

**A WEBINAR: TOWARDS OCTOBER 2024 ASSEMBLY:  
WHAT STEPS MUST THE CHURCH AFRICA TAKE IN ORDER TO BECOME SYNODAL IN MISSION?**

*March 14, 2024,  
16:00 EAT/ 14:00 Rome Time*

AMECEA, ACWECA and the Pan-African Committee for Communication (CEPACS), in collaboration with the African Synodal Initiative (ASI) invites you to join a [Zoom webinar](#) on the journey to the October 2024 assembly and beyond. The Synthesis Report which followed the first gathering of the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod on Synodality points at some key topics that require specialized study and discussion as the Church seeks to find ways of becoming more synodal in mission. While it is important to understand exactly what is happening between now and the second assembly, a pertinent question is how to find practical ways of making the dream of a synodal Church in mission a reality in Africa.

**Objective**

*To reflect contextually on the synodal experience and the emerging themes, and to deliberate on how to promote the understanding of being a missionary synodal Church.*

**Target Audience**

This Webinar is important for the following:

- a) *All bishop, especially those who are not delegates to the synod assemblies of October 2023 and 2024.*
- b) *All contact persons in the conferences.*
- c) *The Religious superiors and those in leadership of Lay associations.*
- d) *Women and the youth.*

**Moderator:** **Fr Andrew Kaufa SMM**, Social Communications Coordinator at AMECEA Secretariat, Nairobi Kenya.

**Opening Remarks:** **Most Rev. Charles Palmer Buckle**, Archbishop of Gold Coast, Ghana, elected delegate for the Synod Assembly.

**Synthesis Report Summary:** Fr Anthony Makunde, Secretary General for AMECEA

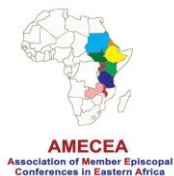
**Panelists and Key note speakers (5-10 mins each)**

**1) Fr Giacomo Costa SJ**

He is the Special Secretary for the XVI General Ordinary Assembly of the Synod of Bishops; President of the San Fidele Cultural Foundation in Milan; National Spiritual Accompanist of the Italian Workers Christian Association (ACLI). *From the Secretariat point of view, he will speak on the concrete steps to be taken on the journey to October 2024 Assembly.*

**2) Bishop Charles Sampa Kasonde**

He is the chairman of the Association of Member Episcopal Conferences of Eastern Africa (AMECEA) under SECAM; bishop of Solwezi Diocese in Zambia. *He will share his thoughts on the understanding of synodality (refer Synthesis Report Chapter 1) and how it blends with the ecclesiological models of Church as family and the SCCs, looking at what else ought to be done.*



### 3) **Sr Dr Jose'e Ngalula**

A professor of Dogmatic Theology Sister Josée Ngalula is a native of Kinshasa and member of the Congregation of Saint André. *From the African woman Religious perspective, she will share her opinion on how best the Church in Africa can promote the understanding of Consecrated Life, the Lay Associations and movements as charismatic signs, with special interest on how to improve their relationships with the diocesan authority (refer to Chapter 10 of Synthesis Report).*

### 4) **Fr Vitalis Chinedu Anaehobi**

He is the Secretary General for the regional body RECOWA under SECAM and an elected participant to the assembly of the Synod on Synodality. *Fr Vitalis will share on the role of priests in promoting the spirit of synodality in the and how they can do it (refer to Chapter 11 of the Synthesis report).*

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**Themes currently under study in preparation for the October 2024 Assembly include:**

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