

Review of Continental Phase of the Synod on Synodality-(as of Feb 14, 2023)

Enlarge the Space of Your Tent Is 54:2
The working document for the
Continental Stage (DCS)

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Reflector Questions for Continental Assemblies from DCS

1. Which intuitions resonate most strongly with the lived experiences and realities of the Church in your continent? Which are new, or illuminating for you?
2. What substantial tensions or divergences emerge as particularly important in your continent's perspective? And what are the questions or issues that should be addressed in next steps?
3. Based on the above, what are the priorities, recurring themes and calls to action that can be shared with other local Churches around the world and discussed during the First Session of the Synodal Assembly in October 2023?



Europe Feb 5-12

- 45 countries
- Unity in diversity
- Universality in relation to what is particular
- Dynamic not static
- Not winning over but finding a way to be together



Oceania Feb 5-10

- Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, the Solomon Islands and Episcopal Conference of the Pacific
- Synodality is Vatican II in one word
- Embracing Vatican II ecclesiology
- Putting it into practice
- New ways to articulate the hierarchical structure
- “the question of theology in the Pacific world,”
- Environmental questions



Middle East Feb 13-

- 7 Catholic Churches- Copts, Syriacs, Maronites, Melkites, Chaldeans, Armenians and Latins.
- United by the conditions of their countries
- Seek transparency in religious and social institutions....
- active participation of the People of God and the pastors takes nothing away from the hierarchical service
- Synodal church is a church listening to the what the Holy Spirit is saying to the Church



CELAM -Feb 13-Mar 3

- 4 regional meetings
 - San Salvador, Santo Domingo, Quito, Brasilia
- Bogota March 17-20 Continental synthesis
- 20 reps from each of the 4 regions will work with the Continental Team to produce the report for CELAM



North America Feb 13-17

Based on 10 virtual meetings held between 14 December and 25 January in French, Spanish and English.

A group of delegates representing 268 dioceses located in the United States and Canada gather in Orlando, Florida, from 13-17 February, to compose the response to the Working Document for the Continental Stage of the Synod for a Synodal Church.

One bishop MAY attend a session of his choosing
Cardinal Grech: Do not be afraid to speak; do not be afraid to listen; do not be afraid to change your mind



Asia-February 24-26

- FACB made up of 14 bishops' conferences and ten associate members
- 17 Conferences reviewed and responded to the questions in the DCS by Jan 15 using the questions provided
- FABC Synodal Task Force, together with experts, study these reports from 30 January – 4 February to make a synthesis and work towards a provisional draft
- 3-day program posted
- Detailed list of participants posted
- Continental Assembly Feb 24-26 in Bangkok, Thailand
- Orientation to be delivered by Cardinal Grech



Africa March 1-6

Symposium of Episcopal Conferences of Africa
and Madagascar and African Synodality Initiative

First working session –Accra, Ghana Dec 6-9

Second Working Session- Nairobi, Kenya - Jan 23-
25

Africa Synodal Continental Assembly –Addis
Ababa March 1-6

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Role of the Bishops

Cardinal Grech Letter to the Bishops-Jan 31, 2023

simultaneously and inseparably responsibility for the particular Church assigned to his pastoral care and solicitude for the universal Church” (EC, n. 2)



Themes/Learnings-so far

- Unity in diversity
- Pastors and People must work together
- Collegiality/Synodality does not mean democracy –hierarchy is still the organizing structure
- Authority as service vs power
- Synodality is Vatican II in a word
- Synodality can only be learned by doing it
- Still concerns in some quarters about transparency
- This is a (long) process –no end point
- On-going formation is required



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Academic coordinator of the Center Evangelii Gaudium

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Dialogue

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Early Christian Text

*In sure things unity,
In doubtful things tolerance,
In all things love.*



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