

Books Recommended by LMPC:

Conflict Transformation Skills, Church Management, Family Systems Theory, Peacemaking Theology, Sexual Abuse and Misconduct

Conflict Transformation Skills:

Augsburger, David. ***Conflict Mediation Across Cultures: Pathways and Patterns***. Louisville, KY: Westminster/John Knox Press, 1992. Pp. 310. \$26.00.

Focuses on the unique methods individual cultures use in resolving conflict – on the frequent need to modify our own assumptions about right and wrong ways of dealing with conflict when in another culture.

Augsburger, David. ***Helping People Forgive***. Louisville, KY: Westminster/John Knox Press, 1996. Pp. 180. \$30.00.

The complicated issues of Christian forgiveness and reconciliation and their real-world applications are explored from a variety of theological and theoretical perspectives.

Bartel, Barry C. ***Let's Talk: Communication Skills and Conflict Transformation***. Newton, KS: Faith and Life Press, 1999. Pp. 80. \$11.00.

An excellent resource for senior high school and adult Christian education classes, this workbook's ten chapters outline basic communication and conflict transformation skills. Includes a guide for leaders.

Beer, Jennifer & Packard, Caroline with Stief, Eileen. ***The Mediator's Handbook***. Canada. New Society Publishers, 2012. Pp. 194. \$34.99 (on Amazon).

This handbook offers a model for helping people work through conflict. Beer, Packard and Stief unpack the skills needed to understand conflict, support the people in conflict, facilitate the process, and guide decision making. This tried and tested textbook has assisted students and professional mediators alike in knowing how to mediate a conflict effectively.

Fisher, Roger and Ury, William. ***Getting to Yes: Negotiating Agreement Without Giving In***. New York, NY: Penguin Books, 1983. Pp. 161. \$17.00.

A straightforward, universally applicable method for negotiating personal and professional disputes without getting taken – and without getting nasty. Outlines the theory of interest-based bargaining.

Grant, Adam. ***Think Again: The power of knowing what you don't know***. New York, New York. Viking, 2021. Pp. 320. \$16.75 (on Amazon).

Grant examines the art of critical thinking to promote life-long learning. It teaches that no matter how skilled you are, there is always room to learn more. He establishes a need for curiosity that would benefit individuals by becoming more openminded, investigative, and learned, all while embracing the joy of being wrong. This is a book for anyone, anywhere, who finds value in wisdom, not just knowledge

Hocker, Joyce & Wilmot, William. ***Interpersonal Conflict***. New York, New York. McGraw-Hill Education, 2022. Pp.393. \$74.98 (on Amazon).

This textbook explains the key dynamics of personal conflicts that everyone faces. Examining the principles of effective conflict management, this textbook gives insight into the theory and practice of such an important factor in the process of peacemaking.

Kahneman, Daniel. **Thinking, Fast and Slow**. New York, New York. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2013. Pp. 499. \$11.29 (on Amazon).

Kahneman writes about the two Systems in our thinking track: System 1 (emotional, fast, reactive), and System 2 (logical, slow, deliberate). He writes about how we can master these thinking tracks to be more thoughtful in our approach to work, at home, and elsewhere. This book is for anyone who wants to take active responsibility for their reactivity and harness the ability to slow down and truly think through their thoughts and actions.

Kraybill, Ronald S., Evans, R. and Frazer Evans, A. **Peace Skills: Manual for Community Mediators**. San Francisco, CA: Jossey-Bass Inc., 2001. Pp. 137. \$26.00.

The book provides a foundation for a training workshop in conflict transformation, as well as offering additional reading for participants of such workshops. Beginning with the basics of conflict transformation, the core of the manual presents the various stages in the mediation process with clarity and some depth.

Lederach, John Paul. **Reconcile: Conflict Transformation for Ordinary Christians**. Scottdale, PA: Herald Press, 2014. Pp. 190. \$15.00.

