

# Human Sexuality Report → Next Steps: Discernment(NSD)

Congregational Meeting @ LIVING HOPE CRC

Presenters: HSR Sub-Committee

2023-01-19

# Next Steps: Discernment

## Agenda

- ▶ **OPENING PRAYER:** Pastor John (5 min)
- ▶ **BACKGROUND:** Pastor John (10 min)
- ▶ **INTRODUCTORY VIDEO:** Pastor Sean Baker - Pastor Church Resource (10 min)
- ▶ **LISTENING CIRCLES:** Mark - Next Steps: Discernment (15 min)
- ▶ **FACILITATOR TRAINING:** Terri-Lynn (5 min)
- ▶ **DATES / SIGN UPS:** George (5 min)
- ▶ **QUESTIONS / ANSWERS:** Mark Mertick (10 min)

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## Opening Prayer / Background

- ▶ Prayer - Pastor John
- ▶ Devotional
- ▶ SYNOD:
  - ▶ History
  - ▶ 2022 Decision
  - ▶ Impact of HSR with our denomination

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Introductory Video

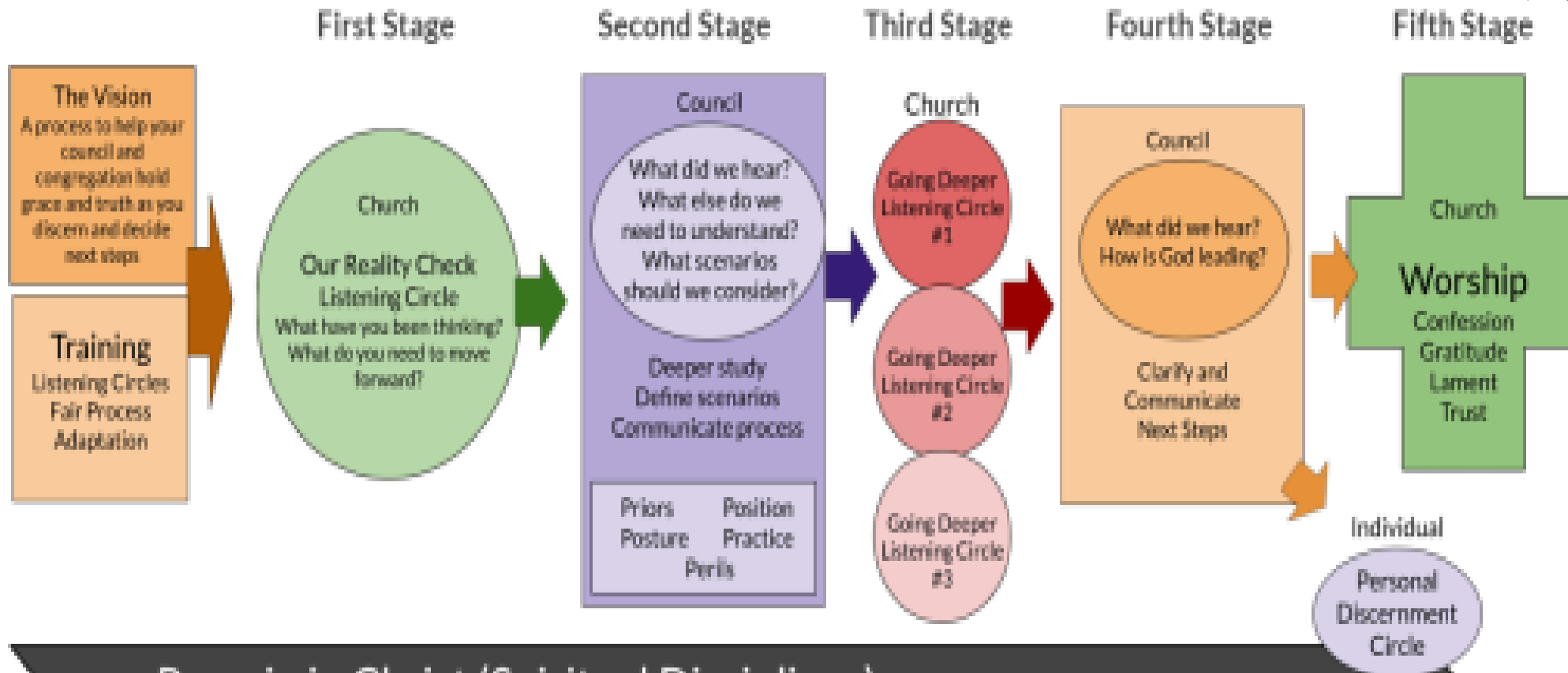


# Next Steps: Discernment Facilitators

- ▶ Training was provided by Pastor Church Resources of CRCNA
- ▶ We currently have six facilitators who completed their 3hour training
- ▶ Facilitators are:
  - Congregation - Anita Mahy, Bob Weaver
  - Council - Terri-Lynn Johnson, George Van Drunen, Mark Mertick
  - Staff - Pastor John VanderWindt
- ▶ Benefits / value of the training

