

Paper X1

Love's Farm Church (LEP) becoming a local United Reformed Church

Eastern Synod

Basic information

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Action required	Decision.
Draft resolution(s)	Resolution 38 General Assembly receives Love's Farm Church (LEP) as a local church of the United Reformed Church.

Summary of content

Subject and aim(s)	Eastern Synod gives thanks for the journey of life and witness of Love's Farm Church from a Mission Project of Eastern Synod to become a local church of the United Reformed Church. We request General Assembly to authorise this.
Main points	<p>Love's Farm Church emerged from a shared vision for a Christian presence on the new housing developments of Love's Farm and Wintringham in St Neots. It grew out of prayer and commitment by churches and individuals across the town, and a practical partnership between the Eastern Synod and the Church of England (Ely Diocese).</p> <p>They began meeting in September 2015 and from the outset they sought to be a place where people who weren't used to going to church would feel comfortable. As a church they meet at the heart of the community and seek to have the community at the heart of the church. What they hope for as a church is: community, encounter and discipleship.</p> <p>The Eastern Synod voted in March 2025 to bring the above resolution to General Assembly.</p>
Previous relevant documents	
Consultation has taken place with...	Church of England, Diocese of Ely Eastern Baptist Association Lindsey Brown, Mission Support Officer.

Summary of impact

Financial	
External (eg ecumenical)	This is built on, and will continue to foster relations with, the housing developments of Love's Farm and Wintringham in St Neots and with the Diocese of Ely.