



## The GEMN Global Mission Library An Annotated Bibliography

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## **A. DISCERNMENT AND SPIRITUALITY**

### **1. Discernment**

Farnham, Suzanne G., Joseph P. Gill, R. Taylor McLean, Susan M. Ward. *LISTENING HEARTS: DISCERNING CALL IN COMMUNITY*. Morehouse Publishing, 2003. (Written to make the often elusive and usually clergy-centered spiritual practice of discernment accessible to all people, *Listening Hearts* features simple reflections and exercises drawn from scripture and from Quaker and Ignatian traditions.)

O'Connell Killen, Patricia and John deBeer. *THE ART OF THEOLOGICAL REFLECTION*. Crossroad Pub., 1994. (Practical book provides a way for all of us to experience greater meaning in life and a more tangible sense of God's creative presence.)

Palmer, Parker J. *LET YOUR LIFE SPEAK: LISTENING FOR THE VOICE OF VOCATION*. Jossey-Bass, 1991. (With wisdom, compassion, and gentle humor, Parker J. Palmer invites us to listen to the inner teacher and follow its leadings toward a sense of meaning and purpose.)

### **2. Global Mission History and Missiology**

Allen, Roland. *MISSIONARY METHODS: ST. PAUL'S OR OURS?* Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1962. (A discussion on missionary strategy from an Anglican early 20th century radical mission thinker.)

Anderson, Gerald H. et al., ed. *MISSION LEGACIES: BIOGRAPHICAL STUDIES OF LEADERS OF THE MODERN MISSIONARY MOVEMENT*. American Society of Missiology (Book 19), 1994. (A collection of short biographies of major mission thinkers and missionaries collected from the *International Bulletin of Missionary Research*.)

Bassham, Rodger C. *MISSION THEOLOGY, 1948-1975: YEARS OF WORLDWIDE CREATIVE TENSIONS, ECUMENICAL, EVANGELICAL, AND ROMAN CATHOLIC*. Wipf & Stock Pub, 2002. (An overview of the points of intersection and divergence in ecumenical, mainline and Roman Catholic mission thought in the post-World War II era.)

Bosch, David J. *TRANSFORMING MISSION: PARADIGM SHIFTS IN THEOLOGY OF MISSION*. American Society of Missiology (Book 16), Orbis Books, 2011. (An encyclopedic review of the biblical, historical, and theological grounds for world mission.)

Douglas, Ian T. and Kwok Pui-Lan. *BEYOND COLONIAL ANGLICANISM*. Church Publishing Inc, 2000. (Essays tracing Anglicanism from its past colonialism through present challenges toward visions for the future.)

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

Douglas, Ian T. ed. *WAGING RECONCILIATION: GOD'S MISSION IN A TIME OF GLOBALIZATION AND CRISIS*. Church Publishing Inc, 2002. (Papers and speeches from the meeting of the House of Bishops in September 2002 on topics of pressing concern, including the HIV/AIDS pandemic in Africa, "modern" racism and the understanding of the role of mission in a global community.)

Guder, Darrell L. *THE CONTINUING CONVERSION OF THE CHURCH*. Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 2000. (Discovering a new identity as a missionary people in a post-Christian culture.)

Guder, Darrell L. *THE MISSIONAL CHURCH*. Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1998. (Challenges the church to recover its missional call in North America and offers tools with which to do so.)



Harris, Mark. **THE CHALLENGE OF CHANGE: THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION IN THE POST MODERN ERA.** Church Publishing, Inc, 2000. (Addresses issues of authority and identity in the Anglican Communion as it emerges from modernity and envisions the future.)

Hutchison, William R. **ERRAND TO THE WORLD: AMERICAN PROTESTANT THOUGHT AND FOREIGN MISSIONS.** University of Chicago Press, 1993. (An in-depth study of the history of mission theology in the mainline American denominations from the 18th to the 20th century.)

Johnson, Eleanor ed. **ANGLICANS IN MISSION: A TRANSFORMING JOURNEY.** SPCK Publishing, 2000. (A response to the 1988 Lambeth Conference call for a dynamic missionary emphasis going beyond care and nurture to proclamation and service.)

Kew, Richard and Roger White. **TOWARD 2015: A CHURCH ODYSSEY.** Cowley Publications, 1996. (A presentation of a new strategy for global mission from an evangelical Episcopal perspective.)

