

Assisted Dying Working Group: Conversations with Presbyteries

The following are some programmes/literature you may wish to engage with prior to the meeting:

TV Documentaries

[A Time to Die — True Vision TV](#)

A Time To Die is a powerful and thought-provoking feature length documentary that explores the human cost of the current British law on assisted dying, featuring the emotional stories of five people who all want the right to die at a time of their choosing as well as why some feel this is a choice they should not have.

Made by Oscar, Emmy and BAFTA-winning director Jon Blair and BAFTA-winning producer Rachel Cumella, A Time to Die delves deep into assisted dying, aiming to shed fresh light on a highly controversial issue.

[BBC One - Better Off Dead?](#)

A documentary on assisted suicide, authored by actor and disability rights activist Liz Carr.

We may be used to seeing Liz in dramas such as Silent Witness, Good Omens or The Witcher, but now she's stepping away from the spotlight to pursue her greatest passion – debating why she believes we shouldn't legalise assisted suicide. As a long-term campaigner against that change, Liz fears disabled lives will be put at risk if the law is altered.

Travelling to Canada, Liz explores the repercussions of some of the most permissive assisted suicide laws in the world. Here Liz is confronted with a law that can end the lives of not just the terminally ill but people who are disabled and those who are offered a medically assisted death as a 'way out' of social deprivation.

In a society where disabled people are often told they are 'better off dead' than disabled, Liz asks: 'Should we really be giving more power to end that group of people's lives?'

[Beyond Belief - Assisted Dying - BBC Sounds](#)

Giles Fraser hears about Alison Davis, who was in pain, very unwell and wanted to die. Her friend and carer Colin Harte describes how she changed her mind and went on to campaign against euthanasia, or assisted dying, and also developed a Catholic faith. The debate about assisted dying, the right to choose when and how we die if we're terminally ill, is back in the political spotlight. Life, death and attitudes to suffering are at the heart of all religions. After hearing Alison's story, a panel of people of faith discuss how their beliefs shape their views on this fundamental question. With Rabbi Jonathan Romain, Canon Rosie Harper, Rev Katie Tupling and Baljit Singh.

[Interim Report on Assisted Dying \(youtube.com\)](#)

The debate at the General Assembly from the Church's Assisted Dying Working Group.

[Interim-Joint-Report-of-the-Theological-Forum-and-Faith-Action-Programme-Leadership-Team-on-Assisted-Dying.pdf \(churchofscotland.org.uk\)](#)

Interim Report to the 2024 General Assembly

[Key-Features-of-the-Bill.pdf \(palliativecarescotland.org.uk\)](#)

A summary by Palliative Care Scotland of the key features of the bill now progressing through the Scottish Parliament on Assisted Dying.