What are the ways that you use your creativity and hard work to take care of the planet?
Often it is in these small gestures of care that we make an impact, or effect change.

Make a Playlist:
Are there songs that connect you to our world, to the elements? Water, Air, Fire, Earth?
Together you can make a playlist of these songs, play it as you clean, during dinner, or as you wind down in the evening.

“With My Own Two Hands" Ben Harper
Song Around The World | ATD Fourth World
Playing For Change (EN/FR) with
(English French Japanese Spanish Subtitles)
bit.ly/ben_harper

As we go forward we also look back to the year two thousand with the wisdom and call of ‘The Millennium Resolution’ a shared moment of national reflection (in the UK):

“Let there be respect for the earth,
Peace for its people,
Love in our lives,
Delight in the good,
Forgiveness for past wrongs
And from now on, a new start.”

Do you feel drawn or connected to one particular element? Air, Water, Earth, or Fire?
Take some time to reflect, to make notes, draw, collage and then share.