Dear colleague in ministry,

As you may know, the USCCB is beginning work around a pastoral document focused on persons with disabilities. The first stage of that process is attentive listening.

In short, we want to listen to you. You (or someone you might delegate) are invited to participate in a listening session with the USCCB Secretariat of Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth in collaboration with the National Catholic Partnership on Disability (NCPD) to guide us in the document’s development. Specifically, we want to hear from you to see what the current needs are in your ministry (or ministries) and, if applicable, in your various areas of work with persons with disabilities. These sessions are intended for those in diocesan, parish, or other pastoral and ministerial settings, regardless of the individual experience or expertise with ministries with persons with disabilities.

General listening sessions for those serving in ministry will be held on Tuesday, January 9, at 8pm EST and Tuesday, January 16, at 2pm EST. Please register for one (and only one) of these sessions by using the links provided below.

**General Listening Session Option 1**
Jan 9, 2024: 8:00 PM EST | 7:00 PM CST | 6:00 PM MST | 5:00 PM PST

Register in advance for the January 9 meeting [here](#).

**General Listening Session Option 2**
Jan 16, 2024: 2:00 PM EST | 1:00 PM CST | 12:00 PM MST | 11:00 AM PST

Register in advance for the January 16 meeting [here](#).

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. We look forward to hearing from you and other ministerial leaders throughout these next few months. The work that you do each day is very much appreciated and we are grateful.

Should you have any additional questions or concerns about this invitation, you can contact Maria R. Parker at mrparker@usccb.org or by calling her at 202-541-3421.

Sincerely,

Paul E. Jarzembsowski and Maria R. Parker

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