



Peace with Justice Sunday

Reading List



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The United Methodist Church honors the dignity of every individual made in God's image. Moved by Christ's love to **pursue reconciliation and peace**, United Methodists are unwilling to turn a blind eye to injustice.

Your giving on Peace with Justice Sunday is vital for The United Methodist Church to continue its global ministries of reconciliation, doing God's critical work in the world. Because you give:

- United Methodists spearhead a peace ministry uniting Arizona border communities;
- United Methodists in Liberia learn to implement the denomination's Social Principles to address social-justice issues; and
- Pennsylvania students educate their community about sex-trafficking at home and abroad.

When you support Peace with Justice Sunday, you empower local Christians – in Pennsylvania, Arizona, Liberia and other places – to build the world of peace that Jesus advocated.

“But as for you, return to your God, hold fast to love and justice, and wait continually for your God.” (Hosea 12:6, NRSV)

As we wait, join with us in **holding fast to love and justice**. Together, we do more!

Peace Is the Way

Bringing War and Violence to an End

By Deepak Chopra

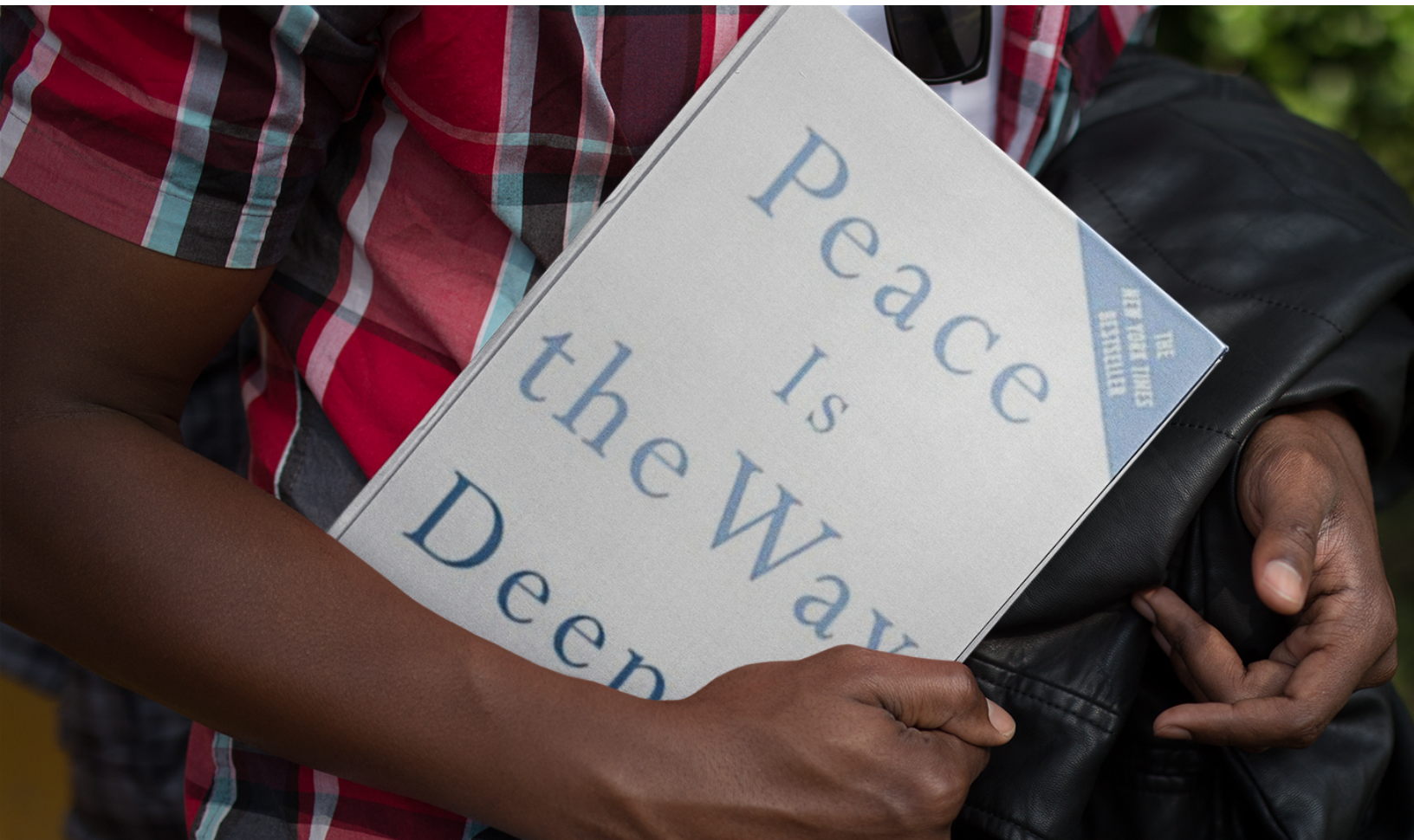
In a practical seven-step program, Deepak Chopra shows readers **how to become true peacemakers.**

