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Education for Mission:

DRESSMAKER OF KHAIR KHANA (813056) Author: Lemmon, Gayle Tzemach. Five Sisters, One Remarkable Family, and the Woman Who Risked Everything to Keep Them Safe. The story of a family living in Afghanistan under the Taliban. **LARGE PRINT.** *2014 UMW Reading Program: Education for Mission 326 Pages.

GIRL CALLED PROBLEM: A NOVEL (814236) Author: Quirk, Katie. Set in Tanzania in the mid-1960s, this story tells the story of a 13-year-old girl and her village as they experience change and new opportunities. Includes glossary. **Larger than average print.** *2015 UMW Reading Program: Education for Mission - Youth Age: HYAS. 243 Pages.

GROWING PEACE: A STORY OF FARMING, MUSIC, AND RELIGIOUS HARMONY (818020) Author: Sobol, Richard. Illustrated with full-color photographs, this book for older children shares the story of persons in Uganda from a variety of religions working together to grow coffee in a cooperative venture. Includes glossary and bibliography. **Larger than average print.** *2018 UMW Reading Program: Education for Mission -- Children Age: early elementary – middle school. 40 Pages.

HISTORY OF THE ROMANI PEOPLE (813058) Author: Kyuchukov, Hristo and Hancock, Ian. This book gives readers a glimpse into the lives lived by the Romani in the past and present, helping us to understand and appreciate this distinctive culture. A full-color picture book for older children and adults. **Larger than average print.** *2014 UMW Reading Program: Education for Mission Age: EMHYAS. 32 Pages.

HOPE RUNS: AN AMERICAN TOURIST, A KENYAN BOY, A JOURNEY OF REDEMPTION (815208) Author: Diaz-Ortiz, Claire and Gachague, Samuel Ikua. An American world traveller visits an orphanage before going home. When she meets a boy there, both of their lives change. **LARGE PRINT.** *2016 UMW Reading Program: Education for Mission Age: YAS. 295 Pages.

I AM HUTTERITE (813029) Author: Kirkby, Mary-Ann. The Fascinating True Story of a Young Woman's Journey to Reclaim Her Heritage. The author recalls her childhood in a Hutterite colony and how her family moved away from it when she was ten years old. **LARGE PRINT.** *2013 UMW Reading Program: Education for Mission 407 Pages.

OUR RIGHTS: HOW KIDS ARE CHANGING THE WORLD (815211) Author: Wilson, Janet. This full-color book shares true stories of kids from around the world who stood up for their rights and made a difference. **Larger than average print.** *2016 UMW Reading Program: Education for Mission – Youth Age: EMHYAS. 30 pages.

UPRISING: A NEW AGE IS DAWNING FOR EVERY MOTHER'S DAUGHTER (815210) Author: Armstrong, Sally. This book tells the dramatic and empowering stories of the courage, tenacity, and wit women around the world are using to alter the status quo. Includes bibliography and index. **Larger than average print.** *2016 UMW Reading Program Bonus Book: 2 Education for Mission Age: YAS. 280 Pages.

Leadership Development:

AMAZING AGE OF JOHN ROY LYNCH (817292) Author: Barton, Chris. This full-color picture book for children shares an in-depth look at the Reconstruction period through the life of one of the first African American congressmen. Illustrations by Don Tate. **LARGE PRINT.** *2018 UMW Reading Program: Leadership Development -- Children Age: elementary age. 46 Pages.

GIRLS WITH SWORDS: HOW TO CARRY YOUR CROSS LIKE A HERO (815205) Author: Bever, Lisa. The author encourages us to move beyond study and wield the Word of God! **LARGE PRINT.** *2016 UMW Reading Program: Leadership Development Age: YAS. 332 Pages.

I AM MALALA: THE GIRL WHO STOOD UP FOR EDUCATION AND WAS SHOT BY THE TALIBAN (815222) Author: Yousafzai, Malala. The remarkable tale of a family uprooted by global terrorism, of the fight for girls' education, of a father who, himself a school owner, championed and encouraged his daughter to write and attend school, and of brave parents who have a fierce love for their daughter in a society that prizes sons. **LARGE PRINT.** *2016 UMW Reading Program: Leadership Development Age: YAS. 455 Pages.

