

United Methodist Reading Program – 2010 Selections

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Education for Mission

A CREDIBLE WITNESS - Reflections on Power, Evangelism and Race

\$13.00

Brenda Salter McNeil

Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman, introduced here as Ms. McNeil's friend Sam, gives you a full picture of gospel reconciliation to God and to each other while sharing her own story of coming to Christ.

A LOVE AFFAIR WITH INDIA - THE STORY OF MABEL AND EUNICE JONES MATHEWS

\$12.00

Martha Chamberlain

While volumes about the life and times of Methodist missionary E. Stanley Jones line the library shelves of Christians worldwide, little is known of his wife Mabel Lossing Jones, an accomplished missionary who served 42 years in India, or their daughter Eunice, who also contributed greatly to mission in India. This book tells these women's stories.

FAITHFUL WITNESSES - UNITED METHODIST THEOLOGY OF MISSION

\$14.95

John Edward Nussle

Faithful Witness is the first resource book of the Academy of Mission Renewal of the General Board of Global Ministries. It is intended for small group study, but may also be of interest to individuals.

GOD TRUSTED a WOMAN - LEADERSHIP LESSONS FROM THE LIFE OF DR. FRANCES M. ALGUIRE

\$16.99

CYNTHIA B. ASTLE

The story of Dr. Frances M. Alguire, who rose through Christian service to become the first lay woman to be elected president of the World Methodist Council, is a lesson in leadership for all United Methodist Women.

ON THE WAY WITH JESUS - A PASSION FOR MISSION

\$16.99

Richard Showalter

Richard Showalter's lifetime passion has been his church's (Anabaptist) local and international mission and he puts his passion into words as he explores the multiple dimensions of Christian mission

WHERE MERCY FAILS - Darfur's Struggle to Survive - BONUS BOOK

\$25.00

Chris Herlinger & Paul Jeffery

With insightful words and poignant images, Paul Jeffrey and Chris Herlinger describe what may be the greatest humanitarian, political and environmental crisis of our time.

NURTURING FOR COMMUNITY

CARING FOR MOTHER

\$16.95

Virginia Stem Owens

The likelihood of encountering Alzheimer's oneself or in a family member could increase in coming decades. Virginia Stem Owens offers this thought provoking memoir of her family's ordeal with her mother's illness.

GROWING FRIENDSHIPS

\$13.99

Tracy Klein

God offers friendships as a lifeline for women, but like flowers they must be handled with care. This book offers excellent advice for finding new friendships, nurturing old relationships and adjusting as friends grow apart.

NO TURNING BACK

\$18.00

Gurdon Brewster

In this memoir of an historic era carved in faith and courage by Americans of all colors, Brewster recalls his first encounters with segregation in Atlanta, and the spontaneous church services of the black Baptist tradition.

PLAY WITH ME

\$12.99

Sally Miller & Cheri Mueller

Long-time friends, the authors find joy in the winding path of wonder and wildness forged by their children. As they journey through life with kids, they've found they can connect women to God and each other in deeply spiritual ways.

TOO MANY IRONS IN THE FIRE AND THEY'RE ALL SMOKING

\$10.00

Cynthia Bond Hopson

This little book offers a month's worth of wisdom, advice and encouragement for women in the form of 31 short daily meditations.

THE UNDERTAKER'S WIFE

\$13.00

Celia Hastings

With warmth and humor Hastings records her journey from farmer's daughter to seminary, to organist in the small town funeral home she shares with her husband.

SOCIAL ACTION

CAN WE TALK ABOUT RACE?

\$14.00

Beverly Daniel Tatum, Ph.D.

In *Can We Talk About Race?* Psychologist and educator Beverly Daniel Tatum, a leading commentator on race and schools, analyzes some of the most resonant issues in American education and race relations.

CLOSING THE FOOD GAP

\$16.00

Mark Winne

By combining the author's personal experiences, Closing the Food Gap envisions realistic partnerships in which family farms and impoverished communities come together to get healthy, locally produced food onto everyone's table.

SACRED SPARK-BONUS BOOK

\$23.95

The Rev. Lisa K. Sykes

Can one person make change? Can women in the church sway today's political climate? Rev. Sykes' journey from private pain to public advocacy is witness to the claim of God in her life, and to the care of women, children and families the world over.

THE OTHER GAME-BONUS BOOK

\$19.00

Phil Dahl-Bredine & Stephen Hicken

Learn about the lives of Mexican campesinos while visiting villages that have existed for thousands of years, and see how their way of life presents hopeful alternatives to a sustainable future for all of us.

THE ROAD OF LOST INNOCENCE

\$22.95

Somaly Mam

Somaly Mam's haunting story of being sold as a child sex slave and of her activism in the fight against the corruption that steals the lives of children around the world is a one of triumph over adversity. **Strong content.**

WHAT ABOUT RELIGION AND SCIENCE?

\$9.50

Paul E. Stroble

How can we remain secure in our faith as we grasp and appreciate the discoveries and advances of science? Explore how religion and science relate to each other and give meaning and value in our lives.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

A LIFE SHAPING PRAYER

\$10.20

Paul Wesley Chilcote

18th Century Methodist Elizabeth Rhodes memorized a special prayer as part of her lifelong spiritual practice. When Paul Chilcote discovered the prayer in her journal, he recognized its power for contemporary Christians.

A MONK IN THE INNER CITY

\$16.00

Mary Lou Kownacki

Centuries ago the Desert Fathers and Mothers moved into the wilderness to draw near to God. Mary Lou Kownacki's wilderness is the inner city of Erie, PA, surrounded by families surviving and keeping hope alive amid despair.

