



COUNCIL OF GENERAL SYNOD STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKING GROUP UPDATE TO SEPTEMBER 2021

WHERE WE'VE BEEN

- Review of Vision 2019 outcomes
- 11 Listening Groups, each holding up to 3 sessions
- 3 listening sessions with Church House Management Team
- Identification of themes and strategic priorities
- Mandate review of General Synod Office
- Review of quantitative and qualitative research on the effects of the pandemic on churches in Canada, the US, and the UK
- Environmental scan (SWOT analysis – strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats)
- Multiple iterations of priority discernment and scenario building



WHERE WE ARE NOW

- Emerging clarity that this will be a transitional plan: a compass, not a roadmap (given our context)
- Developing an ecclesiological understanding of the role and ministry of the National Church
- Drafting key parts of the document: a work in progress
- In-depth departmental planning exercise with Church House
- Calibrating expectations for General Synod 2022



WHERE WE'RE GOING

- Consulting Provincial Synods, House of Bishops: validate and improve interim findings
- Returning to Listening Group participants for reflections, reactions, language and stories
- Inviting consultations with other groups, dioceses, etc.
- Seeking greater clarity about potential resource parameters
- November 2021 CoGS: in-depth review of first draft of plan
- March 2022 CoGS: final draft for amendment / ratification
- Summer 2022: Online briefings for General Synod delegates before Synod meets

