Session 1: Communion: Journeying Together

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1. David explains that synodality is a walking together, a journeying together toward a permanent conversion.

How can I incorporate a spirit of synodality, of walking together, in my ministries and pastoral activities?

2. Dr. McQueen explains that when Bishops in early Synods talked about matters, resolved disputes, raised new points and new questions: context was important, leadership was important, but the Holy Spirit had priority.

Does the Holy Spirit have priority in my ministries and pastoral activities? How can I better give priority to the Holy Spirit?

3. Each of us was created by God and meant to be in communion. God uses all our talents for the good of all. Every voice can be used for the discernment of God’s will by the community of faith.

In my ministries and pastoral activities, am I listening to the voices of the community we accompany? Am I open to hearing, to listening, to those in my community? How can I better listen to people—to their concerns and daily struggles?

4. What we think our parish needs might be different from what our parish really needs.

How can we as a parish community engage in synodal processes that will help us to discern more precisely the needs of our parish community?