



Informal consultations on draft proposals

Over the coming six months diocesan synods and other bodies are invited to discuss and provide feedback on a set of draft LLF proposals as these are developed more fully. This feedback, from informal consultations, will be used to develop and refine this work as it is brought before the House of Bishops and the General Synod for formal consideration. The earliest point where such a package of draft proposals might be brought to the General Synod is February 2026.

Why are these conversations being held?

- The first and foremost aim is to enable good conversations and shared understanding of the hopes and concerns people have in the context of their diocese.
- Secondly, the LLF Programme Board is looking for direct feedback on the principles and workability of the draft proposals to help shape the overall proposal, accompanying guidance, and planning of implementation

What feedback is being sought?

- How well-informed people are on the LLF journey to date?
- What levels of conversations have happened or are happening in parishes and other expressions of church?
- What do people think in general about the proposals – do they help and what challenges remain?
- How can the proposals be better expressed or explained?
- What questions are there that the ongoing work need to help answer?
- What other issue and ideas are there that it might be helpful to consider?

How will this feedback be used?

- The first use of feedback is in how this enables good conversations and understanding of the context for each diocese.
- Feedback is being sought on both the principles and workability of the proposals. This will be used to help shape the overall proposal, the scope of supporting resources – such as pastoral guidance and the planning the implementation of this next phase.
- Feedback used by the LLF team will be anonymous (i.e. not citing individuals and naming any specific churches) but will be identifiable to the diocese that hosted the conversation.
- The feedback will be used by the LLF Team to make any initial changes for clarity. A fuller report on themes and recommended responses will accompany any further draft proposals as these are considered by the House of Bishops and, if supported, by General Synod.

To enable us to have the best conversation at the Synod meeting, it would be useful if synod members could take the time to review the accompanying documents in advance.

Further Information can be found here: [Informal consultations Diocesan Synods](#)

For those Synod members who cannot attend the June Synod but would like to share their views, please contact the Diocesan Secretary, Chris Elder who will provide details on how to do so.