

2013 UMW Reading Program books

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Education for Mission:

BECOMING A JUSTICE SEEKING CONGREGATION: RESPONDING TO GOD'S JUSTICE INITIATIVE (813001) Author: McElvaney, William. This book is an invitation and challenge to wrestle with the Church's God-given vocation of justice. *2013 UMW Reading Program: Education for Mission Age: A. 150 Pages.

EVERYDAY JUSTICE: THE GLOBAL IMPACT OF OUR DAILY CHOICES (813002) Author: Clawson, Julie. The author takes us on a tour of everyday life and shows how our ordinary lifestyle choices have big implications for justice around the world. *2013 UMW Reading Program: Education for Mission Age: A. 206 Pages.

HOW COFFEE SAVED MY LIFE (813031) Author: Roscher, Ellie. And Other Stories of Stumbling to Grace. At age 25, the author, a self-described rich, white North American overachiever, decided to spend a year in Uruguay. She reveals her physical and emotional struggles and, though spiritually tried and tested, she eventually flourished beautiful. This is the story of her year-long mission and how she discovers that God has accompanied her. *2013 UMW Reading Program: Education for Mission Age: YA. 163 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 Age: AS. 407 Pages.

RUBBLE NATION: HAITI'S PAIN, HAITI'S PROMISE (813003) Author: Herlinger, Chris and Jeffrey, Paul. This incisive work of reporting and photojournalism offers an intimate encounter with the crisis in Haiti. Includes photos, a discussion guide, and a bibliography. *2013 UMW Reading Program Bonus Book: 2 Education for Mission OR 1 Education for Mission and 1 Social Action Age: A. 146 Pages.

Leadership Development:

DO IT ANYWAY: THE NEW GENERATION OF ACTIVISTS (813004) Author: Martin, Courtney. The author's rich profiles of the new generation of activists dig deep to ask the questions that really matter: How do you create a meaningful life? Can one person even begin to make a difference in our hugely complex, globalized world? *2013 UMW Reading Program: Leadership Development Age: A. 199 Pages.

HER PLACE AT THE TABLE: A WOMAN'S GUIDE TO NEGOTIATING FIVE KEY CHALLENGES TO LEADERSHIP SUCCESS (813005) Author: Kolb, Williams, Frohlinger. The authors provide a road map for what a woman leader needs to negotiate for if she wants to succeed. Includes bibliography and index. *2013 UMW Reading Program: Leadership Development Age: A. 250 Pages.

THIS WILL BE REMEMBERED OF HER: STORIES OF WOMEN RESHAPING THE WORLD

(813006) Author: McKenna Megan. The author shares inspiring lives and words of notable women from both the past and the present, holding them up as examples of how a passionate desire for justice can shine in our hearts and our deeds. *2013 UMW Reading Program: Leadership Development Age: A. 200 Pages.

Nurturing for Community:

ALONE AND INVISIBLE NO MORE (813007) Author: Teel, Allan S, MD. How Grassroots Community Action and 21st Century Technologies Can Empower Elders to Stay in Their Homes and Lead Healthier, Happier Lives. *2013 UMW Reading Program: Nurturing for Community Age: A. 196 Pages.

EVERY DAY IS A GOOD DAY: REFLECTIONS BY CONTEMPORARY INDIGENOUS WOMEN

(813008) Author: Mankiller, Wilma, editor. In this unique collection, twenty indigenous female leaders -- educators, healers, attorneys, artists, elders, and activists -- come together to discuss issues facing modern Native communities. *2013 UMW Reading Program: Nurturing for Community Age: A. 214 Pages.

LOVE IN A HEADSCARF (813009) Author: Janmohamed, Shelina Zahra. When the author, an Oxford-educated Muslim living in North London, opted for the traditional 'arranged' route to finding a partner, she never expected it would be the journey of her life. Through ten long years of matchmaking aunts, countless mismatches, and dating disasters, she discovers more about herself and her faith -- including that sometimes being true to her religion means challenging tradition. *2013 UMW Reading Program: Nurturing for Community Age: A. 257 Pages.

