

The GEMN Certificate Program An Annotated Bibliography

Certificate Program participants are required to read a minimum of two books each from the categories “Discernment and Spirituality” and “Practicalities.” Participants are required to submit a brief written evaluation on the GEMN-supplied Evaluation Form for each reading. Over the two years participants are encouraged to read more than the minimum required readings of two books per year. As possible, web pages and phone numbers are given so that Certificate participants can order the books they choose to read. Many of these books can be found on amazon.com.

Discernment and Spirituality

Theological/Spiritual Basis

TRANSFORMING BIBLE STUDY: A LEADER’S GUIDE, Walter Wink, (Abingdon Press, Nashville). (A readable “how to” on Bible Study.)

THE ART OF THEOLOGICAL REFLECTION, Patricia O’Connell Killen and John deBeer, (Crossroad, New York.)

General

WHEN THE MEMBERS ARE THE MISSIONARIES: AN EXTRAORDINARY CALLING FOR ORDINARY PEOPLE, A. Wayne Schwab, (Member Mission Press, Essex, New York, www.membermissionpress.org.)

RICH CHRISTIANS IN AN AGE OF HUNGER: MOVING FROM AFFLUENCE TO GENEROSITY, Ron Sider, (W. Publishing Group). (An introduction to the tremendous contrasts of affluence and hunger/poverty in our modern world – from a Christian slant)

EARTHKEEPING WITH JUSTICE: CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP FOR THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY, Robert William Stevens, (SIFAT, Lineville, AL. For copies contact Robert Stevens at 941-776-1018). (A shorter introduction to the contrast of affluence and poverty, with environmental implications.)

SERVANTHOOD: LEADERSHIP IN THE THIRD MILLENNIUM, Bennett J. Sims, (Cowley Publications, Cambridge & Boston 1997).

THE TRANSFORMING SPIRITUAL LANDSCAPE: BUDDHIST- CHRISTIAN ENCOUNTERS, Edited by Ronald Y. Nakasone, Dharma Cloud Publishers 2005 for The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, ISBN 0-9623086-6-8. (Addresses the belief that globalization and cultural diffusion have intensified the need for interfaith dialogue.)

SERVANTHOOD – LEADERSHIP FOR THE THIRD MILLENNIUM, Bennett J. Sims, Cowley Publications 1997, ISBN 1-56101-145-2. (A challenge to look afresh at what it means to be servants of one another.)

WHAT CAN ONE PERSON DO?: FAITH TO HEAL A BROKEN WORLD, Sabina Akire and Edmund Newell, www.churchpublishing.org, catalog # 0-89869-498-1

A WORLD WITH A HUMAN FACE- A VOICE FROM AFRICA, Njongonkulu Ndungane, Archbishop of Cape Town, WCC Publications 2003, SPCK ISBN 0-281-05439-8, WCC ISBN 2-8254-1376-3 (“...a call to South Africans and the international community to work together to overcome social injustice, adverse economic forces and the weight of history to build a just society...”)

MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS, see the official MDG website: <http://www.un.org/millenniumgoals>

Mission

COMPANIONS IN TRANSFORMATION: THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH'S WORLD MISSION IN A NEW CENTURY, Standing Commission on World Mission, (Morehouse Publishing, Harrisburg, PA 2003). (The Vision Statement presented to the 2003 General Convention.)

FLING OUT THE BANNER: THE NATIONAL CHURCH IDEAL AND THE FOREIGN MISSION OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH, Ian Douglas, (Church Publishing, New York). (A history of and a reflection on the foreign work of the Episcopal Church.)

KINGDOM BUSINESS: THE MINISTRY OF PROMOTING ECONOMIC ACTIVITY, David R. Befus, (Latin American Mission, Miami, 800-275-8410, www.lam.org). (A Church-related approach to micro-business development.)

HORIZONS IN MISSION, Titus Presler, The New CHURCH'S TEACHING SERIES, Vol. 11. (Cowley Publications, Cambridge & Boston, 2001). (A historical survey of mission and especially Episcopal mission.)

EL PEREGRINO: THE PRACTICAL SPIRITUAL JOURNEY OF A MISSIONARY, Robert William Stevens (The Dominican Development Group, Parrish, FL, 1999, 941-776-1018). (The personal story of a lifetime missionary.)

Discernment

LISTENING HEARTS: DISCERNING CALL IN COMMUNITY, Suzanne G. Farnham, Joseph P. Gill, R. Taylor McLean, Susan M. Ward, (Morehouse Publishing, Harrisburg, PA 2003).

