

# Suggested Agenda for Parish Listening Session

[dwc.org/synod](http://dwc.org/synod)

## Opening Prayer (5 minutes)

- Pastor (if present) or facilitator should lead with Synod Prayer.

## Welcome and Personal Introduction (5 minutes)

- Begin on time.
- Introduce the session, welcome participants, and introduce yourself to the participants.
- Be sure to have the pastor and any other parish clergy, religious or parish staff introduce themselves if they are present.
- Thank parishioners for attending

## Read Letter from Bishop Brennan

- Will be posted online

## Ground Rules for Discussion

- Posted online and included in handouts

## Brief Explanation of This Synod and the Theme (10 minutes)

- Theme: For A Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission
- Use handout or more information can be found at [\*\*dwc.org/synod\*\*](http://dwc.org/synod)

## Fundamental Question (15-20 minutes)

Discuss the question - “A synodal Church, in announcing the Gospel, ‘journeys together:’ How is this ‘journeying together’ happening today in your particular Church? What steps does the Spirit invite us to take to grow in our ‘journeying together’?”

Participants are asked to take a moment and reflection on “journeying together,” thinking about:

- What are we doing well in terms of journeying together as a church?
- What might we be able to do better?

## Discussion Questions (60+ minutes)

- Break into small groups if you choose this method
- See handout titled, “Sample Questions”
- Take notes on discussions (Utilize Notes for Topics handouts)
- If you are going to record the audio at the session, **please inform them.**
- Remember, you do **not** need to ask all 10 questions.

## Q&A, Closing Prayer and Adjournment



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