



International Ecumenical Conference

**“Listening to the East –
Synodality in the Life and Mission of the Eastern Orthodox Church”**

Pontifical University St. Thomas Aquinas, Rome, Nov. 2 – 5, 2022

PROGRAM

(as of Oct. 25, 2022)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2022

17.30 Vespers Prayer (Church of the Angelicum)

Opening Session: Official Opening and Introduction

Moderator: Fr. HYACINTHE DESTIVELLE OP

18.00 *Words of Welcome:*

Rector Fr. THOMAS JOSEPH WHITE OP, Angelicum
Cardinal MARIO GRECH, General Secretary of the Synod of Bishops
Cardinal KURT KOCH, President of the Dicastery for Promoting Christian Unity
Metropolitan JOB OF PISIDIA, Co-Chair of the Joint International Commission for
Theological Dialogue Between the Catholic Church and the Orthodox Church
Ambassador ret. ALFONS M. KLOSS, President of PRO ORIENTE (3’-5’ each)

Keynote speech: *The Orthodox Church is a Synodal Church* – Bishop MAXIM (VASILJEVIĆ)

19.30 Reception

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2022

Communion: Walking together in the Holy Spirit

Moderator: MYRIAM WIJLENS

09.00-10.30 **Keynote speech:** Synodality as a manifestation of Koinonia in the Church –
Fr. SORIN ȘELARU

Respondents: SVETOSLAV RIBOLOV / Fr. AMPHILOCHIOS MILTOS

11.00-12.45 **“Practices of Synodality”** Chair: REGINA ELSNER

I. The Council of Nicaea (and its upcoming jubilee anniversary)

Expert presentation: Metropolitan VASILIOS OF CONSTANTIA AND AMMOCHOSTOS
Listener: ANDREA RIEDL

II. The Holy and Great Council of the Orthodox Church, Crete, 2016

Expert presentation: Fr. NICOLAS KAZARIAN
Listener: JOHANNES OELDEMANN

Discussion

15.30-17.00	Parallel Workshops <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. <u><i>Synodality and the Consensus Patrum: Exploring the Interplay between Patristic and Conciliar Authority</i></u> – ANDREJ JEFTIĆ Moderator: KATERINA PEKRIDOU2. <u><i>Permanent Synods – in Church History and today</i></u> – DIMITRIOS KERAMIDAS Moderator: JULIJA NAETT VIDOVIC3. <u><i>Liturgy, Communion, and Synodality</i></u> – Fr. ANDRIY DUDCHENKO Moderator: REGINA ELSNER4. <u><i>Monastic Coenobium as an Icon of Christian Synodality and the Eucharistic Communion of Many in One</i></u> – Fr. SAVA JANJIĆ (Hegumen of Visoki Dečani Monastery) Moderator: Fr. MILAN ŽUST SJ5. <u><i>Synodality at the Regional Level: The Example of the Metropolitanate of Karlovci</i></u> – DRAGICA TADIC-PAPANIKOLAOU Moderator: Fr. THOMAS NÉMETH
17.30- 19.00	Plenary / Reports <p>Reports from the workshops Observer's resume of the day: Fr. WILLIAM HENN OFMCap Plenary Discussion Moderator: Fr. IOAN MOGA</p>

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2022

Participation: Walking together with the whole people of God

	Moderator: ASSAAD KATTAN
09.00-10.30	Keynote speech: Reception and Inspiration of synodal processes in Church Life – TEVA REGULE Respondents: PANTELIS KALAITZIDIS / Fr. CYRIL HOVORUN
11.00-12.45	“Practices of Synodality” Chair: JULIJA NAETT VIDOVIC <ol style="list-style-type: none">I. <i>The Russian Council of 1917/18</i> Expert presentation: ALEXANDER MRAMORNOW Listener: Fr. RUDOLF PROKSCHIII. <i>Orthodox Lay Movements</i> Expert presentation: GEORGES EL-HAGE Listener: KATHERINE SHIRK LUCAS Discussion

15.30-17.00	Parallel Workshops <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. <u><i>Canon Law Perspectives – Understanding of Representation and Delegation</i></u> (in cooperation with the Society for the Law of the Eastern Churches) – DAVID HEITH-STADE Moderator: ASTRID KAPTIJN2. <u><i>Orthodox Youth Movements</i></u> – MIRA NEAIMEH / CYRILLE SOLLOGOUB Moderator: ASSAAD KATTAN3. <u><i>Synodality on the Local Level</i></u> – Fr. IOAN MOGA Moderator: GEORGIOS VLANTIS4. <u><i>The Participation of Lay People in the Election of Primate and Bishops</i></u> – Fr. ALEXANDER RENTEL Moderator: Fr. THOMAS NÉMETH5. <u><i>Women and Synodality</i></u> – CARRIE FROST / ADRIAN CRĂCIUN Moderator: VIOLA RAHEB
17.30- 19.00	Plenary / Reports <p>Reports from the workshops Observer's resume of the day: PÉTER SZABÓ Plenary Discussion Moderator: JOHANNES OELDEMANN</p>

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2022

Mission: Walking together in the contemporary World

Moderator: DIMITRIOS KERAMIDAS

09.00-10.30 **Keynote speech:** The relevance of synodality for a missionary Orthodox Church –
Fr. JOHN NJOROGÉ

Respondents: KATEŘINA K. BAUER / NATHAN HOPPE

11.00-12.45 **“Practices of Synodality”** Chair: KATERINA PEKRIDOU

I. For the Life of the World

Expert presentation: CARRIE FROST

Listener: REGINA ELSNER

II. Orthodox participation in the WCC

Expert presentation: PETER BOUTENEFF

Listener: ANNEMARIE MAYER

Discussion

15.30-17.00 **Parallel Workshops**

1. *Orthodoxy, Solidarity and Sobornost’* – ANDREJ SHISHKOV

Moderator: JULIJA NAETT VIDOVIC

2. *Mission and Synodality in different contexts* – NATHAN HOPPE, Fr. CRISTIAN SONEA

Moderator: KATHERINE SHIRK LUCAS

3. *Synodality as a model for the society?* – MICHEL NSEIR, KATEŘINA K. BAUER

Moderator: VIOLA RAHEB

4. *Synodality and Mission in the Early Ecumenical Movement* – NATALLIA VASILEVICH

Moderator: KATERINA PEKRIDOU

17.30- 19.00 **Plenary / Reports**

Reports from the workshops

Observer’s resume of the day: Sr. NATHALIE BECQUART

Plenary Discussion

Moderator: REGINA ELSNER

Concluding remarks

From November 3 until November 5, each day of the conference will begin with a morning prayer at 8.45 and end with a vesperal prayer at 19.15.

*From November 3 until November 5,
lunch will be served at 13.00, and diner at 19.30.*