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The synod invites you to think about, pray about, and consider contributing financially in a way that fits your capacity and passion.

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