LET YOUR LIFE SPEAK: LISTENING FOR THE VOICE OF VOCATION, Parker J. Palmer, (Jossey-Bass, San Francisco, www.josseybass.com.)

Practicalities

Cross Cultural

THE LION SHALL LIE DOWN WITH THE LAMB: A GUIDE TO SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP IN A MULTICULTURAL COMMUNITY, Eric H.R. Law, (Chalice Press, . (An introduction to cross cultural differences and working cross culturally.)

CULTURE SHOCK! A GUIDE TO CUSTOMS AND ETIQUETTE. (Graphic Arts Center Publishing Company, Portland, Oregon). (A series of books offering specific culture insights for a variety of countries.)

Mission Nuts & Bolts

VACATIONS WITH A PURPOSE: A PLANNING HANDBOOK FOR YOUR SHORT-TERM MISSIONS TEAM: LEADER'S MANUAL, Eaton, Chris and Hurst, Kim, Colorado Springs, (Singles Ministry Resources, 1996).

WELCOME FORWARD: A FIELD GUIDE FOR GLOBAL TRAVELERS, Susan M. Lang and Rochelle Y. Melander, Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, 2005, www.elca.org/globalmission/welcomeforward. (A conceptual view of mission abroad.)

GEM HANDBOOK, "Short-term Mission Visits." Global Episcopal Mission, 1999. (Also available on line at www.GEMN.org.)

THE DEANERY PROJECT ORGANIZER (Unpublished), Robert William Stevens, Ellenton, FL, The Dominican Development Group, 2003, 941-776-1018. (Specific information as to selection, promotion and fund raising for mission teams.)

Stevens, Robert William. WORK TEAM PACKET (Unpublished), Robert William Stevens, (Ellenton, FL, The Dominican Development Group, 1998, 941-776-1018). (Historical, cross cultural and personal help for mission teams.)

Area Specific

THE FEAST OF THE GOAT: A Novel, Mario Vargas Llosa, Edith Grossman, (Picardo Press). (An interesting historical novel focusing on the days before Trujillo's assassination and the events leading up to it – a good study of Latin American dictatorships)

THE POISONWOOD BIBLE, Barbara Kingsolver, (HarperCollins Publishers, New York). (Fictional account of a fundamentalist missionary family in the Congo.)

VOICES FROM AFRICA: TRANSFORMING MISSION IN A CONTEXT OF MARGINALIZATION: AN ANTHOLOGY, Andrew Wheeler, ed., (Church House Publishing, London, www.chpublishing.co.uk). (An African response to mission.)

BRAZIL: A GRACIOUS PEOPLE IN A HEATLESS SYSTEM, Zwinglio M. Dias and Joyce Hill, (Friendship Press, New York). (Brazilian Christian Churches and their relationship to African religions in an age of globalization.)

CHINA PASSAGES – AN AMITY TEACHERS ANTHOLOGY, Edited by Lois Cole, The Amity Foundation 1996, Kowloon, Hong Kong, Tel: 852-2723-8011, FAX: 852-2366-2769. (A study in cultural adaptation and of a country undergoing tumultuous changes with rapid modernization.)

MY RIGHT TO LAND – IN THE BIBLE AND IN ZIMBABWE, A THEOLOGY OF LAND IN ZIMBABWE, Sebastian Bakare, Zimbabwe Council of Churches 1993, PO Box 3566 Harare, Zimbabwe. (Complete overview of pre-colonial land understanding and today's understanding- includes a 14 week study guide with one week devoted to "The Church and Her Prophetic Mission.")

LOST BOY NO MORE – A TRUE STORY OF SURVIVAL AND SALVATION, Abraham Nihal and DiAnn Mills, Broadman and Holman Publishers 2004, <http://www.broadmanholman.com/>, ISBN 0-8054-3186-1. (The story of one of the "Lost Boys of the Sudan" it also gives the history of Sudan and of the persecution of Christians.)

WHY HAVEN'T YOU LEFT? LETTERS FROM THE SUDAN, Marc Nikkel, www.churchpublishing.org, catalog # 0-89869-472-8

Periodicals and Web Pages

ANGLICAN • EPISCOPAL WORLD, London, [44] (0)20 7313 3915 and www.anglicancommunion.org.

Audiovisual

Office of Anglican and Global Relations. Missionary Video Series. (Short Vignettes of current missionary work in the field.)

FAITHFUL TRAVEL, Rick Steves. (Author of PBS "Travels in Europe" explains how faithful travel can be a powerful force for peace and justice). Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, Dept. of Communications, 800-638-3522 ex 6009