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Ministerial Reading Course

The purpose of this course is to allow for independent study as is of interest to the MCC Member. Studying the Bible is the focus of most of the MCC spiritual courses, however, there are other resources to study as well. Specifically, the intention of this course is to provide an index of resources available for reading the Spirit of Prophecy through Ellen White's pen and reading from missionaries as well.

Included in this course is an Index of Recommended Books. These are recommended options to use for this course, however, if a different book is desired to be used, first clear the selection with the overseeing Chaplain for instruction of the course. This course is to be repeated as many times as desired with one approved book and report adequately covering the requirements of the course for one time.

Book Report

After picking a book to read for this course, the thoughts on the book should be compiled into a book report. It can be short but should be robust in content.

The book report needs to include the following:

- Proper reference to author and book title
- Summary of the book
- Ministerial Application to personal life with the specific focus of your MCC Ministry

There is a large variety of book report styles, but some optional ideas for further content include the following:

- Recommendation
- Favorite Quote (cited so it can be found later)
- Discussion of Literary Devices (theme, plot, characters, etc.)
- Connections to the Bible, and/or other missionary/church history references

Index of Books

EGW Books

Ellen G. White is one of the principle founders of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and is one of the most prolific and widely translated non-fiction authors of all time. Though the books can be found in paper at various places, they can also be accessed for free electronically (including in audio format). Much more can be said of EGW, but check out Ellen White's writings on free phone apps and on the following free website for access to all of her writings: <https://m.egwwritings.org/en/folders/2>.

Some of the suggested titles are categorized below. The format of the listing is first the **category** followed by *book titles*.

The Conflict of the Ages Set

- *Patriarchs and Prophets*
- *Prophets and Kings*
- *The Desire of Ages*
- *The Acts of the Apostles*
- *The Great Controversy*

Christianity

- *Christ's Object Lessons*
- *Christian Experience and Teachings*
- *Steps to Christ*
- *Thoughts from the Mount of Blessing*
- *Faith and Works*
- *Heaven*
- *Last Day Events*
- *Prayer*
- *The Sanctified Life*
- *Sketches from the Life of Paul*
- *The Spirit of Prophecy* (Volumes 1 – 4)
- *Spiritual Gifts* (Volumes 1 – 4B)
- *True Revival*

Stages in Life

- *Letters to Young Lovers*
- *Messages to Young People*
- *Peter's Counsel to Parents*
- *The Retirement Years*
- *An Appeal to Mothers*
- *An Appeal to the Youth*

Medical Thematic

- *A Call to Medical Evangelism and Health Education*
- *Christian Temperance and Bible Hygiene*
- *Counsels on Diet and Foods*
- *Counsels on Health*
- *Medical Ministry*
- *Mind, Character, and Personality* (Volumes 1 & 2)
- *The Ministry of Healing*
- *Temperance*
- *Testimony Studies on Diet and Foods*

Missionary Mindedness

- *Christian Service*
- *Ministry to the Cities*
- *Pastoral Ministry*
- *The Southern Work*
- *Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers*
- *A Call to Stand Apart*

Leadership

- *Christian Leadership*

Devotionals

Devotionals are designed by nature to be read one section a day for the span of an entire year, but can also be read at your own pace.

- ***Make God First*** (ISBN 13: 9780828003544), a devotional by Dr. Eric B. Hare intended for juniors (middle schoolers) but covers topics of nature lessons, SDA Church History, and missionary experiences of many people including medical and during war time.
- ***Maranatha***, a devotional compiled by the EGW Estate for preparing and recognizing the times for Jesus' soon return. It can be found for free with the EGW apps and website.

Missionaries in Uniform

The Medical Cadet Corps was founded with the intended combination of a military structure and a missionary outlook. Therefore, the following books are stories of Seventh-day Adventists in uniform from around the world.

- ***Aim High*** (ISBN 13:9780828018791) is the memoir of Terry Lyndon Johnsson and how God helped him to become a member of the U.S. President's honor guard.
- ***Dare to Stand Alone*** (ISBN 13: 9780812704570) by Bradley Booth is the story of Ivan Gumenyuk who was drafted into the Soviet Military.
- ***God Was There*** (ISBN 13: 9780816323487) is a memoir of Martin Weber who was a U.S. Police Chaplain.
- ***In the Presence of Mine Enemies: Seven Years a POW in North Vietnam*** (ISBN 13: 9780800706241) is a memoir of Howard and Phyllis Rutledge. Howard is a Prisoner of War (POW) survivor of Hanoi Hilton during the Vietnam War.
- ***The Man with the Reversible Foot: The Dick Stenbakken Story*** (ISBN 13: 9780828027533) is a recounting by Susan Phelps Harvey of a Seventh-day Adventist Chaplain in the U.S. Military named Dick Stenbakken.
- ***One Miracle After Another*** (ISBN 13: 9780828024969) by Greg Budd is the story of Pavel Goia who was drafted into the Soviet Military.
- ***The Seventh Escape*** (ISBN 13: 9780816328093) by Jan Doward is a recounting of a Seventh-Day Adventist German ambulance driver who escaped from the Russian army prisons during World War II.
- ***A Thousand Shall Fall*** (ISBN 13: 9780828015615) by Susi Hasel Mundy is the recounting of the story for Franz Hasel who was a German officer in the Nazi Army sent deep into Russia at the end of World War II.
- ***The Unlikeliest Hero: The Story of PFC Desmond T. Doss*** (ISBN 13: 9780857565168) by Boonton Herndon is the story of the inventor of the double bowline knot and the first contentious objector to be awarded the Medal of Honor during World War II.
- ***Vanya*** (ISBN 13: 9780884190097) by Myrna Grant is the story of martyr Ivan Vanya who was drafted into the Soviet Military.

