

The Gift of Authority

Guidelines for small group discussion, 12.15-12.45

The questions below were circulated to the Primates when *The Gift of Authority* was published in May, to stimulate initial discussion. Are these the questions we need to ask the provinces at this stage of study? Are there any others? What resources will be helpful in the study and reception of the text? Are there any suggestions which should be passed on to the Inter Anglican Standing Committee on Ecumenical Relations?

A summary of the discussion should be made for handing in.

How does *The Gift of Authority* reflect the understanding and practice of authority which the Anglican Communion has received?

What fresh insights into that understanding are suggested in *The Gift of Authority*, and how do these relate to the suggestions made in *The Virginia Report*? How might these be accepted into the life of the Anglican Communion?

What consequences does the text have for deepening future Anglican-Roman Catholic relations at the local and provincial level?