



International Ecumenical Conference
“Listening to the East” – Synodality in Oriental Orthodox Church Traditions
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PROGRAM

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2022

Opening Session

GREETING ADDRESSES AND GENERAL INTRODUCTION

Moderator: Fr. Prof. Dr Hyacinthe DESTIVELLE OP

9:00 Morning Prayer

9:15 *Welcome Addresses and Greetings*

Rector Prof. Dr Thomas Joseph WHITE OP, Angelicum

Cardinal Kurt KOCH, President of the Dicastery for Promoting Christian Unity

S.E. Mons. Luis Marin de San Martin, Undersecretary of the Synod of Bishops

Ambassador ret. Dr Alfons M. KLOSS, President of PRO ORIENTE Foundation

Keynote Speech:

Theologies of Synodality in Oriental Orthodox Church Traditions

Archbishop Khajag BARSAMIAN

10.30 Coffee Break

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UNDERSTANDINGS AND PRACTICES OF SYNODALITY IN THE ARMENIAN AND MALANKARA SYRIAC TRADITIONS

Moderator: Assoc. Prof. Dr Aho SHEMUNKASHO

9:00 Morning Prayer

9:15 Keynotes: Understandings and Practices of Synodality

- in the Armenian Apostolic Church Bishop Armash NALBANDIAN
- in the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church Fr. Prof. Dr Baby VARGHESE

10.30 Coffee Break

11:00 Experiences of Synodality –
Four parallel working groups with inputs from both traditions on:

- Youth Inputs: Mr. Garen YOSOLKANIAN and Mr. Bipin MATHEW

Moderation: Dr Ephrem ISHAC

- Laity Inputs: Dr Aram MARTIROSYAN and Dr Tijo Ivan JOHN

- Moderation: Dr Nigussu LEGESSE

- Women Inputs: Dr Dianna TSAXIKYAN and Mrs. Mercy JOHN

Moderation: Ruth MATHEN

- Monastic life Inputs: Fr. Karekin HAMBARDZUMYAN and Fr. Bideesh MATHEW

- Moderation: Fr. Saliba ER

12:00 Plenary: Reports from the working groups

13:00 Lunch

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Fourth Session

LEARNINGS

Moderator: Prof. Dr Dietmar W. WINKLER

15:30 Learnings from the Coptic, Ethiopian, Armenian and Malankara Syriac Traditions:
spiritual, canonical, theological, and pastoral perspectives

Round table with:

- Bishop Anba KYRILLOS
- Bishop Armash NALBANDIAN
- Fr. Daniel Seifemichael FELEKE
- Fr. Prof. Dr Baby VARGHESE

16:45 Coffee Break

17:15 Lessons learned for the Catholic Church:
spiritual, canonical, theological, and pastoral perspectives

Reflections from the Catholic Listeners

18:30 Concluding Session

19:00 Evening Prayer

19:30 Dinner

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