MIND ON THE RUN: A BIPOLAR CHRONICLE (813010) Author: Pacharis, Dottie. This book chronicles a family tragedy -- the life and death of Scott Baker. It's a story of a family's efforts to help Scott through five major, prolonged bipolar manic episodes and discusses how the medical system could be changed to help others. Includes photos. *2013 UMW Reading Program: Nurturing for Community Age: A. 178 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 Age: AS. 343 Pages.

RADICAL WELCOME: EMBRACING GOD, THE OTHER, AND THE SPIRIT OF TRANSFORMATION

(813011) Author: Spellers, Stephanie. This book is a guide for congregations that want to move beyond mere inclusivity toward becoming a place where welcoming "The Other" is taken seriously and where engaging God's mission becomes more than just a catch-phrase. Search the title at www.churchpublishing.org for leader's guide and additional materials. *2013 UMW Reading Program: Nurturing for Community Age: A. 180 Pages.

Social Action:

GET UP, STAND UP: UNITING POPULISTS, ENERGIZING THE DEFEATED, AND BATTLING THE

CORPORATE ELITE (813012) Author: Levine, Bruce. The author offers radical new insights into the epidemic of political passivity in America and describes how we can recover dignity, energy, and unity in order to wrest power away from the corporatocracy (government which looks out for the interests of the corporations instead of the people). *2013 UMW Reading Program: Social Action Age: A. 245 Pages.

IN OUR BACKYARD: A CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN THE UNITED STATES (813020) Author: Belles, Nita. This book invites the reader into the lives of human trafficking victims, survivors, and the traffickers themselves with true stories. Contains mature subject matter. *2013 UMW Reading Program: Social Action Age: A. 177 Pages.

MAKE POVERTY PERSONAL: TAKING THE POOR AS SERIOUSLY AS THE BIBLE DOES (813013) Author: Barker, Ash. Working his way through both testaments, and interlaced with personal reflections, the author reflects on significant passages related to God's concern for the poor. *2013 UMW Reading Program: Social Action Age: A. 203 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 Age: AS. 317 Pages.

WHY AFRICA MATTERS (813014) Author: Mayson, Cedric. This book, written by a colleague of Nelson Mandela, reveals the richness of Africa's peoples, traditions, and cultures. *2013 UMW Reading Program Bonus Book: 2 Social Action OR 1 Social Action and 1 Education for Mission Age: A. 217 Pages.

Spiritual Growth:

FROM PREPARATION TO PASSION (813015) Author: Brown, Eleanor Cooper. Devotional and Reflective Meditations Celebrating the Lenten Season Based on the Lectionary and Celebrated African American Sacred Songs and Hymnody. *2013 UMW Reading Program: Spiritual Growth Age: A. 173 Pages.

IN FROM THE WILDERNESS (813016) Author: Weekley, David. Sherman: She-r-man. This is the story of a Transgender man, a Christian, an ordained minister, a loving husband and father. It is his challenge to his denomination and to all Christians and spiritual seekers to consider the truth of gender identity and sexual orientation as God-given gifts. Includes photos and study guide. *2013 UMW Reading Program: Spiritual Growth Age: A. 145 Pages.

MORNING COFFEE WITH JAMES (813030) Author: Brumbaugh, Renae. This book of daily devotions explores the brief book of James. *2013 UMW Reading Program: Spiritual Growth Age: A. 134 Pages.

RELUCTANT PILGRIM (813017) Author: Okoro, Enuma. A Moody, Somewhat Self-Indulgent Introvert's Search for Spiritual Community. Luminous, comic, vulnerable, and occasionally snarky, this book traces Enuma Okoro's search for a community where she can embrace both her turbulent love of God and her passion for gorgeous shoes. *2013 UMW Reading Program: Spiritual Growth Age: A. 181 Pages.

SIGNS OF LIFE: BACK TO THE BASICS OF AUTHENTIC CHRISTIANITY (813018) Author: Jeremiah, David. The author leads you on a journey to a fuller understanding of the marks that identify you as a Christian -- signs that will advertise your faith. *2013 UMW Reading Program: Spiritual Growth Age: A. 276 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 Age: YAS. 120 Pages.