Kew, Richard and Cyril Okorocho. **VISION BEARERS: DYNAMIC EVANGELISM IN THE 21ST CENTURY.** Morehouse Publishing, 1996. (A readable firsthand account of the mid-point conference for the Decade of Evangelism held at Kanuga, North Carolina, in 1995.)

Law, Eric H. F. **HOLY CURRENCIES: SIX BLESSINGS FOR SUSTAINABLE MISSIONAL MINISTRIES.** Chalice Press, 2013. (How the six blessings of time and place, gracious leadership, relationship, truth, wellness, and money flow through successful missional ministries.)

McGrath, Alister. **THE RENEWAL OF ANGLICANISM.** Morehouse Publishing, 1993. (A hopeful vision for the future of Anglicanism with reference to situations in the US, Canada, England and Australia.)

Myers, Bryant L. **WALKING WITH THE POOR: PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES OF TRANSFORMATIONAL DEVELOPMENT.** Orbis Books, 1999. (An excellent reference regarding some of the roots of poverty and the ways in which Christians can engage in accompaniment and transformational development.)

Neely, Alan. **CHRISTIAN MISSION: A CASE STUDY APPROACH (AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MISSIOLOGY).** Orbis Books, 1995. (A presentation of case studies in mission from a cross-cultural perspective.)

Neill, Stephen. **A HISTORY OF CHRISTIAN MISSIONS (PENGUIN HISTORY OF THE CHURCH).** Penguin Books, 1991. (A readable overview of the missionary outreach of the Christian Church from apostolic times to the present.)

Newbigin, Lesslie. **MISSION IN CHRIST'S WAY: A GIFT, A COMMAND, AN ASSURANCE.** Friendship Press, 1988. (An overview of contemporary theology of mission from one of the foremost thinkers in the ecumenical movement.)

Okorocho, Cyril C. ed. **THE CUTTING EDGE OF MISSION: THE REPORT OF G-CODE 2000.** London: Anglican Communion Publication, 1996. (Reports from around the globe at the mid-point review of the decade of evangelism.)

Presler, Titus. **GOING GLOBAL WITH GOD: RECONCILING MISSION IN A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE.** Morehouse Publishing, 2010. (A book that equips congregations with a theological background for building mutual relationships across borders of difference, even as it explores fresh models and practical tools for joining and participating in God's mission.)

Presler, Titus. **HORIZONS IN MISSION.** The New Church's Teaching Series, Vol. 11. Cowley Publications, Cambridge & Boston, 2001. (A historical survey of mission and especially Episcopal mission.)



Robert, Dana L. *AMERICAN WOMEN IN MISSION: A SOCIAL HISTORY OF THEIR THOUGHT AND PRACTICE*. Mercer University Press, 1998. (A unique appraisal and the definitive treatment of American women in mission whether mainline Protestant, Evangelical or Roman Catholic.)

Ross, Cathy ed. *LIFE-WIDENING MISSION: GLOBAL ANGLICAN PERSPECTIVES*. WIPF & Stock, 2012. (A collection of essays from the 2010 World Mission Conference in Edinburgh including a foreword by Archbishop Rowan Williams.)

Scherer, James and Stephen Bevans. *NEW DIRECTIONS IN MISSION AND EVANGELISM 1: BASIC STATEMENTS 1974-1991*. Orbis Books, 1992. (A compendium of major mission statements and documents from mainline, Roman Catholic, Orthodox, and Evangelical perspectives to complement David Bosch's book *Transforming Mission*.)

Scherer, James and Stephen Bevans. *NEW DIRECTIONS IN MISSION AND EVANGELISM 2: THEOLOGICAL FOUNDATIONS*. Orbis Books, 1994. (A compendium of major mission statements and documents from mainline, Roman Catholic, Orthodox, and Evangelical perspectives.)

Scherer, James and Stephen Bevans. *NEW DIRECTIONS IN MISSION AND EVANGELISM 3: FAITH AND CULTURE*. Orbis Books, 1999. (The focus of this volume is to bring together the best and most trend-setting thinking in the area of contextualization, or, the encounter of faith and culture.)

Schori, Katharine Jefferts. *GATHERING AT GOD'S TABLE: THE MEANING OF MISSION IN THE FEAST OF FAITH*. Skylight Paths Pub., 2012. (Explores the meaning of mission in the context of contemporary life, reminding us of the Anglican Communion's Five Marks of Mission.)

