



International Ecumenical Conference "Listening to the East" – Synodality in Oriental Orthodox Church Traditions

Pontifical University St. Thomas Aquinas, Rome, Nov. 25 – 26, 2022

PROGRAM

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Listeners/Drafting Committee: Prof. Dr Souraya Bechealany, Fr. Frans Bouwen MAfr.,
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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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First Session

UNDERSTANDINGS AND PRACTICES OF SYNODALITY IN THE COPTIC AND ETHIOPIAN TRADITIONS

Moderator: Prof. Dr Pablo ARGÁRATE

11:00 Keynotes: Understandings and Practices of Synodality

- in the Coptic Orthodox Church Bishop Anba KYRILLOS

- in the Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church Fr. Daniel Seifemichael FELEKE

13:00 Lunch

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First Session (continued)

15:30 Experiences of Synodality -

Four parallel working groups with inputs from both traditions on:

- Youth Inputs: Mr. Jouseph Yunan and Fr. Alula Lemma Habte

Moderation: Dr Joachim JAKOB

- Laity Inputs: Mr. Bishoy SHARKAWY and Dr Nigussu LEGESSE

Moderation: Manuel KUHN

- Women Inputs: Mrs. Odette Abdelmeseh and Mrs. Elizabeth Amde

TEKLEAREGAY

Moderation: Dr Viola RAHEB

Monastic life Inputs: Fr. Mercurius ELMACARI and Fr. Daniel

Seifemichael FELEKE

Moderation: Fr. Shenouda ASAAD

16:30 Plenary: Reports from the working groups

17:15 Coffee Break

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Second Session

SYNODALITY WITHIN THE ORIENTAL ORTHODOX CHURCH COMMUNION

Moderator: Prof. Dr Souraya BECHEALANY

17:45 Understandings and Practices of Synodality within the Oriental Orthodox Church Communion:

within the Oriental Orthodox Church Communion:

Mor Theophilose Kuriakose (Malankara Syrian Orthodox Church) Dr Ani Ghazaryan Drissi (Armenian Apostolic Church)

19:00 Evening Prayer

19:30 Dinner

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2022

Third Session

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

Moderator: Assoc. Prof. Dr Aho SHEMUNKASHO

9:00	Morning Prayer	
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9:15 Keynotes: Understandings and Practices of Synodality

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

10.30 Coffee Break

11:00 Experiences of Synodality -

Four parallel working groups with inputs from both traditions on:

Inputs: Mr. Garen YOSOLKANIAN and Mr. Bipin

MATHEW

Moderation: Dr Ephrem ISHAC

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 Fr. Karekin HAMBARDZUMYAN and Fr. Inputs:

Bideesh MATHEW

Moderation: Fr. Saliba ER

12:00 Plenary: Reports from the working groups

13:00 Lunch

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 Fr. Daniel Seifemichael FELEKE Bishop Armash NALBANDIAN 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

- End of the Conference -