

Discernment Questions

REFLECT

Use these questions to describe the current activities of the Central States Synod.

- What three words describe God's activity within the Central States Synod?
- What three words describe the Central State Synod's contribution to its member congregations?
- What does the current situation require of members of the Central States Synod?

MISSION

The church must constantly adapt to effectively proclaim the Gospel as the world changes. In this section, discuss your dreams for the Central States Synod mission over the next five years.

- How will the Holy Spirit use the Central States Synod to proclaim the Gospel over the next five years? Where is the Holy Spirit calling us to minister?
- What unique gifts do the (a) congregations; and (b) people in the Central States Synod have to support that mission?
 - What will occur if these gifts are used effectively?
- What obstacles must be overcome to fulfill this mission?

LEADERSHIP

Use the questions below to consider the Central States Synod leadership and organizational structure.

• What are the most important gifts for ministry that the incoming Bishop should exhibit to guide the Central States Synod in fulfilling its mission?

• Without identifying a specific person, what type of person is the Holy Spirit looking for to lead us in this mission?

• What organizational structure will best support collaboration throughout the Central States Synod in fulfilling the Holy Spirit's call?

CLOSING

Use these questions to highlight what's most important.

- What question wasn't asked? (You may also offer an answer, at your option.)
- How, if at all, will the Central States Synod change as a result of these conversations?
- What do you want the incoming Bishop to have heard loudly and clearly?