

# Mission Plan Review Update



The Presbytery of Glasgow

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As you will know, the Presbytery Mission Plan Resource Group has been consulting with congregations across Glasgow on how we can best plan ahead to meet the requirements of the Presbytery Mission Plan Act (Act VIII 2021).

We need to prepare for a future in which we will have 84 ministries (a combined total of ministers and MDS) in post , a considerable reduction on the present number.

In August we asked all congregations to complete a detailed survey in order to let us see the big picture of how churches are working right across the city. We followed this up in October with a series of online focus groups which gave congregations an opportunity to tell us about their concerns and their priorities.

It is encouraging to see that overall 96% of churches took part in the consultation process and we are very grateful for this.

The feedback showed that we are all concerned that the process should have a focus on Mission and be guided by the Five Marks of Mission

The consultation looked at seven main themes – Partnership and Collaboration; New Ways of Church; Geography; Ministry; Buildings; Priority to the Poor; Mission & Outreach.



It is clear from the responses to the consultation that there are a number of issues which you would like to be considered, including – How can churches continue to play an active role in their local communities?

How can ministry be shared among God's people?

How can we best provide for the poor?

How can churches work together to make sure that all areas of Glasgow are served?

Can training and resources be made available to enable churches to find new ways of serving God?

These questions, and many more , will be addressed by the Plan Creation Group which will begin work early in the New Year.

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