

DISCERNMENT IN COMMON AND DECISION MAKING IN A SYNODAL CHURCH

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Week 1: From joint discernment to consensus building

Week 2: Elaboration and decision-making in the Church

Week 3: Leadership and governance in the Church

JULY 4
JULY 25

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PROGRAM

Introductory Lectures

The Council of Jerusalem: analysis of Acts 15 (Juan Bytton sj, Perú)

The Council of Jerusalem: Discernment and Conflict Resolution (Carmen Bernabé, Spain)

Introducing Synodality (Rafael Luciani, Venezuela)

WEEK 1: From discernment in common to consensus-building

Lecture:

Discernment in common (Laurence Loubières, xmcj, Canada)

Deepening:

Consensus building (Emili Turù, Spain)

Conflict and divergence management (Judith Gruber, Germany)

Processes of listening, discerning and decision making in a Diocese (Msgr. Faustino Armendáriz Jiménez, Mexico)

Experiences:

Networking and processes of listening and discerning together (Christine Danel, xmcj, France)

Models of discernment in Asia (Christina Kheng, Singapore)

Models of communal discernment in Africa (Agbonkhanmeghe Orobator sj, Nigeria)

Practices of communal discernment in Africa (Anne Arabome, sss, Kenya)

WEEK 2: Decision-making in the Church

Lecture:

Decision-making and decision-taking models in the Church (Serena Noceti, Italy)

Deepening:

Decision-making and decision-taking in the first centuries of Christianity (Samuel Fernandez, Chile)

Synodality and joint decision-making (Alphonse Borras, Belgium)

Synodality, Democracy and Parliamentarism (Carlos García de Andoin, Spain)

Experiences:

The experience of the Plenary Council of Australia (Msgr. Shane Anthony Mackinlay, Australia)

The Experience of the Ecclesial Assembly of Latin America and the Caribbean (Gloria Liliana Franco, odn, Colombia)

WEEK 3: Leadership and Governance in the Church

Lecture:

Leadership in the Church (David McCallum, sj, USA)

Deepening:

Co-responsibility and Teamwork (Nathalie Becquart, xmcj and Philippe Becquart, Vatican and Switzerland)

Accountability: international reports and ecclesial responses (Carlos Schickendantz, Chile)

Co-governance and accountability in dioceses (Msgr. Raúl Biord, Venezuela)

Experiences:

Power in the Church (Gregor Maria Hoff, Germany)

Leadership and teamwork in a Diocese (Msgr. Jose Saul Grisales, Colombia)

Women's leadership and governance in the Church (Sr. Joséee Ngalula, Democratic Republic of Congo)

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