LORD, I LOVE THE CHURCH AND WE NEED HELP (812077) Author: Bassford, Virginia. This book addresses the distinctive challenges and profound opportunities for the United Methodist Church today. Chapters: 1) In the beginning GOD - relationships with God and God's people; 2) Relationships of accountability, support, trust, and integrity; 3) Relationships with those around us; 4) Relationships with the unexpected and burnout; 5)

Relationship to leadership and a future with hope; 6) Relationship to the vocation of ministry and full-time Christian service; 7) Relationship to the Source of All Life. Part of the 'Adaptive Leadership Series.' **Slightly larger than average print.** *2014 UMW Reading Program: Leadership Development 100 Pages.

THIS GIRL IS DIFFERENT: A NOVEL (814243) Author: Johnson, J. J.. Having always been homeschooled by her counterculture mother, Evie finds her senior year in a public school to be challenging. **Larger than average print.** *2015 UMW Reading Program: Leadership Development - Youth 316 Pages

VITAL VOICES: THE POWER OF WOMEN LEADING CHANGE AROUND THE WORLD (815011) Author: Nelson, Alyse. Stories of women around the world who are using their leaderships to improve the lives of others. **Larger than average print.** *2015 UMW Reading Program: Leadership Development 272 Pages.

Nurturing for Community:

ACROSS MANY MOUNTAINS: A MEMOIR (815014) Author: Brauen, Yangzom. In this memoir, the author tells the story of her now 90-year-old grandmother (a nun) and grandfather's (a monk) daring decision to flee from Chinese-controlled Tibet to India with her mother, then six years old. **LARGE PRINT.** *2015 UMW Reading Program: Nurturing for Community 481 Pages.

CRAZY (815204) Author: Phillips, Linda Vigen. In this fictional account set in the 1960s and written as a series of poems, fifteen-year-old Laura shares her experiences of growing up with a mother who is mentally ill. **Larger than average print.** *2016 UMW Reading Program: Nurturing for Community -- Youth Age: HYAS. 315 Pages.

DREAMING IN INDIAN: CONTEMPORARY NATIVE AMERICAN VOICES (815212) Author: Charleyboy, Lisa and Leatherdale, Mary Beth, editors. In this full-color book, over 50 emerging and established contemporary artists contribute to this collection with topics that deal with everything from painful memories of first love to the tragic legacy of residential schools. **Larger than average print.** *2016 UMW Reading Program: Nurturing for Community -- Youth Age: MHYAS. 128 Pages.

GOOD HEALTH, GOOD LIFE: 12 KEYS TO ENJOYING PHYSICAL AND SPIRITUAL WELLNESS (817256) Author: Meyer, Joyce. Chapter titles: Get God's help; Learn to love your body; Master your metabolism; Exercise; Eat in balanced ways; Water your life; Be mindful about eating; Curb your spiritual hunger; De-stress; Live with the right vision; Make it easy; Take responsibility. **LARGE PRINT.** *2018 UMW Reading Program: Nurturing for Community Age: Adult. 183 Pages.

I AM A BEAR (817263) Author: Dumont, Jean-Francois. In this full-color picture book for children, a homeless bear living in a city has a hard time getting by, but when a little girl makes friends with him, his life becomes brighter. **LARGE PRINT.** *2018 UMW Reading Program: Nurturing for Community -- Children Age: preschool – early elementary. 28 Pages.

I LOVE GROWING OLDER BUT I'LL NEVER GROW OLD (815216) Author: Kalas, J. Ellsworth. This book is about learning how to make peace with yourself by learning from the past and moving past it. It's about growing and continuing to grow -- personally, spiritually, and in our relationships with God and others. **Larger than average print.** *2016 UMW Reading Program: Nurturing for Community Age: AS. 156 Pages.

IN CAPABLE ARMS: LIVING A LIFE EMBRACED BY GRACE (815214) Author: Kovak, Sarah. Born with a rare congenital birth defect that left her with arms that she can barely use, the author shares her story. As we are challenged with questions about self-worth and fear she offers guidance, wisdom, and inspiration for finding hope and healing. **Larger than average print.** *2016 UMW Reading Program: Nurturing for Community Age: YAS. 182 Pages.

NOT WORTH SAVING: HOW A SEVERELY HANDICAPPED BOY TRANSFORMED LIVES (815217) Author: Joyner, Ann. Ann Joyner shares the story of her son Matthew's twenty-one miraculous and grace-filled years. **Larger than average print.** *2016 UMW Reading Program: Nurturing for Community Age: YAS. 159 Pages.

PLAIN WISDOM: AN INVITATION INTO AN AMISH HOME AND THE HEARTS OF TWO WOMEN (813019) Author: Woodsmall, Cindy and Flaud, Miriam. Best-selling novelist Cindy Woodsmall might seem to have little in common with Miriam Flaud, a woman immersed in the culture of Old Order Amish, but both have found the secrets to facing life with strength and grace. This book is a heartwarming celebration of God, womanhood, and the search for beauty that unites us all. **LARGE PRINT.** *2013 UMW Reading Program: Nurturing for Community 343 Pages.