The author shares insight from years of work in international mediation and deep spiritual reflection on the task of reconciliation. From personal experiences and the biblical story, he finds God seeking reconciliation throughout history.

Lederach, John Paul. **The Little Book of Conflict Transformation**. Intercourse, PA: Good Books, 2003. Pp. 74. \$6.00.

A clearly articulated statement that offers a hopeful and workable approach, laying out the vision for conflict transformation, as opposed to conflict resolution.

Mock, Ron, editor. **The Roleplay Book: 41 Hypothetical Situations**. Akron, PA: Mennonite Conciliation Service, 1997. Pp. 123. \$18.00.

The Roleplay Book is a resource for trainers in mediation and other forms of conflict transformation. It provides a valuable resource for graduates of LMPC's *Mediation Skills Training Institute* who want to keep their skills finely tuned.

Schrock-Shenk, Carolyn and Ressler, Lawrence, editors. **Making Peace With Conflict: Practical Skills for Conflict Transformation**. Scottdale, PA: Herald Press, 1999. Pp. 198. \$15.00.

A practical guide to understanding and transforming conflict based on biblical and Anabaptist principles. Over twenty noted authors shaped by many experiences and cultures tell of lessons taught by walking conflict's holy ground. Includes a chapter on *Conflict in Congregations* co-authored by Richard Blackburn, LMPC Executive Director.

Smith, Kathleen. **Everything Isn't Terrible: Conquer your insecurities, interrupt your anxiety and finally calm down**. New York, New York. Souvenir Press, 2019. Pp. 224. \$14.59 (on Amazon).

Smith offers practical ways to help build a more confident self to help calm down family dramas, community mishaps, and other areas of anxiety.

Smith, Kathleen S. **Stilling the Storm: Worship and Congregational Leadership in Difficult Times**. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers / Alban Books, 2006. Pp. 229. \$23.00.

A book for anyone seeking a deeper understanding of the ways that worship intertwines with the life and health of a congregation explores the issue of worship in the context of three main types of difficulty congregations can face: times of crisis, transition, and conflict.

Zehr, Howard. **Changing Lenses: A new focus for crime and justice**. Scottdale, PA. Herald Press, 2003. Pp. 292. \$19.99 (on Amazon)

In this book, Zehr proposes a "restorative" model which is more consistent with experience, with the past, and with the biblical tradition. Based on the needs of victims and offenders, he takes into account recent studies and biblical principles.

Zehr, Howard. ***The Little Book of Restorative Justice***. Interchurch, PA. Good Books, 2002. Pp. 74. \$5.99 (on Amazon).

Zehr proposes workable principles and practices for making Restorative Justice possible in the face of wrongdoings. Topics in this book include: three pillars of restorative justice; the “who” and the “how” are important; the goals of restorative justice; and that core approaches often involve an encounter.

Church Management:

Hudson, Jill M. ***Evaluating Ministry: Principles and Processes for Clergy and Congregations***. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers / Alban Books, 2014. Pp. 74. \$18.00.

Describes successful evaluation models, focusing on the need for pastoral *and* congregational evaluations.

Mead, Loren B. ***A Change of Pastors: And How It Affects Change in the Congregation***. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers / Alban Books, 2014. Pp. 100. \$17.00.

A revised and updated edition of *Critical Moment in Ministry: A Change of Pastors*, which suggests that the time of transition from one pastoral leader to the next pastor affords a unique opportunity for change of the congregation itself, not just of its pastor.

Noble, Cinnie. ***Conflict Management Coaching: The Cinergy Model***. New Haven, CT. 2012 Cinergy Coaching, 2011. Pp. 280. \$27.00 (on Amazon).

Noble offers insight that coaches, mediators, and other conflict professionals could learn from. Covering the three pillars of conflict management coaching, client engagement, skills for conflict management coaching, applications and assessment, Noble creates a concise book as a tool to guide and implement.

Oswald, Roy M. ***New Beginnings: A Pastorate Start Up Workbook***. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers / Alban Books, 2014. Pp. 82. \$18.00.

