



THE FEEDBACK - that the Church is gathering all and moving forward. Relationships amongst all and at all levels is important for growth and service. Some area of importance are:

1. **Prayer and Worship** - the centrality of the Mass for our life as Catholics, parish and diocese and the need for its study, understanding and vibrant celebration for growth.
2. **Participation as Inclusivity** - of all groups of peoples in the community is needed.
3. **Authority** - there is appreciation for the clergy, for their example, efforts and services. Better approaches in their exercising authority, decision making and relationships is desired.
4. **Mission** - to the needs and challenges of all within the community is needed.
5. **Young people** - are longing to belong and be encouraged. Children were positive with their responses via songs, drawings, poems etc.

THE CULTURAL IMAGE is that of the corridor of the longhouses and the communal spirit of the "gotong royong." Here communal activities and celebrations are held. This is the place where disputes, arguments, complaints and other community matters are discussed and decisions made towards maintaining harmony in the village. Villagers come together during the paddy planting and harvest season to help out in each others farms. Here dialogue, discussion and listening is practised and experienced.

Its an image for the Church to aspire, practicing dialogue, listening, cooperation and zero discrimination, with a servant leadership model. Being friendly, welcoming, respectful, understanding, humble and approachable is to be practised. This family spirit builds the Kingdom of God in the diocese.

CONCLUSION There is hope for a Church that thrives in building community. Discernment over time continues in the diocese recognising, interpreting and choosing, with the eyes of the disciple, for the Kingdom. The synodal process was life-giving, with space to share each others 'blessings' The strength and depth of feelings, positive and negative, were conveyed very strongly and movingly in the process. It was a Spirit-led process for moving onward as Church. ✚

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NEW WAY OF BEING CHURCH

26th Ordinary Sunday

SALT OF THE EARTH AND LIGHT OF THE WORLD:
COMMUNION (INCLUSIVE), PARTICIPATION (CREATIVE) & MISSION (BRIDGE BUILDING)

MONTHLY FOCUS:
SYNOD 2021 - 2023

FOCUS EVENT:
CHURCH AND SYNODALITY



DIOCESE OF MIRI Pre-synodal Findings

THE OVERALL FRUITS

- A. The realization that as Church there is a need for listening to each other.
- B. The affirmation that all are looking to belong, be loved, accepted, welcomed and cared for.
- C. The confirmation that there is unity in diversity. The Holy Spirit gathers in communion.