Schori, Katharine Jefferts. *GOSPEL IN THE GLOBAL VILLAGE: SEEKING GOD'S DREAM OF SHALOM*. Morehouse Publishing, 2009. (Explores issues and challenges of deep concern to the Episcopal Church, the wider Body of Christ, and the world at large. Arranged thematically, these essays reflect on travel, issues, people, and passions, placing particular emphasis on the Millennium Development Goals.)

Senior, Donald and Carroll Stuhlmuehler. *THE BIBLICAL FOUNDATIONS FOR MISSION*. Orbis Books, 1983. (An investigation into the biblical mandates for mission in both the Old and New Testaments.)

Shenk, Wilbert R. *HENRY VENN: MISSIONARY STATESMAN (AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MISSIOLOGY)*. Wipf & Stock Pub., 2006. (A biography of the 19th century leader of the Church Missionary Society and the originator of three-self mission strategy.)

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

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

Stockdale, Sharon J. and Helen Camlin, eds. *NEW WINESKINS FOR GLOBAL MISSION: A COMPENDIUM OF THE NEW WINESKINS FOR GLOBAL MISSION CONFERENCE, RIDGECREST, NORTH CAROLINA, APRIL 1994*. William Carey Library, 1996. (A collection of the papers and presentations of a major Episcopal mission conference in 1994.)

Stott, John. *CHRISTIAN MISSION IN THE MODERN WORLD*. IVP Books, 2008. (A brief theology of mission by one of the leading evangelical thinkers in the Anglican Communion.)

Tucker, Ruth A. *FROM JERUSALEM TO IRIAN JAYA: A BIOGRAPHICAL HISTORY OF CHRISTIAN MISSIONS*. Zondervan, 2004. (Short biographical studies of missionaries through the centuries with special attention to Evangelical Protestantism.)



Turner, Phillip and Frank Sugend. *CROSSROADS ARE FOR MEETING: ESSAYS ON THE MISSION AND COMMON LIFE OF THE CHURCH IN A GLOBAL SOCIETY*. SPCK, 1986. (A collection of papers from Anglicans around the world presented at a pan-Anglican symposium on mission.)

Walls, Andrew F. *THE MISSIONARY MOVEMENT IN CHRISTIAN HISTORY: STUDIES IN THE TRANSMISSION OF FAITH*. Orbis Books, 1996. (Insightful essays on mission as the cross-cultural transmission and transformation of Christian faith.)

### **3. Global Mission Issues**

Akire, Sabina and Edmund Newell. *WHAT CAN ONE PERSON DO?: FAITH TO HEAL A BROKEN WORLD*. Church Publishing, 2005. (Confronts a poverty-stricken world, and with clarity of purpose offers practical steps to create lasting change.)

Banerjee, Abhijit and Esther Duflo. *POOR ECONOMICS: A RADICAL RETHINKING OF THE WAY TO FIGHT GLOBAL POVERTY*. PublicAffairs Publ., 2012. (A radical rethinking of the economics of poverty that offers a ringside view of the lives of the world's poorest, and shows that creating a world without poverty begins with understanding the daily decisions facing the poor.)

Befus, David R. *KINGDOM BUSINESS: THE MINISTRY OF PROMOTING ECONOMIC ACTIVITY*. Latin American Mission. (A Church-related approach to micro-business development.)

Corbett, Steve and Brian Fikkert. *WHEN HELPING HURTS*. Moody Publishers, 2009. (A challenge to look at whether what we do in mission is helping or hurting others.)

Diamond, Jared M. *GUNS, GERMS AND STEEL: THE FATES OF HUMAN SOCIETIES*. W. W. Norton & Company, 1999. (A fascinating look at the development of human society; very readable.)

Easterly, William. *THE WHITE MAN'S BURDEN*. New York, The Penguin Press, 2006. (Easterly argues that we in the West need to face our own history of ineptitude and draw the proper conclusions, especially at a time when the question of our ability to transplant Western institutions has become one of the most pressing issues we face.)

Ehrenreich, Barbara. *NICKEL AND DIMED: ON (NOT) GETTING BY IN AMERICA*. Picador Pub., 2011. (Written as an exposé, highlights the many difficulties people have working jobs that pay low wages.)

