

## A GUIDE TO SUPPORT CONVERSATION IN THE SPIRIT

### Listening Session Etiquette

The following will help ensure the listening session is a safe place to speak and everyone is treated with reverence and respect

- We will listen to the views of others with an open mind
- Everyone is encouraged to speak
- One person speaks at a time
- We will limit how long we speak so that everyone has time to share
- We will be stopping the conversation at certain intervals to allow for reflection and prayer
- Keeping confidentiality. As participants, when we tell others of our experience of the listening session, we will not attribute anything we share to particular people or groups

### Conversation in the Spirit Rounds

#### 1. Preparation

In advance of the session, each person spends time reflecting on their experience and their contribution to the question(s) provided

#### 2. First Round of the Conversation - *“Listening to each other”*

Each person has a chance to speak

There is no discussion in this round

We do not respond to what others have shared in this round

There is a time for silence to allow for reflection

#### 3. Second Round of the Conversation – *“What stands out?”*

Each person shares what struck them most.

*“What resonated from what you heard in the first round?”*

*“What moved you during the time of silence and reflection?”*

Once again, there will be time for silence to allow for reflection

#### 4. Third Round of the Conversation – *“Building together”*

The table identifies what seems to be converging, what commonalities are emerging.

The notetaker asks the group to identify two or three points they want to be recorded and shared with the larger group.