

Role of the Table Scribe

The Table Scribe works closely with the Table Facilitator to help capture the conversation at the table. Your role is to listen carefully, record the main points of what is shared, and help the group identify both **convergences** and **divergences**.

Convergences are ideas, themes, or insights that are shared by several participants, reflecting common understanding or shared resonance.

Divergences are differences in perspective, unique contributions, or points of tension that help the group see a fuller picture of the conversation. Both are valuable and provide a rich basis for discernment.

As Table Scribe, your task is not to judge or edit what is said, but to faithfully summarise and reflect back what you hear in a clear and accurate way. This includes capturing the heart of each participant's contribution while maintaining the group's collective voice. You will also work with the table to create a **small group summary**, a concise synthesis that communicates the key insights, patterns, and questions that have emerged during the conversation.

By carefully recording and reflecting both the convergences and divergences, you help the group see where there is common understanding, where differences exist, and where the Holy Spirit may be prompting new directions. Your work ensures that the richness of the conversation is preserved and can be shared beyond the table, contributing to the wider discernment process in the parish or community.

Things To Do as Table Scribe

- Listen attentively to everything shared at the table.
- Record the main points, insights, and questions accurately.
- Identify and note convergences (shared ideas or common threads).
- Identify and note divergences (differences in perspective or unique contributions).
- Work with the group to create a concise small group summary.
- Reflect the group's collective voice without judgment or bias.
- Observe moments of silence and allow time for reflection before recording.
- Support the facilitator in guiding the conversation, especially when summarising key points.