

A. EXPERIENCE – DATA GATHERING

What is happening?

Peace Building initiatives...

B. REFLECTION – INSIGHTS / UNDERSTANDING (THEOLOGY)

***Why do we do what
we do?***

Catholic?

Faith Understanding

Tradition
Sacred Scriptures
Philosophy
Other disciplines

Who is Jesus?

His Mission?

What is the Church?

Its Mission?



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1. Proclamation

- Deeply aware of the complexity of so many different situations in Asia, and “speaking the truth in love” (Eph 4:15), the Church proclaims the Good News with loving respect and esteem for her listeners... Respect, however, does not eliminate the need for the explicit proclamation of the Gospel in its fullness.

2. Inter-religious Dialogue

- The Synod therefore renewed the commitment of the Church in Asia to the task of improving both ecumenical relations and interreligious dialogue, recognizing that building unity, working for reconciliation, forging bonds of solidarity, promoting dialogue among religions and cultures, eradicating prejudices and engendering trust among peoples are all essential to the Church's evangelizing mission on the continent.

Inter-religious Dialogue (continuation)

All this demands of the Catholic community a sincere examination of conscience, the courage to seek reconciliation and a renewed commitment to dialogue.

3. Dialogue as Mission

- The desire for dialogue, however, is not simply a strategy for peaceful co-existence among peoples; it is an essential part of the Church's mission because it has its origin in the Father's loving dialogue of salvation
- The dialogue which the Church proposes is grounded in the logic of the Incarnation

Dialogue as Mission (continuation)

- Efforts to engage in dialogue are directed in the first place to those who share her belief in Jesus. It extends beyond the Christian world to the followers of every other religious traditions, on the basis of the religious yearnings found in every human heart. Ecumenical dialogue and interreligious dialogue constitute a veritable vocation for the Church.

4. Forms of Dialogue

- 4.1. Scholarly exchange between experts
- 4.2. Common action for integral human development
- 4.3. Defense of Human and Religious Values
- 4.4. Revitalize prayer

5. Peacemaking

- Given the appalling situation of conflict in so many parts of the world, the Church is called to be deeply involved in international and interreligious efforts to bring about peace, justice and reconciliation. She continues to insist on the negotiated and non-military resolution of conflicts, and she looks to the day when nations will abandon war as a way of vindicating claims or a means of resolving differences

C. IMPLICATIONS - DECISIONS



D. ACTION

