

*Privilege is neither good nor bad - it is largely an accident of birth. We become more sensitive to others when we become aware of our own privilege - understanding, for example, that the only way to have privilege is for others to **not** have privilege. Listening openly to the experiences of others who do not have it can help us overcome our own biases as individuals, and help faith communities make more compassionate and respectful decisions and plans. This questionnaire looks specifically at privilege in the church.*

PRIVILEGE QUESTIONNAIRE

How can I know if have privilege? This questionnaire might help a bit - for each statement that is always or mostly true for you, mark True. If the statement is seldom or never true for you, mark False. Then total the number of Trues. The higher the number the more likely you are to have privilege

1	I seldom think about the colour of my skin, my ethnicity or race - and seldom get asked about it	
2	I am not often followed by security in a store, and have never heard over the PA "Security to Aisle 3" looked around and realized I am the only person in Aisle 3.	
3	I don't need to look for a special "ethnic" section of a supermarket to find the groceries I want.	
4	I can go to pretty much any hairdresser I want and find someone who can cut my hair.	
5	When I turn on my television, most of the faces I see are the same colour/race as mine.	
6	If I get stopped by the police, I can be pretty sure I haven't been targeted because of my race/colour	
7	Most of the pictures of Jesus that I have seen look like he could be a relative of mine	
8	In worship, I usually sing songs I know, some that I grew up with, in a language I regularly speak and easily understand.	
9	I can read out loud or speak in a meeting, & not worry if people will understand me because of my accent.	
10	People seldom ask me where I am from ("No, I mean <i>really</i>) If they did, I don't have a rehearsed answer ready.	
11	When I try to register for a conference, and they ask me for a credit card number, I have one.	
12	My church is just called a 'church', not an ethnic, migrant or intercultural church, or an indigenous / aboriginal ministry	
13	When I leave a church meeting, I generally feel that I have connected with people there and even contributed something, rather than arriving home feeling isolated, misunderstood or unheard.	
14	If I eat in a restaurant in a hotel, most of the items on the menu will be familiar to me.	
15	I usually think of myself as an individual, and may feel a bit uncomfortable if someone speaks of something my ancestors did long ago ("I wasn't even born, how can I be responsible for what they did?")	
16	When I listen to an "oldies" radio station, I am likely to know many of the songs.	
17	I can say something critical about the government, without being afraid I will be judged as ungrateful	
18	If no one sits beside me on the bus, I never wonder if it is because of the colour of my skin / how I dress	
19	The language we use most often in church is the language I pray in.	
20	I almost never hear someone calling me a racial name, or telling me to go back home or to the reserve	
21	I have never been asked to speak as a representative of my race or culture, nor been asked to bring some of 'my / our food' for a special church dinner	
22	I usually know what to do in church, how to act or speak, and am not afraid someone will judge me or my culture / race / community if I make a mistake.	