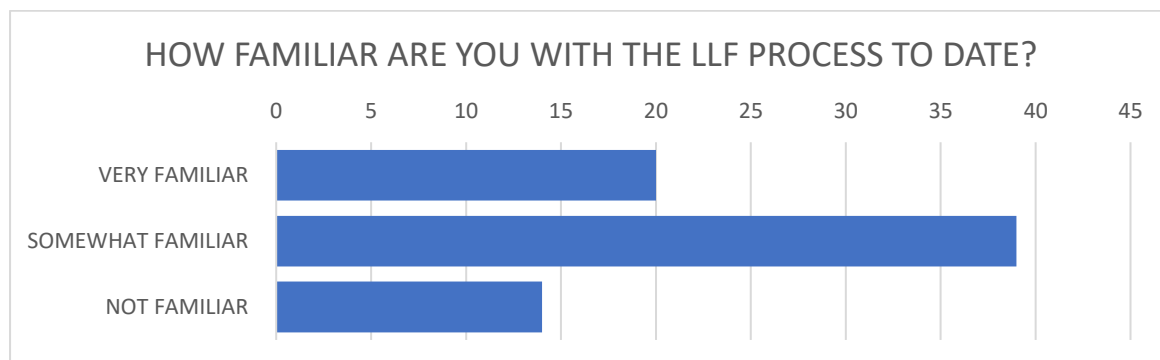


*To all members and supporting officers of the Newcastle Diocesan Synod and copied for information to Area Deans, Deanery Lay Chairs, Deanery Synod Secretaries and Deanery Finance Officers*

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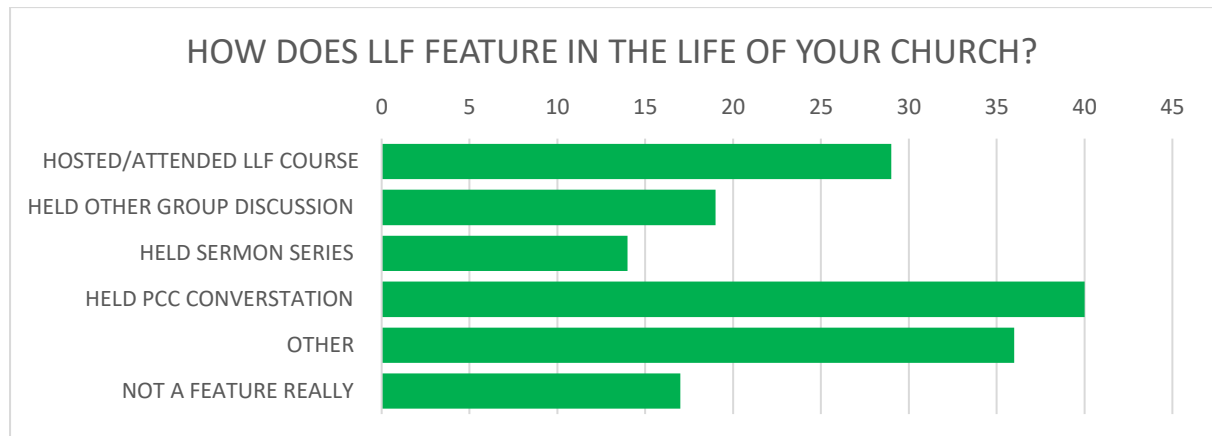
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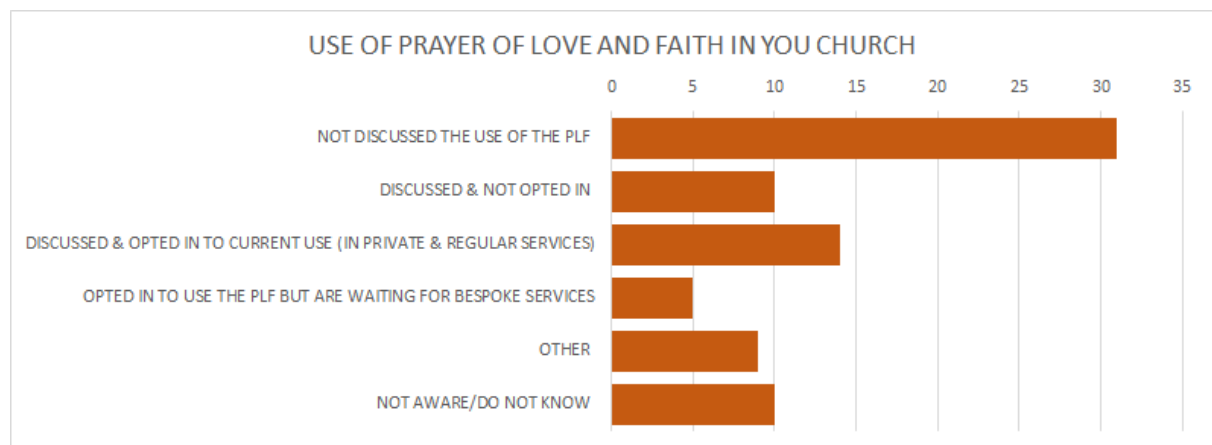
**Describe in 3 words how you feel about today's conversation on LLF?**



