



## **For a Synodal Church**

### **Communion, Participation, and Mission**

#### **Week 2: Mission**

##### **Listening Circle:**

The Church is missionary by nature and her primary mission is to spread the kingdom of God. The Church achieves her mission through proclamation of the full and living Gospel which entails telling the story of salvation achieved through Christ in the power of the Spirit thus demonstrating its power through lives of faith, as well as offering to others the possibility of salvation through present encounter with Christ in the Spirit. All the baptised members of the church have a part to play in the church's mission.

As members of the body of Christ, we participate in the prophetic mission of Christ, our mediator between God and humanity. Through the virtue of our baptism and hence by our participation in the prophetic mission of Christ we are all called to be witnesses of God's love.

**Vatican II** document on *Ad Gentes Divinitus*, introduces the Churches' missionary activity in these words: "*having been divinely sent to the nations that she might be the universal sacrament of salvation.*" In obedience to her founder (Mt 16:18), the church under the guidance of the Holy Spirit strives to spread the Kingdom of God to all people.

Together as a community of baptised (the Church), and members of the body of Christ are called to engage in Christ's Mission, each according to one's gifts.

##### **Questions**

1. How can we contribute toward bringing about God's kingdom in our time?
2. What pragmatic ways do we see the Church proclaiming the message of salvation to the world?
3. How can the Church in carrying out her mission respond to contemporary challenges?

## **Pew questions.**

1. What specific human needs and Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) can the Church address through its Mission?
2. How can the church address those needs?
3. The mission of the church is the task given by God for the people of God to accomplish in the world. In what practical ways can I accomplish this mission in my Parish or local church?

