

FEEDBACK SURVEY MARCH 2025 FRANCE ARCHDEACONRY SYNOD

Responses

Out of 33 elected lay representatives and 13 chaplains who attended over the three sessions), there were 24 responses (about half); not everyone answered all the questions.

This response rate suggests that people did not feel strongly – there is always a higher response when people want to complain or make their dissenting voice heard.

Only one person who replied had not attended a synod meeting before; we know that although there are some changes, the core of elected lay representatives remains relatively stable.

2 Overall appreciation

Encouragingly, 19/24 rated the meetings overall as Good or Very Good. General organisation, timing and length were all rated positively. There remain 2 or 3 people in each case however who gave a negative rating. One person even gave a poor rating to the Bible study session, but it is clear from the analysis that this person gave everything a poor rating, reflecting a negative attitude to the whole Synod.

There were the expected comments about preferring and wanting an in-person synod but also some who were happy not to have to travel.

Positive comments reflected the good organisation, and different presentations obviously appealed more to some than to others. Ratings were however generally good.

3 Other

In the comments, there are some useful remarks to bear in mind for future meetings. Breakout groups continue to divide but the chance to chat is generally appreciated.

One person wanted more detailed accounts. The committee is looking at this but there is some concern about sharing information about salaries.

3 Final remarks

It is good to see that the website and the sharing of resources that this offers is recognised and appreciated.

The proposition to share links to online services on the website needs to be taken up, with thanks to those offering this.

RATINGS FOR THE DIFFERENT PRESENTATIONS (From 1 – 5)

The default rating of 1 was excluded as respondents were invited to skip the question if not present.

13/03 Keynote speech Bishop Robert	3,88
13/03 What is Mission? (Archdeacon Peter)	3,00
20/03 Diocesan strategy for the future (Achdeacon Peter)	3,50
20/03 Children and Young People's ministry (Rev'd Iain Bendrey)	3,09
22/03 Alpha in France (Rev'd Tiffany Cawood)	3,79
22/03 Expanding horizons presentation by Reverend Tumas Mäkipää	3,50
22/03 Expanding horizons in Brittany by Reverend Ian McLeod	3,79
22/03 Getting more missionary minded breakout groups	2,64