Kline, Naomi. *THE SHOCK DOCTRINE: THE RISE OF DISASTER CAPITALISM*. Picador Pub., 2008. (Naomi Klein challenges the popular myth of the free-market economic revolution, contesting its claim to a peaceful global victory and chronicling its exploitation of disaster.)

Lupton, Robert D. *TOXIC CHARITY*. HarperOne, 2011. (Reveals the shockingly toxic effects that modern charity has upon the very people meant to benefit from it. Provides proven new models for charitable groups who want to help—not sabotage—those whom they desire to serve.)

Maich, Steve and Laraine George. *THE EGO BOOM: WHY THE WORLD REALLY DOES REVOLVE AROUND YOU*. Toronto: Keylaster Books, 2009. (How atomization — the breaking apart of social systems into ever smaller, more isolated pieces — is increasingly trumping individualism as the most powerful force shaping Western society.)

Nakasone, Ronald Y., ed. *THE TRANSFORMING SPIRITUAL LANDSCAPE: BUDDHIST- CHRISTIAN ENCOUNTERS*. 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.)





Ndungane, Njongonkulu, Archbishop of Cape Town. *A WORLD WITH A HUMAN FACE - A VOICE FROM AFRICA*. 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...”)

Sachs, Jeffrey. *THE END OF POVERTY: ECONOMIC POSSIBILITIES FOR OUR TIME*. Penguin Press, 2005. (Celebrated economist, Jeffrey Sachs, lays out a detailed plan and basis for the Millenium Development Goals in alleviating global poverty.)

Salwen, Hannah and Kevin Salwen. *THE POWER OF HALF: ONE FAMILY'S DECISION TO STOP TAKING AND START GIVING BACK*. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2010. (A true story of a family examining a way to make a positive impact with their wealth and privilege.)

Schwab, A. Wayne. *WHEN THE MEMBERS ARE THE MISSIONARIES: AN EXTRAORDINARY CALLING FOR ORDINARY PEOPLE*. Member Mission Press, 2002. (Fifteen ordinary people tell how mission transforms one of their daily arenas with the power of God's love and justice working in and through them. Then see how congregations can organize themselves to help their members to live this way.)

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

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

Sobrinho, Jon. *NO SALVATION OUTSIDE THE POOR: PROPHETIC-UTOPIAN ESSAYS*. Orbis Books, 2008. (The author shares a lifetime of experience in Latin America, and brings together solid theology in a memorable series of essays on poverty.)

Stackhouse, Max L, ed. *THE LOCAL CHURCH IN A GLOBAL ERA: REFLECTIONS FOR A NEW CENTURY*. Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 2000. (This volume explores the implications of today's emerging global society for local churches and Christian mission with focus in five areas: stewardship, prosperity and justice; faith, learning and family; the Spirit, wholeness and health; Christ, the church, and other religions; and conflict, violence and mission.)

Stevens, Robert William. *EARTHKEEPING WITH JUSTICE: CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP FOR THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY*. 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.)

Williams, Rowan. *WRITING IN THE DUST: AFTER SEPTEMBER 11*. Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing, 2001. (When 9/11 occurred, Archbishop Williams was two blocks away at Trinity Church, Wall Street. In this reflection, speaking to the painful needs of the moment, "Writing in the Dust" offers spiritual direction to all who struggle to discern "how faith might begin to think and feel its way through the nightmare.")

## **4. Mission Theology & Spirituality**

Butterfield, Jane, ed. and Desmond Tutu. *THE SCRIPTURE OF THEIR LIVES: STORIES OF MISSION COMPANIONS TODAY*. Morehouse Publishing, 2006. (A series of essays from missionaries serving around the world.)

Chapman, Mark. *ANGLICANISM: A VERY SHORT INTRODUCTION*. Oxford University Press, 2006. (A good primer for those who are thinking of participating in mission within the Anglican Communion.)



Chisholm, Linda A., ed. VISIONS OF SERVICE. International Partnership for Service-Learning and Leadership, 2004. (This book introduces students to five of the world's great religions--Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, Christianity, and Islam--with a special emphasis on each religion's philosophy of service and call to serve.)

Donovan, Mary S. A DIFFERENT CALL: WOMEN'S MINISTRIES IN THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1850-1920. Morehouse Pub Co., 1986. (The story of the primary role of Episcopal women in the missionary work of the Episcopal Church.)

