



To Ministers and Church Council Secretaries

Recently you will have received your congregation's survey results from the NCLS, and have no doubt been poring over them. Remember it's not a scorecard but rather a forward planning tool. It is one thing to read the results, and it's another thing to work out what to do with them.

As we've said previously, the presbytery is offering three initial ways to help you work with the results. None of these sessions involve comparing yourself with other churches.

a. **Workshop with ministry agents (June)**

This is a group session where you bring your results and we walk you through some ways in which you might workshop those results with your church council and leaders. There will also be an opportunity for some reflection about what you can learn from this as a ministry leader.

Duration: 90 mins

Our plan is to offer two of these at Noble Park at different times

b. **Group workshops with key leaders (June/July)**

This is a session where people from several congregations' councils and other key leaders meet in table groups to work on interpreting your own results. Again this is not about comparison with other churches. It simply allows us to work with multiple churches at the one time. Duration 2 hours.

Our plan is to offer three or four possible times at Noble Park depending on interest.

c. **Consultations with individual church councils (from July as requested)**

On this occasion we come to your church council to work with you using the NCLS information for forward planning. It is best to have this as a standalone event and not part of a regular church council meeting. You may wish to invite other key leaders from beyond your church council. Of course this can also be part of a broader consultation process about your congregation's ministry and mission priorities.

Duration 2 hours at a time to be mutually agreed.

Sessions **a** and **b** above will be led by Duncan Macleod *and* myself. Sessions **c** will be led by Duncan Macleod *or* myself.

In order for us to consult with you, your church council will need to agree to give the presbytery ministers online access to your NCLS results. Your data would only be viewed by the three presbytery ministers. Of course, this is your congregation's summary data and not individual responses. We can try to consult with you without seeing your results but it's rather difficult!

Please reply with your responses to the following.

1. I/we are interested in the workshop with ministry agents YES / NO / NOT SURE
2. We are interested in the group workshops for congregation's key leaders YES / NO / NOT SURE
3. We are interested in an individual consultation with our church council YES / NO / NO / NOT SURE
4. We agree to allow the three PPE Presbytery ministers to access our congregation's results
YES / NO / NOT SURE

If yes, please give use your access code : _____ -

5. We would like one of the presbytery ministers to contact us to discuss the above options
YES / NOT AT THIS STAGE

You will no doubt wish to discuss this as a church council. Your prompt reply will greatly assist our forward planning.

We look forward to supporting you in this phase of interpretation and forward planning.

Peace

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