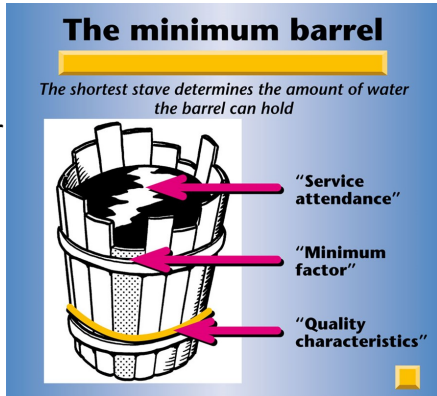


quality characteristics of a church are critical to this and to good planning. The wisdom of an outsider to help in this process is also invaluable. This is why churches are encouraged to repeat the NCD survey at least twice more and why the diocese is offering support to every church wanting to do this.

The survey is undertaken by core members of the congregation—all of them if less than 30 members, a sample of 30 of them if more! The results of the survey give detailed information about a church’s strengths that are to be celebrated, and their not so strong aspects that need to be developed.

The Diocese and Mission Hubs help them understand the details of the survey and work with them as they decide priorities for action. We pay particular attention to the weakest quality (the minimum factor) as this is what is currently limiting the health and growth potential of the church.



The survey helps to identify not only the weakest quality but also the reasons why it is the weakest—this enables precise action to address the issues identified.

a period of time the overall quality of the church improves and God-given growth begins to happen “all by itself” as the right environment is created.

Applying the Principles and Implementing the Process

The Healthy Churches Development Enabler and Mission Hubs here to help you and



welcome the opportunity to talk with clergy, leadership teams, PCCs and indeed whole congregations, about the principles and the processes outlined in this leaflet, and how to get started.

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