

Dear Members,

Welcome to the 2020 United Methodist Women Reading Program. The purpose of the Reading Program is to better understand and participate in God's mission today, to increase sensitivity to all human beings, to explore contemporary issues, and to enhance and act on self-knowledge. In particular, the Reading Program committee has worked to select books that will raise the consciousness of our social, economic and political realities, including the interconnectedness of race, class and gender in women's lives.

Participating in the Reading Program is a wonderful way to build community and form friendships around books. I hope you will share this guide with members of your local and district groups, as well as with members of your community. Use it to start discussions about issues addressed in books and to work together to take action.

Please take a look at the Overview (page 3) for information on how to use this guide as well as tips on how to get the most out of the Reading Program. If you've participated in the past, please also be sure to read "New for 2020" (page 4). In this section, you'll learn that ordering books will happen a little differently this year. I'd like to thank you for adjusting to this change and welcome you to reach out at [ASalter@unitedmethodistwomen.org](mailto:ASalter@unitedmethodistwomen.org) if you have any questions.

By participating in the Reading Program, you are strengthening your involvement in local and global Christian mission. I am so pleased that you will be joining us.

God Bless.



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