“Violence,” he says, “may be innate in human nature, but so is its opposite: love. The next stage of humanity, the leap which we are poised to take, will be guided by the force of that love.”

More than a hope or an aspiration, peace is a new way of being in the world, giving each individual the power to end war in our time.

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The Road to Peace

Reconciliation, Justice, and Peace

The Second African Synod

By Agbonkhianmeghe E. Orobator, SJ

“The Road to Peace” addresses the theme of the Second African Synod, Reconciliation, Justice, and Peace, in the wider context of globalization, postmodernity and other factors that shape the contemporary church and society in Africa.

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Renegade for Peace and Justice

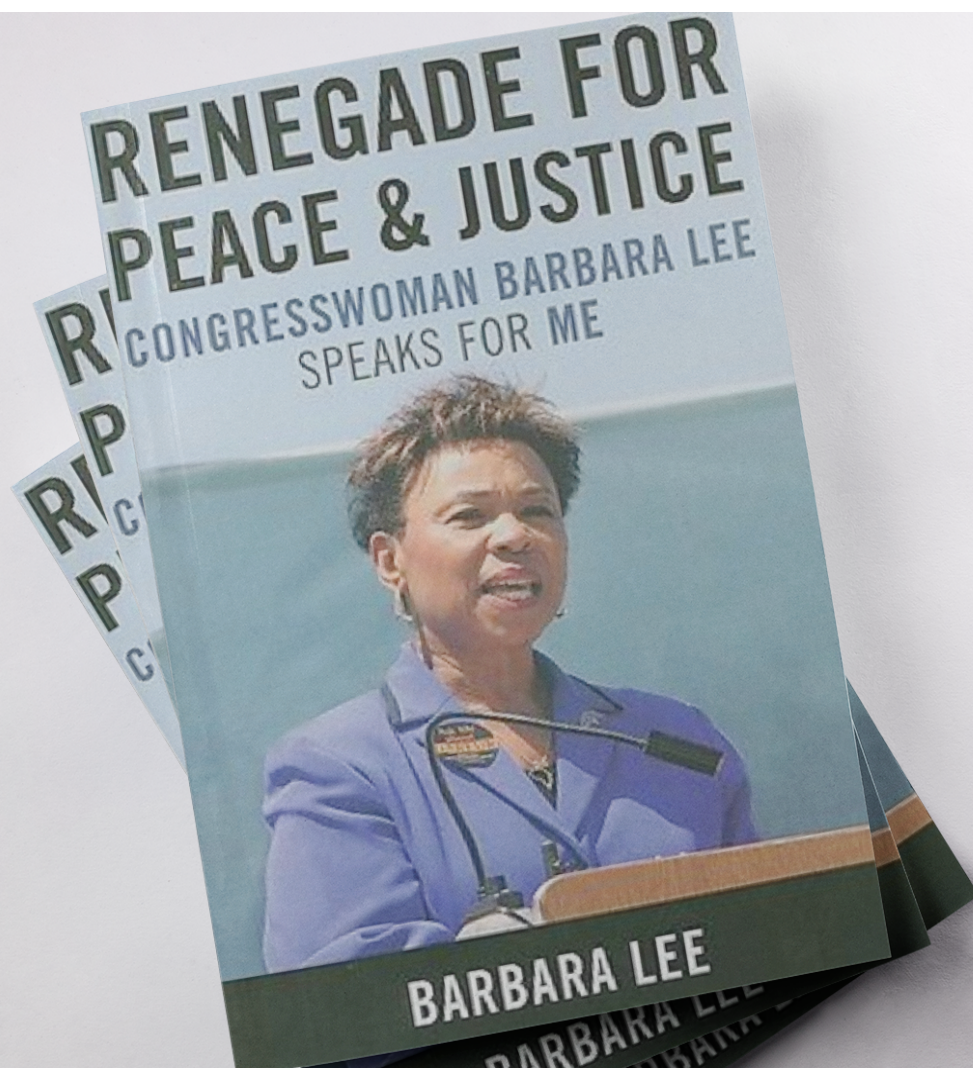
Congresswoman Barbara Lee Speaks for Me

