

# Small group listening and discussion

## Participant's guide

### *Process reminders:*

- This consultation really matters. We are looking at drafts and changes will be made. Be open and share what's on your mind.
- Maintain confidentiality. Make the listening a "safe place" where people feel free to share openly.
- In synodal listening (the first two rounds), each person shares in turn. The facilitator will keep time as needed. There is no back-and-forth, no responding, no agreement or disagreement. We simply listen without responding.
- At the end of each round, we'll be invited to share what we heard, what is staying with us from our listening in the first round.
- Even if someone "says what you were going to say," go ahead and share from your own perspective.
- There will be time for free conversation at the end of the small group session.

### Round One

**What concerns do I have about the proposed family grouping?  
What challenges might this pose?**

### Round Two

**What hopes do I see in the proposed family grouping?  
What opportunities or possibilities might this offer?**

### Additional feedback questions

**What do I see that does/doesn't work with the proposed parish family?**

**What alternative configurations do I suggest?**

[\(it may be helpful to review the parishes of the North Seattle Deanery, which are viewable on Google Maps by clicking this sentence\)](#)