POWER OF SERVING OTHERS: YOU CAN START WHERE YOU ARE (814105) Author: Morsch, Gary and Nelson, Dean. Packed with examples, the authors prove that we all have something to share, no matter where you are in life or your skills or resources. Includes index. **LARGE PRINT.** *2014 UMW Reading Program: Nurturing for Community 193 Pages.

THIS FAR BY FAITH: TWENTY YEARS AT CASS COMMUNITY (816038) Author: Fowler, Faith. A collection of short stories about Cass Community Social Services, located in Detroit, Michigan, and the persons they serve. **Larger than average print.** *2016 UMW Reading Program: Nurturing for Community Age: A. 226 Pages.

WAIST IS A TERRIBLE THING TO MIND: LOVING YOUR BODY, ACCEPTING YOURSELF, AND LIVING WITHOUT REGRET (815207) Author: Linamen, Karen Scalf. The author helps women develop a healthy and positive, yet realistic, relationship with their bodies. **LARGE PRINT.** *2016 UMW Reading Program: Nurturing for Community Age: YAS. 274 Pages.

Social Action:

EVERY LAST DROP: BRINGING CLEAN WATER HOME (815213) Author: Mulder, Michelle. This full-color book celebrates water in a variety of cultures and shows how people seek out and care for it. **Larger than average print.** *2016 UMW Reading Program: Social Action - Youth Age: EMHYAS. 48 Pages.

IN DEFENSE OF FOOD: AN EATER'S MANIFESTO (815206) Author: Pollan, Michael. The author helps us reclaim our health and happiness as eaters. Includes bibliography and resources. **LARGE PRINT.** *2016 UMW Reading Program: Social Action Age: YAS. 329 Pages.

INVISIBLE THREAD (813045) Author: Schroff, Laura and Tresniowski, Alex. The True Story of an 11-year-old Panhandler, a Busy Sales Executive, and an Unlikely Meeting with Destiny. The story of a relationship that has lasted almost three decades. Includes photos. **LARGE PRINT.** *2014 UMW Reading Program: Social Action 361 Pages.

ONE SIMPLE ACT: DISCOVERING THE POWER OF GENEROSITY (813028) Author: Macomber, Debbie. A blend of true stories and motivating messages help you discover how giving the gifts of time, encouragement, hope, laughter, prayer, service, and forgiveness can have a lasting impact on both the recipient and the giver. **LARGE PRINT.** *2013 UMW Reading Program: Social Action 317 Pages.

ONE WELL: THE STORY OF WATER ON EARTH (818028) Author: Strauss, Rochelle. Designed for ages 8 - 12, this full color picture book explores the concept that everyone on Earth shares the same water supply and shares ways we can protect it. Includes index. Illustrated by Rosemary Woods. **Larger than average print.** *2018 UMW Reading Program: Social Action -- Children Age: upper elementary – middle school. 32 Pages.

Spiritual Growth:

COALTOWN JESUS (815209) Author: Koertge, Ron. Written as a series of poems, Jesus appears in Coaltown, Illinois to a boy after his brother dies. **Larger than average**

print. *2016 UMW Reading Program: Spiritual Growth --
Youth Age: HYAS. 122 Pages.

CURED BUT NOT HEALED: HOW TO EXPERIENCE DEEPER FAITH ON YOUR JOURNEY WITH GOD (815215) Author: Clemons-Jones, Kymberley. Designed for individual use or an 18-week study, this book delves into the heart and spirit of what it means to be truly healed (to be saved) in the Name of Jesus. **Larger than average print.** *2016 UMW Reading Program: Spiritual Growth Age: YAS. 167 Pages.

EXTRAORDINARY GRACE: HOW THE UNLIKELY LINEAGE OF JESUS REVEALS GOD'S AMAZING LOVE (816220) Author: Chapman, Gary and Fabry, Chris. Chapters: Hearing the call of grace -- Abram; Laughing because of grace -- Abraham; The way of disgrace, or, lessons from a prostitute -- Rahab; Finagling grace -- Tamar; The application of grace, or, we wouldn't have Psalm 51 without this story -- David; Pursued by desire, overtaken by grace -- Bathsheba; Answering the greatest question -- Solomon; He almost missed grace in a manger -- Joseph; Grace made flesh -- Jesus. Includes a study guide. **LARGE PRINT.** *2017 UMW Reading Program: Spiritual Growth

