

## **Global Mission General Resources**

*The resources below have been compiled by Global Mission Office staff: some are our personal recommendations or the contents of our libraries, and others have been suggested by members of diocesan mission Networks. While we have not personally read all of these, we hope that they provide a helpful starting point for those who are looking to learn more about global mission and the regions with which we partner. **We welcome additions to this list!** If you have book recommendations or comments on the resources catalogued here, please email Lauren Zook at [lzook@diomass.org](mailto:lzook@diomass.org).*

*All resources are available from online retailers unless otherwise noted.*

### **Cross-Cultural Communication**

Law, Eric H.F. ***The Bush Was Blazing but Not Consumed: Developing a Multicultural Community Through Dialogue and Liturgy***. 1996.

This guide to creating workable multicultural communities explains how leaders can understand and resolve differences in communication styles, establish and maintain ethnorelativism, recognize and avoid the “Golden Calf Syndrome,” reconcile high-context and low-context elements in groups, use mutual invitation, and build dialogue through liturgy.

Law, Eric H.F. ***The Wolf Shall Dwell with the Lamb: A Spirituality for Leadership in a Multicultural Community***. 1993.

This book uses a combination of theology and cultural anthropology to explore why people of certain cultures—most notably whites of Northern European origin—tend to dominate in multicultural situations, driving those of other races and ethnic groups to silent rage or outright rebellion.

Matlins, Stuart M. and Arthur J. Magida (Eds.). ***How to Be a Perfect Stranger: The Essential Religious Etiquette Handbook***. 6<sup>th</sup> edition. 2015.

This easy-to-read guidebook, with an “Everything You Need to Know Before You Go” checklist, helps the well-meaning guest to feel comfortable, participate to the fullest extent possible, and avoid violating anyone’s religious principles—while enriching their own spiritual understanding.

### **Fundraising**

Panas, Jerold. ***Asking: A 59-Minute Guide to Everything Board Members, Volunteers, and Staff Must Know to Secure the Gift***. 2013.

This guide, the best-selling fundraising book of all time, emboldens fundraisers to ask with skill, finesse, and tangible results. Jerry Panas teaches that the art of asking is about neither coercion nor

gladhanding—it's about screwing up your courage, putting yourself second, and laying your heart on the line as you invite a friend, neighbor, or colleague to join you in making a difference.

### **Intentional Community**

Bonhoeffer, Dietrich. *Life Together: The Classic Exploration of Christian Community*. Trans. John W. Doberstein. 1939, trans. 1954.

This account of a unique fellowship in an underground seminary in Nazi Germany gives practical advice on how life together in Christ can be sustained in families and groups, with attention to the roles of personal prayer, worship in common, everyday work, and Christian service.

Vanier, Jean. *Community & Growth: Our Pilgrimage Together*. 1979.

This book is a recipe for successful living together. It is a series of starting points for reflection discovered through everyday life, through mistakes and setbacks, through inspiration, through moments of dissension as well as unity. To Jean Vanier, living with others is an adventure whose end is interior liberation—the freedom to love and be loved.

### **Mission**

Corbett, Steve and Brian Fikkert. *When Helping Hurts: How to Alleviate Poverty Without Hurting the Poor ... And Yourself*. 2012 edition.

Unleashing and equipping people to effectively help the poor requires repentance and the realization of our own brokenness. This book articulates a biblically based framework concerning the root causes of poverty and its alleviation.

*ELCA Glocal Mission Gathering information*. 2012. [available from the diocesan Global Mission office upon request]

This binder of resources compiled for use at the 2012 Glocal (“global” + “local”) Mission Gathering of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America includes sections entitled “Accompaniment,” “Cross-Generational Engagement,” “Radical Hospitality,” and more, as well as a music booklet containing 27 hymns in a variety of languages.

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Division for Global Mission. “**Global Mission in the Twenty-first Century: A Vision of Evangelical Faithfulness in God’s Mission.**” 1999. [available from the diocesan Global Mission office upon request]

This planning document, developed by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's Division for Global Mission as part of a strategic planning process, concentrates on "accompaniment" as a promising vision for invigorating global mission at the beginning of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Jefferts Schori, Katharine. ***Gospel in the Global Village: Seeking God's Dream of Shalom***. 2009.

