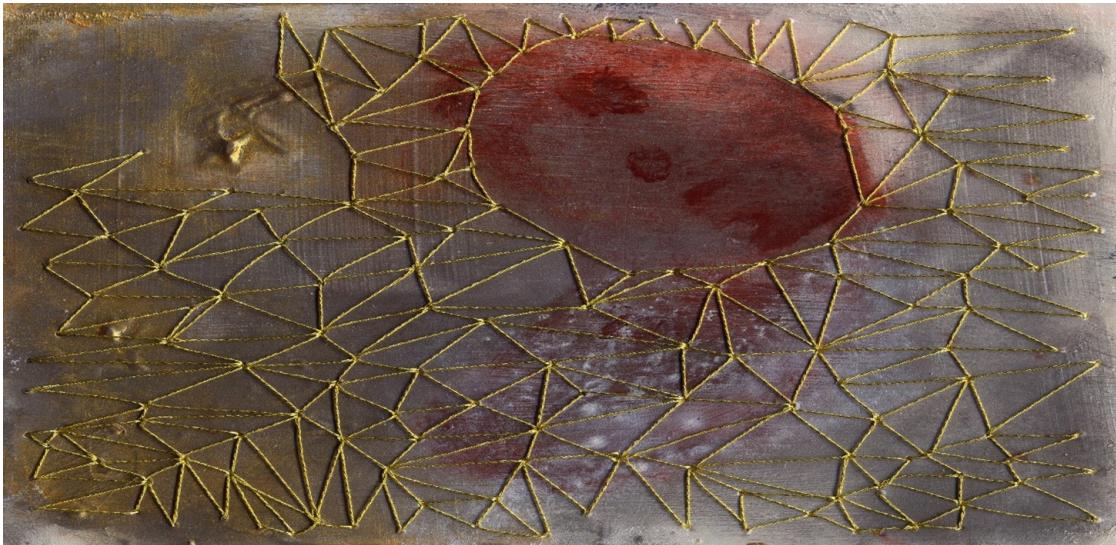# Listen... the voice of God is calling

We are most likely to hear the voice of God when we still our own voice and enter into the presence of the other, without planning our own words, or thinking of what we will say next, or imagining what we might hear.

To be in the presence of the other, in the presence of God, requires us to open our ears and our hearts to hear that tiny whispering sound, the gentle breeze of God, the still, small voice.
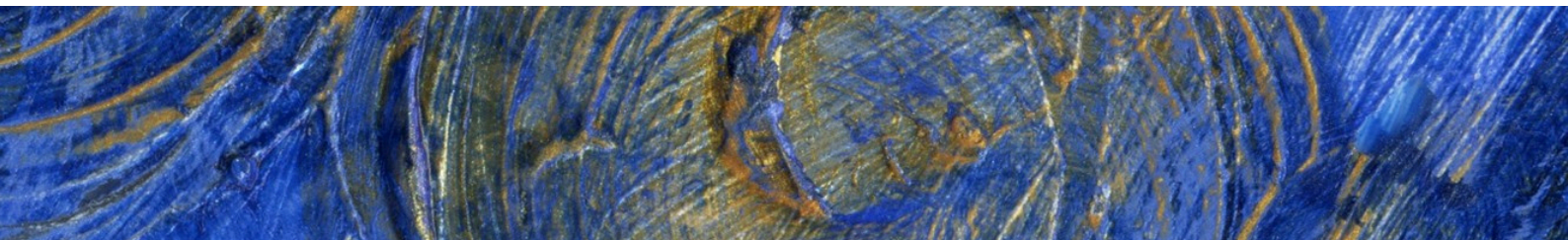
This is what we are coming to understand synodality to be about.
Ours is not to be the voice of the voiceless but to make space for the voiceless to be heard. To listen.

To give space for this to happen it is likely that we have to move to be with people we have not been with before, to be with people in ways we have not been before.

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In the words of Isaiah (54:2), we must 'enlarge the place of our tent'.

Walk with refugees.

Pray with those impacted by domestic violence.

Welcome LGBTIQA+ people.

Immerse in the stories and songlines of our First Nations people.

Be with the homeless.

Stand in solidarity with persecuted minorities.

Go to the margins.

Together in the space of listening we discern the voice of God. We become more empathic, more understanding, more attuned to the goodness of the other, the worthiness of the other, the life and spirit of the other.

In the space of togetherness and listening we all become more fully human.

The words of Isaiah (54:2) draw us to listen through the practice of lectio divina.

Enlarge the place of your tent,

Stretch your tent curtains wide.

Do not hold back.

Lengthen your cords,

Strengthen your stakes.

Lectio – Read slowly and contemplatively, aware of the movement of the spirit.

Meditatio – Carry the words with you throughout your day. Listen for the voice of the divine.

Oratio – In prayer, give to God the wisdom and truth you are hearing. Be grateful.

Contemplatio – Open yourself to receive and rest in God.

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