By *Barbara Lee*

In this autobiography, Barbara Lee describes the **challenges she overcame** to break the cycle of multigenerational domestic violence, and her rise from being a single mother of two young children to being one of the most progressive, **respected voices in Congress today**.

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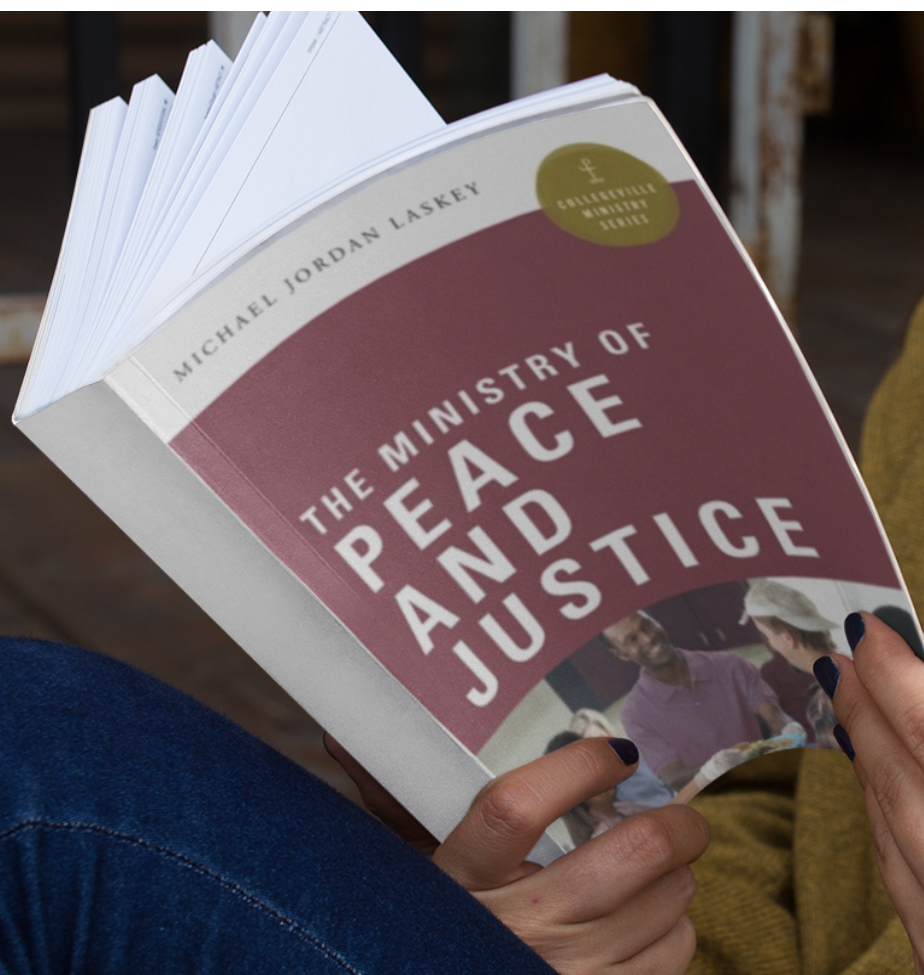
The Ministry of Peace and Justice

By Michael Jordan Laskey

This practical guide is designed to help faith communities deepen their commitment to bringing God's **compassion to a wounded world**. Intended for pastoral leaders and parishioners with a heart for the poor and vulnerable, the book includes creative suggestions for starting or expanding social efforts and contains six ready-to-use educational, interactive sessions for new or growing peace and justice committees.

