

ONE CRUCIAL ISSUE YELLOW POST-IT NOTES

Each table at the Open Synod Finance Forum was asked to consider one of the three options and to submit a crucial question (or observation) about that option. These are the points collected at the Forum.

OPTION ONE (from the Budget Consultation paper DS19 10)

- Are we asking for more money to do less?
- Is God worth it?
- 3.8% ↑ for all parishes – locks in inequalities in the present Share system for another year.
- is this really a generous option?
- Can we change culture fast enough to achieve this (desirable) budget?

OPTION TWO (from the Budget Consultation paper DS19 10)

- If we only achieve 2% it is because people understand inflation but don't understand what is really needed. Or why it is needed.
- Would this inspire us for the future or would it encourage further decline in parish share? (we think the latter)
- I really feels as if 2% increase is not the answer, but if we are to inspire people to give more (i.e. 3.8%) they need more detail about the big picture and what the future will look like.

OPTION THREE (from the Budget Consultation paper DS19 10)

- Option 3 – Read conversations with congregations and communities about expectations following pastoral re-organisation.
- Is there an option 3a – i.e. not increasing the Parish Share ask but committing to finding a way in 2020 to make up the 2019 shortfall?
- Could we have been given some realistic options for what different savings on expenditure would actually mean? What would be the true cost on the ground?
- Most important thing – avoid option 3! (if we can) But How??? (we need a good mechanism for mutual help)