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Online-Pressekonferenz “Hopes for Synod” 2024: 3. Oktober 2024, 13 Uhr

> Audio and video of the statements (38 minutes)

> wichtigste Zitate und Kurzprofile der 6 Redner:innen

Press Conference via Zoom
“Hopes for Synod 2024: 6 Continents: 4 Minutes each”
13.00hrs Central European Summer Time (noon, London time) Thursday 3 October 2024

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We Are Church
Pour une Eglise du Peuple de Dieu
Für eine Kirche des Gottesvolkes
Para una Iglesia del Pueblo de Dios
Para uma Igreja do Povo de Deus
Per una Chiesa del Popolo di Dio
For a Church of the People of God

ZOOM PRESS CONFERENCE 13.00 hrs CEST on 3 October 2024

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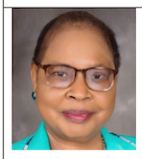					
Philomena Mwaura	**Kevin Liston**	**Kate McElwee**	**Lula Ramires**	**Virginia Saldanha**	**Martin Schockenhoff**
CWC Catholic Women’s Council	ACCCR Australian Catholic Coalition for Church Reform	WOC Women’s Ordination Conference	Pastoral da Diversity	CWC Catholic Women’s Council	WAC We Are Church

Our six speakers will speak in the order they are listed above, followed by a Question and Answer session for all media representatives attending.

Unsere sechs Redner:innen werden in der oben aufgeführten Reihenfolge sprechen, gefolgt von einer Frage- und-Antwort-Runde für alle anwesenden Medienvertreter:innen.

Philomena Njeri Mwaura is a **Kenyan** theologian and an Associate Professor Religious Studies at Kenyatta University, Kenya. She has published widely in the areas of African Christianity- History and Theology and New Religious Movements.

Kevin Liston After a career working with refugees, asylum seekers and migrants while contributing to development of policy and programs in **South Australia**, nationally and internationally, Kevin completed degrees in theology and psychology. He is committed to encouraging spiritual renewal and church reform at parish, diocesan and national levels.

Kate McElwee is the executive director of the Women's Ordination Conference, founded in 1975, which is the oldest and largest organisation working to ordain women as deacons, priests and bishops into an inclusive and accountable Roman Catholic Church. She also serves on the Leadership Circle of Women's Ordination

Worldwide, and is based in **Rome**.

Lula Ramires has an M.A. and PhD in Education and works with the Group for Pastoral Action on Diversity, whose members are LGBT Catholics and allies. He runs a comprehensive suite of educational programs to confront **Brazil**’s homophobia and build sustained respect for diversity among teachers and students.

Virginia Saldanha is a theologian and journalist based in **Mumbai/India**. She is the former Executive Secretary of the Office of Laity & Family of the Asian Catholic Bishops' Forum knowns as FABC., and she also headed the Indian bishops' Commission for Women. She is the founder member and secretary of the Indian Women's Theologians Forum and she is the Chairperson of the Catholic Women’s Council.

Martin Schockenhoff, **Germany** is a commercial lawyer who has studied theology and is actively involved in church reform groups We Are Church Germany, Pro Concilio and Konzil von Unten (Council from the bottom-up).

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