Focuses on issues for pastors in new settings: role clarity, getting along with people, taking care of self, etc.

Stokes, Allison. ***Shalom, Salaam, Peace***. New York, New York. General Board of Global Ministries, 2006. Pp. 190. \$14.50 (on Amazon).

With 44 page study guide that presents 4 two hour lessons plans, one for each section of the book, as well as advice for study leaders. About the book, Dr. Eboo Patel writes, “*Shalom, Salaam, Peace* is poetic yet practical, intellectual yet accessible, unabashed about its roots in the Christian tradition while it lovingly explores shared values with other faiths. A clear and compassionate guide for confusing times.”

White, Edward A. ***Saying Goodbye: A Time of Growth for Congregations and Pastors***. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers / Alban Books, 2014. Pp. 114. \$18.00.

Stories and learnings from pastors in every stage of separation from a congregation, whether caused by a new call, a change of vocation, retirement, conflict, or the death of a church.

Family Systems Theory:

Boers, Arthur R. ***Never Call Them Jerks: Healthy Responses to Difficult Behavior***. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers / Alban Books, 2014. Pp. 147. \$20.00

Presents an insightful and balanced view to the question of how to deal with difficult behavior in congregations.

Bowen, Murray. ***Family Therapy in Clinical Practice***. Northvale, NJ: Jason Aronson Inc., 1985. Pp. 566. \$77.00.

Encompassing the breadth and depth of Dr. Murray Bowen's contributions to the field of family therapy, this compilation of Dr. Bowen's published articles gathers the development of his thinking into one volume.

Brown, Jenny. ***Growing Yourself Up, 2nd Edition: How to bring your best to all of life's relationships.*** New South Wales, Australia. Exisle Publishing, 2017. Pp. 296. \$18.59 (on Amazon).
Brown writes about the closeness of individuals and the relationships those individuals have. It highlights the important fact that we are not alone, but we still require self-awareness. She writes about how to help others around us without overstepping, while drawing from Bowen family systems theory.

Friedman, Edwin H. ***A Failure of Nerve: Leadership in the Age of the Quick Fix.*** New York: Seabury Books, 2007. Pp. 160. \$30.00.
A polished edition of the book Friedman left incomplete at his death in 1996. Edited by Margaret Treadwell and Edward Beal, it offers ideas Friedman developed after publication of this well-known *Generation to Generation*.

Friedman, Edwin H. ***Friedman's Fables.*** New York: Guilford Press, 1990. Pp. 213. \$22.00.
Analogies in story form which look at family systems concepts in an entertaining way.

Friedman, Edwin H. ***Generation to Generation: Family Process in Church and Synagogue.*** New York: Guilford Press, 1985. Pp. 319. \$34.00.
Provides an important family systems perspective on church dynamics. Sections focus on families within the congregation, the congregation as a system, and the clergy family.

Friedman, Edwin H. ***The Myth of the Shiksa and Other Essays.*** New York: Seabury Books, 2008. Pp. 225. \$28.00.
A collection of Friedman's essays that had been previously published in various journals or presented at various conferences, rich in wisdom and humor.

Friedman, Edwin H. ***What Are You Going to Do With Your Life?*** New York: Seabury Books, 2009. Pp. 185. \$22.95.
A collection of writings – most previously unpublished – from the acclaimed writer, rabbi, and therapist regarding personal growth, development, and fulfillment.

Gerson, Randy and McGoldrick, Monica and Petry, Sueli. ***Genograms: Assessment and Intervention.*** New York, NY: W. W. Norton and Company, 1985. Pp. 380. \$35.00.
Widely used by both family therapists and all health care professionals, the genogram is a graphic way of organizing the mass of information gathered during a family assessment and finding patterns in the family system for more targeted treatment.

Gilbert, Roberta M. ***Connecting with Our Children: Guiding Principles for Parents in a Troubled World.*** New York, NY: John Wiley & Sons, Inc., 1999. Pp. 231. \$14.95.
Based on Bowen family systems theory, this book shows parents how to build healthy connections with children. Practical examples and stories illustrate familiar situations and concerns.