Donovan, Vincent J. CHRISTIANITY REDISCOVERED. Orbis Books, 1978. (Classic of modern missionary writing, written with moving simplicity, represents a provocative challenge to all those engaged in issues of evangelism and multiculturalism.)

Gittins, Anthony J. BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY: THE MISSION OF TRANSFORMATION AND THE TRANSFORMATION OF MISSION. Wipf & Stock Pub, 2001. (A look at the spirituality of mission from a sacramental point of view.)

Griswold, Elizabeth. THE TENTH PARALLEL: DISPATCHES FROM THE FAULT LINE BETWEEN CHRISTIANITY AND ISLAM. Farrar Straus and Giroux, 2010. (Stories Griswold tells show us that religious conflicts are also conflicts about land, water, oil, and other natural resources, and that local and tribal issues are often shaped by religious ideas.)

Jenkins, Philip. THE NEW FACES OF CHRISTIANITY: BELIEVING THE BIBLE IN THE GLOBAL SOUTH. New York: Oxford University Press, 2006. (Jenkins takes a much closer look at Christianity in the global South, revealing what it is like, and what it means for the future.)

Johnson, George. BEYOND GUILT: CHRISTIAN RESPONSE TO SUFFERING. George S. Johnson, Pub., 1989. (A valuable resource, especially for those de-briefing mission experiences.)

Kwok, Pui-Ian. DISCOVERING THE BIBLE IN THE NON-BIBLICAL WORLD. Wipf & Stock Pub, 2003. (As a Chinese woman, an Anglican feminist theologian and a biblical scholar, Pui-lan brings a new perspective and voice to scripture and the task of hermeneutics.)

Newbiggin, Lesslie. THE OPEN SECRET: AN INTRODUCTION TO THE THEOLOGY OF MISSION. Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1995. (In this book, an eminent missionary-scholar describes the Christian mission as the declaration of an open secret--open in that it is preached to all nations, secret in that it is manifest only to the eyes of faith. The result is a thoroughly biblical attempt to lead the church to embrace its Christ-given task of presenting the gospel in our complex modern world.)

Pemberton, Carrie et al., eds. ANGLICANISM: A GLOBAL COMMUNION. Church Publishing Inc., 2000. (Essays from Anglicans throughout the world addressing issues of Anglican identity within a diversity of faiths and cultures.)

Thomas, Norman E. CLASSIC TEXTS IN MISSION AND WORLD CHRISTIANITY (AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MISSIONOLOGY SERIES). Orbis Books, 1995. (A sourcebook of key texts from the classic to contemporary times and from several continents for understanding mission, vocation, and the nature of Christianity.)

Wink, Walter. TRANSFORMING BIBLE STUDY: A LEADER'S GUIDE. Wipf & Stock Pub, 2009. (A readable "how to" on Bible Study.)

Zink, Jesse A. BACKPACKING THROUGH THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION: A SEARCH FOR UNITY. Morehouse Publishing, 2014. (Presents vivid slices of Anglican life around the world, argues convincingly that unity is central to the Communion's mission, and presents a credible path to achieving that unity in a global church.)

Zscheile, Dwight J. PEOPLE OF THE WAY: RENEWING EPISCOPAL IDENTITY. Morehouse Publishing, 2012. (This book re-envision mission in a challenging and creative way.)



## **B. PRACTICALITIES**

### **1. Area- or Country-Specific**

Ajax, Kesner. *A PASTORAL RESPONSE TO HAITIAN VOUDOU*. Lap Lambert Academic Publishing, 2013. (This book is meant for those who want to better understand ministry in Haiti and its particular challenges.)

Bakare, Sebastian. *MY RIGHT TO LAND – IN THE BIBLE AND IN ZIMBABWE, A THEOLOGY OF LAND IN ZIMBABWE*. Zimbabwe Council of Churches, 1993. (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.")

Blankenship, Judy. *CAÑAR: A YEAR IN THE HIGHLANDS OF ECUADOR*. University of Texas Press, 2005. (Photographer-journalist Judy Blankenship spent several years in Cañar, Ecuador, photographing the local people in their daily lives and conducting photography workshops to enable them to preserve their own visions of their culture.)

