



## Small group discussion questions October 2014

## **Skin Conditioned**

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- 1. Talking about growing up, Michael said: "Everything associated with "whiteness" loomed large in my life." John said: "I don't think we talked about whiteness; we just did it." What has your own experience of "whiteness" been?
- 2. "'Whiteness' is still a major problem," say the authors in the introduction. What problems do they find with it?
- 3. "Humans often view difference as an aberration," the authors say on page 24. What does this mean? Can you think of examples in your own experience?
- 4. "All Christians are called to the work of resistance against the... assumptions of whiteness." Do you agree with this statement? How can this work be achieved?
- 5. Do you think that church is part of the problem of "whiteness" and privilege? In what ways? How can it change? How can it be part of the solution?
- 6. If Church structures tend to privilege one group over another because of skin colour, are there also other groups that are privileged in churches for other reasons? What examples can you think of from your own experience? How can the Church become fairer in all these areas?

For further reflection: "Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no particularity, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him." Acts 10:34-35

Prayer: God who made us, teach us to see one another as you do. Enable us to see through our assumptions and prejudice, and strengthen us to challenge injustice and privilege. Amen