



## **For a Synodal Church Communion, Participation, and Mission**

### **Week 3: PARTICIPATION**

#### **Listening Circle:**

#### **1. INTRODUCTION**

By now we are aware and we know that through our baptism we have become priests, prophets and kings after the life and mission of Jesus Christ and we are there to witness to Christ and to proclaim his Gospel with word and with our deeds. During this Advent Season we want to renew our commitment just as Christ is about to renew his love for us. All the above can only make sense if we actively participate and engage in the mission of Christ and of his Church. The questions below are meant to help us evaluate ourselves in terms of our commitment and participation in the life and mission of Christ as living stones building up the Mystical Body of Christ, the Church.

#### **2. LEADERSHIP**

- If you have (or still are) participating in the life of the Church and the mission of Christ in terms of leadership, describe your leadership skills and highlight what your personal experience of that leadership was (is).
- Is it a clear and personal way of sharing in the life and ministry of Christ? In which ways?
- What recommendations and/ or suggestions would you have for the ministry of leadership in the Church?

#### **3. MINISTRY**

- Among the many ministries we have in the Church, which one do you practise and what has been your personal experience of that?
- How has your participation in this or that ministry helped the Church to develop and to grow in the knowledge of Christ?
- What is your experience of the ministerial and common/ baptismal forms of priesthood manifesting the life and mission of Christ?

#### **4. OUTREACH**

- Christ reached out to everyone especially the poor, sick and marginalised. Do you see the Church as keeping the same mission today?

- What is your experience and what is your contribution in terms of making sure that the mission of Christ to the nations and peoples is continued in our time and day?
- Any suggestions or proposals for better ways of reaching out to others?

**Pew Questions:**

1. What prevents you from participating in the life of the Church?
2. Do you feel that the Holy Spirit is guiding you to become more involved?
3. Any other comments:

