



# An Exhortation for a Synodal Church

## Communion – Participation – Mission

Acts 15: 1-12

**Synodal Listening:** As part of the Listening Phase we have been drawn into a process of synodality, through the listening circles. The Church of her very essence is synodal, which means that she listens to all her members and to all those who have encountered the Church in their Journey of Life.

In this way she is able to listen ever more attentively to the Spirit and to discover what the Spirit is asking of her.

**Being Synodal:** Wherever possible we need to embody synodality. This means becoming **communion**, in which every member is encouraged and given the opportunity to **participate** in the life of the Church for the realization of her **mission**.

**Living Synodality:** In the Listening Phase many different voices were heard in the listening circles. Those voices have expressed differing experiences of our journeying together as Church.

By listening to one another we have also heard what the Spirit is saying to us.

In each parish, responses have been collected, and it is now for the Parish Pastoral Council to begin working through these in order to address what has been heard both from the participants in the parish and from the Holy Spirit.

In time the collated responses will also be made available to parishes and Parish Pastoral Councils.