

Tell Me About Synod Part V It's **Y**our Call



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On one hand, “It’s Our Call” focuses the synod’s attention on God’s call to the church as a whole. As per the *Ground of the Unity*:

The Lord Jesus Christ calls His Church into being so that it may serve Him on earth until He comes. ... It recognizes this call to be the source of its being and the inspiration of its service. ...

God’s call also comes to each of us as individuals in ways as diverse as we are. “It’s Your Call” – your call from God just for you.

Do you struggle to identify when or how God has called you? Perhaps this is due in part to the dramatic way in which God calls or announces the ministry of certain persons in the Bible.

When God calls us rarely does the Spirit descend from heaven in the form of a dove, (as at Christ’s baptism) or a seraph leave the throne of God to touch our mouths with a live coal (as in Isaiah’s call). More often we discern God’s gracious, yet insistent, invitation to participate in the life of Jesus’ church while going about daily life. As an old hymn puts it ...

Jesus calls us o'er the tumult
of our life's wild, restless sea;
day by day His sweet voice soundeth,
saying, "Christian, follow me."

Jesus invites you to follow him. How will you respond? It’s your call; it’s up to you to decide.

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