2011-2016 Reading Program Book List

(A Bonus Book counts in its category and one other category where you think it fits.)

EDUCATION FOR MISSION

2016
Chasing the Divine in the Holy Land by Ruth Everhart
Coffee, Tea and Holy Water: One Woman’s Journey to Experience …. By Amanda Hudson
Unbound: The Transformative Power of Youth Mission Trips by Jann Treadwell (Bonus Book)
The Underground Girls of Kabul: In Search... in Afghanistan by Jenny Nordberg
Uprising: A New Age is Dawning for Every Mother’s Daughter by Sally Armstrong
The Andrew Paradigm: How to Be a Lead Follower of Jesus by Michael Coyner

2015
Chasing Chaos by Jessica Alexander
Faith and Struggle on Smokey Mountain by Benigno P. Beltran (Bonus Book)
The Golden Cage by Shirin Ebadi
Good God, Lousy World and Me by Holly Burkhalter (Bonus Book)
What’s So Blessed about Being Poor? by L. Susan Slavin & Coralis Salvador (Bonus Book)

2014
Awake: Doing A World of Good One Person at a Time by Noel Brewer Yeats
A History of the Romani People by Hristo Kyuchukov
On this Spirit Walk by Henrietta Mann
Radio Shangri-La by Lisa Napoli
A Twist of Faith (bonus book) by John Donnelly

2013
Becoming a Justice Seeking Congregation: Responding to God’s Justice Initiative by McElvaney
Everyday Justice: The Global Impact of Our Daily Choices by Julie Clawson
How Coffee Saved My Life And Other Stories of Stumbling to Grace by Ellie Roscher
Rubble Nation – Haiti’s Pain, Haiti’s Promise by Chris Hurlinger and Paul Jeffrey (Bonus Book)

2012
Beaded Hope by Cathy Liggett
Because He Lives by Catherine Ritch Guess (Bonus Book)
Cesar Chavez: A Photographic Essay by Ilan Stivans
Forgotten Girls: Stories of Hope and Courage by Kay Marshall Strom & Michele Rickett
It’s Easier to Reach Heaven Than the End of the Street: A Jerusalem Memoir by Emma Williams
We Wait You: Waiting on God in Eastern Europe by Taryn R. Hutchison
Bamboo People by Mitali Perkins

2011
Disfigured: A Saudi Woman’s Story of Triumph by Rania Al-Baz
Following God’s Call by Walter A. Whitehurst & Betty C. Whitehurst
Getting to the Heart of Interfaith by Pastor D. Mackenzie, Rabbi T. Falcon & Sheikh J. Rahman
Like Breath and Water by Ciona D. Rouse (Bonus Book)
My Sister the Father by Rev. Meridith Whitaker
Broken Promises, Broken Dreams by Alice Rothchild
Stones into Schools by Greg Mortensen
Listen to the Wind by Greg Mortensen
The Centurian’s Wife by Janette Oke and Davis Bunn
2016
I Am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up ... the Taliban by Malala Yousafai
The Weight of Mercy: A Novice Pastor on the City Streets by Deb Richardson-Moore (SC story)

2015
Fulfilled by Kirk Byron Jones
The New Feminist Agenda by Madeleine M. Kunin
Sum It Up by Pat Summitt
Tough Cookies by Kathy Cloninger

2014
Back to Zero: The Search to Rediscover the Methodist Movement by Gil Rendle
Grace and Grit: My Fight for Equal Pay... by Lilly Ledbetter
King Peggy by Peggie Lene Bartles
Women, Spirituality and Transformative Leadership by Kathie Schaaf

2013
Do it Anyway – The New Generation of Activists by Courtney E. Martin
Her Place at the Table – A Woman’s Guide to Negotiating Five Key Challenges to Leadership Success by Deborah M. Kolb, Ph.D., Judith, and Williams, Ph.D., Carol Frohling, J.D.
Outcasts United – An American Town, A Refugee Team, And One Woman’s Quest to Make a Difference by Warren St. John
This Will Be Remembered of Her – Stories of Women Reshaping the World by William B. Erdman

2012
The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind by William Kamkwamba
Change the World: Recovering the Message and Mission of Jesus by Mike Slaughter
More Bad Girls of the Bible by Barbara J. Essex
Old Testament Prophets for Today by Carolyn J. Sharp
Women Lead the Way by Linda Tarr-Whelen

