

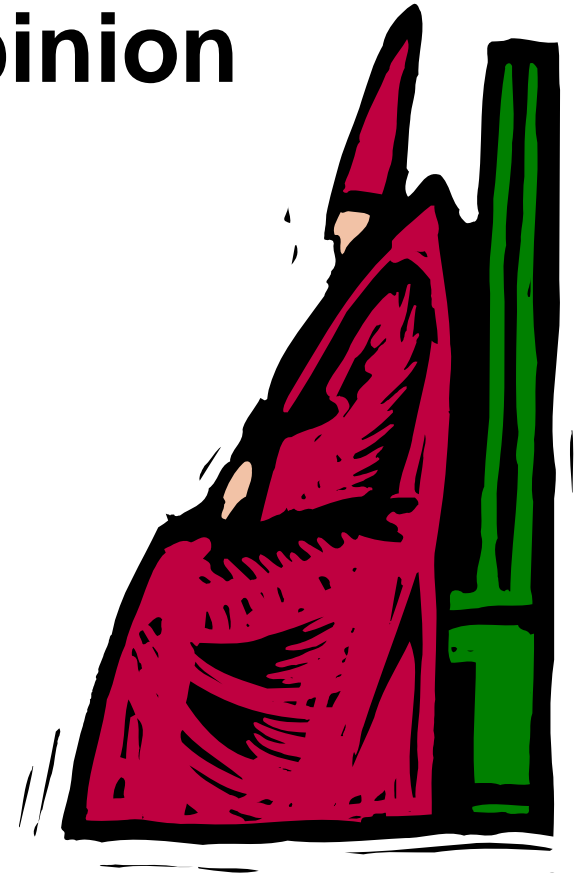
Church House Deaneries' Group

The National Deaneries Network

**A Survey of the significance of
the role of deaneries in the
dioceses of the Church of
England**

Do deaneries matter?

- Survey of **Episcopal** Opinion
- 70% response



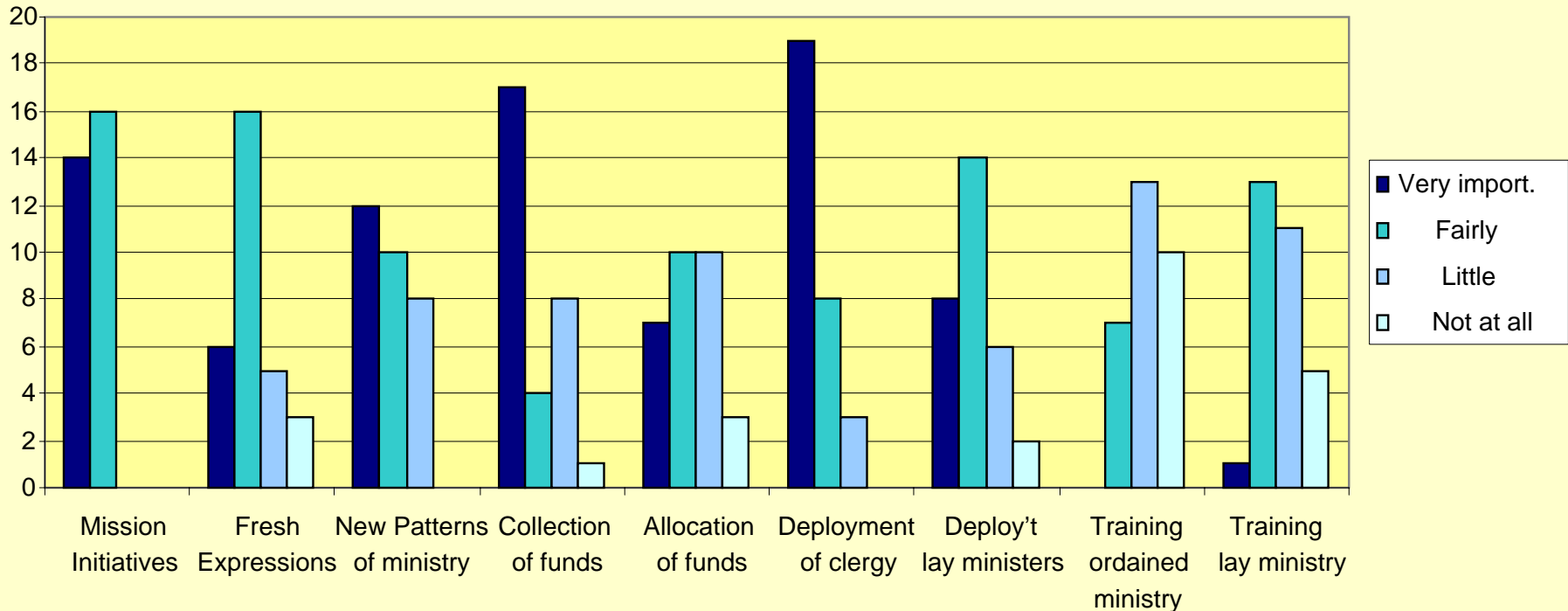
Do deaneries matter?

