

Listening to the Differently Abled
Adapted Synod Questions

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**Companions on the Journey**

• Who makes you feel good in your parish?

• Who looks lonely in your parish?

• Who doesn’t have any friends?

• Do you feel lonely in your parish?

**Listening**

• Who do you not like to listen to?

• Why do you feel that way?

• Who do other people not listen to?

• Why do you think that?

**Speaking Out**

• Do you feel like people listen to you in your parish?

**Celebration**

• Is attending mass important to you?

• Do people at mass say hello to you?

• Do people at mass show they care about you?

• What is your favorite part of mass?

• What don’t you like about mass?

**Sharing Responsibility for Our Common Mission**

• Does your parish work together to help people outside of the parish?

• What does it do?

• Who does it help?

**Dialogue in Church and Society**

• Do you think that different kinds of people work together in your parish?

**Ecumenism**

• Does your parish make friends with other faith communities to help people in

your town that need help?

**Authority and Participation**

• Who decides what your parish will do together?

• Is it one person or is it a group of people?

• How is it done?

**Discerning and Deciding**

• Do you think decisions about what your parish will do could be made in a

different way?

• Are there other people you think should be involved?

**Forming Ourselves in Synodality**

• How does your parish teach about working together?

• Who teaches how to do this?

• Is it one person or are there more people that lead this?