BLESS THIS FOOD

\$17.00

Adrian Butash

Sharing food and giving thanks is a universal cultural experience, connecting people to one another. This book gathers 160 timeless mealtime blessings, prayers, and ancient traditions to use, keep and share.

LOCKED UP

\$15.00

Don Beisswenger

Imprisoned as a result of his protest of the School of the Americas at Fort Benning, Georgia, Don Beisswenger offers a personal collection of diary entries, letters, and reflections created during his incarceration.

LONGING FOR ENOUGH IN A CULTURE OF MORE

\$13.00

Paul L. Escamilla

Thoughtful chapters explore The Good Book, The Good Life, The Good Work, The Good Society, and The Good Earth. Whether read privately or with a group, read these probing essays are meant to be savored.

MY TUMMY TALKED IN CHURCH TODAY

\$10.00

Christy Colby Heno

These poems, Scriptures, reflections, and prayers will bring joy and understanding to you and the children in your life. Read, laugh, share and celebrate your faith with your children as you read together.

LARGE PRINT

Education for Mission

PRAYERS AND PONDERINGS

\$15.00

Brooks-Howell Home Residents

In this special book you will read about the work of Brooks-Howell residents who have served God on five continents as physicians, nurses, educators, ministers, as missionaries and deaconesses. **Larger than average print.**

Nurturing for Community

LIVING WITH PURPOSE IN A WORN-OUT BODY

\$10.00

Missy Buchanan

These devotionals addressed to God raise in prayer the many concerns of the frail elderly and provide opportunities to reminisce and reflect on their blessings.

Spiritual Growth

CHRISTIANS IN CONFLICT

\$15.95

Everett Leadingham, Ed.

Christians in Conflict examines a biblical understanding of conflict, and provides the tools needed to resolve issues in a Christ-like way finding "peace in the midst of the storm."

Social Action

THE SUICIDAL PLANET

\$15.95

Mayer Hillman, et al

We face a major threat with climate change yet we go on with lifestyles beyond Earth's limits. This book explains the issues, how you can make changes, and why governments must act now to save our planet for later generations.

CHILDREN

Education for Mission

ARMANDO AND THE BLUE TARP SCHOOL

\$16.95

Edith Hope Fine & Judith Pinkerton Josephson

Armando longs to go to the blue tarp school spread on the grass, but he must help his father look for things his family can use or sell. When his parents let him spend afternoons at the school he is overjoyed.

Nurturing For Community

AM I A COLOR TOO?

\$15.95

Heidi Cole & Nancy Vogl

A young boy wonders why people are labeled by the color of their skin. Realizing that all people dream, feel, sing, dance, smile and love, he asks, "Am I a color, too?"

LOUIS SOCKALEXIS

\$16.95

Bill Wise

In 1884, 12 year-old Penobscot Indian Louis Sockalexis fell in love with baseball, dreaming of one day joining a major league team. Though he met opposition at every turn, Louis finally made it to the major league Cleveland Spiders.

Spiritual Growth

GREAT JOY

\$16.99

Kate DiCamillo

As she practices her line for the local Christmas pageant Francis is troubled that the organ grinder and his monkey are on the cold, dark street all night, and uses the gift of compassion to find the perfect words to share with everyone, at just the right time.

Social Action

JOHN LEWIS IN THE LEAD

\$17.95

Jim Hastings & Kathleen Benson

How does a sharecropper's son grow up to help change his world? John Lewis' journey began as a boy experiencing the injustice of segregation and hearing the words of Dr. Martin Luther King., Jr. This book celebrates the life Congressman John Lewis, whose belief in justice is a beacon for all.

YOUTH

Education for Mission

CECILIA'S YEAR

\$11.95

Susan & Denise Gonzales Abraham

Cecilia loves her family farm, but knows that she wants to be more than a farmer's wife. She wants to get a job in an office in a big city, and live somewhere big and exciting. She also knows that the only way to get there is to get an education. Maybe she could become a teacher! The thought of being a teacher in charge of a classroom fills her with excitement. But would it ever really happen? Can her dreams carry her there?

Nurturing for Community

SOMETHING TO SING ABOUT

\$8.50

C.C. Payne

Jamie Jo's fear of bees has been not much more than an annoyance for the Morgan family, that is, until the summer that their church exploded. While trying to make sense of this event, Jamie Jo deals with overcoming other struggles and fears: befriending a new girl in the neighborhood, the responsibility of a new puppy, and the tension her older brother's return has caused in the family. And she has to deal with all of this without going outside (where the bees live) alone!

Social Action

I WISH I KNEW WHAT TO DO?! - Teens tell it like it is ... On what to say to get BULLIES to leave you alone!

\$14.95

Beth Carls & Amy Looper, Editors

Did you know that every day 1 out of 4 kids is bullied, and that every 7 minutes a child is bullied on the playground? Did you know that in 85% of the situations no one intervenes? "*I Wish I Knew What to Do*" is the direct result of these alarming statistics and the stories of teens across the country who were brave enough to share. These stories need to be shared with other teens, parents, educators and community leaders - all who have an opportunity to make change.

Recommended Reading

Nurturing for Community

A Single Thread, Marie Bostwick, Kensington Publishing Corp., 2008.

Mulberry Park, Judy Duarte, Kensington Publishing Corp., 2008.

Education for Mission

Bread, Body, Spirit, Alice Peck, SkyLight Paths Publishing, 2008.

Methodism in Recovery, William B. Lawrence, Abingdon Press, 2008.

My Faith So Far, Patton Dodd, Jossey-Bass, 2005.

Spiritual Growth

The Shack/La Cabana, William P. Young, Windblown Media, 2007.

Three Simple Rules, Rueben P. Job, Abingdon Press, 2009.