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Religion and the Politics of Peace and Conflict

By Linda Hogan and Dylan Lee Lehrke

Exploring aspects of the ambivalence between religion and violence, this book focuses on **traditions of legitimation and pacifism** within the three monotheistic religions: Judaism, Christianity and Islam, and concludes with an examination of this ambivalence as it unfolds in each tradition's engagement with the politics of gender.

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All Day

Friends Around the World Activity Book

By *Compassion International, Jacob Souva and Tyndale*

This hands-on activity book teaches children about families in other countries, the poverty many of them endure and **God's compassionate heart for all of us**. Included are recipes, puzzles, crafts and games that introduce readers to the joys and struggles of friends from far away. As children interact with the activities in the book and learn about life in other countries, they connect with and **develop a heart of compassion for people around the world**.

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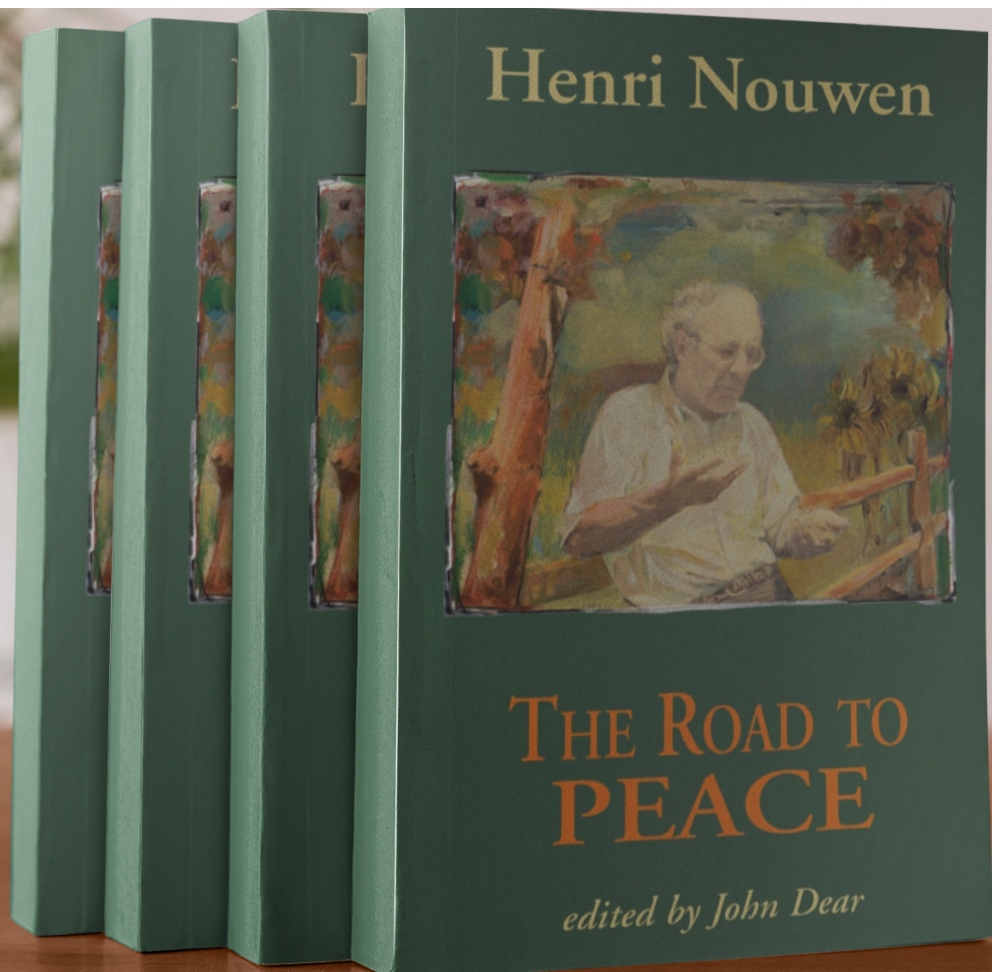
Writings on Peace and Justice