Gilbert, Roberta M. ***Extraordinary Relationships: A New Way of Thinking About Human Interactions.*** 2nd ed. Stephens City, VA: Leading Systems Press, 2017. Pp. 262. \$24.95.
This book is a blueprint to better relationships that tells how the principles of family systems theory can be used to enhance relationships in all arenas of life.

Gilbert, Roberta. ***The Eight Concepts of Bowen Theory.*** Lake Frederick, VA. Leading Systems Press, 2018. Pp. 118. \$14.95 (on Amazon).
This book is a clear and concise description of the eight key concepts presented in the Bowen theory of Family Systems. The concepts can be applied to groups, families, individuals, churches, organizations, or pretty much anywhere there are people. Everyone can find use from this book by laying a foundation to understanding these theories.

Harrison, Victoria. ***The Family Diagram & Family Research***. Houston, TX. Center for the Study of Natural Systems and the Family, 2018. Pp. 79. \$18.50 (for an order of 20-49 on www.csnsf.org/the-family-diagram-family-research/).

This guidebook serves as a way to understand the family as a system based on Bowen's research. The illustrations help the reader understand and apply the variations in family that lead to differentiation of self. This guide is useful for anyone wanting to understand the mechanics behind Bowen's family system theory in an applied way.

Herrington, J., Creech, R., and Taylor, T. ***The Leader's Journey: Accepting the Call to Personal and Congregational Transformation***. 2016. Pp. 186. \$11.00.

Examines the functioning of churches and their leaders in light of family systems theory and biblical principles. Focuses on the challenges of *doing* – of taking principled action in the presence of relationship pressures.

Keller, Mignonetten N. & Noone, Robert (Eds). ***Handbook of Bowen Family Systems Theory and Research Methods***. New York, New York. Routledge, 2020. Pp. 440. \$90.00 (on Amazon).

"The *Handbook of Bowen Family Systems Theory and Research Methods* presents innovative approaches on a range of issues inherent in family research and discusses the links between theory, data collection, and data analysis based on Bowen family systems theory."

Kerr, Michael E. ***Bowen Theory's Secrets: Revealing the Hidden Life of Families***. New York, New York. W. W. Norton & Company, 2019. Pp. 382. \$47.50 (from LMPC store).

This book explains how a very emotionally close relationship can result in distance over time. Kerr also poses theories on why good people do bad things, and how family systems can strength some members while weakening others.

Kerr, Michael E. and Bowen, Murray. ***Family Evaluation: An Approach Based on Bowen Theory***. New York, NY: W. W. Norton and Company, 1988. Pp. 400. \$45.00 (from LMPC Store).

Comprehensively presents Bowen's principles for assessing families, enabling the family therapist to organize data and therapy decisions.

Kerr, Michael E. ***One Family's Story: A Primer on Bowen Theory***. Washington, D.C.: Georgetown Family Center, 2003. Pp. 43. \$10.00.

Gives an overview of the eight basic concepts of Bowen family systems theory.

McGoldrick, Monica. ***You Can Go Home Again***. New York, NY: W.W. Norton and Company, 1995. Pp. 329. \$18.95.

The author explains how the use of genograms (family trees) can bring to light a family's history of suicide estrangement, alliance, or divorce, revealing intergenerational patterns that prove more than coincidental.

Miller, Jeffrey A. ***The Anxious Organization: Why Smart Companies Do Dumb Things***. Tempe, AZ: Facts on Demand Press, 2002. Pp. 219. \$19.95.

Provides an insight into workplace dynamics from a family systems perspective.

Noone, Robert. ***Family and Self: Bowen Theory and the Shaping of Adaptive Capacity***. Lanham, MD. Lexington Books, 2021. Pp. 234. \$79.68 (on Amazon).