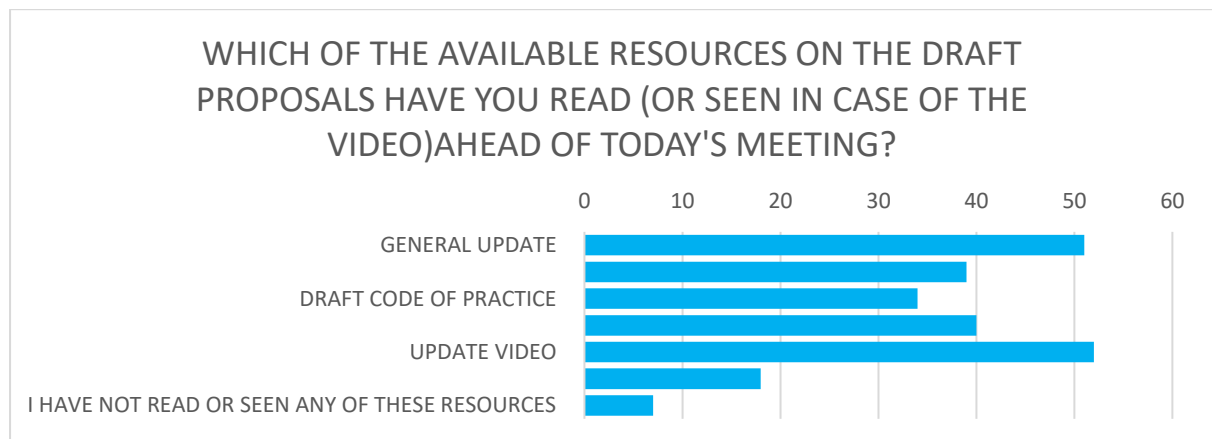
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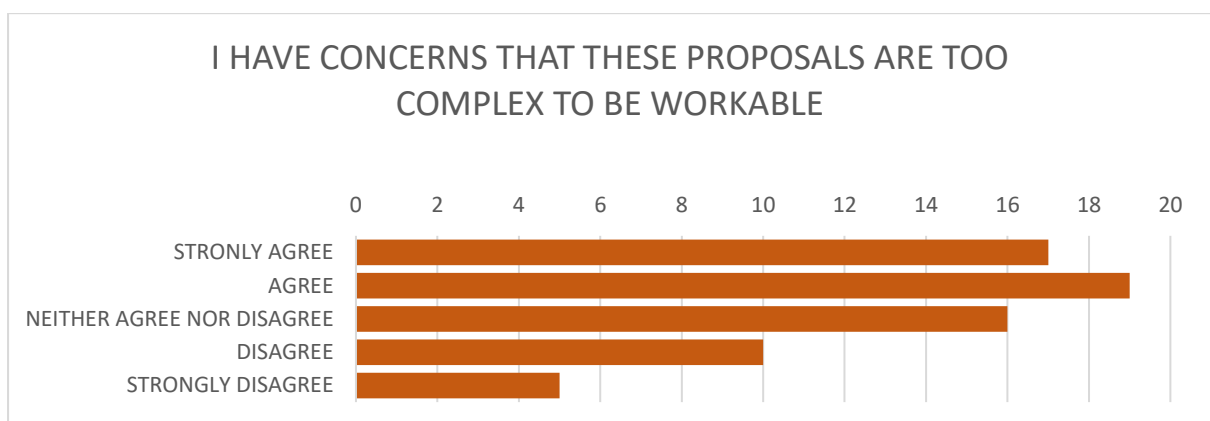
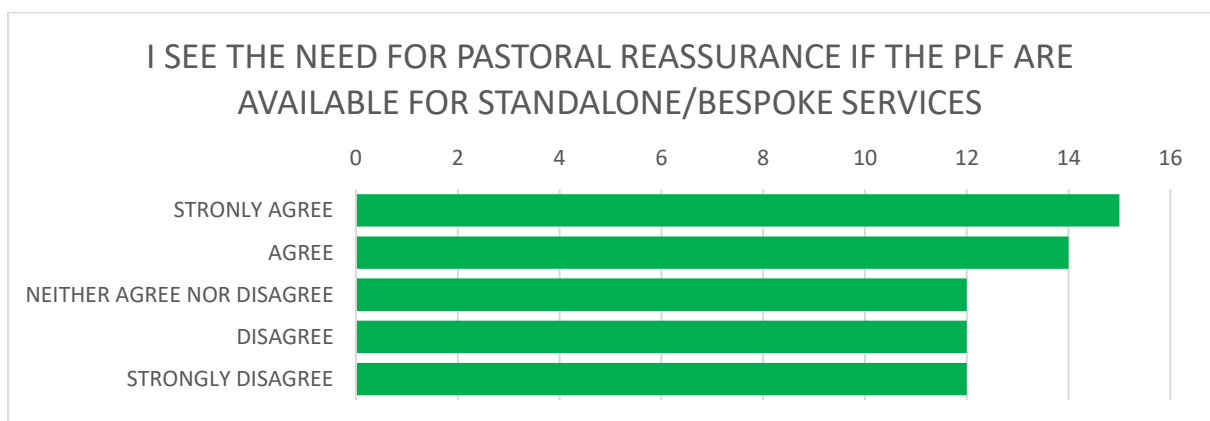
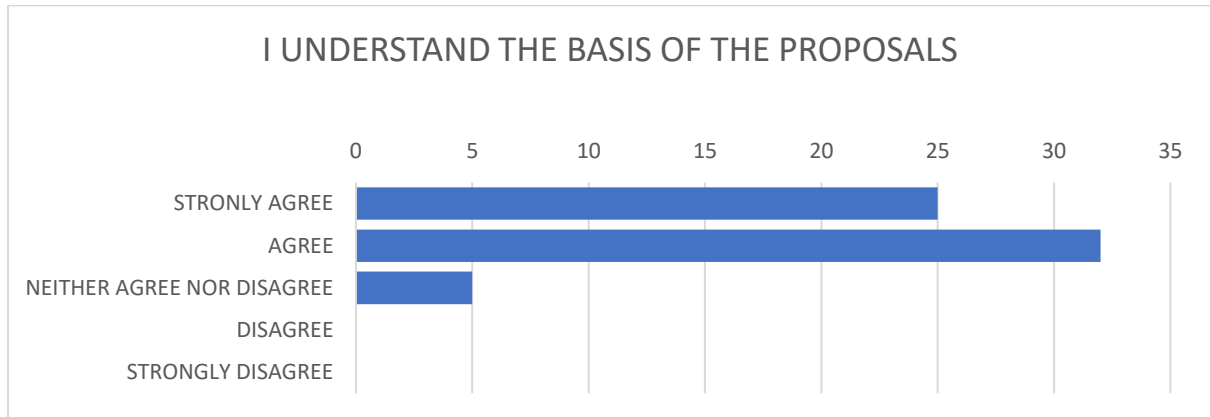
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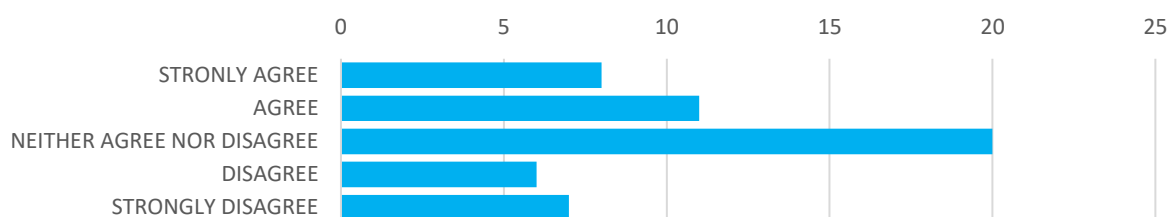
## Which of the available resources on the draft proposals have you read (or seen in case of the video) ahead of today's meeting?



