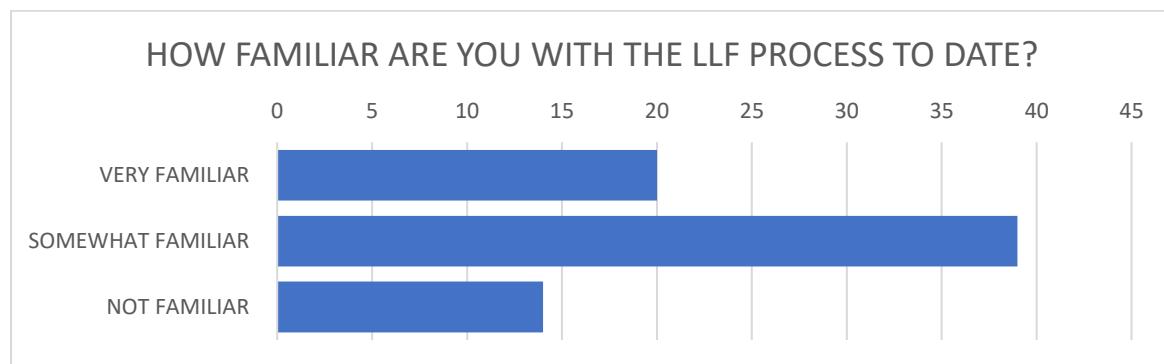


To all members and supporting officers of the Newcastle Diocesan Synod and copied for information to Area Deans, Deanery Lay Chairs, Deanery Synod Secretaries and Deanery Finance Officers

A Summary of the Living in Love and Faith Informal Consultation Feedback – Diocesan Synod 7th June 2025

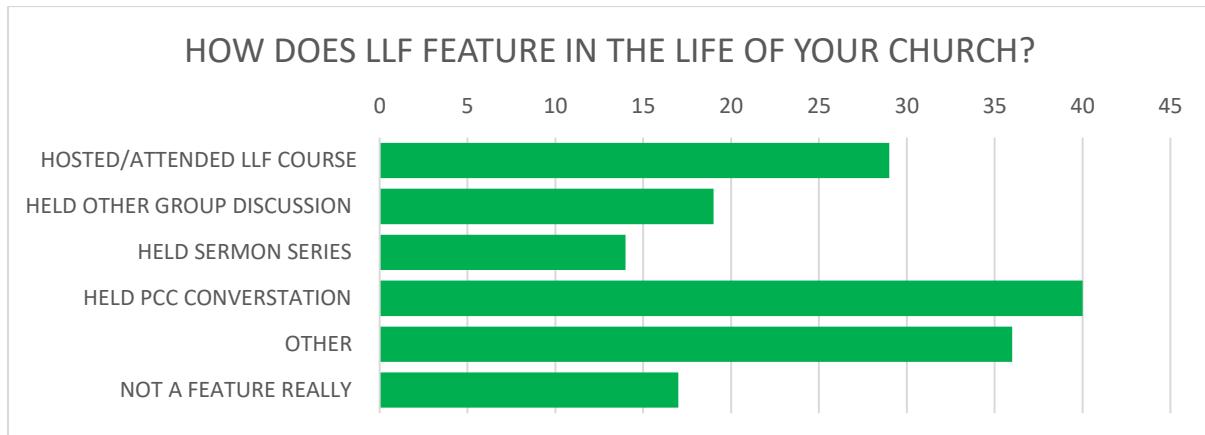
How familiar are you with the LLF process to date?



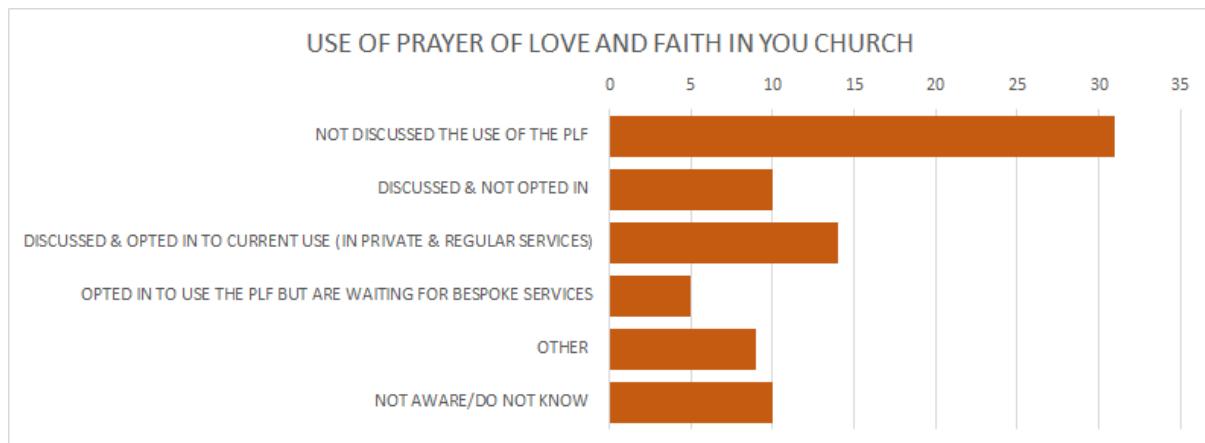
Describe in 3 words how you feel about today's conversation on LLF?



How does LLF feature in the life of your church?