2011
Half the Sky by Nicholas D. Kristof & Sheryl WuDunn
nuCHRISTIAN: Finding Faith in a New Generation by Russel E. D. Rathbun
The Perfect Board by Calfin K. Clemons, C.A.E., C.M.P
This Child Will Be Great by Ellen Johnson Sirleaf
The Wolf Shall Dwell With the Lamb by Eric H. F. Law
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NURTURING FOR COMMUNITY

2016
- Dreamers: An Immigrant Generation's Fight for Their American Dream by Eileen Truax
- House of Purple Cedar by Tim Tingle
- I Love Growing Older, But I'll Never Grow Old by J. Ellsworth Kalas
- Miss Brenda and the Loveladies by Brenda Spahn
- Not Worth Saving: How a Severly Handicapped Boy Transformed Lives by Ann Joyner
- Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption by Bryan Stevenson (Bonus Book)

2015
- The End of Your Life Book Club by Will Schwalbe
- January First by Michael Scholfield
- The Round House by Louise Erdrich
- Whatever Happened to Dinner? by Melodie M. Davis
- When Pastors Prey by Valli Boobal Batchelor, Ed

2014
- 100 Simple Things You Can Do to Prevent Alzheimer's and Age Related Memory Loss by Jean Carper
- Please Look After Mom by Kyung-Sook Shin
- Simply Salsa: Dancing Without Fear at God's Fiesta by Janet Perez Eckles
- Small Things With Great Love: Adventures in Loving Your Neighbor by Margot Starbuck
- Up: A Mother and Daughter's Peak Bagging Adventure by Patricia Ellis Herr

2013
- A Country for All – An Immigrant Manifesto by Jorges Ramos
- Alone and Invisible No More by Allan S. Teel, M.D.
- Every Day is a Good Day – Reflections by Contemporary Indigenous Women by Wilma Mankiller
- Love in a Headscarf by Shelina Zahra Janmohamed
- Mind on the Run – A Bipolar Chronicle by Dottie Pacharis
- Radical Welcome – Embracing God, The Other, and the Spirit of Transformation by Stephanie Spellers

2012
- Allow God to Wear Your Face: Spiritual Care for Those Who Are Ill by Alice G. Knotts
- Asylum Denied by David Nagaruri Kenney & Philip G. Schrag
- Breathe by Nicole Braddock Bromley
- I Am Nujood, Age 10 and Divorced by Nujood Ali
- The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot

2011
- Inheriting the Trade by Thomas Norman DeWolf
- The Late Homecomer by Kao Kalia Yang
- Same Kind of Different As Me by Ron Hall & Denver Moore
- Warrior Princess by Princess Kasune Zulu with Belinda Collins
- Weaving a Just Future for Children by Diane C. Olson & Laura Den F. Friedrich
- I Have Seen Him in the Watchfire by Cathy Gohlke
- Just Hospitality by Letty M. Russell
2016
Rewilding Our Hearts: Building Pathways of Compassion... by Marc Bekoff
We Shall Not Be Moved: Methodist Debate Race, Gender ... by Jane Ellen Nickell (Bonus Book)
The White Umbrella: Walking with Survivors of Sex Trafficking by Mary Francis Bowley
Cured But Not Healed: How to Experience Deeper Faith... Kymberly Clemons-Jones

2015
Americanah by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
Behind the Kitchen Door by Saru Jayaraman (Bonus Book)
New Dawn in Beloved Community by Linda Lee, Ed
Eco Literate by Daniel Goldman, et al (Bonus Book)
Kind of Kin by Rilla Askew
Not Just A Pretty Face by Stacy Malkan

2014
Break the Cycle: Healing From an Abusive Relationship by Tracy Deitz
Dear White America: A Letter to a New Minority by Tim Wise
Finding Higher Ground by Amy Seidl (Bonus Book)
A Place at the Table by Chris Seay
Year of Plenty by Craig Goodwin

2013
A Hopeful Earth – Faith, Science, and the Message of Jesus by Sally Dyke & Sarah Ehrman
Get Up, Stand Up – Uniting Populists, Energizing the Defeated, And Battling the Corporate Elite by Bruce E. Levine
In Our Backyard – A Christian Perspective on Human Trafficking in the United States by Nita Belles
Make Poverty Personal – Taking the Poor as Seriously as the Bible Does by Ash Barker
The Power of Half – One Families’ Decision to Stop Taking and Start Giving Back by Kevin Salwin
Why Africa Matters by Cedric Mayson (Bonus Book)
The Whistleblower – Sex Trafficking, Military Contractors, and One Woman’s Fight for Justice by Kathryn Bolkovac