By **Henri J.M. Nouwen**

Throughout his life, Henri Nouwen stressed the connection between **intimacy with Christ and solidarity with a wounded world**. This book includes a previously unpublished manuscript on peacemaking as well as stories of Nouwen's participation in the March on Selma in 1965 and at the funeral of Martin Luther King Jr. In other writings, Nouwen reflects on Christ's presence among the oppressed poor of Latin America, the legacies of Oscar Romero and Thomas Merton, and the lessons of the heart which he learned among his friends with intellectual disabilities at L'Arche. The book concludes with a talk on compassion in the time of AIDS, and the **call to solidarity with the human family**.

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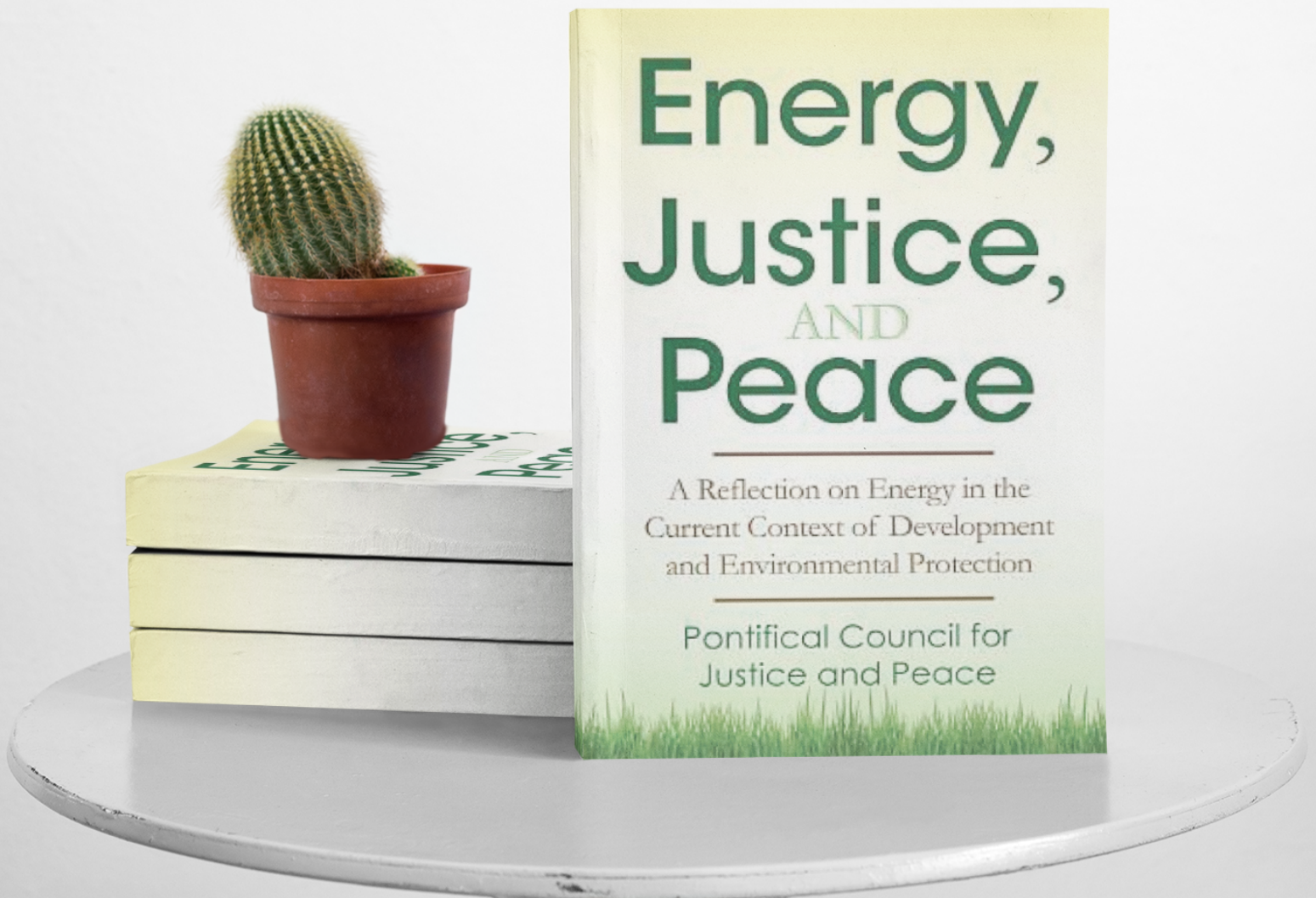
Energy, Justice, and Peace

