TOWARDS A SYNODAL CHURCH: PATHWAYS FOR IMPLEMENTATION

SYNODAL RENEWAL FOR MISSION: THE DIGNITY AND AND CONTRIBUTION OF EVERY MEMBER

> “During each stage, the journey was characterised by the wisdom of the ‘sense of faith’ (sensus fidei) of the People of God … there is a call to joy and to the renewal of the Church in following the Lord, in committing to service of his mission, and in searching for ways to be faithful.” (FD 3)

This call is based upon a shared baptismal identity. It is rooted in the diversity of contexts in which the Church is present and finds unity in the one Father, one Lord, and one Spirit. It challenges all the Baptised, without exception: “The whole People of God is an agent of the proclamation of the Gospel. Every baptised person is called to be a protagonist of mission since we are all missionary disciples” (ITC 53). For this reason, the synodal journey directs us towards a full and visible unity of Christians, as the presence of delegates of other Christian traditions testifies. Unity ferments within the holy Church of God, prophetically so, for the entire world. (FD 4)

Scripture:

Many Parts, One Body: (1 Corinthians 12:12-27)

"There may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it."

Guiding Question:

How can we better recognize that every member has something unique and valuable to contribute to the life of our community and the mission of Jesus Christ?

For Personal Reflection:

- Whose voices are well represented in our parish?
- Whose voices are often absent or unheard?
- What gifts exist in our community that are not yet being fully welcomed or used?