

YEAR OF SHARED DISCERNMENT MODULE 1 FINDINGS

Module 1 Theme: We Are Called

What attracted me to the Marianist Family?

1. Connection to Marianist institutions
2. Invitation and welcome
3. Seeking deeper meaning in life
4. Faith in action and the call to social justice
5. Drawn to a relationship with Mary



What are the major gifts the Marianist Family can share with the broader Church and world?

1. Welcome and inclusion
2. Shared charism, mission, & Mary as the model
3. Collaboration and Discipleship of Equals
4. Intentional community



How am I responding to the *signs of the times* as a Marianist in the world?

1. Meeting others in the Marianist world
2. Social justice efforts focused on mercy and compassion
3. Call within community



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What would help me understand the charism more deeply or participate more fully in Marianist life?

1. Help articulating Marianist spirituality and identity
2. Opportunities for ongoing formation and retreats
3. Continued growth and work of Marianist Family Councils
4. More opportunities to be in Marianist community through different stages of life

What do I hope for the future of the Marianist Family?

1. Connect internationally
2. Extend ecumenically
3. Engage students at Marianist institutions to keep living the charism
4. Continued open door and welcoming spirit to all
5. Continued virtual connections and united front post-pandemic



How to Add Your Voice to These Findings

The Marianist Lay Community of North America (MLC-NA) Leadership Council needs **more voices on these findings from Module 1**. If you consider yourself a Lay Marianist, please take a few minutes to sit with this document and deeply consider the current findings. Then, **fill out this Module 1 Findings Response Form so that MLC-NA can learn from you!**

You do not need to have participated in the Year of Shared Discernment to respond above. The MLC-NA Leadership Council wants to receive feedback from all Lay Marianists on their understanding of our findings and what might be missing. We can't wait to hear from you on this and gather your insights as we use this information to **construct a Strategic Vision for the Lay Branch of the Marianist Family** in North America for the coming years.



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