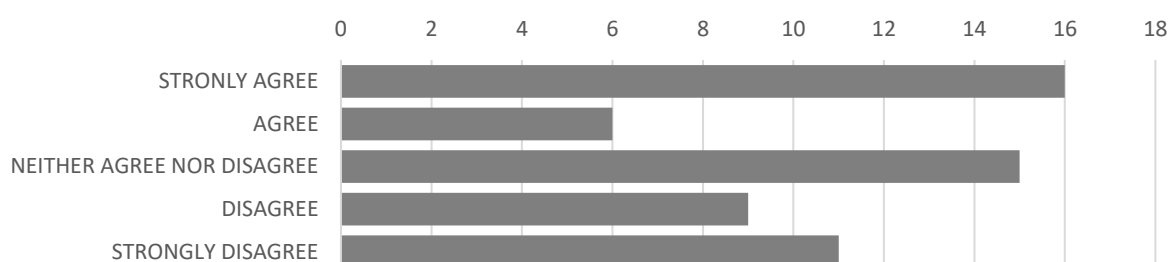
**Please give your opinion on the following statements about the proposals scale from 1 (strongly agree) 2 (agree) 3 (neither agree nor disagree) 4 (disagree) 5 (strongly disagree)**



### PASTORAL REASSURANCE BASED ON DELEGATED EPISCOPAL MINISTRY IS ONLY SUFFICIENT FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF THE STANFALONE PLF, NOT FOR FURTHER CHANGES



### I THINK WE NEED A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT SOLUTION

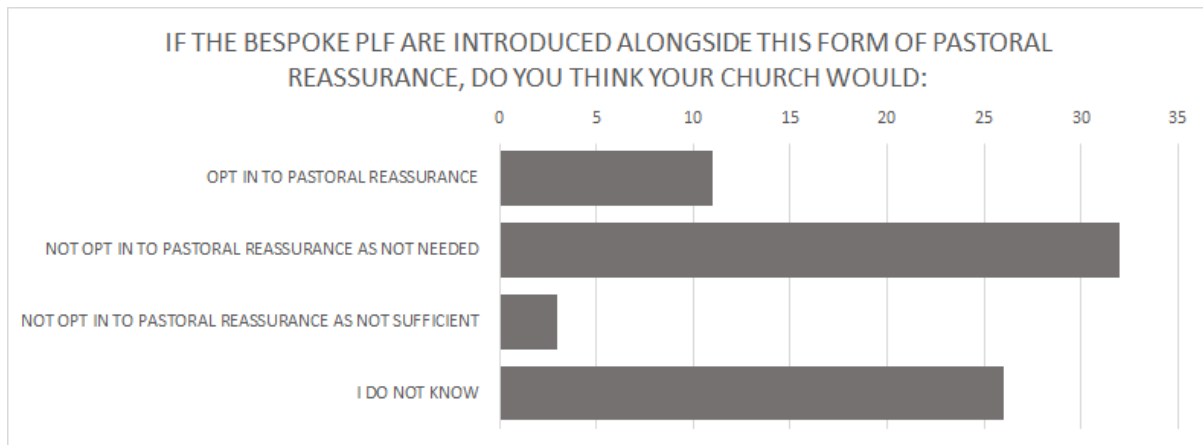


### What further guidance, if any, on the use of the PLF and pastoral reassurance, would be helpful and in which areas?

- *No sense of how DEM will interact with AEO*
- *More Guidance about how we talk about each other in diverse communities*
- *Further guidance to wider public about theological stance – being honest and open - needs to be balanced and not vilifying either side.*
- *How does this relate to parish boundaries – multi-parish benefices?*
- *Experience of guidance depends on individual/congregational engagement with the process.*
- *Guidance regarding how to navigate the conversation when there is variety of opinion among the leadership and governing body within the parish.*
- *How do we communicate outside of the church in language that non-believers will understand?*
- *What happens when the incumbent changes (parish profile)*
- *There seems to be a lot of “working it out as we go” and so maybe there is a fundamental need for more guidance.*

- *No Further guidance.... just get on with it.... Re Pastoral reassurance: We need to live with tensions creatively, and not 'run for reassurance' elsewhere 'running' is not the answer!*
- *Canon B5 – how does this work? (Guidance needed)*
- *Are we creating a distinction on two types of marriage?*
- *Theological guidance needed*
- *Integrity – explanation as to how PLF/LLF sits in our current structure. (People going for ordination have been told to lie)*
- *Clarity on what constitutes private prayer, bespoke services etc permission from who? For what? Esp. for clergy?*
- *What is role of: Clergy? PCC?*
- *How would PLF work?*

**If the bespoke PLF are introduced alongside this form of pastoral reassurance, do you think your church would?**



**What further guidance, if any, on the use of the PLF and pastoral reassurance, would be helpful and in which areas?**

- *Genuine attempt to pull church together*
- *What impact will not having a lead Bishop have?*
- *Will DE leadership satisfy those people who don't agree i/c PLF in anyway?*
- *Concerns @ clergy plus PCCs who disagree- how will this play out in practice.*
- *GS has already voted on the PLF (both SA & bespoke)*
- *Losing sight of fact that this is a people and their pastoral needs plus identity who have been harmed.*
- *Church should pray for + with everybody no matter what we think – prayers not based on the people in front of us.*
- *Not been much discussion in DDG's about it.*
- *Echoes about the discussion regarding women.*
- *Where does it Stop?*

- *Disagree with “pastoral reassurance” A.K.A “Alternative oversight”*
- *Echo’s if Women’s Ministry debates*
- *Fudge*
- *“Reductive”*
- *Technical language*
- *Missed the point.*
- *If we cannot manage disagreements, we have had it! C of E a broad church, embracing all!*
- *‘Love one another as I have loved you’!*
- *Homophobia/Transphobia/Prejudice should not be acceptable, yet is not in the past)  
The indecision affects people now!*
- *Chaplaincy Healthcare in particular.*