



Catholic Campaign for Human Development & the Synod on Synodality

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- ▶ In today's world, the sense of belonging to a single human family is fading, and the dream of working together for justice and peace seems an outdated utopia. What reigns instead is a cool, comfortable and globalized indifference, born of deep disillusionment concealed behind a deceptive illusion: thinking that we are all-powerful, while failing to realize that we are all in the same boat.... Isolation and withdrawal into one's own interests are never the way to restore hope and bring about renewal. Rather, it is closeness; **it is the culture of encounter.**
- ▶ Isolation, no; closeness, yes. Culture clash, no; **culture of encounter, yes**". (Fratelli Tutti, No. 30)



Who / What is CCHD?

- ▶ Fund self-help projects led by persons in poverty
 - **Community Development Grants**
 - **Economic Development Grants**
- ▶ Educate the faithful about root causes of poverty



CCHD Supported Organizations

- ▶ **Led by members of the community struggling with poverty.**
 - At least 50% low-income leadership for community development
 - At least 30% low-income leadership for economic development
- ▶ **"Low-Income" defined as either 50% or 80% of area median income**
- ▶ **Efforts primarily directed toward overcoming systemic/institutional injustice.**
- ▶ **Funded organizations are not required to be Catholic or even faith-based, but their work must be in keeping with Catholic social and moral teaching.**



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- ▶ “For this reason, while all the baptized are specifically called to take part in the Synodal Process, no one – no matter their religious affiliation – should be excluded from sharing their perspective and experiences, insofar as they want to help the Church on her synodal journey of seeking what is good and true. **This is especially true of those who are most vulnerable or marginalized.**” (Vademecum 2.1)
- ▶ “We **must personally reach out to the peripheries**, to those who have left the Church, those who rarely or never practice their faith, those who experience poverty or marginalization, refugees, the excluded, the voiceless, etc.” (Vademecum 4.1).



Ten Key Elements of Synodality

1. Be Companions to each other on the journey
2. Listen to the Spirit and each other
3. Speaking Out
4. Celebrating Together
5. Sharing responsibility for our common mission
6. Joining dialogue in Church and in wider society
7. Participating in ecumenism



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1. Each claiming proper authority and participation
2. Being part of discerning and deciding
3. Forming ourselves in synodality (journeying together)



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- ▶ How is your (arch)diocese engaging with the Synod? Are there efforts being made to engage those on the margins, especially those connected with CCHD groups?
- ▶ What are your hopes for the **integrity** of the Synod? What role do you think you should hold as we seek to listen to those on the margins?
- ▶ CCHD's national (and local) office will support and accompany you on this synodal path?



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Thoughts... What if's ??

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