Boo, Katherine. *BEHIND THE BEAUTIFUL FOREVERS: LIFE, DEATH, AND HOPE IN A MUMBAI UNDERCITY*. Random House, 2012. (National Book Award winner: a bewildering age of global change and inequality is made human through the dramatic story of families striving toward a better life in Annawadi, a makeshift settlement in the shadow of luxury hotels near the Mumbai airport, India.)

Cole, Lois, ed. *CHINA PASSAGES – AN AMITY TEACHERS ANTHOLOGY*. The Amity Foundation, 1996. (A study in cultural adaptation and of a country undergoing tumultuous changes with rapid modernization.)

Dallaire, Romeo. *SHAKE HANDS WITH THE DEVIL: THE FAILURE OF HUMANITY IN RWANDA*. Da Capo Press, 2004. (When Roméo Dallaire was called on to serve as force commander of the UN Assistance Mission for Rwanda, he believed that his assignment was to help two warring parties achieve the peace they both wanted. Instead, he was exposed to the most barbarous and chaotic display of civil war and genocide in the past decade.)

Dias, Zwinglio M. and Joyce Hill. *BRAZIL: A GRACIOUS PEOPLE IN A HEARTLESS SYSTEM*. Friendship Press, 1997. (Brazilian Christian Churches and their relationship to African religions in an age of globalization.)

Dowden, Richard. *AFRICA: ALTERED STATES, ORDINARY MIRACLES*. PublicAffairs Publishing, 2010. (A big picture view of Africa, a powerful analytical narrative that links stories, eye witness accounts from its origins to the present day.)

Hill, Lawrence. *THE BOOK OF NEGROES*. Black Swan Publishers, 2010. (Fictional journey of Aminata Diallo beginning in a small village in Africa, captured as a slave, and all the way to England as she provides her account for the abolitionists' movement.)

Kidder, Tracy. *MOUNTAINS BEYOND MOUNTAINS: THE QUEST OF DR. PAUL FARMER, A MAN WHO WOULD CURE THE WORLD*. Random House, 2003. (The true story of a gifted doctor working in Haiti who loves the world and has set out to do all he can to cure it.)

Kingsolver, Barbara. *THE POISONWOOD BIBLE*. HarperCollins Publishers, 2008. (Fictional account of a fundamentalist missionary family in the Congo.)

Mann, Charles C. *1491: NEW REVELATIONS OF THE AMERICAS BEFORE COLUMBUS*. Vintage Publishing, 2006. (In this groundbreaking work of science, history, and archaeology, Charles C. Mann radically alters our understanding of the Americas before the arrival of Columbus in 1492.)

Maranz, David. *AFRICAN FRIENDS AND MONEY MATTERS: OBSERVATIONS FROM AFRICA (PUBLICATIONS IN ETHNOGRAPHY, VOL. 37)*. SIL International, 2001. (The author deals with everyday life





in Africa. He first introduces the very different goals of African and Western economic systems and then presents ninety observations of African behaviors related to money matters.)

Miller, Aaron David. *THE MUCH TOO PROMISED LAND: AMERICA'S ELUSIVE SEARCH FOR ARAB-ISRAELI PEACE*. Bantam, 2008. (Provides interesting insights into the Middle East peace process.)

Moyo, Dambisa. *DEAD AID: WHY AID IS NOT WORKING AND HOW THERE IS A BETTER WAY FOR AFRICA*. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2010. (Unflinchingly confronts one of the greatest myths of our time: that billions of dollars in aid sent from wealthy countries to developing African nations has helped to reduce poverty and increase growth.)

Nerburn, Kent. *NEITHER WOLF NOR DOG: ON FORGOTTEN ROADS WITH AN INDIAN ELDER*. New World Library, 2002. (Takes readers to the heart of the Native American experience.)

Nhial, Abraham and DiAnn Mills. *LOST BOY NO MORE – A TRUE STORY OF SURVIVAL AND SALVATION*. Broadman and Holman Publishers, 2004. (The story of one of the “Lost Boys of the Sudan” it also gives the history of Sudan and of the persecution of Christians.)

Nikkel, Marc. *WHY HAVEN'T YOU LEFT? LETTERS FROM THE SUDAN*. Church Publishing Inc, 2005. (As a missionary in the Sudan, amid unrest and war following Sudanese independence, Nikkel wrote these quasi-public letters presenting a vivid picture of daily struggle in an impoverished, war-torn, but lavishly beautiful country.)