"Following Bowen's mode, this book examines the interplay between the individual and the family in shaping the differential capacity to effectively adapt to life's many challenges."

Richardson, Ronald W. ***Becoming a Healthier Pastor: Family Systems Theory and the Pastor's Own Family***. Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press, 2005. Pp. 150. \$17.00.

Provides an overview of Bowen family systems theory, while challenging pastors to do their own family of origin work, if they are to function effectively as leaders in the congregation.

Richardson, Ronald W. ***Couples in Conflict: A Family Systems Approach to Marriage Counseling.*** Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2010. Pp. 249. \$30.00.

A thorough and pastoral approach to Bowen family systems theory and its use in marital counseling; both practical and rich in theory.

Richardson, Ronald W. ***Creating a Healthier Church: Family Systems Theory, Leadership, and Congregational Life.*** Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press, 1996. Pp. 184. \$19.00.

Offers an understanding of how congregations function emotionally, as well as practical leadership ideas.

Richardson, Ronald W. ***Polarization and the Church: Applying Bowen Family Systems Theory to Conflict and Change in Society and Congregational Life.*** Create Space Independent Publishing Platform, 2012. Pp. 161. \$15.00.

Using Bowen systems theory, discusses polarization in North American society, how a community can come together to solve its problems and how leaders can bring about positive change.

Schwabe, Mary Ann and Goodline, David, editors. ***Bowen Theory and Theology: What's God Got To Do With It?*** Voyagers Publishing, 2016. Pp. 131. \$15.00.

Edited papers from a conference hosted by the Voyagers, a group of clergy that meet twice a year to work on their functioning as leaders.

Steinke, Peter L. ***A Door Set Open: Grounding Change in Mission and Hope.*** Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers / Alban Books, 2014. Pp. 141. \$23.00.

The author explores the relationship between the challenges of change and our own responses to new ideas and experiences.

Steinke, Peter L. ***Congregational Leadership in Anxious Times: Being Calm and Courageous No Matter What.*** Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers / Alban Books, 2014. Pp. 183. \$22.00.

Suggests ways for leaders to remain calm in the face of anxiety, to be effective in difficult times.

Steinke, Peter L. ***Healthy Congregations: A Systems Approach.*** Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers / Alban Books, 2014. Pp. 125. \$23.00.

Helpful suggestions gleaned from family systems theory for stewardship of church systems. A theologically grounded guide to optimal congregational health in the service of the church's life and mission.

Steinke, Peter L. ***How Your Church Family Works: Understanding Congregations as Emotional Systems.*** Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers / Alban Books, 2014. Pp. 146. \$22.00.

Examines the implications of family systems theory on congregational life and clergy-lay relationships.

Williamson, Robert. ***Family Thoughts: Studies of the Function of Beliefs within the Family Unit.*** Woodridge, IL: 2014. Pp. 76. \$10.95.

Compilation of five papers that were published in two journals explores the theory of the family developed by Dr. Murray Bowen. The papers explore how beliefs—worldview, philosophies, values, goals, principles—although emerging in an individual brain, can be regarded as a product of the family unit that have a function for the family.

Peacemaking Theology:

Anderson, Mary. ***Do No Harm: How aid can support peace – or war.*** Boulder, Colorado. Lynne Rienner, 1999. Pp. 161. \$17.81 (on Amazon).

This book highlights guidance for humanitarian assistance agencies in program design to facilitate practical and social recovery. Anderson promotes peace in a conflict-sensitive manner that can be beneficial practices for anyone in a conflict setting.

De León-Hartshorn, Iris, Miller Shearer, Tobin, and Shands Stoltzfus, Regina. ***Set Free: A Journey Toward Solidarity Against Racism***. Scottsdale, PA: Herald Press, 2001. Pp. 167. \$15.00.

Using story, analysis, and scriptural reflection, *Set Free* offers a valuable resource towards dismantling racism.

Docherty, Jayne. ***The Little Book of Strategic Negotiation***. Intercourse, PA. Good Books, 2005. Pp. 90. \$5.99 (on Amazon).

