

Growth Strategy – steady progress over the summer

You may have been thinking that nothing much has happened on the Growth Strategy front since the Pentecost launches? In fact, this is far from the case. While there has deliberately been no attempt to begin MAP-ping in the charges over the summer, that being a known as a fallow period congregational-wise, much has been happening at diocesan level.

All clergy with charge were invited to meet with the Dean and the MDO to think through the process of being assigned a MAP Facilitator and to become acquainted with the MAP process. There was a superb response to this invitation and the three meetings, held in Dumfries, Kilmarnock and Central Glasgow, were well attended and achieved much.

A further meeting was held on Monday September 12th to which the Convenors of Action Networks and a representative from every group were invited. The meeting began the process of aligning these groups – which are effectively ‘development teams’ with the necessary skills and resources to further the mission of the diocese – with the aims of the Growth Strategy, and reviewing their remits and working practices.

A third level of implementation will take place on Thursday 13th October when Regional Council Convenors and Secretaries will gather in the Diocesan Office to consider their remit in the light of the Growth Strategy.

And of course as Vestries begin to meet again after the summer break some are even now beginning to contact the Dean requesting that they be assigned Facilitators so that the MAP-ping might commence. So yes, things are indeed happening.