Presler, Titus L. *THE TRANSFIGURED NIGHT: MISSION AND CULTURE IN ZIMBABWE'S VIGIL MOVEMENT*. Unisa Press, 1999. (From the dusk-to-dawn preachings of Anglicans and Methodists to the nocturnal fire-walking of Marange Apostles, a grassroots movement of all-night vigils has catalysed a dynamic religious renewal among mission-founded and African Initiated churches in Zimbabwe since the liberation war.)

Saul, John Ralston. *A FAIR COUNTRY: TELLING TRUTHS ABOUT CANADA*. Pintail Publishing, 2009. (Thinker John Ralston Saul argues that Canada is a Métis nation, heavily influenced and shaped by Aboriginal ideas: Egalitarianism, a proper balance between individual and group, and a penchant for negotiation over violence are all Aboriginal values that Canada absorbed.)

Sobrino, Jon. *WHERE IS GOD? : EARTHQUAKE, TERRORISM, BARBARITY, AND HOPE*. Orbis Books, 2004. (Why do bad things happen to good people? Here may we find solace and hope even in that incomprehensible phenomenon, through the skilled, scholarly and experienced preaching of the Rev. Jon Sobrino, Jesuit priest in El Salvador.)

Tobin, Marine and Robert. *HOW LONG O LORD?: CHRISTIAN, JEWISH, AND MUSLIM VOICES FROM THE GROUND AND VISIONS FOR THE FUTURE IN ISRAEL/PALESTINE*. Cowley Publications, 2003. (Fifteen authors—Jewish, Muslim, and Christian—confront the irreconcilable facts of Israeli settlements and Palestinian dispossession. A provocative offering which finds hope in forging non-violent alternatives to the cycle of violence. A must read.)

Vargas Llosa, Mario. *THE FEAST OF THE GOAT: A NOVEL*. Picador Press, 2002. (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)

Wheeler, Andrew, ed. *VOICES FROM AFRICA: TRANSFORMING MISSION IN A CONTEXT OF MARGINALIZATION: AN ANTHOLOGY*. Church House Publishing, 2002. (An African response to mission.)

Zink, Jesse A. *GRACE AT THE GARBAGE DUMP: MAKING SENSE OF MISSION IN THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY*. Wipf & Stock Pub, 2012. (Takes readers through Zink's years in South Africa: struggling with AIDS patients to get life-saving drugs, coaching women through a micro-credit program, and teaching preschool students to sing (and dance) to "Johnny B. Goode". An invigorating call to respond to the difficulties of our time with an active and engaged faith.)



## **2. Asset-Based Community Development (ABCD)**

Green, Mike. *WHEN PEOPLE CARE ENOUGH TO ACT: ABCD IN ACTION*. Inclusion Press, 2007. (This book provides a clear exposition of ABCD (Asset Based Community Development) organizing principles & best practices for community partnership. Examples of ABCD in Action, learning exercises, worksheets, and reflections from experienced practitioners of ABCD community building.)

Kretzmann, John P. and John L. McKnight. *BUILDING COMMUNITIES FROM THE INSIDE OUT: A PATH TOWARD FINDING AND MOBILIZING A COMMUNITY'S ASSETS*. ACTA Publications, 1993. (This classic guide summarizes lessons learned by studying successful community-building initiatives in hundreds of neighborhoods across the U.S.)

Mathie, Alison and Gordon Cunningham, eds. *FROM CLIENTS TO CITIZENS: COMMUNITIES CHANGING THE COURSE OF THEIR OWN DEVELOPMENT*. Practical Action Pub., 2008. (This book describes case studies of international communities that first built on their own assets, before seeking assistance from outside.)

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AMAZING GRACE, 2006. (The story of William Wilberforce and the abolition of slavery in the British Empire in 1807.)

AT PLAY IN THE FIELDS OF THE LORD, 1991. ( Missionaries in the Brazilian rainforest face cultural and missiological challenges. A 1991 film with Tom Berenger, John Lithgow, Daryl Hannah, and Aidan Quinn.)

BEYOND BORDERS, 2003. (Angelina Jolie Romance set in the world of International aid work in Africa.)

BLOOD DIAMONDS, 2006. (With Leonardo DiCaprio; filmed around the events of the Civil War in Sierra Leone, this is a realistic portrayal of the horrors of civil war and the ethical issues surrounding blood diamonds.)