2012
Color-Blind: The Rise of Post-racial Politics and the Retreat From Racial Equity by Tim Wise
The Death of Josseline: Immigration Stories from the Arizona Borderlands by M. Regan
Moral Ground by Kathleen Dean Moore & Michael P. Nelson (Bonus Book)
The New Jim Crow by Michelle Alexander (Bonus Book)
Rediscovering Values: On Wall Street, Main Street and Your Street by Jim Wallis
The Slave Next Door by Kevin Bales & Ron Soodalter
The Bite of the Mango by Mariatu Kamara

2011
Claiming Earth as Common Ground by Andrea Cohen-Keiner
Connected Wisdom by Linda Booth Sweeney, Ed.D. (Bonus Book)
The Heart of Racial Justice by Brenda Salter McNeil & Rick Richardson
Not Just a One-Night Stand: Ministry with the Homeless by John Flowers & Karen Vannoy
Resist!:Christian Dissent for the 21st Century by Michael G. Long, Editor (Bonus Book)
The True Cost of Low Prices: The Violence of Globalization by Vincent Gallagher
Ending the US War in Afghanistan by David Wildman & Phyllis Bennis
Seeing Gray in a World of Black & White by Adam Hamilton
2016
Key United Methodist Beliefs by William J. Abraham
My Life and Lesser Catastrophes by Christina Schofield
Things Your Mother Never Told You by Kim Gaines Eckert
Tilly: A Story of Home and Resilience by Monique Gray Smith

2015
Eat With Joy by Rachel Marie Stone
Finding God in A Bag of Groceries by Laura Lapins Willis
No Longer Silent by Susan Dehn Matthews,
Praying to Change Your Life by Suzette T. Caldwell
The Seven Paths by Anasazi Foundation
Shopping by Michelle A Gonzalez

2014
A Faithful Heart: Daily Guide for Joyful Living by Sally Dyck
Silence and Other Suprising Invitations of Advent by Enuma Okoro
You’re Already Amazing: Embracing Who You Are... by Holley Gerth
Embraced by God: Celebrating Who and Whose You Are by Babbie Mason

2013
From Preparation to Passion – Devotional and Reflective Meditations by Eleanor Cooper Brown
In From the Wilderness – She-r-man by David E. Weekley
Morning Coffee with James by Renea Brumbaugh
Praying for Strangers – An Adventure of the Human Spirit by River Jordan
Reluctant Pilgrim – A Moody Somewhat Self-Indulgent Introvert’s Search for Spiritual Community by Enuma Okoro
Signs of Life – Back to the Basics of Authentic Christianity by David Jeremiah & Thomas Nelson
The Path of Justice by Becca Stevens The Path of Love by Becca Stevens
The Path of Peace by Becca Stevens

2012
All Creation Sings: The Voice of God in Nature by J Ellsworth Kalas
Hidden In the Rubble: A Haitian Pilgrimage to Compassion and Resurrection by G. T. Straub
Laugh Your Way to Grace: Reclaiming the Spiritual Power of Humor by Susan Sparks
Ostriches, Dung Beetles and Other Spiritual Masters by Janice McLaughlin
Wasabi Gospel: The Startling Message of Jesus by Shawn Wood
Outline Your Life: You Were Made to Make a Difference by Max Lucado
Francis the Saint of Assisi: A Novel by Joan Mueller
True When Whispered: Hearing God’s Voice in a Noisy World by Paula Escamilla

2011
Being a Christian in the Wesleyan Tradition by John O. Gooch
Contemplative Crochet by Cindy Crandall-Frazier
If You Know Who You Are You’ll Know What to Do by Ronald J. Greer
Just Choose Happiness by Nell W. Mohney
The Noticer by Andy Andrews
Touch: Pressing Against the Wounds of a Broken World by Pastor Rudy Rasmus
Praying in Color by Sybil MacBeth
Enjoy the Silence by Maggie & Duffy Robins
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LARGE PRINT

SA = Social Action  EM = Education for Mission
SG = Spiritual Growth  LD = Leadership Development
NC = Nurturing for Community

2016
EM – Twenty-Two Cents: Muhammad Yunus and the Village Bank by Paula Yoo
LD – Girls With Swords: How to Carry Your Cross Like a Hero by Lisa Bevere
NC – A Waist Is a Terrible Thing to Mind by Karen Scalf Linamen
SA – In Defense of Food: An Eater’s Manifesto by Michael Pollan

