

Our discernment of God’s leading does not occur in isolation, but takes place as we listen carefully for the Holy Spirit in the midst of our gathering together.

*Through conversation and reflection, intentionality and mutual trust, we embark on the shared journey of listening for God’s invitation, a journey of cooperation with God that renews us in love.*

Let us pray together:

*All: Almighty God, Creator of the Universe and Author of our lives, guide into preparation those who will participate in our Synod. Make them ready to listen and speak, undergirded with love and with a spirit of respect, being open to the contributions of others. Guide their minds and hearts to decisions that will glorify you and honor your children. And above all, help those who gather at Synod to discern the way of Faith, Love, and Hope—through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Lord, you are ever in the days and moments we are living. Though we are often so afraid, your Presence you are giving—to guide us ever on the way to be our Friend and Teacher, to live essentials for today with courage for the future.

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## LITURGY FOR COMMISSIONING SYNOD PARTICIPANTS

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In every age, God has spoken through individuals and communities to bring about renewal and transformation.

***God moves and speaks in the hearts and minds of all who follow Jesus.***

By prayer and discussion—and in fellowship with one another—the Holy Spirit guides our path, enabling us to discern God’s desires for us.

***By the renewing of our minds, we are transformed to discern what God’s will is—what is good and pleasing and mature.***

No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no human heart can imagine what God has prepared for those who love God.

***God reveals these things to us through the Holy Spirit, who is given to us. And the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.***

**(All those attending synod are invited to come forward at this time.)**

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The members of Christ’s body share a pure and holy calling:  
to live as children of God’s Peace  
and lift those who are falling,  
for one another burdens bear  
and celebrate together,  
to welcome, love, forgive, and care,  
and pray for one another.



Today we are blessed to commission from our community those attending the 2018 synod of the Moravian Church in America, Southern Province, being held April 19th-22nd at Blue Ridge Assembly in Black Mountain, NC. The theme is *Living the Essentials: With Courage for the Future*.

**(Addressing them directly, please name the delegates or other attendees from your community.)**

\_\_\_\_\_, for many months God has been preparing you for the important work of synod. Do you accept the responsibilities assigned to you and covenant with God to be faithful, as best you can, as you also trust in the grace and faithfulness of Christ, our Redeemer?

*I do.*

Members of this community, do you pledge your support for these delegates and commit yourself to praying for God’s Spirit to bless and comfort them, and to guide their thoughts, words, and decisions with holy wisdom?

***We give thanks and will pray for all who gather to discern God’s leading for our Province at this time.***