**AMRI – ALL HALLOWS TRUST SYNODAL EVENT WEDNESDAY 1 MAY**

The working group on Synod 2024 and the Irish Synodal Pathway, in cooperation with All Hallows Trust, are planning a conference to take place at All Hallows on Wednesday 1 May.

The purpose of the conference is to **expand, from sources within AMRI, the data available to the second session of the Synodal Assembly October 2024.**

It is hoped that the event can advance this aim by:

* bringing together a number of presentations\* by members of the AMRI congregations, societies, lay mission committee and associated groups;
* reflecting on these in light of theology of synodality, with assistance of theologians Fr. Gerry O’Hanlon SJ and Fr. Eamonn Conway, expert at the Synodal Assembly;
* and compiling a submission to Synodal Assembly 2024, and the Irish Synodal Pathway, in dialogue with the President of UISG and voting member of the Synod, Sr. Mary T Barron OLA.

\*Three lines of reflection have emerged:

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| **Life in mission (members of Congregations, Societies Lay Mission, and associated groups** | **SYNTHESIS REPORT** |
| 1) synodal experiences in context of life in our congregations/societies/ committee | *The Christian community ... recognises and wishes to be attentive to the practices of synodal life and discernment that have been tried and tested in communities of consecrated life, maturing over the centuries.* ***We know that we can learn from them wisdom in how to walk the synodal path.*** *10(b)* |
| 2) involvement at the margins | *The variety of charismatic expressions in the Church underscores the People of God’s commitment to* ***being a prophetic presence in proximity to the least of our sisters and brothers****, 10(f)* |
| 3) creativity of members e.g. eco-spirituality, faith in light of new cosmology | *and to providing contemporary culture with a deeper* ***sense of the spiritual aspects of life****. 10(f) contd.* |

Some possible avenues for discussion:

1. What have we learned about the conditions under which the Spirit can move freely in groups and organisations?
2. What does a view from the edge (generated because of race, gender, poverty, displacement, climate change and so on) say to a church which desires to be ‘synodal’?
3. What new horizons for life in mission are opened in the interface between faith and ‘new’ science/humanity’s emerging consciousness?