



Synod 2024: Outline
Discernment Session

How can we become a synodal Church in mission?

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Opening Prayer
3. Video “Letter to the People of God”
4. Introduction to “Conversation in the Spirit”
5. Personal reflection/prayer
6. Small groups
7. Large group reports
8. Next steps
9. Closing Prayer

OPENING PRAYER

Lazarus and the rich man (Lk. 16:19-31) or the Good Samaritan (Lk. 10:25-37)

PERSONAL REFLECTION

Question 1: How do we become a Church that listens to everyone? How do we discern the voice of the Spirit as we listen to our hearts and one another? What gets in the way?

Question 2: Having listened to the Spirit, how do we engage all the baptized in Christ’s mission? What gets in the way?

Review: What are the fruits of my prayer? What do I want to share?

1st ROUND (3” per person)

Sharing the fruits of personal prayer. (Questions for clarification. No discussion)

SILENCE

How have I been moved? what struck me? Are there points of comfort and discomfort? Take note.

2nd ROUND

Share what emerged within one’s heart and mind during the silence. Share spontaneously. No one is obliged to speak. No discussion. How was I affected? Common threads? Insights?

SILENCE

How was I moved during the second round? Key points emerging from the group.

3rd ROUND

Share from the preceding silence. How is the Spirit moving the group? Offer a prayer of thanksgiving to conclude.

REVIEW AND REPORT