FULLY AWAKE AND TRULY ALIVE: SPIRITUAL PRACTICES TO NURTURE YOUR SOUL (816219) Author: Vennard, Jane E. Sharing stories from her personal life as a spiritual seeker and from her professional career as a retreat leader, spiritual director and teacher, Reverend Jane Vennard illustrates the joys and frustrations of spiritual practice, offers insights from various religious traditions, and provides step-by-step exercises and meditations to practice caring for the body, rest, silence, solitude, letting go, community, hospitality, service, and living gratefully. **LARGE PRINT.** *2017 UMW Reading Program: Spiritual Growth

HELP, THANKS, WOW: THE THREE ESSENTIAL PRAYERS (815018) Author: Lamott, Anne. These simple prayers -- asking for assistance, appreciating the good we witness, and feeling awe at the world -- get us through the day and show us the way forward. Anne Lamott explains what they have meant to her over the years and explores how others have embraced these ideas. **LARGE PRINT.** *2015 UMW Reading Program: Spiritual Growth 157 Pages.

JESUS: A BIOGRAPHY FROM A BELIEVER (813047) Author: Johnson, Paul. An accessible biography and analysis of how Jesus is important in the present era. **LARGE PRINT.** *2014 UMW Reading Program: Spiritual Growth 255 Pages.

JUST FOR TODAY (816221) Author: Saint John XXIII. This full-color picture book, appropriate for all ages, provides a reminder to make the most of each day. **LARGE PRINT.** *2017 UMW Reading Program: Spiritual Growth -- Children Age: All. 27 Pages.

LIVING INTO HOPE: A CALL TO SPIRITUAL ACTION FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS (815019) Author: Campbell, Joan Brown. Rev. Dr. Joan Brown Campbell speaks

out on the pressing issues that face us today: love, justice, reconciliation, forgiveness and community. Includes discussion guide for group use. **LARGE PRINT.** *2015 UMW Reading Program: Spiritual Growth 248 Pages.

TATTERED AND MENDED: THE ART OF HEALING THE WOUNDED SOUL (817260) Author: Ruchti, Cynthia. Author Cynthia Ruchti offers an invitation to think about soul-mending as a divine art form and shows us that God doesn't just heal wounded souls, he heals artfully. Chapters: The art of mending the soul; Sashiko and boro rescue - elegance from the tattered; Quilt reconstruction - an artful mend; Metal recycling - from dumpster to gallery; Tapestry restoration - beauty in the ragged; Fine art reclamation - a meticulous mend; Needlework repair - recaptured wholeness; Stained glass recovery - starting out shattered; Antique doll redemption - the designer's touch; Broken furniture refurbishing - pre-art; Jewelry regeneration - unfixable but mendable; As you mend; Mending prayers; Stretching to mend. **Larger than average print.** *2018 UMW Reading Program: Spiritual Growth Age: Adult. 192 Pages.

WELL WOMEN: CROSSING THE BOUNDARIES (815021) Author: Housholder, Ladine. In this fictional story, nine women are reunited on a tour to the West Bank city of Nablus, the historic site of Jacob's Well. Each woman has been deeply hurt and nearly broken by her life, but as they share their journey to recovery through the healing power of living water from Jesus and the love and support of the group, they truly meet one another for the first time. Written by a seasoned traveler to the area, the book includes details about the people, sights, shops, and food of the Middle East. Includes discussion questions. **LARGE PRINT.** *2015 UMW Reading Program: Spiritual Growth 421 Pages.

WHEN CHRISTIANS GET IT WRONG (812023) Author: Hamilton, Adam. Following Jesus can be more about open doors than locked fences, more about serving people than judging them, more about joyful living than angry fighting. Chapter titles: When Christians are unchristian; Christians, science, and politics; When speaking of other religions; When bad things happen; In dealing with homosexuality; When Christians get it right. **Larger than average print.** *2013 UMW Reading Program: Spiritual Growth 120 Pages.

Any Category:

BEING UNITED METHODIST: WHAT IT MEANS, WHY IT MATTERS (812133) Author: Kalas, J. Ellsworth. Chapters: How it all began; A village that made a difference; How to be exclusively inclusive; A people of head and heart; What Methodists believe; A people moving to perfection; The redeemed person in an unredeemed society; Singing like a Methodist; How Methodism became America's church; Methodism and her several children; Methodism today; What is the future of Methodism? Includes discussion questions for group study. **Larger than average print.** *2014 UMW Reading Program: Any Category 165 Pages.