

LET US TALK – GROUP B DIOCESAN SYNOD NOV 2012

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Question 1

Presentation was a good start as a Birdseye view of the diocese, clear picture of our organisation - personality - we do devalue ourselves.

Recognise what we are good at and celebrate the things that are going well.

Without a comparison diocese difficult to make a comment Learning to inspire and encourage from the front. We have a strong senior team let's hear from them.

Geographically diverse

Discussed - More Clergy required vs. too many priests can stifle ministry

Recognised - Most people on the fringe are now uninitiated to our liturgy Good example of how an elderly group have supported messy church

Is a success imperative a Christian value and are we in danger of putting too much attention to this?

Have we learnt the lessons from other ecumenical partners? Methodism an early fresh expression - then not welcome into the church.

Motivating people out of entrenched positions can be difficult. We have such long roots that it can be difficult to get manoeuvre.

Priority of re-shaping should be our priority as a Diocese, the turn maybe slow, it is a huge issue but must be grasped to keep us relevant. E.g. ministry within our daily lives - how do we enable all our members to see themselves as ministers where they are? We are led by pastor, teachers - should we set free the apostles, evangelists and prophets?

Are we asking the community what is it the church can do with them or for them?

Should the diocese focus on its ministry to tourism - refresh 2012, pilgrimage trail - ministry in the caravan sites etc Travelling populations or communities?

Priorities are relevant and essential

How will the ideas be delivered? DVD, short course perhaps via our Deaneries, PCCs - description to address within their context. Good chance to meet key people of the diocese at least on a screen.

What would you like to be known for?

Numerical growth in congregation and making disciples