Use of Prayer of Love and Faith in your church

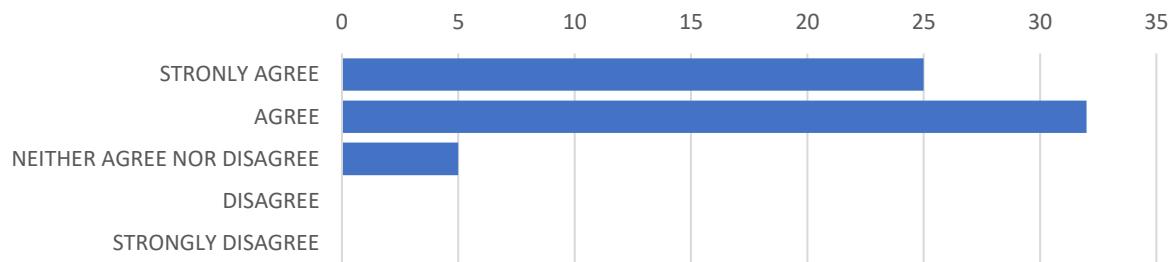


Which of the available resources on the draft proposals have you read (or seen in case of the video) ahead of today's meeting?



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)

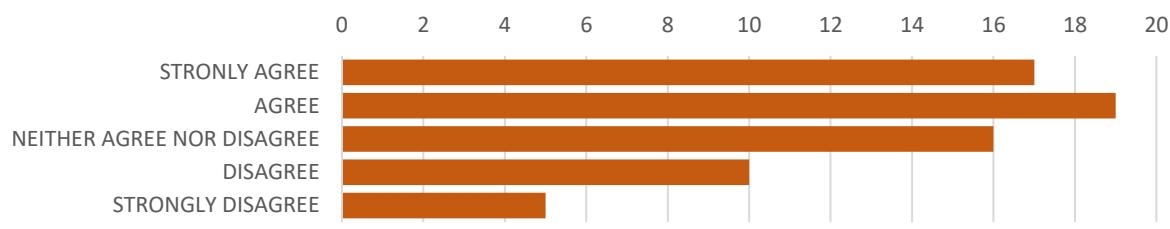
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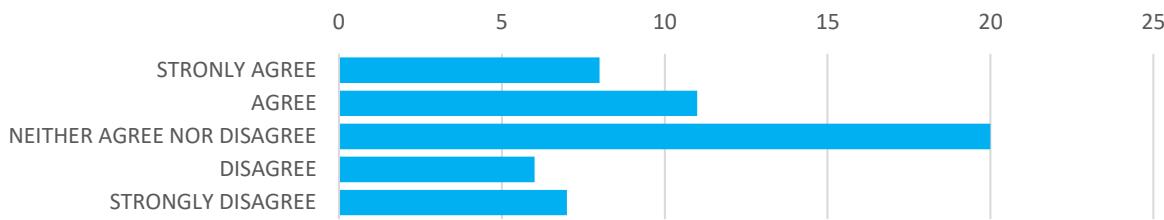
I SEE THE NEED FOR PASTORAL REASSURANCE IF THE PLF ARE AVAILABLE FOR STANDALONE/BESPOKE SERVICES



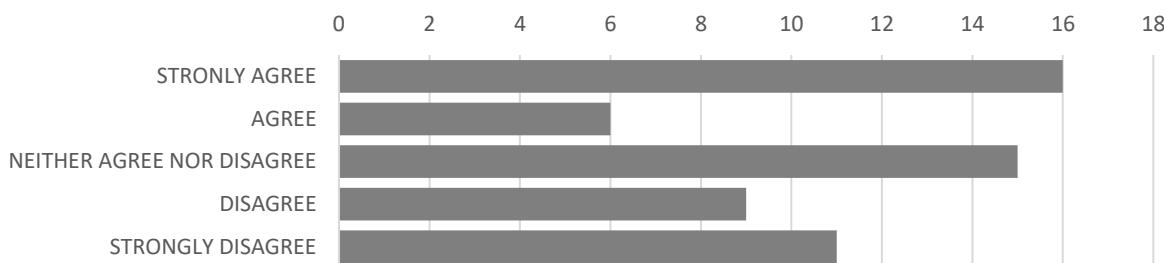
I HAVE CONCERNs THAT THESE PROPOSALS ARE TOO COMPLEX TO BE WORKABLE



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

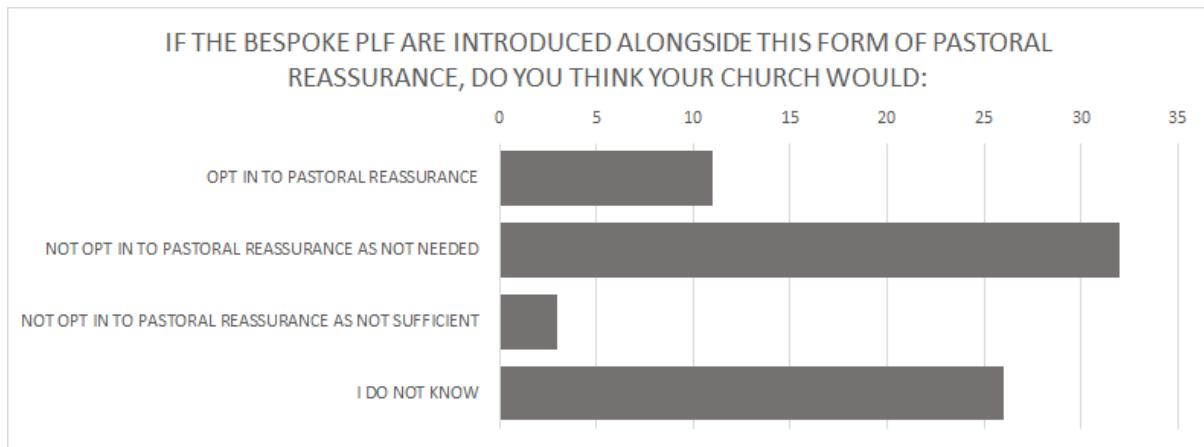


What further guidance, if any, on the use of the PLF and pastoral reassurance, would be helpful and in which areas?

- *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.*