1. Topic: Companions on the journey

- a) How do the Gospel values (prayer, love, compassion, justice, truth etc...) help us in walking together as a parish community?
- b) What is preventing you from walking together in your parish (your social, financial, ethnic status)?
- c) Many of our people have gone away from Church. Who are those people? Why do you think they have gone away? How can we bring them back?
- d) In view of the above questions, what steps do you suggest are best for the parish to walk together as a community?

2. Topic: Listening

- a) How do we listen to others: women, youth, poor, socially exploited and socially excluded?
- b) How is the voice of people suppressed/dominated/ignored in (decision making/functioning of) your parish?
- c) Do priests and religious-sisters listen to you and vice versa? Do you agree/disagree Please explain?
- d) What steps/measure we must take so that everyone's voice is heard (especially, under privileged)?

3. Topic: Speaking Out

- a) What are your fears in expressing your views (injustice, exploitation, abuse, church politics)
- b) What is preventing you in witnessing Gospel values?

- c) What concrete steps do you take to express your opinions (for prejudices, partiality)
- d) How can you make your voices heard in decision making body of the Church / mainstream media/ politics?

4. Topic: Celebration

- a) How does the liturgy of the sacraments strengthen your faith?
- b) How does your participation in prayer and liturgical sacraments inspire you in your day to day life?
- c) How does the Word of God and Sacraments help you to take right decision?
- d) What is your personal experience of the Eucharistic celebration (is it another ritual or a place of real encounter with Christ)?

5. Topic: Sharing Responsibility for our Common Mission

- a) What are the areas that you participate in the mission of the Church? (Lay associations, parish council, mahla mandal etc...)
- b) As a baptized person what are your responsibilities to carry out the mission of the church?
- c) As a baptized person what are the challenges do you face in being active in the mission of the Church?
- d) How do you help other members of your church community to work together in various fields (education, health, environment etc...?)

e) What are the areas of the mission I am neglecting?

6. Topic: Dialogue in Church and Society

- a) What are the different ways you have been/are encouraged to be involved in the functioning of your Parish?
- b) What are the ways and means to promote dialogue amongst the different sections of the society in your parish: rich-poor, ethnic group, pious associations, etc.?
- c) What has been your mutual participation with people of other faiths in the various events of life such as festivals, funerals, medical emergencies, financial assistance etc.?
- d) How can you promote dialogue between church and civil society? Suggest concrete steps you as a member of the church need to undertake for an active part in political life: local, district, state and national levels.

7. Topic: Ecumenism

- a) Share your experience of Ecumenical gatherings/denominations/celebrations in your parish?
- b) What are the difficulties and fears you experienced in our interdenominational relationship?
- c) What are the steps can I take to walk together?
- d) What can I learn from other denomination and their ministries?

8. Topic: Authority and Participation

- a) How do you participate and feel responsible for the functioning of your local church/association/institution?
- b) Evaluate the functioning of various association of parish (hint: team work and co-responsibility)?
- c) What are your experiences of authority and governance in your parish and diocese?
- d) How can you promote/foster a more synodal approach in your participation and leadership in your Parish?

9. Topic: Discerning and Deciding

- a) In what ways are you involved in the decision making of your parish and its activities?
- b) What are the ways to promote transparency and accountability in your parish?
- c) Inspired by the Holy Spirit, how can you grow in your spiritual life?

10. <u>Topic: Forming ourselves in Synodality</u>

- a) What are the various ways the parish community can help the following groups; Migrants, Underprivileged, Youth, and Unemployed
- b) Suggest ways and means to strengthen the faith of your community?
- c) What do you suggest for promoting participation, communion and leadership in your parish?