

Reading List for Incoming Church Divinity School of the Pacific Students

Books to be familiar with prior to arrival:

- Bible. Recommended: *The People's Bible*, an edition of the New Revised Standard Version edited by Curtiss Paul DeYoung, Wilda C. Gafney, Leticia A. Guardiola-Sáenz, George "Tink" Tinker, and Frank Yamada (Fortress Press, 2009)
- Book of Common Prayer (1979)
- Hymnal 1982

Strongly recommended books:

- Carlos Cardoza-Orlandi and Justo González, *To All Nations from All Nations: A History of the Christian Missionary Movement* (Abingdon, 2013). A study of Christian missionary activity over the centuries.
- Mark Chapman, *Anglicanism: A Very Short Introduction* (Oxford University Press, 2006). A brief overview of the key elements of the Anglican tradition from Henry VIII to the post-colonial global context.
- Roger Ferlo, *Opening the Bible* (The New Church's Teaching Series, Cowley Publications, 1997). Provides the basics of reading the Bible. Especially helpful for those with little knowledge of the Bible.
- Julie Gatta, *The Nearness of God: Parish Ministry as Spiritual Practice* (Morehouse Publishing/ Church Publishing, Inc., 2010). An Anglican perspective on ministry, exploring ministry as participation in the ministry of Christ.
- Justo González, *Santa Biblia: The Bible through Hispanic Eyes* (Abingdon Press, 1996). Discusses theory and offers examples of biblical texts that gain new meaning when read from a different perspective.
- Stephanie Spellers, *Radical Welcome* (Church Publishing, 2006). Offers a vision for the church that truly welcomes people who have been marginalized.
- Fredrica Harris Thompsett, *We Are Theologians: Strengthening the People of God* (Church Publishing, 2004). Makes a strong case for all people, lay and ordained, to do theology.

Books for further reading:

- Diogenes Allen, *Theology for a Troubled Believer: An Introduction to the Christian Faith*, (Westminster John Knox, 2010). A general introduction to Christian theology, arranged systematically, but not overwhelming and aimed toward the educated lay person.
- Dorothy C. Bass, ed., *Practicing Our Faith* (Jossey-Bass, 1997). Reflections from different theologians on the integration of learning, spirituality and action.
- L. William Countryman, *Living on the Borders of the Holy: Renewing the Priesthood of All* (Morehouse Publishing, 1999). Reflections on vocation to ministry among clergy and laity, by an Episcopal priest and CDSP emeritus faculty member.
- Curtiss Paul DeYoung, Wilda C. Gafney, Leticia A. Guardiola-Sáenz, George "Tink" Tinker, and Frank Yamada, *The People's Companion to the Bible*. Surveys biblical interpretation from a diversity of cultural perspectives.
- Ruth A. Meyers, *Missional Worship, Worshipful Mission: Gathering as God's People, Going Out in God's Name* (Eerdmans, 2014). An exploration of the connections between worship and mission, by CDSP's Hodges-Haynes Professor of Liturgics.
- Scott Sunquist, *The Unexpected Christian Century: The Reversal and Transformation of Global Christianity, 1900-2000* (Baker Academic, 2015). An introduction to the ways in which the Christian world transformed into a faith based in the Global South during the 20th century.
- Dwight Zscheile, *People of the Way: Renewing Episcopal Identity* (Church Publishing, 2012). Considers identity and ministry in the Episcopal Church today.

In addition to these books, you may want or need to review some of the classic methods and processes for writing. For these purposes, Kate L. Turabian's *A Manual for Writers of Term Papers, Theses, and Dissertations*, 8th edition (University of Chicago Press, 2013) is a good reference tool (Chapters 1-14 on the writing process are especially recommended; older editions are not useful). If you are returning to school after several years, or if your undergraduate work was not in the humanities, a writing course at a community college is strongly recommended.