

Synodal Pathway Initial Submissions

Question:

What would be your preferred option for engagement in a conversation process about the Synod?

- There is a need for clarity on the remit of the synodal process. There is a fear that this could engage people's energy and enthusiasm, but not lead to any real outcomes.
- The process must address people's concerns and avoid becoming a single-issue conversation or being influenced by lobby groups.
- The process needs to be cognisant of the social context in which the Church ministers and how it dialogues and engages with society today.
- The process needs to outreach to those who feel alienated or do not engage with the Church.
- The use of technology needs to be maximised, to enable people across a broad range of ages, views, etc to engage with the process.
- Each diocese may use or develop its own structures to facilitate the conversations.
- A comprehensive communication strategy is needed to support the process, using national and local media.
- The membership of the national co-ordination team needs to reflect a Church that respects the gifts, talents and expertise of lay and clerical members.

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