

One-meeting Listening Campaign

for use in a Congregational setting, across Congregations, within and between groups*
and to take place at the usual time and place of that group's meetings.

(eg., *Church Councils, study groups, men's sheds and with the wider community with whom the Church normally connects such as soup kitchen, playgroup families, youth group etc.) Main meeting 1 hr 25 mins. Leaders post mtg 15 mins.

Aim of this listening campaign

- i. To help people identify needs and opportunities within their own community, some of which they can respond to directly as a Congregation. Others to be referred to Presbytery or Synod for their attention and others to the wider group of Sydney Alliance for its consideration.
- ii. To nurture people's understanding of their Christian faith in action, giving purpose to the life of the Congregation while building stronger relationships between members.
- iii. To identify potential leaders within the Congregation and the community.

Steps on the day of the meeting

1. (5 mins)
 - i. **Welcome** everyone and open with prayer.
 - ii. **Introduce process, Small Group Leaders and the aims** of this particular meeting.
2. (20 mins) **Conduct one-to-one Relational Meetings** facilitated by Small Group Leaders who form the 'Discerning Leaders Group' for today's exercise. Use 2 - 3 questions to promote sharing. *See over for potential questions.*

Make a list as individuals share with the small group issues arising from the one-to-one conversations. Be careful that issues are as specific as possible. **Note potential leaders.**
3. (20 mins) **Coffee/Tea break** for the wider group while **Small Group Leaders convene as the Discerning Leaders Group for first discernment of lists, linking issues where possible.**

Indicate on the list how might these best be attended
- locally - by a wider but still local group - referred to the wider church - referred to Sydney Alliance?
6. (20 mins) **Discerning Leaders Group reports to the larger group** on discernment process to date, sharing the revised list. Leader asks all present, **'Have the issues been identified and linked appropriately?'**

Invite feedback. Adjust the list as appropriate to facilitate true intention and clarity.
Seek consensus on the list as a whole. This allows for the next step to take place.
7. (5 mins) **Next Step - what is important**
Each person present marks with dots provided those issues in which they are personally interested and are prepared to support if taken up locally by the Congregation, and/or those they will support as the wider Church or Sydney Alliance considers and attends to them.
8. (10 mins) **Leader to outline the next steps** for those issues identified as strongly supported
 - i. Issues identified as 'local' to be referred to Congregation/Church Council for their consideration.
 - ii. Issues identified as requiring wider attention within the Church to be referred to Presbytery or Synod.
 - iii. Issues identified as requiring even broader attention to be referred to Sydney Alliance.
Outline the next step for those issues referred to Sydney Alliance.
Share timetable for completion of Listening Campaign and Founding Assembly and how those present can keep in touch and participate in the process as it unfolds.
9. (5 mins) **Thank all for participating** - leaders, caterers etc.
Close with prayer and a blessing.
10. (15 mins) **Small Group Leaders decide how to refer findings and who is responsible.**
Identify 'golden stories', name potential leaders to be encouraged and nurtured as leaders in their areas of interest either within the Church or the wider community, SA etc. Refer for nurture as appropriate.