Docherty writes about negotiation in a way that is different from our normal assumptions of the work of a negotiator. This book is about the negotiation that happens in heated personal/social settings: deciding which parent will have custody of their child while a divorce is underway; bargaining between workers and management during the course of a merger and downsizing; or establishing a new government as a civil war winds down.

Girard, René. ***I See Satan Fall Like Lightning***. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2001. Pp. 199. \$24.00.

A captivating presentation of the themes found in Girard's other works – mimetic rivalry and contagion, the single victim mechanism and scapegoating – made accessible to the general reader.

Hart, Drew. ***Who Will Be A Witness: Igniting activism for God's justice, love, and deliverance***. Scottsdale, PA. Herald Press, 2020. Pp. 373. \$14.97 (on Amazon).

"*Who Will Be a Witness* offers a vision for communities of faith to organize for deliverance and justice in their neighborhoods, states, and nation as an essential part of living out the call of Jesus."

Kreider, Alan, Kreider, Eleanor, and Widjaja, Paulus. ***A Culture of Peace: God's Vision for the Church***. Intercourse, PA: Good Books, 2005. Pp. 205. \$10.00.

The authors suggest how to develop "peacemaking reflexes:" how churches "can learn to handle conflict well;" and how to cultivate vulnerability and humility, two essential "attitudes of peacemakers."

Moore, Osheta. ***Dear White Peacemakers: Discriminating Racism with Grit and Grace***. Harrisonburg, VA. Herald Press, 2021. Pp. 248. \$18.99 (on Amazon)

"*Dear White Peacemakers* is an invitation to white Christians to come to the table and join this hard work and holy calling. Rooted in the life, ministry, and teachings of Jesus, this book is a challenging call to transform white shame, fragility, saviorism, and privilege, in order to work together to build the Beloved Community as anti-racism peacemakers."

Roth, John D. ***Beliefs: Mennonite Faith and Practice***. Scottsdale, PA: Herald Press, 2002. Pp.169. \$11.00.

The author surveys core elements of Anabaptist/Mennonite perspectives on theology, ecclesiology, and discipleship. This is an honest and helpful introduction to historic Anabaptist convictions and contemporary Mennonite understandings.

Schirch, Lisa. ***The Little Book of Strategic Peacebuilding***. Intercourse, PA. Good Books, 2004. Pp. 89. \$5.99 (on Amazon).

This book offers clear and strategic practices for pursuing a just peace. This process calls for long-term planning, working at all levels of society, careful decision-making, and coordinating different actors and approaches to peacebuilding, all things this book addresses.

Sen, Amartya. ***Identity and Violence: The illusion of destiny***. New York, New York. W.W. Norton & Company, 2007. Pp. 240. \$11.99 (on Amazon).

Sen writes to challenge the reductionist division of people by race, religion, and class. He presents an inspiring vision of a world that can be made to move toward peace as firmly as it has spiraled in recent years toward brutality and war.

Steadfast Hope: The Palestinian Quest for Just Peace. The Palestine Israel Network of the Episcopal Peace Fellowship, 2011. Pp. 49. \$10.00.

Steadfast Hope challenges common myths and misperceptions about the origins of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, presents a compelling snapshot of the present situation on the ground, and offers a guide to the challenges that lie ahead in the quest for peace

Wink, Walter. ***Jesus and Nonviolence: A Third Way***. Minneapolis, MN. Fortress Press, 2003. Pp. 128. \$9.99 (on Amazon).

Wink uses what we know about Jesus and his way of nonviolence to shape this book into a message against the current alternative impacting society today. He writes about the possibility of victory for nonviolence if people refuse to resort to violence or terror in order to obtain their desires.

Sexual Abuse and Misconduct:

Gaede, Beth Ann, editor. ***When a Congregation is Betrayed: Responding to Clergy Misconduct***. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers / Alban Books, 2006. Pp. 254. \$32.00.