2015
NC - Across Many Mountains by Yangzom Brauen
SG - Help, Thanks, Wow by Anne Lamott
SG - The Well Women by Ladine Housholder
SA/EM - That Used To Be Us by Thomas Friedman, Michael Mandelbaum (Bonus Book)

2014
EM - The Dressmaker of Khair Khana by Gayle Tzemach Lemmon
LD - Lord, I Love the Church and We Need Help by Virginia O. Baseford
NC - The Power of Serving Others by Gary Morsh
SA - An Invisible Thread by Laura Schroff
SG - Jesus: A Biography From a Believer by Paul Johnson

2013
EM – I Am Hutterite by Mary-Ann Kirkby
NC – Plain Wisdom – An Invitation into an Amish Home and the Hearts of Two Women by Cindy Woodsmall and Miriam Floud
SA – One Simple Act – Discovering the Power of Generosity by Debbie Macomber
SG – When Christians Get it Wrong by Adam Hamilton

2012
LD – Why Women Should Rule the World by Dee Dee Myers
NC – Creative Aging: Rethinking Retirement and Non-retirement in a Changing World by Bankson
SA – Green Church: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Rejoice! By Rebekah Simon-Peter
SG – Seasons of Salt: Meditations by Millie Hurlacher

2011
EM – Palestine – Peace Not Apartheid by Jimmy Carter
NC – A Deepening Love Affair by Jane Marie Thibault
NC – Same Kind of Different As Me by Ron Hall & Denver Moore
SG – Talking With God in Old Age by Missy Buchanan
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YOUTH BOOKS

2016
NC – Crazy by Linda Vigen Phillips
NC – Dreaming in Indian: Contemporary Native American Voices by Lisa Charleyboy
SA – Blue Gold by Elizabeth Stewart
SG – Coaltown Jesus by Ron Koertge

2015
EM - A Girl Called Problem by Katie Quirk
LD - This Girl is Different by JJ Johnson
NC - Bully.com by Joe Lawlor
NC - Vicious by Hope Vanderberg
NC - The Power to Prevent Suicide by Richard E. Nelson PH.D & Judith C Galas
SA - Refuse to Do Nothing by Shayne Moore & Kimberly McOwen Yim
SA - Return to Sender by Julia Alvarez

2014
EM- Growing Up Muslim by Sumbul Ali-Karamali
LD- A Native American Thought of It by Rocky Landon
NC- Wonder by R. J. Palacio
SA- Which Side Are You On? By George Ella Lyon
SG- Esther by John Piper

2013
EM – Cry of the Giraffe by Judie Oron
LD – Do Hard Things – A Teenage Rebellion Against Low Expectations by Alex & Brett Harris
NC – Fatty Legs – A True Story by Christy Jordan-Fenton and Margaret Pokiak-Fenton
NC – THINANDBEAUTIFUL.COM by Liane Shaw
SA – Free?– Stories About Human Rights by David Almond, et al
SG – Permission to Speak Freely by Anne Jackson

2012
SG – Lacey and the African Grandmothers by Sue Farrell Holler
SG – Thunder Over Kandahar by Sharon E. McKay
SA – Branded by Eric Walters
SA – Going Blue by Cathryn Berger Kaye & Philippe Cousteau
SA – Sold by Patricia MCCormick

2011
EM – Dia’s Story Cloth by Dia Cha
NC – Just Another Girl by Melody Carlson
NC – Real Friends vs. The Other Kind: Middle School Confidential by Annie Fox, M.Ed.
NC – Slant by Laura Williams
SG – The Unlikely Chosen by Rev. Shirley Smith Graham & Rev. Earnest Graham
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CHILDREN BOOKS

2016
EM - Our Rights: How Kids Are Changing the World by Janet Wilson
LD – Because I Am a Girl: I Can Change the World by Rosemary McCarney
NC – Lend A Hand: Poems About Giving by John Frnak
SA - The Soda Bottle School: A true Story of Recycling... by Laura Kutner
SG – Before We Eat: From Farm to Table by Pat Brisson

