

Walking Together in Trust and Hope: Listening Session Facilitator's Toolkit

Thank you for agreeing to facilitate a "conversation in the Spirit" with your people about Archbishop Pérez's pastoral letter outlining the Trust & Hope pastoral renewal process for the future of the Archdiocese!

"The Great Commissioning," He Qi, 2017

Why are we listening to each other right now? Archbishop Leres is trying to let the Holy Spirit guide a renewal of our Archdiocese.. We need to listen to what the Holy Spirit is revealing in *everybody* in order to discover together the paths we can walk in this 10-year pastoral planning process called "The 4th Way."



Why listening? Listening is a ministry of healing, affirmation, and trust building. It is fundamental to conversion of hearts. It was Jesus' fundamental posture and a marker of discipleship!

What will we do with what we hear? We will gather the insights offered in these listening sessions into a report that will be shared with everybody, particularly the Archbishop. It will help guide an ecclesial assembly with Church leadership at some point in the coming months. As a facilitator of these sacred conversations, *you* will help lift up dreams and concerns, as well as gifts and resources that we will need to walk together in re-engaging the People of God through the 10-year process ahead! In short, *you* will be a *synodal* missionary disciple!

Adapt what follows as you see fit! The important thing is to engage people with our question - *where is God at work in our Archdiocese?* - and listen actively to their response so we can share it with everyone.

You'll find the following components (linked through bookmarks or at the documents tabs accessible beyond the left margin of this page):

- [Before Your Session](#)
 - Overview of Purpose, Outcomes and Process
 - Explanation & tips for facilitating a "conversion in the Spirit"
 - Summary agenda
 - Materials to send in advance
 - Form for submitting notes
 - Follow up email for participants with relevant links
- [During Your Session](#)
 - Script
 - Slide deck for virtual sessions
 - Handout with guidelines for Conversation in the Spirit
 - Links for next steps
- [After Your Session](#)

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