

## Pulling with the Crew

Along the western coast of Ireland, fishermen use a round-bottomed keel-less craft known as a *currach*. This boat has a tarred canvas over a wooden frame. Because of its unique construction, it is vulnerable to sharp rocks or floating objects, and it requires the oarsmen to cooperate completely, rowing in perfect unison.

Out of this need for unity has come the Irish expression, “You will have to pull with the crew.” Or, as another Irish proverb states, “There is not strength without unity.”

What is true for Irish fishermen is especially true for associates of Life Care, Century Park and Life Care at Home. I can think of no organization that requires more cooperation and total commitment to its mission or goals than do our companies. We have complex and demanding business strategies pointed in the delivery of quality service. And we are dealing with people’s welfare and their very lives.



Unity, then, is critical to our success. We have a variety of disciplines, with wide-ranging skill sets, that must be brought to bear for the ultimate benefit of our customers. Those who do not understand that dynamic – the urgency of fulfilling their roles and thereby assuring the achievement of the team’s objectives – should look elsewhere for career opportunities.

This same principle applies to the spiritual realm, too. The Apostle Paul pleaded with the believers in Corinth to eliminate division and to work as one.

Are we striving to work together in harmony? If not, let us ask God to give us the spirit of unity so that we will always “pull with the crew.”

--Beecher Hunter