REPORT

SYNODAL CONSULTATION PROCESS OF THE ECCLESIAL PANAMAZONIC – REPAM NETWORK
According to Pope Francis’ announcement, on October 15th, 2017 the Special Assembly of the Synod of Bishops is convoked to reflect on the subject: Amazon, New paths for the Church and for an integral ecology, to take place in October 2019. The main objective of this Synod is “to find new ways for the evangelization of this People of God, especially of the indigenous people, often forgotten and with no perspectives of a serene future, also due to the crisis of the Amazon rainforest, lung of vital importance for our planet” I. For this, we need greater closeness. We want to know “how do you imagine a “serene future” and “good living” for the future generations? How can we collaborate in building a world that must break with the structures that take life and with the colonization mentality to build solidarity and intercultural networks? and above all, ¿What is currently the particular mission of the Church towards this reality? 

REPAM has been formally commissioned to support the Synod Secretariat and the Pre-Synodal Council, presided by Pope Francis, in the process of active and direct listening in the extent of the Pan-Amazonic territory, in the collection of information, in an appropriate way to assist in the elaboration of the Preparatory Document (Lineamenta) and the Work Document (Instrumentum Laboris), which has been developed considering the various contributions of the listening process and to encourage the greatest possible participation of the various actors in the Amazon.

Through this document from REPAM Executive Secretariat, we would like to thank deeply each one of the hands in REPAM National, Axis, and other related instances and ecclesial groups, which represent so many people throughout the Pan-Amazon, for assuming the territorial synodal consultation call. Above all to those who formed the local teams in the ecclesiastical jurisdictions and National REPAMs, systematizers, Bishops, encouraging institutions in each of the countries and to all the participants who, with the testimony from their life, feelings and dreams, expressed their hopes and expectations and put them at the communion table in this synodal listening process.

“To each one of you who collaborated in this process which aspires to fulfill a greater dream, to those who assumed courageously the mission of generating all the synodal required listening spaces, we express deep gratitude”

This report contains details on how the process of synodal consultation encouraged by REPAM was developed in the nine Pan-Amazon countries, and above all, it sets the next steps that we consider essential to continue weaving the network as a church in the Pan-Amazon region.
1. TRAVELED PATH

1.1. Phases we have walked:

**PREVIOUS PHASE**
Dec/2017 – April/2018
- Conformation of Pre-Synodal Commission and Specialized Advisers.
- Elaboration of the Preparatory Document/Questionnaire
- Endorsement of REPAM Consultation process as an official channel with the Synodal Secretariat

**SYNODAL CONSULTATION PHASE**
June/2018 – April/2019
- Two channels: 1) 7 Episcopal Conferences corresponding to 9 countries and 2) Territorial Consultation Strategy from REPAM.
- February: Systematization of all contributions of REPAM and Episcopal Conferences and delivery to the Synod Secretariat
- Elaboración del Instrumentum Laboris.

**SYNOD**
October 2019 in the Vatican
- Formal space where the Synodal Priests (specially bishops), Auditors and guests check, reflect over Instrumentum Laboris and vote on the final conclusions.
- Preparation of the Synodal Final Document.

**POST SYNOD**
November 2019
- Follow-up action and appropriation of the possible Apostolic Exhortation on the Amazon Synod.
As REPAM, we developed a strategy with members of the work axes and national networks to identify three levels of synodal consultation. In the initial planning, 50 meetings were defined: 40 Synodal Territorial Assemblies, 8 Panamazonic Thematic Forums and 2 International Forums. However, the process triggered to quintuple the planned activities. Initially, Synodal Territorial Assemblies and thematic Forums had been defined, however through approaches of the countries two additional listening spaces were created: National Thematic Forums and Rounds of Talks.

### 2.1. Activities carried out by Countries

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2. SYNODAL CONSULTATION PROCESS: ¿WHO PARTICIPATED?
2.2. Reports Received

- **57** assemblies
- **21** national forums
- **17** Pan-Amazon region thematic forums
- **179** rounds of talks
2.3. Collaborating for a more Synodal Church in the World

The synodal consultation process conducted by REPAM crossed the geographical boundaries of the Panamazonic bioma, and held events where contributions and regional reflections from Latin America were collected in Honduras (Cáritas Assembly), Germany, United States of America and Rome. These activities confirm that the Amazon Synod invites to a worldwide dialogue for shared responsibility in the care of the common house and to search new paths for the Church.

Places where the Synodal Listening activities organized by REPAM were carried out

Yellow: Assemblies
Purple: National Forums
Black: Pan-Amazon Thematic Forums
Blue: Rounds of Talks
2.4. ¿Who participated in the Synodal Consultation supported by REPAM? ¹

1. This was calculated based on the 266 reports sent, indicating the description of the participating population in the consultation activity. Not all reports had this information.
From the total of participants, the following characteristics of their population could be distinguished.

- The characterization was carried out based on the reports from the participants' profile information. Not all of the 266 reports submitted described this information. The total of this infographic is based on the total secular population of 6,337 participants.