# The Process Overview

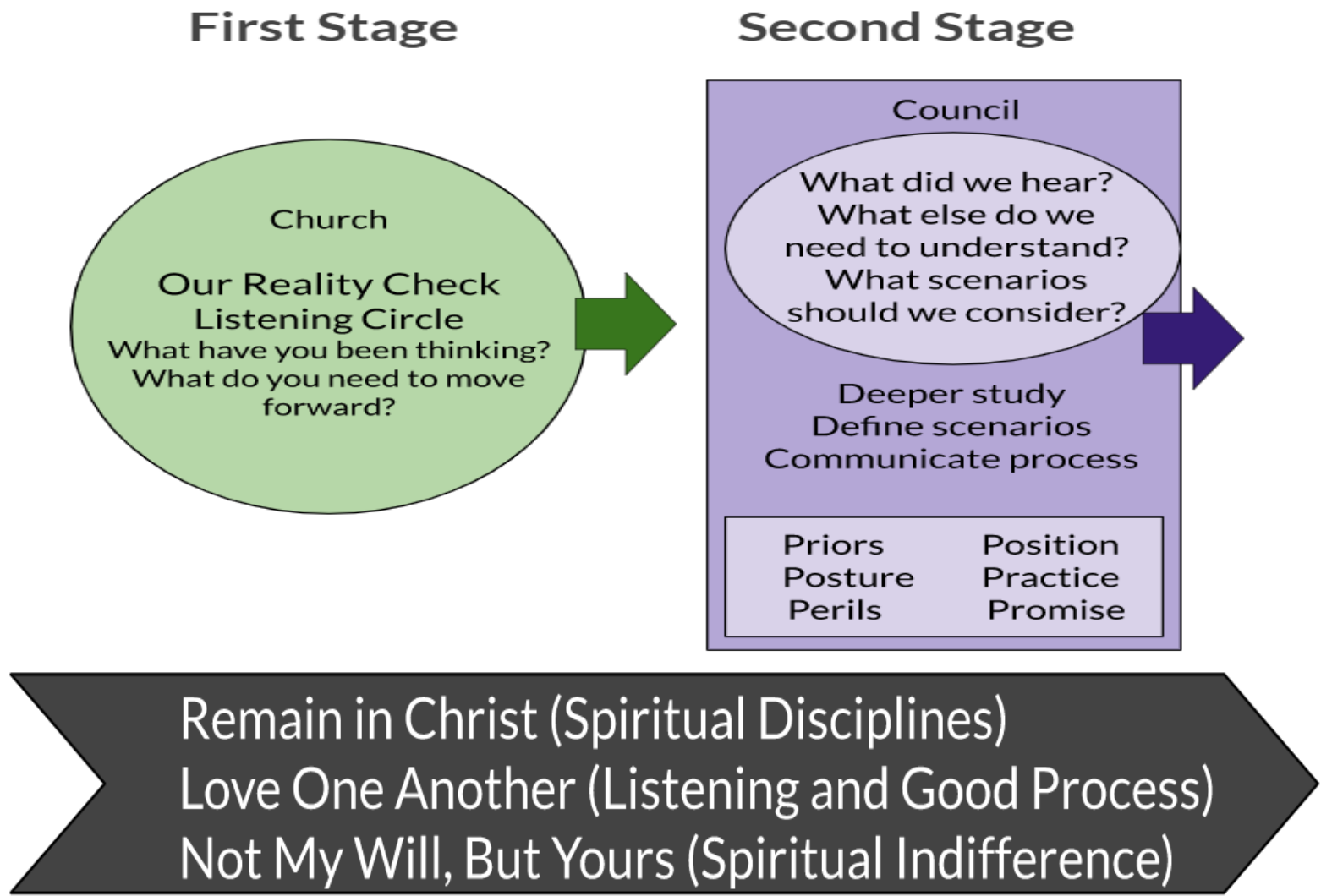
## Road Map



Remain in Christ (Spiritual Disciplines)  
 Love One Another (Listening and Good Process)  
 Not My Will, But Yours (Holy Indifference)

# Next Steps: Discernment Listening Circles

## Stage 1 (Church) and Stage 2 (Council)



# Next Steps: Discernment Listening Circles

## As an act of love

- ▶ Listening is hearing what another is saying from their heart
