

GENERAL SYNOD

NOVEMBER GROUP OF SESSIONS 2023

ELEVENTH NOTICE PAPER

PENSIONS BOARD CONSULTATION

1. The Church of England Pensions Board would like to draw Synod members' attention to discussion materials, now live, that invite reflection on how the Church might best support future cohorts of clergy with their retirement housing plans.
2. As set out in answers to members' questions (particularly Q118-119), there is an opportunity to rethink the model of support around retirement housing for future cohorts of retiring clergy. Whereas the Church today, in effect, just offers one intervention at one point in the ministry journey, there is an opportunity to offer practical support, guidance, and services offered throughout ministry to open up different choices for clergy and put them in the driving seat of their retirement housing plan.
3. The Board has set out ideas as to what this could like in an interactive discussion paper, available at www.churchofengland.org/enablingchoice. The Board would welcome feedback on these ideas from Synod members, and indeed serving clergy, retirees, ordinands and those who support clergy in different roles across the Church.
4. Feedback can be offered by responding to a set of questions at www.churchofengland.org/enablingchoice. Responses would be welcomed by 31 January 2024.
5. As stated in the answers to Questions, none of these ideas involve, imply or require any change for residents currently in Church retirement properties, and those approaching retirement and in need of Church retirement housing are encouraged to contact the Pensions Board.

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