

Program Resources – The UMW Reading Program

The UMW Reading Program was designed to encourage women to expand their understanding of participation in God's mission and to increase their sensitivity to all human beings, their needs, interests, and contemporary life. It also encourages members to think critically about current issues and to provide a study activity that can lead to action.

Every year there is a selection of member reviewed books recommended as part of the UMW Reading Program. Many of you have already started your reading plans while other may be just getting started. With the cold weather upon us what better time to curl up under that prayer shawl and read some of these recommended books.

The Reading Program is organized into five categories:

Social Action
Spiritual Growth
Education for Mission
Leadership Development
Nurturing for Community

There's a book for everyone to read, enjoy, and share.
Anyone can participate.

It's easy to get started. Just select one of the following Program Plans.

- Plan I** - Read five books a year, one from each category;
- Plan II** - Read ten books a year, two from each category;
- Plan III** - Read fifteen books a year, ten books with two from each category, plus five additional books from any category;
- Plan IV** - Read twenty books a year, ten books with two from each category, and ten additional books from any category.

Keep a record of each book read, the category, and the date completed. We'll need that information at the end of the year for our report to the Virginia Conference UMW. You will also get a certificate of completion for your participation.

You may borrow books through the Virginia Conference UMW (www.lpfromnc@msn.com) or you may purchase books through the mission resource center (www.umwmissionresources.org). Some women go through Amazon or Cokesbury to purchase books at a lower price. Remember your local library may have the books available and they may also be able to get them for you. I recently started my reading plan and obtained two books from my local library. I just finished "Please Look After Mom" by Kyung-Sook Shin. If you haven't read this book, I highly recommend it.

Please don't forget those United Methodist Women who do not have access to these resources or are confined to their homes or are in facilities. You can assist by checking to see if the books are available in audio, CD, or large print for them and then help them order. There are also books available for both youth and children... Let's get them involved with the Reading Program too.

The Reading Program runs from September, 2014 through August, 2015. If you do not have the 2011-2015 UMW Reading Program book list, you can access it by going to www.vaumw.org.

Also, I'd like to remind you to continue reading the Response and New World Outlook magazines and use your UMW Program book and Prayer Calendar to strengthen your organization and meet our Purpose.

If you have questions or need any information about getting started with your Reading Program, please give me a call.

Eileen Wolfe 434.589.6393 ewolfe9003@yahoo.com
Program Resources

