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BE JUST. BE GREEN

From the United Methodist *Book of Discipline*

All creation is the Lord's, and we are responsible for the ways in which we use and abuse it. Water, air, soil, minerals, energy resources, plants, animal life, and space are to be valued and conserved because they are God's creation and not solely because they are useful to human beings. God has granted us stewardship of creation. We should meet these stewardship duties through acts of loving care and respect. **(Social Principles, ¶ 160)**

United Methodist Women calls for sound stewardship of the earth and environmentally friendly lifestyles that preserve creation for the benefit of present and future generations.

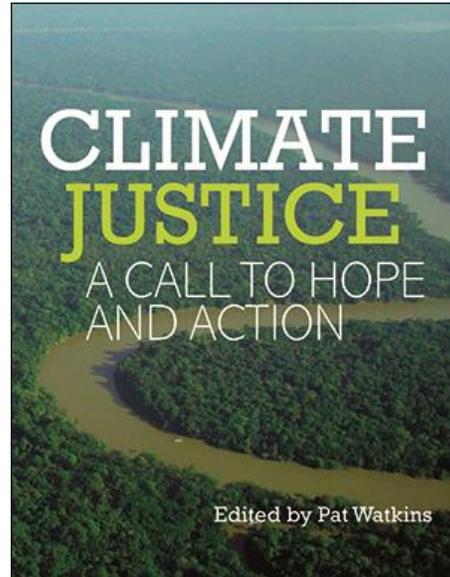
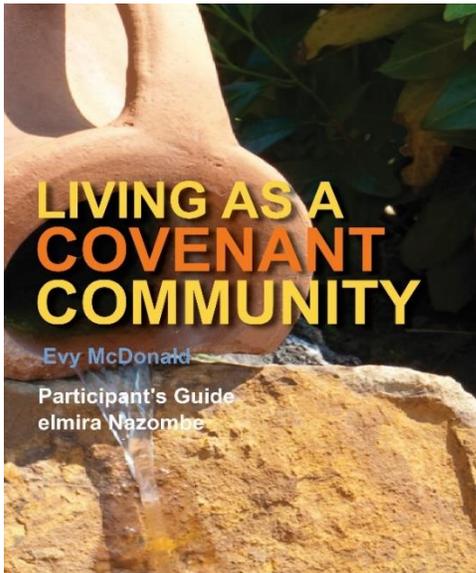
In line with one of the current National Office Focus Issues and one of this year's studies, *Climate Justice*, our Mission u is moving closer to "Be Just. Be Green." We will be minimizing our use of non-recyclable products and taking other steps to protect the environment. Please be planning to bring your own refillable beverage container. There will be more on this in a future email.

Today we are going to focus on the studies. Which study is right for you?? Be watching for the next email with information on the study leaders.

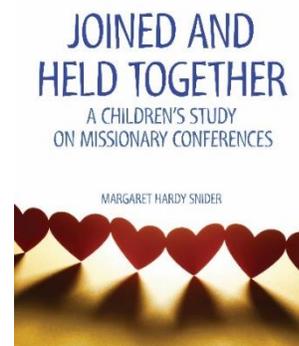
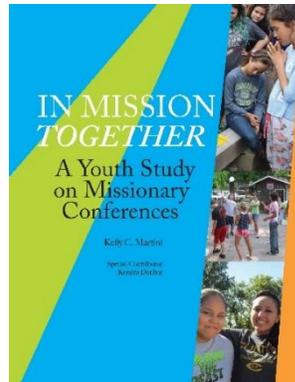
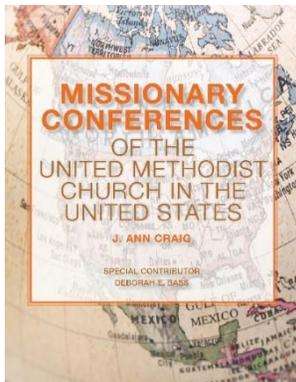
The **Spiritual Growth** study is *Living as a Covenant Community* with leaders Ginny West Case, Nellie Bragg, and Julie Taylor. This study examines major covenants throughout the Bible and what they reveal about God's character and eternal love for us. It will enhance your understanding of how God works with us, in us, and through us.

The **Issue** study is *Climate Justice* with leader Heather Bennett. This study invites you to understand climate justice, which means setting right our relationships with each other and the earth. Climate injustice is the result of climate change. The study will challenge you to see what needs to happen for climate justice to become a reality in the world today. The church needs to more powerfully model a

way of doing it differently. This will entail not just focusing on the environment, but also asking hard questions regarding financial profit, a growing economy, our independent way of thinking and our understanding of efficiency.



The **Geographic** study for adults is *Missionary Conferences of the United Methodist Church in the United States* with leaders Becky Hall and Anne Travis. This same study is adapted for youth with leader Kacye Castenir and children with leader Melissa Hutchinson. See the book covers below. The aim of the study is to give an overview of the three missionary conferences in The United Methodist Church, the contexts out of which they grew and their current engagements: The Alaska United Methodist Conference, Red Bird Missionary Conference, and the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference are a hybrid of home and international missionary work.



We look forward to seeing you in July!!!