In 9 areas

- mission initiatives
- 'fresh expressions' of church
- new patterns of ministry
- collection of funds
- allocations of funds
- deployment of clergy
- deployment of lay ministers
- training for clergy
- training for lay ministers

Do deaneries matter?

Frequency of different replies across 30 dioceses



Little variation between dioceses

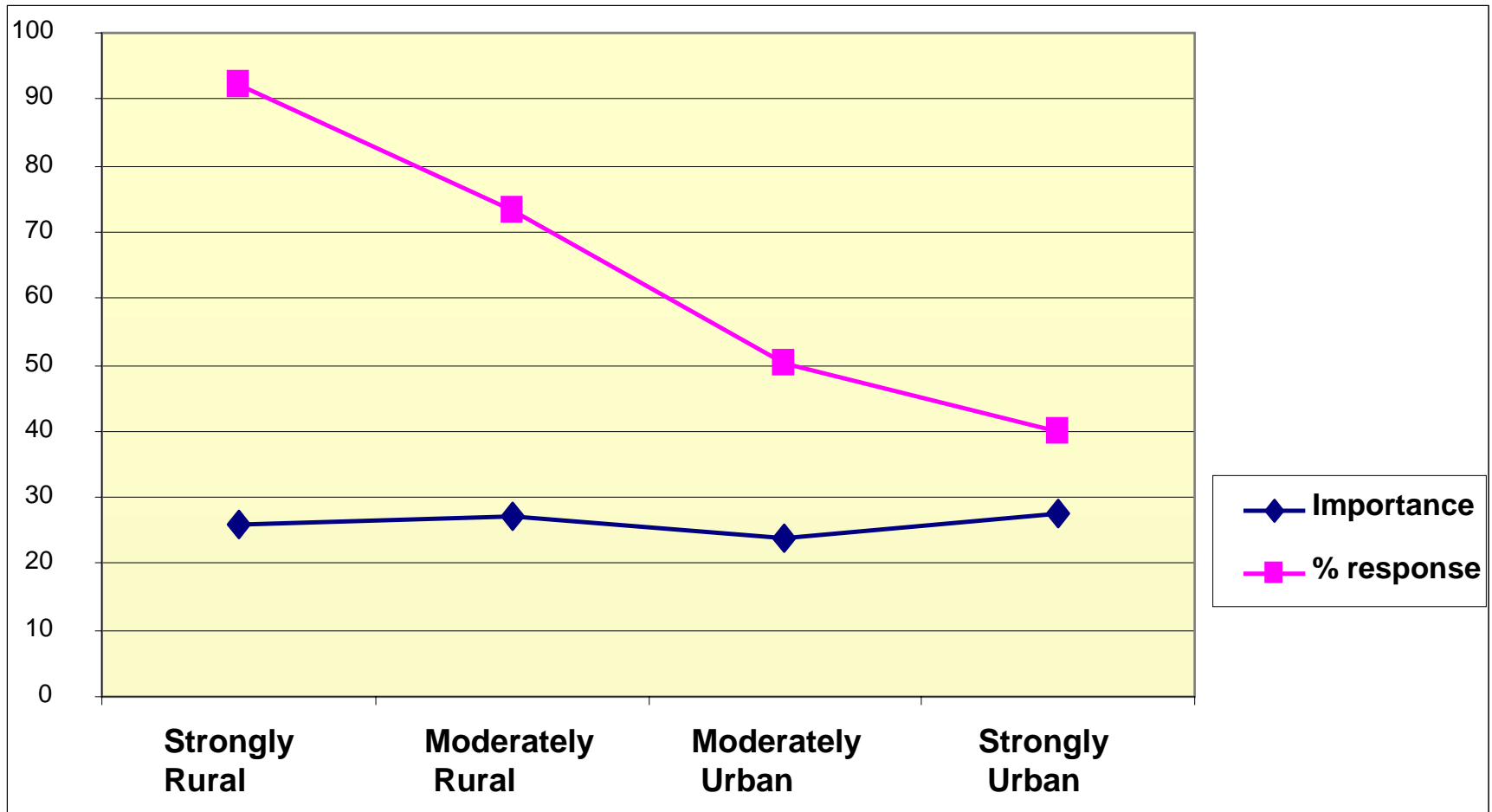
- 1. Deployment of clergy (63 & 27%)*
- 2. Collection of funds (57 & 13%)*

Do deaneries matter?

- Allocation < collection of funds
- Mission initiatives > ‘fresh expressions’
- Deployment of lay ministers < deployment of clergy
- Training of lay ministers > training of clergy

- Training pretty slow!

Rural/Urban response rates and scores for importance



Do deaneries matter?

Yes!

**Bishops say they do,
certainly as far as the
deployment of clergy and
mission initiatives are
concerned
– and, of course, the collection
of funds!**

