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The Presbytery Plan outlines several upcoming changes that we will implement in due time. One significant challenge is developing our Mission Plan for the newly formed Parish, which consolidates West Mearns Parish with the linked Parishes of Aberluthnott and Laurencekirk into a single Parish served by one minister. This necessitates careful planning regarding our buildings, worship service resources, and financial and long-term sustainability. Essentially, we must re-imagine (re-envision) the church for the future.

A key part of this process involves consulting with the various congregations and communities. Please respond to the questionnaire as openly and honestly as possible to aid our future discussions.

All references to “our church” are references to our local parish church and not the national church.

Your personal details are not required on the form.

[Responding to the questions](#)

*The questions cover a wide spectrum of inquiry. Feedback on as many as possible would be helpful, but please do not feel obliged to respond to all of them.*

*What are the three best aspects of our church?*

*What do you think most members would say is the best aspect of our church?*

*What is your fondest memory of our church?*

*How well does our congregation handle change?*

*How would you describe the spiritual health of our congregation in terms of prayer, evangelism, and love for one another?*

*What should be the main areas of mission and outreach for our church?*

*In what we already do - Does this help us further or fulfill our mission? If not, why are we doing it?*

*How can we become more welcoming to new and occasional worshippers?*

*How can we better engage with people in our communities as expressions of our mission?*

*What are the three biggest challenges facing our church right now?*

*What do you think most members would say is the biggest problem in our church?*

*What aspect of the new parish/church's direction do you feel the happiest with, and have the best possibilities for the future, and why?*

*What aspect of the new Parish/church's direction are you the least happy with, and concerns you the most, and why?*

*What do you think a minister would identify as the biggest challenge in pastoring/leading this church?*

*What do you identify as the biggest challenge(s) for a future minister in provision of pastoral care/leading this church?*

*What should we stop doing in our worship services?*

*What should we start doing in our worship services? Is there anything that needs altered in our worship services to fit the new context and engage people? If so, what can/should we do?*

*What must we continue doing in our worship services?*

*How do you envision our church in ten years?*

*Is there anything else you would like to add?*

**Thank you**