# Prayer before the Learning and Discussion Sessions

O God,  
We have come from every corner of the country to be together,   
to learn, to be enlightened,  
and to be better prepared for making decisions.

Be with us today  
during this learning [*or* *discussion*] session*.*  
Help us to bring order to our thoughts.  
Open our hearts and our minds to your Word and to your voice  
in all that we undertake,  
and most especially in this moment  
as we immerse ourselves in the issues of General Council.  
We pray to you in the name of Jesus, the Rabbi, the Master, the Christ.  
Amen.

# Prayer following the Learning and Discussion Sessions

Holy Spirit of God,  
Thank you for having brought us together today  
and for the time we have spent together.  
We appreciate those  
who have shared their wisdom with us,  
who have brought clarification,  
who have filled our emptiness.

You count on us, O God.  
We are your workers,  
and we have a task to fulfill.  
We want to be capable of performing the work to which we are called,  
and we dedicate ourselves to continue asking questions and seeking answers.  
With your precious help, we will succeed,  
O Holy Spirit.  
Amen.