With special focus on the United Nations' Millennium Development Goals, Katharine Jefferts Schori extends a message of justice and peace to communities of faith around the world in this collection of sermons and speeches from her first three years as Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church.

Kristof, Nicholas D. and Sheryl WuDunn. ***A Path Appears: Transforming Lives, Creating Opportunity***. 2014.

With scrupulous research and on-the-ground reporting, the authors assay the art and science of giving, identify successful local and global initiatives, and share stories from the front lines of social progress. This book offers practical, results-driven advice on how best each of us can give and reveals the lasting benefits we gain in return.

Lupton, Robert D. ***Toxic Charity: How Churches and Charities Hurt Those They Help (And How to Reverse It)***. 2011.

Veteran urban activist Robert Lupton reveals the shockingly toxic effects that modern charity has upon the very people meant to benefit from it. This book provides proven new models for charitable groups who want to help—not sabotage—those whom they desire to serve.

Newton, Connie and Fran Early. ***Doing Good ... Says Who? Stories from Volunteers, Nonprofits, Donors, and Those They Want to Help***. 2015.

This book explores the impact of good intentions from the inside. The authors conducted over 400 interviews and crafted composite narratives illustrating the lessons learned, especially: respect and value people; build trust through relationships; do "with" rather than "for"; ensure feedback and accountability; and evaluate every step of the way.

Presler, Titus Leonard. ***Horizons of Mission***. The New Church's Teaching Series: Vol. 11. 2001.

Arguing that Christian mission expresses God's longing to embrace humanity in love, Titus Presler explores the scriptural basis of mission, historical and contemporary Anglican approaches to mission, the encounter with other religions, the interaction of gospel and culture, and how gospel understandings are being reshaped by Christians in Africa, Asia, and Latin America.

Society of Anglican Missionaries and Senders. **"Short-Term Missions and The Kingdom of God."** 2009.  
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This manual contains lessons to equip individuals to serve as effective Short-Term Missions (STM) team leaders and/or to go on STM trips and minister cross-culturally. It is intended for use by those persons or organizations who desire to see positive long-term impacts on all STM participants and also seeks to equip those who go in such a way that will minimize the danger of doing harm, especially to the poor.

### **Inspiring Participation**

Maich, Steve and Lianne George. ***The Ego Boom: Why the World Really Does Revolve Around You.*** 2009.

The authors trace the rise of the ego-centric economy, from its roots in early American individualism, through the “find your bliss” ethos of the sixties and the self-esteem crusade of the eighties, to the modern consumer tsunami called “mass customization,” only to discover that this ever-intensifying mindset affects not only what we buy, but also how we live, love, invest, vote, and pray.

Mays, David. ***How to Get Your Congregation Involved in Missions.*** 1997. [available from the diocesan Global Mission office upon request]

This “HelpBook” published by Advancing Churches in Missions Commitment (ACMC) provides a practical guide to communicating effectively with congregation members in order to increase community participation in mission.

Telford, Tom with Lois Shaw. ***Missions in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Getting Your Church into the Game.*** 1998.

A former baseball umpire turned missions consultant, Tom Telford calls things as he sees them. With practicality and wit, he lays out countless ways to ignite missions interest through creative conferences; recruit, prepare, and support missionaries; build relationships with mission agencies; and more.

### **Reconciliation**

Groves, Phil and Angharad Parry Jones. ***Living Reconciliation.*** Adapted by Paula Nesbitt. 2014.

Inspired by the Indaba process of deep listening and seeking common ground, this book shares experiences of profound reconciliation from around the Anglican Communion. These stories reveal the promise of Living Reconciliation, of being an example to the world about how to live and love even those with whom we disagree.

Presler, Titus Leonard. ***Going Global with God: Reconciling Mission in a World of Difference.*** 2010.

This book explores the gifts and challenges of grassroots mission initiative in a world of difference and offers to congregations and church leaders at every level the theological and practical background to build mission relationships marked by companionship, reconciliation, and mutuality.

Schreiter, Robert J. ***Reconciliation: Mission and Ministry in a Changing Social Order***. 1992.