Missionaries in Times of Trouble Books

Though the following books include individuals who were not wearing a uniform, they were still called to put on the armor of God and be witnesses for Him through difficult times.

- ***Diamondola*** (ISBN 13: 9781572582514) by Mildred Thompson Olson is the story of one of the first two SDA conference officials in the Middle East as a translator in the early 1900s.
- ***Fulton's Footprints in Fiji*** (ISBN 13: 9780816305834) by Eric B. Hare is the recounting of the foundation of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Fiji.
- ***The Hiding Place*** (ISBN 13: 9780553256697) by Corrie ten Boom with John and Elizabeth Sherrill is the memoir of Corrie's experience as smuggling Jews out of German occupied Holland and then later as a prisoner of a German concentration camp.
- ***I Will Die Free*** (ISBN 13: 9780816310449) by Noble Alexander with Kay D. Rizzo is a memoir of Alexander's experience as a gospel worker in Cuba.
- ***The Last Train Out*** (ISBN 13: 9781580191999) by Wellesley Muir is the story of Siegfried Neuendorff's experience as a Hitler Youth feeding Jews in secret.
- ***The Man who Couldn't be Killed*** (ISBN 13: 9780816312351) by Stanley Maxwell is the story of a Seventh-day Adventist sent to a Chinese hard labor camp for 20 years.
- ***Mission Pilot*** (ISBN 13: 9780816318704) by Eileen E. Lantry is the story of David Gates who was a medical missionary pilot in South and Central America and was hijacked and wrongly imprisoned in Mexico.
- ***The Seventh-Day Ox*** (ISBN 13: 9780828025171) by Bradley Booth include miracle stories from Communist Russia.
- ***Though the Heavens Fall*** (ISBN 13: 9780828023665) is the memoir of Mikhail P. Kulakov, Sr. who was sent to a Soviet corrective labor camp for preaching.
- ***Treasure from the Haunted Pagoda*** (ISBN 13: 9781572583566) by Eric B. Hare is a memoir of his medical missionary work in Burma/Myanmar and his escape when the country closed.
- ***Run for Your Lives*** (ISBN 13: 9780816342273) by Ellen Dana about Dallas and Genevieve Kime's 83 day escape in the Celebes' Jungle after the bombing of Pearl Harbor.
- ***Saigon: The Final Days*** (ISBN 13: 9780816308637) by Ralph S. Watts recounts the story of Ralph Watts, who directed the evacuation of SDA Vietnamese and overseas personnel as the North Vietnamese military closed in on Saigon.

Witness in Disaster Operations

Disasters can happen anywhere and at anytime, but what distinguishes one disaster from the next is oftentimes the response. These are stories of Seventh-day Adventists in the midst of a natural disaster or an emergency response situation.

- ***Between Hell and Highwater*** (ISBN 13: 9780816321537) by Kay Kuzma and Brenda Walsh include survival stories from Hurricane Katrina.
- ***Hope Underground*** (ISBN 13: 9780986979958) by Carlos Parra Díaz is the story of 34 trapped Chilean miners and their miraculous rescue.
- ***The Man who Jumped Off Clouds*** (ISBN 13: 9780828014410) by Wellesly Muir is the story of Clyde Peters who was a missionary pilot on a search and rescue mission in Peru when his own plane went down.

Grab Bag Category

The following books include titles that would be remiss if not mentioned.

- ***15,000 Miles to the Truth*** (Publisher: Southern Publishing Association) is a memoir of S.O. Martin who was a Protestant missionary to India when he first met a Seventh-day Adventist and began Bible studies.
- ***The Biblical Basis for Modern Science*** (ISBN 13: 9780890513699), is written by the founder of The Institute for Creation Research, Dr. Henry M. Morris. Many believe modern science and the Bible unable to be reconciled, but this book presents the case otherwise.
- ***D'Sozo*** (ISBN 13: 9781624079528) by Dave Fiedler is a recounting of the history of the medical missionary arm of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church.
- ***Ellen White on Leadership*** (ISBN 13: 9780816322701), is a compilation by Cindy Tutsch to explore just what advice Ellen White would say on how to be a leader.
- ***The Fabulous First Centuries of Christianity*** by Vance Ferrell (Publisher: Harvesttime Books) is an easy to read recounting of the early church history as it weaves through the centuries.
- ***Fullness of Joy*** (ISBN 13: 9780816305858), is targeted to young adults by Dr. Eric B. Hare for finding how to be fully filled with everlasting joy, particularly as a Seventh-day Adventist.
- ***The Pilgrim's Progress*** (ISBN 13: 9781565631342) by John Bunyan includes first the tale of Christian and later of Christina as they each make their way to the Celestial City.
- ***Principles of Life From the Word of God*** (copyright 1852; Publisher: Pacific Press) is a historical Seventh-Day Adventist Bible Textbook. Potentially, this book could be used for the Bible Study Course with Chaplain approval, but can also be used for this Ministerial Reading Course. Available for free at the following website:
https://education.adventist.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/Book_Principles_of_Life_1952.pdf
- ***Trail of Peril*** (ISBN 13: 9780828002233) by Yvonne Davy is the story of Joseph Wolff and his worldwide mission for the Advent Message of 1844.

Ministerial Reading Course

For course certification, the form must be filled out.

Member Name (Print) _____

Chaplain Name (Print) _____

Member Position Number _____

Chaplain Position Number _____

Member FEMA SID _____

Chaplain FEMA SID _____

Date of Instruction _____

_____ Submit for Chaplain review a Book Report that meets the MCC specifications for enrichment reading.

With a complete sheet of initials, the chaplain's signature signifies certification of completion for the Ministerial Reading Course.

Chaplain's Signature _____