2015
EM - Deep In the Sahara by Kelly Cunnane & Hoda Hadadi
EM - My Name is Blessing by Eric Walter
NC - Because Amelia Smiled by David Ezra Stein
NC - The Chickens Build A Wall by Jean-Francois Dumont
SA - The Eye of the Whale by Jennifer O’Connell
SA - The Promise by Nicola Davies
SG - I Can Pray by Suzette T. Caldwell
SG - Nasreddine by Odile Wuelersse

2014
EM- Tara's Lookout by Eugene Caputi
LD- The Herd Boy by Niki Daly
LD- Yours for Justice, Ida B. Wells by Philip Dray
LD- Traveler: A Story of Trust, Faith, and Hope Encircled by Love by Mary Alice Parmley
NC- Silent Star: The Story of Deaf Major Leaguer William Hoy by Bill Wise
NC- Unplugged: Ella Gets Her Family Back by Laura Pederson
SA- Puffling Patrol by Ted Lewin
SG- Sheila says We're Weird by Ruth Ann Smalley

2013
EM – One World Kids Cookbook by Sean Mendez (Bonus Book)
EM – Mali Under the Night Sky – A Lao Story of Home by Youme
LD – Agatha’s Feather Bed by Carman Agra Deedy
NC – The Smell of Old Lady Perfume by Claudia Guadalupe Martinez
NC – Violet by Tania Duprey Stehlik
SA – Only the Mountains Do Not Move- A Maasai Story of Culture and Conservation by Jan Reynolds
SA – The Mangrove Tree – Planting Trees to Feed Families by Susan L. Roth (Bonus Book)
SG – Psalms for Young Children by Marie-Hélène Delval
NC – Rolling Along – The Story of Taylor and his Wheelchair by Jamee Riggio Heelan
NC – Rusty and Mr. Earlie by Pershall Catherine Young

2012
EM – 14 Cows for America by Carmen Agra Deedy & Wilson Kimeli Naiyomah
EM – Faith by Maya Ajmera, Magda Nakassis & Cynthia Pon
NC – Amazing Faces by Lee Bennett Hopkins
NC – What Will You Be Sara Mee? by Kate Aver Avraham
SA – Seeds of Change: Planting a Path to Peace by Jen Cullerton Johnson
SG – The Beatitudes: From Slavery to Civil Rights by Carole Boston Weatherford

2011
EM – Kiki’s Hats: Our Gifts Live On and On by Warren Hanson
NC – Remember Me: Tomah Joseph’s Gift to Franklin Roosevelt by D. Soctomah & J. Flahive
SA – When This World Was New by D. H. Figueredo
SG – Five-Minute Bible Stories by Lois Rock
Recommended reading titles can be read for credit in the Reading Program, but are not sold by United Methodist Women Resources.

**2016**

**Education For Mission**
Hope Runs: An American Tourist, a Kenyan Boy, a Journey of Redemption by Claire Diaz-Ortiz

**Leadership Development**
Lean In: Women, Work and the Will to Lead by Sheryl Sandberg

**Nurturing For Community**
In capable Arms: Living a Life Embraced by Grace by Sarah Kovac
This Far by Faith: Twenty Years at Cass Community by Faith Fowler

**Social Action**
Every Last Drop: Bringing Clean Water Home by Michelle Mulder

**Spiritual Growth**
On God’s Side: What Religion Forgets and Politics Hasn’t Learned... Jim Wallis

**2015**

**Nurturing For Community**
Have You Seen Marie? by Sandra Cisneros, Random House, 2012

**Leadership Development**

**Social Action**
Against A Tide of Evil by Mukesh Kapila, Pegasus Books, 2013, $15.95
Hunting Season by Mirta Ojito, Beacon Press, 2013, $24.95

**Spiritual Growth**
Living Into Hope by Rev. Dr. Joan Brown Campbell, Skylight Paths, 2010, $18.99

**2014**

**Education for Mission**
St. Marks and the Social Gospel: Methodist Women and Civil Rights in New Orleans, 1895-1965 by Ellen Blue
Zimbabwe Bound: A Woman’s Journey Through Africa by Larita Killian

**Leadership Development**
The Student Leadership Challenge: Five Practices for Exemplary Leaders by James M. Kouzes

**Nurturing for Community**
Bury Me Standing: The Gypsies and Their Journey by Isabel Fonseca
I Speak for Myself: American Women on Being Muslim by Maria M. Ebrahimji
Red Sky in the Morning by Elizabeth Laird

**Social Action**
Our God is Undocumented: Biblical Faith and Immigrant Justice by Ched Myers

**Social Growth**

**Large Print/Leadership Development**