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RENEW International fosters spiritual renewal in the Catholic tradition by empowering individuals and communities to encounter God in everyday life, deepen and share faith, and connect faith with action.

The Synod renews its support for the promotion of small Christian communities (SCCs) that firmly build up the Church-Family of God in Africa. The SCCs are based on Gospel-sharing, where Christians gather to celebrate the presence of the Lord in their lives and in their midst ... Under the guidance of their pastors and catechists, they seek to deepen their faith and mature in Christian witness, as they live concrete experiences of fatherhood, motherhood, relationships, open fellowship, where each takes care of the other. This Family of God extends beyond the bonds of blood, ethnicity, tribe, culture, and race.

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The focus on Jesus as a person, rather than upon abstract principles, is a powerful way of bringing the group to personal conversion and renewal. Together with the sharing and the very moving stories, most of which are African, this down-to-earth approach will ensure that the appeal of the meetings will be to the heart rather than only to the head. The RENEW Africa Team is to be congratulated on this singular achievement.

Reverend Albert Nolan, OP
South African Theologian and Author

Without question, small Christian communities transform parish life bringing new energy and vibrancy to the local church. Every parish that has committed to the RENEW Africa process gives testimony to an increased involvement in parish ministry, a growth in outreach to the poor, and a greater awareness of the importance of the word of God in daily life.

Reverend Jerry Browne
Coordinator of RENEW Africa
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"Why was this not done many years ago? I feel so renewed and revived."