- **6,337** Secular
  - **3,601** Women (59%)
  - **2,736** Men (41%)

- **477** Consecrated
  - Religious
  - Most are women

- **1,973** Young People (Brazil)

- **492** Priests and Bishops**

- **12,664** Without group identification

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2: This characterization was carried out based on the reports from the participants' profile information, not all of the 266 reports submitted described this information. The total of this infographic is based on the total secular population of 6,337 participants.
However, it was possible to make an estimate that, although they did not participate in the formal listening spaces, they participated in the preparatory spaces in their communities, villages or parishes and that, according to the bishops’ records, it reached at least to other:

65,000

86,943

Total approximate of participants

Assembleia Territorial do Maranhão – São Luiz/MA

Work Groups Mojos Parish, Reyes – Bolivia

Assembly in Florence - Colombia

Assembly in Iquitos - Peru
2.5. Participation of indigenous peoples' representatives:

From the reports received, the participation of leaders of originary towns was registered, who represented 172 different towns of the Pan-Amazonic region. This represents 44% of the total number of indigenous people of the region, taking into account the information from the Synod preparatory document, which mentions the existence of 390 towns in the Pan-Amazonic region.

2.6. Participation of other populations of the Pan-Amazonian region:

- Residents of urban centers and peripheries
- Indigenous People
- Migrant Groups
- Riberiños y riberiñas
- Peasant men and women
- Quilombolas – Brazil
- Afro-descendants: All countries
- Quebradeiras de Coco
- Umbandistas
- Fishermen
- Families
- Youth and Teenagers
- Collectives of Women
- Religious men and women
- Priests
- Bishops
- Seringueiros/Seringueiras

2.7. Participation of the Pan-Amazon Episcopate:

Through the presented reports, it has been identified that 89% of the Pan-amazon episcopate members participated in the consultation process supported by REPAM.
On February 14th, 2019 the reception of the reports and documents of the synodal consultation was closed and the systematization of all the contributions began, for this purpose, the following activities were carried out:

1. Information from 266 reports/contributions was recorded in a database.

2. An interdisciplinary team of REPAM and systematization experts was formed.

3. The Team met in Brasilia and worked during 3 days, preparing the first document containing the synthesis of all the reports sent.

4. On February 28th the Synthesis of 200 pages and almost 899 annexes were delivered to the General Secretariat of the Synod in Rome.

5. Experts of the second phase check all contributions sent by REPAM and Episcopal Conferences and begin to work in the Instrumentum Laboris.

6. The Pre Synodal Council and the group of experts meet in Rome on May 13th and 14th to check the last version of the Instrumentum Laboris.

7. The Instrumentum Laboris is completed – Document that the Synodal Priests, Auditors, Experts and guests will work during the final phase of the Synod in October 2019 in the city of Rome.

3. SISTEMATIZATION OF CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE SYNODEAL CONSULTATION
Although the Synodal Consultation phase has ended, we continue to move forward with the following steps:

1. **June 17th: The Document “Instrumentum Laboris” is published**
   - REPAM prepares a summarized version of the “Instrumentum laboris” to socialize it throughout the Pan-Amazon region and other spaces associated with the NETWORK.

2. **The documents are reviewed and spaces for reflection are given to those who participated in the consultation and others who have relation with the process.**

3. **Episcopal Conferences and National REPAM, with REPAM’s support, carry out return processes and reflection events with the Bishops and participants of the synodal consultation (between July and Sept, 2019).**

4. **Amazon Synod Assembly from 6th to 27th October in Rome. To stay involved, to carry out vigils, conversations, meetings, etc., which allow the territory to be associated and participating of the Assembly in Rome.**
5. THE MOST IMPORTANT: THE POST SYNOD

Here is where true transformations happen and the way for our Church with Amazon Face

1. A few months after October, Pope Francis will publish a document that will guide for our church in the Amazon.

2. This document will allow us to continue working in our pastoral spaces in the communities, in the cities in a concrete way.

3. This time is to land all the dialogues into concrete conversations actions in our territories and ecclesiastical jurisdictions.

4. It is time to make our dreams and proposals possible....

!LET'S GET STARTED!
After so many meetings, forums, events, systematizations, teams… What’s next?

We will work with the definitions that will come from the Synod’s final phase, we will take care of the seeds that have been before and during the Synod, in which we recognize ourselves as a more synodal, open and dialogue church, seeking to ensure a shared path with the entire population in its great diversity, to respond more closely and articulately to their needs and shouts and to support the proposals of the Amazon people and communities, in order to continue weaving a CHURCH WITH AMAZON FACES.

After the October Assembly, it is possible that the Pope prepares a letter (Pastoral Exhortation), which establishes the priority orientations and reports of everything lived in the synodal process to count with the Pope’s confirmation to our mission that has already been full of life in the territory, but with renewed forces and more clarity.

But in us, in each of the people who feel the desire to transform the reality, to strengthen a prophetic church in the Amazon, we will collaborate to make come true all the proposals we have presented in the synodal consultation phase, and so, we can assume as Panamazonic Church and as REPAM, the task of accompanying the necessary new paths in the Pan-Amazony region.