



Action Café

Turning Insights into Action



The Action Café conference format brings together the major thematic areas of the conference. The room will be arranged with high-top tables.

Each high-top or Action Table will provide instructions, pens, and display the respective thematic area to be discussed; the results will be recorded digitally using Padlet.

Each table focuses on one theme of the conference — such as the common good, teaching and formation, community engagement, partnership and practice, ethics and leadership, or policy impact — and guides participants from insight to action.

After a brief introduction, participants choose the Action Table connected to the conference theme they would most like to advance.

The Action Café will be followed by a 30-minute plenary discussion or reports about the discussions and where to from here.

The AC participant flow:

- 1 **Discuss** the most important ideas, challenges, or opportunities that emerged during the conference. Focus on actions that are specific, realistic, and connected to the conference discussions. The goal is to identify meaningful first steps that can be taken forward after the conference. Use the following questions as a starting point:
 1. What insight from the conference should not be lost?
 2. Why is this insight important for our institutions, communities, or partnerships?
 15 min **Discussion**
- 2 **Translate** the group's reflections into one practical proposal. Consider:
 - What should happen next?
 - What would be a realistic first step?
 - Who needs to be involved?
 - What resources, partnerships, or support would be needed?
 - What change or impact should the action create?
 20 min **Notes**
- 3 **Record** and prioritize the group's main idea and enter the central result into the Padlet. An example:

We propose _____ [specific action]
in order to _____ [intended impact].
The first step will be _____ [next step / time frame],
involving _____ [people, institutions, or partners].

 15 min **Summary**
- 4 **Present** and share your main proposals. The plenary will identify connections among the themes, opportunities for collaboration, and possible next steps after the conference.
 30 min **Plenary**



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