CITY OF JOY, 1993. (Patrick Swayze; Set in the slums of Calcutta.)

CRASH, 2004. (Sandra Bullock, Don Cheadle. A powerful R rated movie exploring issues of race and prejudice in America. Definitely not for young people.)

CREATURE COMFORTS. (English “claymation” shorts from the makers of Wallace and Gromit provides many opportunities for light hearted conversation starters on cross cultural conversations.)

THE DARK SIDE OF CHOCOLATE, 2010. (Documentary of behind-the-scenes investigation to verify allegations of child labor in the chocolate industry today.)

DR. DAVID LIVINGSTONE: MISSIONARY EXPLORER TO AFRICA, 2012. (Hailed as one of the greatest European explorers of all time, Livingstone's commitment and eventual martyrdom helped bring an end to the slave trade and opened a continent to the Gospel. Documentary.)

END OF THE SPEAR, 2005. (Recounts the story of five American Christian missionaries who were killed when they attempted to evangelize the Huaorani (Waodani) people of the jungle of Ecuador. A story of forgiveness, reconciliation, and redemption.)

FAITHFUL TRAVEL. (Rick Steves; Author of PBS “Travels in Europe” explains how faithful travel can be a powerful force for peace and justice).

GANDHI, 1982. (With Ben Kingsley, a must see film. Gandhi was not a Christian but spoke often about Christianity. He is quoted as saying "I like your Christ, I do not like your Christians. Your Christians are so unlike your Christ." When asked if he was a Hindu he said “Yes I am, I am also a Muslim, a Christian, a Buddhist, and a Jew.”)

HOTEL RWANDA, 2004. (With Don Cheadle The true story of faith, hope and courage set in the events of the tragic civil war in Rwanda.)

INN OF THE SIXTH HAPPINESS, 1958. (Based on the true story of Gladys Aylward. A classic 1958 film with Ingrid Bergman. A romanticized story but fun to watch.)

LE CHAMBON, 1994. (Set in a small French village a true story of how this community risked annihilation to rescue 5,000 Jewish children. A great book and a good movie.)

LES MISERABLES, 1998. (This movie is worth seeing just for the one scene where the old priest gives back the silver that Jean Valjean stole from him. A classic movie everyone must see.)

THE MISSION, 1986. (With Robert De Niro and Jeremy Irons; Still well worth watching to ponder questions of mission and colonialism.)



MISSIONARY VIDEO SERIES. (Office of Anglican and Global Relations: short vignettes of current missionary work in the field.)

RABBIT PROOF FENCE, 2002. (. In 1931, three aboriginal girls escape after being plucked from their homes to be trained as domestic staff and set off on a trek across the Outback.)

RECONCILING HISTORY IN BLACK AND WHITE, 2007. (This interview with Dr James Cone sheds light on the lingering presence of hatred and terror in our national consciousness.)

ROMERO, 1989. (With Raul Julia. This is a must see movie which documents the life of the Catholic Archbishop of El Salvador Oscar Romero.)

SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE, 2008. (Portrayal of life in the slums of India.)

SMOKE SIGNALS, 1998. (Written, directed, co-produced and acted by American Indians. A moving and engrossing look at life on "The Rez" for two Native American youths.)

TRACES OF THE TRADE: A STORY FROM THE DEEP NORTH, 2008. (Emmy-nominated PBS documentary features ten members of the DeWolf family of Bristol, R.I. and explores their family's history of slave trading, as well as the legacy of slavery and slave trading in the northern United States.)

VOCES INOCENTES, 2004. (Based on a true story, Chava (the eleven year-old protagonist) uses his wits and blind luck to evade being inducted into the Salvadorean army to fight the peasant guerilla rebels.)

WAR DANCE, 2007. (Three children living in a displacement camp in northern Uganda compete in their country's national music and dance festival.)

## **D. INTERNET RESOURCES**

MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS, see the official MDG website: [www.un.org/millenniumgoals](http://www.un.org/millenniumgoals)

ASSET-BASED STRATEGIES FOR FAITH COMMUNITIES: A COMMUNITY BUILDING WORKBOOK FROM THE ABCD INSTITUTE, Susan Rans and Hilary Altman. ACTA Publications , 2002.  
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