This book combines spirituality and theology to uncover layers of forgotten meaning in the term “reconciliation” and what it means for the mission and ministry of the church in a violent world. Robert Schreiter meditates on the spiritual and political contradictions that define our age and brings to the fore the uniqueness of the ministry of reconciliation bequeathed to the followers of Christ.

### **Social and Economic Justice**

Collier, Paul. ***The Bottom Billion: Why the Poorest Countries Are Failing and What Can Be Done About It***. 2007.

This book reveals that fifty failed states—home to the poorest one billion people on Earth—pose the central challenge of the developing world in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, and it shines much-needed light on this group of small nations, largely unnoticed by the industrialized West, that are dropping further and further behind the majority of the world’s people.

***The End of Poverty?*** Directed by Philippe Diaz. 2008.

This documentary examines why poverty exists when there is so much wealth in the world and is a must-see for anyone wanting to understand not only the U.S. economic system but the foundations of today’s global economy.

Green, Duncan and Isobel Allen. ***The Urgency of Now: A small book about the madness of inequality and poverty: how they’re wrecking people’s lives and why sorting them out will make things better for us all***. 2008.

This small book sets out some of the biggest challenges facing the world today and shows individuals how to use their power in the fight for positive change. It invites readers to become part of a movement of people who believe that inequality can and should be challenged—before it’s too late.

### **Theology and History**

Armstrong, Karen. ***The Battle for God***. 2001.

In our supposedly secular age governed by reason and technology, why has fundamentalism emerged as an overwhelming force in every major world religion? Karen Armstrong explores how Protestant

fundamentalism in America, Jewish fundamentalism in Israel, and Islamic fundamentalism in Egypt and Iran have each developed their own unique way of combating the assaults of modernity.

Dillard, Annie. *Teaching a Stone to Talk: Expeditions and Encounters*. 1982.

In this collection of 14 essays, Pulitzer Prize-winning writer Annie Dillard explores the world of natural facts and human meanings. Through her distinctive poetic prose, she weaves the disparate threads of her own experiences into lyrical meditations on God, nature, and spirit.

Phillips, J.B. *Your God Is Too Small*. 1997.

This book argues that the trouble with many of us today is that we have not found a God big enough for our modern needs and that we suffer in varying degrees from a limited idea of God. It exposes inadequate conceptions of God and explores ways in which we can find a truly meaningful and constructive God for ourselves.

Prothero, Stephen. *God Is Not One: The Eight Rival Religions That Run the World*. 2011.

Delving into the different problems and solutions that Islam, Christianity, Buddhism, Judaism, Confucianism, Yoruba religion, Daoism, and atheism wrestle with, Stephen Prothero argues that persistent attempts to portray all religions as different paths to the same God overlook the distinct problems that each tradition seeks to solve.

### **Youth Formation**

Clark, Chap, Kara E. Powell, et al. *Deep Justice in a Broken World: Helping Your Kids Serve Others and Right the Wrongs Around Them*. 2007.

This collection of essays from social justice leaders and youth workers offers research and insights to help youth leaders move from simply trying to motivate students to serve those in need to inviting students to wrestle with why those people are in need in the first place.

Powell, Kara E., Brad M. Griffin, et al. *Deep Justice Journeys Leader's Guide: 50 Activities to Move from Mission Trips to Missional Living*. 2009.

This book offers youth leaders ideas to help get parents and the church engaged in youth ministries' short-term mission work; discussion exercises to get students thinking about poverty, cross-cultural relationships, teamwork, and spiritual gifts; creative activities for debriefing; and ideas for how youth groups can ensure the ongoing growth and service of students back in the "real world."

## Youth Pilgrimage

Johnson, Kevin. *Mission Trip Prep: A Student Journal for Capturing the Experience*. 2003.

This journal contains devotional Bible readings and studies, reflective questions, and journaling opportunities for youth to process and internalize their experiences before, during, and after a mission trip.

Johnson, Kevin. *Mission Trip Prep Kit Leader's Guide: Complete Preparation for Your Students' Cross-Cultural Experience*. 2003.

This guide offers youth pilgrimage leaders information on the logistics of planning and leading a mission trip, four pre-trip teaching sessions to help prepare students for pilgrimage, and two post-trip sessions to help debrief students and make mission and ministry part of their everyday lives with Jesus.