- ▶ Listening is seeking to understand
- ▶ Listening is a way to honour and value a brother or sister
- ▶ Listening encourages deeper insight and wisdom
- ▶ Listening is a concrete way to love another person

*This is my command: love each other. John 15:17*



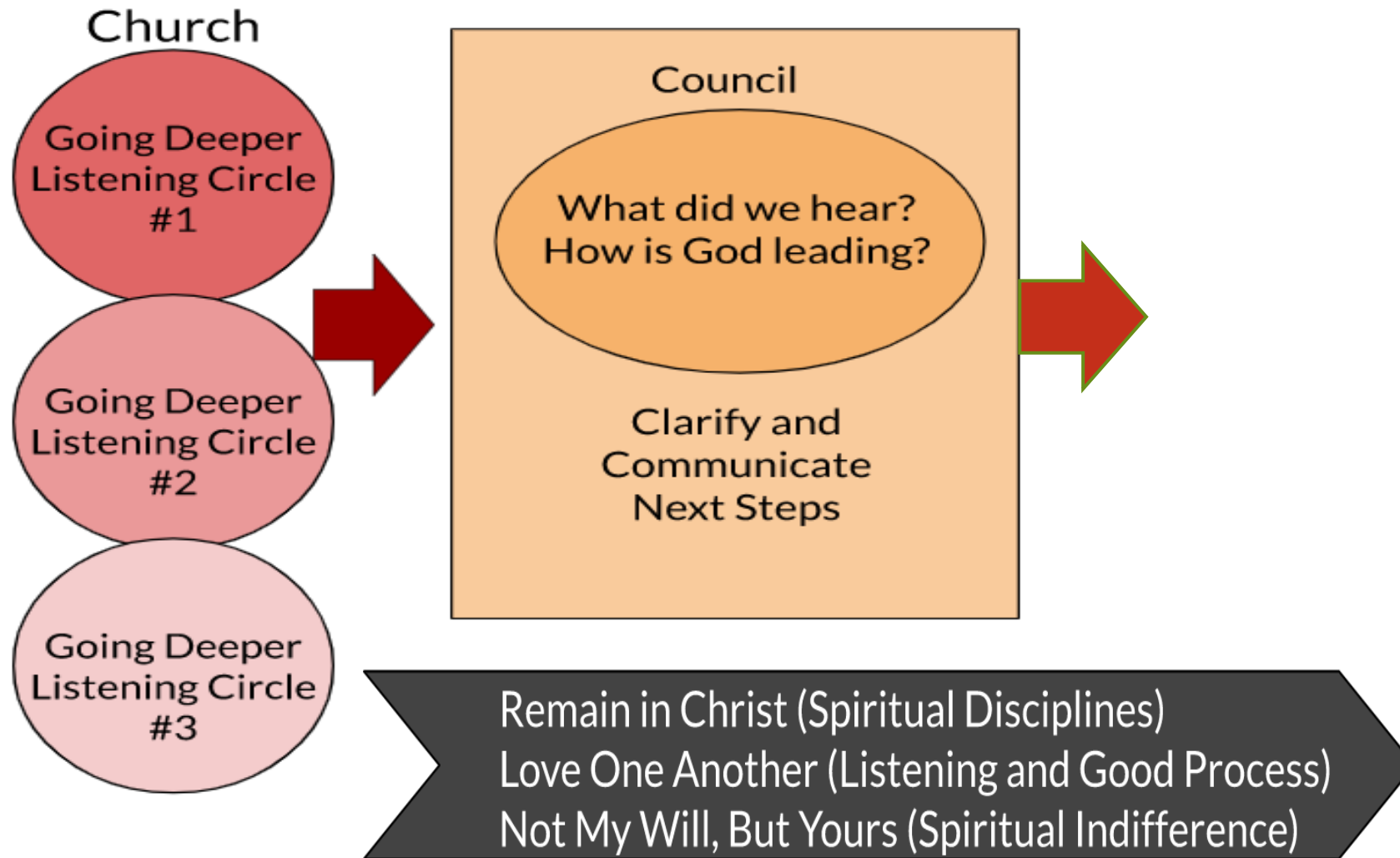
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## As an act of love- what it isn't