Offers a compelling collection of essays from experts who have consulted, taught, or written about clergy misconduct. Written for the pastor who must follow in the wake of prior misconduct, the book is also helpful for denominational officials and lay leaders of congregations that have experienced the misconduct of a pastor.

Personal Stories:

Brown, Austin. ***I'm Still Here: Black dignity in a world made for whiteness***. New York. Convergent Books, 2018. Pp. 192. \$11.53 (on Amazon).

This book shares the story of Austin Brown, a black woman navigating a white America. Austin shares her experiences in her school, her church, and her community. By addressing the areas of discrimination, conflict, and trials she has faced, this book is a guiding light for readers to listen and respond.

Hill, Marc. ***Nobody: Casualties of America's War on the Vulnerable, from Ferguson to Flint and Beyond***. New York, New York. Atria Paperback, 2017. \$9.69 (on Amazon).

This book offers an analysis State-sanctioned violence in some high profile deaths in America. Hill writes to help readers understand the plight of vulnerable communities, examines the effects of unfettered capitalism, and political power in a country that boasts freedom. This book would be helpful for anyone wanting to learn more about the presence of violence and discrimination in America.

King, Martin Luther. ***Stride Toward Freedom: The Montgomery story***. Boston, MA. Beacon Press, 2010. Pp. 272. \$18.00 (on Amazon).

This book was written by King two years after the famous bus boycott. His memoir offers insight into his thinking, what was happening politically during that time, and further economic injustice. This book would be helpful for someone looking to learn more about the issues of injustice during the United States Civil Rights Movement.

Stevenson, Bryan. ***Just Mercy: A story of justice and redemption***. London, England. One World, 2015. Pp. 368. \$7.87 (on Amazon).

This bestseller is true story about the potential for mercy to redeem us. Stevenson writes about his story as a young lawyer representing a man on death row. It is truly a book about compassion in the legal system, and compassion in our society. A great read for anyone wanting to learn more about having compassion on criminals, sinners, and all fallen people.

International Peacebuilding:

Annan, Kofi. ***Interventions: A life in war and peace***. London, England. Penguin, 2013. Pp. 400. \$14.38 (on Amazon).

“Over forty years of service to the United Nations - the last ten as Secretary-General - Kofi Annan has been at the centre of the major geopolitical events of our time. As much a memoir as a guide to world order, *Interventions* provides a unique, behind-the-scenes view of global diplomacy during one of the most tumultuous periods in UN history.

Lederach, John Paul. ***The Moral Imagination: The art and soul of building peace***. New York, New York. Oxford University Press, 2005. \$26.02 (on Amazon).

The Moral Imagination describes building peace in a biblical way. Lederach is a skilled writer when it comes to explaining theories on how to overcome division and promote peace most effectively. This book weaves imagery, metaphors, and practice into one comprehensible book that could benefit all readers.

Mambula, Musa. ***Are there limits to pacifism? : The Nigerian dilemma***. Prudent Universal Press. Pp. 193. \$5.99 (on Amazon).

Tutu, Desmond & Tutu, Mpho. ***The Book of Forgiving: The fourfold path for healing ourselves and our world***. San Francisco, CA. HarperOne, 2014. Pp. 240. \$23.77 (on Amazon).

After much reflection on the process of forgiveness, Tutu has seen that there are four important steps to healing: Admitting the wrong and acknowledging the harm; Telling one's story and witnessing the anguish; Asking for forgiveness and granting forgiveness; and renewing or releasing the relationship. Tutu comes from the position that forgiveness is the only way to truly heal ourselves and our world.

Minow, Martha. ***Between Vengeance and Forgiveness: Facing history after genocides and mass forgiveness***. Boston, MA. Beacon Press, 1999. Pp. 224. \$22.00 (on Amazon).

Minow writes about how to heal after largescale tragedy. By studying the national experiments in justice and healing, Minow brings analysis to this book in an accessible way for anyone interested in learning the skills to navigate personal and largescale conflict.