



## Dialogue 1 Outline

*Our parishioners in Yukon and Northern BC come from a variety of different cultures, ethnicities, and backgrounds. Listening to the Word of God and celebrating the Eucharist unites us and gives us the strength to walk in communion and journey together in this world.*

### How do we celebrate together in the Church?

*If you are leading a meeting, you must refer to the Leader's Guide and familiarize yourself with the materials. Ensure you have a recorder to take notes during the meeting. The Leader then guides the group through the following steps:*

1. **Ask each participant to briefly introduce themselves.**
2. **Introduction:**

*We are meeting today, not to complete a survey or to evaluate the Church. Rather, this is an opportunity for us to listen, reflect and discuss how the Holy Spirit is enlightening our path today, and how we can journey together in communion, participation, and mission. You are invited to answer the questions and sub-questions according to your experience and what applies to you.*

We will reflect on our experience of celebration in our parish and in our diocese. Liturgical celebrations transform our human relationships and create a new solidarity, a communion with each other that sets us on a common journey. Liturgical celebrations frame and strengthen us in our missionary action, and they inspire our most important decisions. All of us prepared ourselves for this meeting, we reflected on this question and are ready to come together to share our experiences and have a conversation.

3. **Prayer**

*Let us recite together the prayer to the Holy Spirit for the beginning of a synodal meeting.*

#### ***Adsumus Sancte Spiritus***

Prayer of invocation to the Holy Spirit for an ecclesial assembly of governance or discernment (thus synodal)

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life  
and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time,  
in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever.

Amen.

#### 4. **Word of God**

*Now we will proclaim a gospel to help guide our discussion (when possible, please read from a Bible)*

**Acts 2:41-47** Those who accepted his word were baptized; and in that day the number of the disciples increased by about three thousand souls. They persevered in the teaching of the apostles, in fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. Fear took hold of everyone, and many wonders and miracles were done by the apostles. Everyone who believed was in one place, and they had 15 everything in common. They sold their properties and their goods, and they divided the proceeds among all, according to the needs of each one. They were all together at the temple every day, they broke bread in the houses, and ate their food with joy and simplicity of heart, praising God, and finding favour with all the people.

#### 5. **Sharing** (up to 20 minutes)

Identify an experience of celebration that has been significant for you and your community and that has inspired you in your mission in the Church. How did this celebration guide and inspire you?

**There is no discussion during this round. Each participant listens to what the other is expressing, with an attitude of listening to what the Holy Spirit is trying to tell us within ourselves, and through the person who is expressing himself or herself.**

#### 6. **Dialogue** (up to 20 minutes)

*After listening to other experiences, we ask ourselves:* How do our celebrations inspire us in the Church and those outside to “journey together”? How do we promote the active participation of all the faithful in the liturgy? What is the relationship between consultation and decision-making when it comes to celebrations and liturgies, and how do we put these into practice? What space is given to the exercise of ministries like youth, lector and music?

**In this second round, the participants engage in a respectful dialogue where all opinions are heard. An attitude of attentiveness and spiritual listening is maintained. This is not an occasion for confrontation or debate. Rather, it is an opportunity to have a conversation about what struck us during the sharing and about where we are at. The sub-questions for this round are suggestions to guide the conversation. It is not necessary to answer each question specifically.**

#### 7. **Discernment** (up to 20 minutes)

Through what has just been shared, the Holy Spirit whispers to our hearts a direction, a conversion in our ways of praying and of celebrating the Word and the Eucharist. What is the spirit saying to our Church?

**In this discernment round, the participants reflect on what seemed to emerge and resonate during the conversation, and what touched them, moved them, and made sense to them. We seek to discern what the Spirit is saying to the Church through our dialogue.**

#### 8. **Conclusion**

Go around the table and ask participants to summarize in a few words what they are taking away from the dialogue and how they would answer, “**How do we celebrate in our Church?**”.

The Leader will end the meeting by leading the group in prayer (the **Our Father** or a prayer of your choice).