Pontifical Congregation for Justice and Peace

This reflection shares how **energy is linked to justice and peace**. Justice and peace may, in fact, be threatened by unresolved energy issues, while healthy energy management contributes to integral, real, sustainable development.

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All Day

A Year of Love and Survival Teaching Incarcerated Kids at Rikers Island, New York's Most Notorious Jail

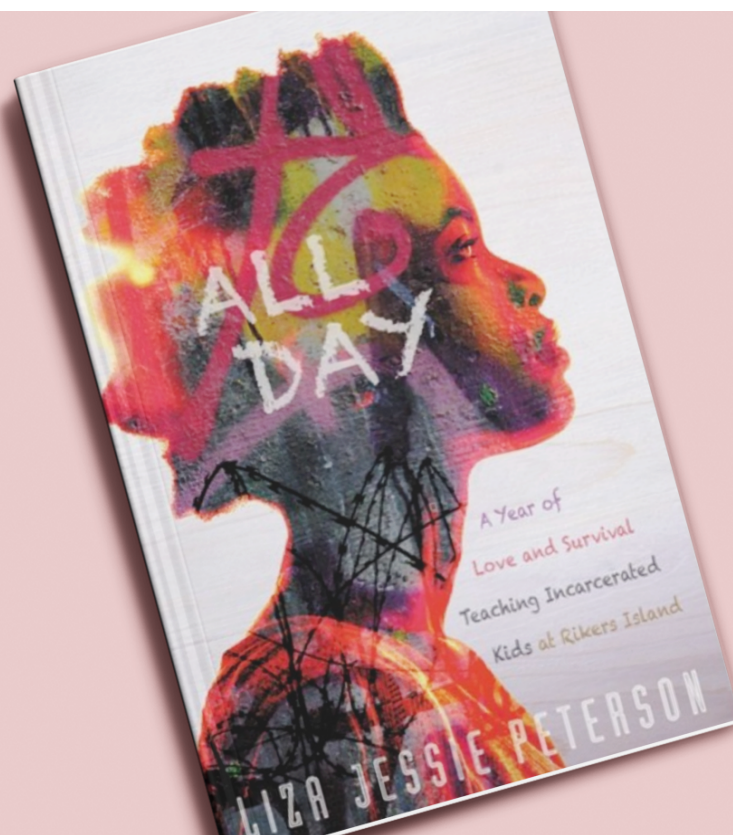
By Liza Jessie Peterson

“All Day” is a behind-the-bars, personal glimpse into the issue of mass incarceration via an unpredictable, insightful and ultimately **hopeful reflection** on teaching teens while they await sentencing.

Peterson vividly captures the prison milieu and the exuberance of the youth whom society has often mistreated and who have become lost within the system. Her time in the classroom teaches her something, too: that these boys want to be rescued. **They want normalcy, love and opportunity.**

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And Social Justice for All

Empowering Families, Churches, and Schools to Make a Difference in God's World

By Lisa Van Engen

Educator and mom Lisa Van Engen creates innovative resources to engage children in **understanding and responding to 14 justice issues**, including clean water, creation care, immigration and refugees, hunger, race and poverty. Also included are conversation starters for each age group to challenge thinking and assumptions; a family devotional to anchor each issue in God's word; and engaging, age-specific activities for reading, playing, observing, creating, connecting and experimenting in God's world.

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