

UMW Reading Program

Books purchased for 2012

Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide is an in-depth look at the conditions in which women live all over the world and how women are changing things for the better. Leadership Development 2011

Women Lead the Way Women's priorities are overlooked, and society misses out on the new perspectives and fresh insights that women can offer. This book offers guidance for bringing your passion, brains and background to the tables where critical issues are decided. Leadership Development 2012

Locked Up is the remarkable journal of Rev. Don Beisswenger's six months in prison for civil disobedience. He gives a powerful critique of dehumanization in prisons and records his daily efforts to give love and hope to others. Spiritual Growth 2010

Rediscovering Values Our time of economic uncertainty can be used to find moral clarity. The solution is found when individuals, families, friends, churches, mosques, and synagogues wrestle with the question of values together. Spiritual Growth 2012

We Wait You: Waiting on God in Eastern Europe Inspiring and with humorous moments, this book is the real-life story of hearts transformed after the 1989 revolution in Eastern Europe. Education for Mission 2012

They Take our Jobs and 20 Other Myths About Immigration dismantles 21 of the most widespread myths and beliefs about immigrants and immigration. Social Action 2009

Moral Ground Visionaries worldwide call us to honor our moral responsibilities to the planet. We must find ways to respond on deeper ethical levels. This book empowers us with myriad ways to fulfill our obligations to future generations. Social Action 2012

Who Stole My Church?: What to Do When the Church You Love Tries to Enter the 21st Century A fictional story that reflects the all-too-real situation that many churches find themselves in today with loud music and casual dress for worship. This book shows how a church community can embrace change and growth. Nurturing Community 2009

Asylum Denied: A Refugee's Struggle for Safety in America is the gripping story of political refugee David Ngaruri Kenney. Kenney, while living in his native Kenya, led a boycott to protest his government's treatment of his fellow farmers. He was arrested and taken into the forest to be executed. Kenney tells of his near-murder, imprisonment, and torture in Kenya; his remarkable escape to the United States; and the obstacle course of ordeals and proceedings he faced in the U.S. His story brings to life the human costs associated with our immigration laws and suggests reforms that are desperately needed to help other victims of human rights violations. Nurturing Community 2012

No Turning Back: My Summer with Daddy King is the fascinating story of a white Episcopalian seminary student who spent a summer at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta where Martin Luther King Sr. and Jr. were pastors. His journey into a profound and sometimes troubling new understanding of his nation, his life, and his calling provides a powerful message for all of us who are committed to the creation of a more just, compassionate, and multi-racial America. Nurturing Community 2010

Children's Books:

The Beatitudes: From Slavery to Civil Rights The Beatitudes are the beginning of Jesus' famous Sermon on the Mount. In this book the Beatitudes form the backdrop for a powerful free-verse poem that traces the African-American journey from slavery to civil rights. Spiritual Growth 2012

14 Cows for America Nine months after the 9-11 attacks, tears flow freely from Americans and Maasai (from Kenya) alike as these warriors offer their gift to a grieving people half a world away. Education for Mission 2012