Reading List for Incoming Church Divinity School of the Pacific Students

**Books to be familiar with prior to arrival:**
- Book of Common Prayer (1979)
- Hymnal 1982

**Strongly recommended books:**
- 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.

**Books for further reading:**

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.