- ▶ Judgement of other's views
- ▶ Adversarial or Confrontational
- ▶ A forum for debate on Synod's decision
- ▶ Consensus
- ▶ Compromising to accommodate every individual's opinions, needs or interest.
- ▶ Everyone getting a vote (majority rules)
- ▶ Leaders abdicating their decision-making authority, policies, or procedures.
- ▶ About making everyone happy.

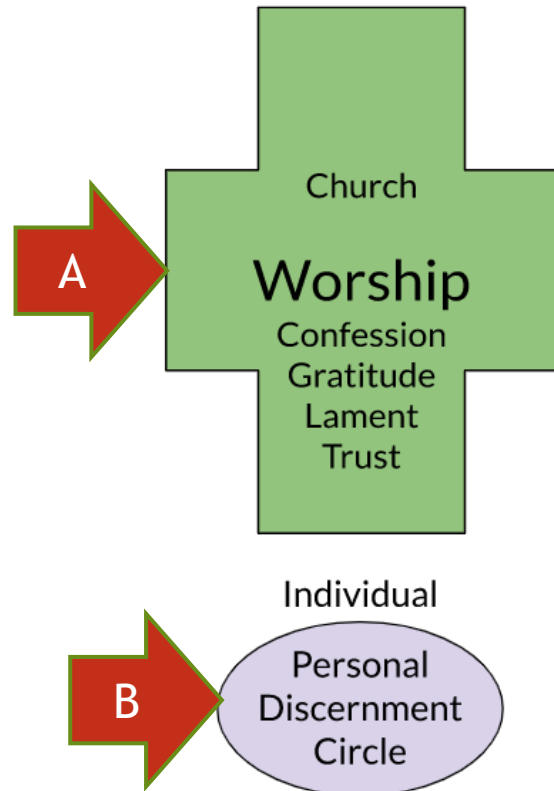
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## Stage 3 (Church) and Stage 4 (Council)



# Next Steps: Discernment Listening Circles

Stage 5 A) Church-Corporately and 5 B) Individual



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# Next Steps: Discernment First Stage Listening Circle Dates

- ▶ Friday, Jan 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm
- ▶ Monday, Jan 30<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm
- ▶ Friday, Feb 9<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm
- ▶ Virtual (option if needed):
  - ▶ Send email request to [office@livinghope.on.ca](mailto:office@livinghope.on.ca)
  - ▶ Facilitator will contact you and set up your ZOOM meeting link

# Next Steps: Discernment Listening Circle Sign Up Sheets

- ▶ Whom shall participate → Everyone Grade 9 and up
- ▶ Available tonight → Check your calendar and select a date
- ▶ Available through Sunday 12-Feb
- ▶ Virtual (Zoom) can be arranged

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## Q and A Related to Listening Circle process

- ▶ This time is reserved to address any questions pertaining to the process
- ▶ Review the Parking Lot Items
- ▶ Review and Record any ACTIONS from the Meeting

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## Thank you and Closing Prayer

- ▶ Thank You on behalf of your Full Council and the HSR Sub Committee for:
  - ▶ Your continued prayers
  - ▶ Seeking God's will for you and our church
  - ▶ Your time tonight
  - ▶ Signing up for a Listening Circle
  - ▶ Loving one another
- ▶ Closing Prayer

