

THE PROCESS OF REFLECTION

Use the Reflection Process or Mission Discernment Process (CHA) to consider the question of how the synodal process will be sustained into the future.

The facilitator invites participants to share using the following process:

Step 1: LISTEN:

- What did we hear?
- What are the key issues in the readings?

Step 2: DEEPEN:

- What did we learn around the table?
- What are the views of this group?

- How might our understanding of the issue change as we listen to others?

Step 3: DISCERN:

- How can we respond to this issue?
- How do our shared values inform the question?

Step 4: DEEPEN:

- What more do we need to know?
- Which voices have not been heard?
- Who might be impacted by our decision?

Step 5: DECIDE:

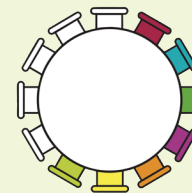
- What actions can we take to build hope for the future of a synodal Church?
- Who and what do we need to implement this decision?
- How can we best communicate this decision?

Finish with a prayer.

God of all time,
we are grateful for the
dreaming,
the courage, the openness
that has brought us
to this place,
this time of now.
May we, with energy
and hope,
embrace the possibilities
you offer us.
May we be ready to listen
and learn, question
and challenge,
imagine and envision anew.
May our hearts hear your
insistent call and
be enlivened by
its promise of
one world,
one sacred community,
one body in
the cosmic Christ.
Amen.

The key principles of the Reflection Process

- Listening
- Deepening
- Discerning
- Deciding



USE THIS PAGE TO MAKE NOTE OF ANY WORDS, PHRASES OR THOUGHTS SIGNIFICANT FOR YOU

What new insights did you hear that you hadn't considered?

How has your understanding of the issue evolved through this discussion?

What actions reflect our shared values and God's will?

What concrete steps can we take, and who needs to be involved?

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