



**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN  
WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE**

**NEW IN 2005!!!**

## **CHILDREN'S READING PROGRAM**

A new and exciting reading program is about to begin in the Western North Carolina Conference United Methodist Women. We know Moms and Dads are reading to children, many times selecting books from the United Methodist Women's Reading Program List.

Now, we want to give children an opportunity to read these books, receive credit when the criteria are met, and then receive a Reading Program Certificate. Since United Methodist Women are concerned about ALL children, we want to involve any child wishing to participate. Some units have circles of elementary school girls, but anyone may take part in the program.

The reading list offers a wide variety of subjects to not only increase awareness of global concerns, but enhance their spirituality and intensify their self esteem. This is an excellent way to let them be involved, learn more about The Purpose, and feel an integral part of United Methodist Women...just as their mothers do.

We would like comments and a six month's progress report by July 2005 in order to report to Women's Division by September. Please send reports and comments to: *Bettie Sharpe Rowe*, WNCC Secretary of Program Resources, 50 Cub Drive, Thomasville, NC 27360 or by email to: [cnbsrowe@northstate.net](mailto:cnbsrowe@northstate.net)

Complete information regarding the Children's Reading Program, including guidelines & suggestions, the book list, and a report form, are available on our conference UMW web site at: [www.gbgn-umc.org/wncumw](http://www.gbgn-umc.org/wncumw) ... then follow the menu link on the left side of the screen for "Program Resources". Information is also available from your district Secretary of Program Resources. Thank you for helping our children be involved in our Reading Program. We think they'll feel the excitement!!



**Children's Reading Program Book List  
United Methodist Women**

**2000**

**Chicken Soup For Little Souls....Lisa McCourt (ages 4-8)**  
**Faith The Cow....Susan B. Hoover (ages 4-8)**  
**My Friendship Trip....Frances & Ginger Park (ages 4-8)**  
**Million Visions of Peace....Susan Gustafson,ed.**  
**The 11<sup>th</sup> Commandment....Sandra Korinchak.ed.**  
**God's Paintbrush....Sandy E. Sasso**  
**We Are The Church....L.Cecile Adams**

**2001**

**I'm Like You, You're Like Me....Cindy Gainer**  
**No Matter What....Debi Gliori**  
**Somewhere Today...Shelley M. Thomas**  
**The Bus Ride....William Miller**  
**God's Love Is Like....Ray Buckley**  
**In Our Image....Nancy Swartz**

**2002**

**Erandi's Braids...Antonio H. Madrigal**  
**Marianthe's Story: Painted Words/Spoken Memories...A.Branddenberg**  
**The Worry Stone...Marianna Dengler**  
**Sister Anne's Hands...Marybeth Lorbiecki**  
**The Give-Away...Ray Buckley**

**2003**

**A Gift For Abuelita...Nancy Luenn**  
**Sanji's Seed...B.J. Reinhard**  
**Hope...Isabell Monk**  
**Molly Bannaky...Alice McGill**  
**Daisy And The Doll...Michael and Angela Medeans**  
**For Every Child...Caroline Castle**  
**Grandpa, Is Everything Black Bad?...Sandy Lynne Holman**  
**One Less Fish...Kim Michelle Toft and Allan Sheather**  
**Because Nothing Looks Like God...Lawrence and Karen Kushner**

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**2004**

Beatrice's Goat...Page McBrier

Snow in Jerusalem...Deborah da Costa

Becky The Brave...Laurie Lears

What's Wrong With Timmy?...Maria Shriver

Hands Are Not For Hitting...Martine Agassi,Ph.D

Under The Quilt Of The Night...Deborah Hopkinson

Where Does God Live?...August Gold and Matthew J. Periman

The Wing....Ray Buckley

**2005**

First Day In Grapes...L.King Perez

For Every Child, A Better World...Kermit the Frog

I'm Not Invited?...Diana Cain Bluthenthal

Thank God For Rocks...Esther Bender

I Have A Dream, Too?...Jean Alicia Elster

Who Made God?...Larry Libby

**CHILDREN'S MISSION STUDIES**

1) A Taste of Cuba.

2) Islands Of The Rainbow: An Indonesian Adventure

*United Methodist Women*  
**Children's Reading Program**  
**GUIDELINES/SUGGESTIONS**

- **Ask all children to participate.**
- **Choose any five books from the Children's Reading List.**
- **Mission study books may be read for credit.**
- **Books may be read to children ages 3-6.**
- **Children ages 7-12 read books themselves.**
- **Report names of readers to local Secretary of Program Resources or local president at designated time.**
- **Order books from Service Center, obtain at district or conference events or from the Public Library.**
- **Guidance and information may be obtained from the district Secretary of Program Resources.**
- **Books may be taken to a nursing facility/retirement home and read to a resident by parent and/or child.**
- **Ask Sunday School teachers to use these in their class.**
- **Display a chart in church indicating children are reading from United Methodist Women's Reading List, listing their names.**



**Bettie Sharpe Rowe...Secretary of Program Resources  
Western North Carolina Conference.**

*Adapted October 2004*

**Children's Reading Program Report Form**  
**2005**

\_\_\_\_\_ Child's Name/Age) Has read or read to them the following 5 books.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
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Report from Unit Name \_\_\_\_\_/District \_\_\_\_\_