

Insights from the Interdisciplinary Dialogues at Assembly 2024

The Synodal experience that occurred during the Catholic Health Assembly's Interdisciplinary Dialogue sessions illuminated the collective wisdom of our ministry, highlighting the Spirit's call for greater unity and transformative change to boldly reflect Jesus' mission of love and healing in the world today.

Participants underscored the importance of active listening, ongoing formation, and commitment to advocate for justice. Building strong, supportive relationships within the Catholic health ministry and with ecclesial and other Catholic partners was identified as essential to creating a more compassionate and just society.

In response to the question posed during the Synodal experience—"How can we be a united voice for Catholic health care within the Church and in society?"—the following themes emerged:

- Staying Faithful to Our Mission and Identity:
 Ensure that our actions give witness to Jesus' healing ministry, remain grounded in our Catholic identity and reflect the legacy of our founders.
- Embracing Transformational Change:
 Boldness and adaptability are key as we innovate and evolve to uphold our legacy of high-quality care.
- Fostering Unity and Collaboration: Shifting from competition to cooperation, we can work together as colleagues united in a shared identity and amplify our collective impact.
- Practicing Radical Inclusivity: Welcoming everyone in love—women, migrants, those experiencing poverty and the LGBTQ+ community—is essential to uphold radical hospitality and inclusivity for all.
- Engaging in Active Listening and Dialogue:
 Creating spaces for mutual dialogue allows us
 to listen, understand and respond to the Spirit
 and the needs and perspectives of internal and
 external stakeholders so that all may flourish.

- Building Relationships and Engaging with Communities: Strengthening connections within our communities and with external partners enhances our collaborative impact to serve.
- Advocating for Justice, Human Dignity, and the Common Good: Harnessing our influence to advance social justice, we can better uphold the inherent dignity of every person and work tirelessly toward the common good, especially as we care for those who are vulnerable.
- Summoning Courage and Perseverance:
 Facing challenges with faith, humility and courage will spur us on to stay true to our commitment to serve.
- Prioritizing Formation and Education:
 Continuous learning and formation are necessary to ensure that all those who serve understand and lives out our mission, vision and values.

