

## **Ignatian Communal Apostolic Discernment**

Essential commitments for all participants

- 1. BEGIN THE PROCESS IN A STATE OF IGNATIAN INDIFFERENCE
  - Approach the deliberation with an impartial mindset.
- 2. OUTLINE THE PRO'S AND CON'S OF THE DECISION
  - Weigh the issues, concerns, and values in light of the mission and vision.
- 3. BE A CONTRIBUTOR AND AN ACTIVE LISTENER IN BRAINSTORMING A SOLUTION
  - Share opinions and encourage the contributions of others.
- 4. PRESUME GOOD INTENTIONS ON THE PART OF OTHERS
  - Pay close attention to people with viewpoints that differ from your own by 'seeing through their eyes.'
- 5. NOTICE GOD'S PRESENCE AND WILL
  - Be mindful of Ignatian desolation, feelings of agitation or a disharmony of thoughts and feelings, and Ignatian consolation, feelings of peace and satisfaction. Recognize that moments of inspiration and gratitude are encounters with the Divine.

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