**Proposed Stimulus Questions For Mombasa Archdiocese

 Themes for the Synod Questions**

**1. Companions on the journey
2. Listening
3. Speaking out
4. Celebration
5. Sharing responsibility for our common mission
6. Dialogue in church and society
7. Ecumenism
8. Authority and participation
9. Discerning and deciding
10. Forming ourselves in Synodality

1. How is journeying together in announcing the gospel such as prayer, catechesis, school apostolate, reception of sacraments, works of mercy, pilgrimages, witnessing Christ etc. happening today in Mombasa Archdiocese and in your specific deanery, parish, small Christian community or group?
How do the priests accompany Christians spiritually?**

**2. Do you feel part of your church which is walking together?
Who are those you are walking together with and those that have been left out maybe in reception of Sacraments, burial rite or other services?
Scandals, attitudes or authority can hinder synodality. How do we handle them especially scandals that affect this walking together and ensure wounds are healed?

3. When we want to communicate in the church how does it take place?
Who speaks on our behalf as Christians Catholic when it comes to the media?
How do we dialogue within our church {as religious, CMA, CWA, Youth or other dioceses?
In case of conflicts or disagreements how do we handle/ resolve them?

4. How are we involved or involving others in the celebration of the Eucharist {Mass} e.g. in readings, serving, ushering, songs, active participation, avoidance of distractions etc.?

5. As a baptized Catholic Christian how do I participate in the mission of the church by witnessing my faith in areas which I work?
How do we support others who work in these areas to remain committed to the mission especially in politics, business, peace and justice, human rights, teaching, caring for the environment etc.?

6. In journeying together how do we promote dialogue or actually dialogue with Muslims, Kaya, Hindu, non-believers etc.?
How is this journeying together experienced with our fellow baptized Christians such as ACK, Protestants, SDA, Jehovah Witness, Full Gospel churches, AIC etc.

7. How do we build bridges and dialogue beyond the church walls especially with the world of economy, law, science and research, politics, our culture {in areas of burial and funeral, witchcraft, marriage, FGM}, arts, sports, media, ecology, bioethics and life issues?**

**8. Are involved by the church authority when it comes to participation and responsibilities?
As the laity are we part of the ministries {readers/ lectors, acolytes etc.} and decision making in the various church communities and pastoral councils?
Do we understand the difference between consultative bodies and those who make/ take actual decisions?
How is the involvement in the church projects in order to be part of them?
Is there transparency and accountability in decision making and reporting?**

**9. How is our process of formation as a church?
I s formation {or going formation} of brothers, seminarians, novices, clergy helping us to journey together?
How do we accompany our priests and religious in responding to their vocation?
Are satisfied with how we form and train catechists, couples for marriage, children/ adults for baptism, FHC and other sacraments, lay lectors and acolytes etc.
How are the laity formed in matters leadership in the Jumuiya, communities, outstation, parish, deanery and diocese level?**

**10. Which resources are we blessed with in our parishes, communities and Archdiocese and how best can we tap or mobilize them.**

 **Reflective steps to help us Listen, Participate and discern.
In order to respond to the above questions you are invited to:
a) Ask yourselves what experiences in your particular church the fundamental question calls to mind;

b) Reread these experiences in greater depth: What joys did they provoke?
What difficulties and obstacles have they encountered?
What wounds have they brought to light?
What insights have they elicited?**

**c) Gather the fruits to share: What is he asking of us?
What are the points to be confirmed, the prospects for change, the steps to be taken?
Where do we register a consensus?
What paths are opening up for our particular church?**