

Recommended Reading List from Care for Creation

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Members of the Northeastern Iowa Synod Care for Creation Network have assembled a list of recommended reading for the long days of winter. (The book titles link to descriptions on www.Goodreads.com.)

The Overstory by Richard Powers (W. W. Norton & Company, 2019) This is a long, beautiful novel as a kind of environmental fable about attempts to save old growth forests in the U.S.

Climate Justice: Hope, Resilience, and the Fight for a Sustainable Future by Mary Robinson (Bloomsbury Publishing, 2018) She was the president of Ireland, brought peace there, and came to speak at Luther.

The Planet You Inherit: Letters to my Grandchildren when Uncertainty is a Sure Thing by Larry L. Rasmussen (Broadleaf Books: Minneapolis, 2022)

An Inconvenient Sequel: Truth to Power by Al Gore (Simon Schuster, 2017)

Climate Church, Climate World: How People of Faith Must Work for Change by Jim Antal (Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2018)

How to Avoid a Climate Disaster: The Solutions We Have and the Breakthroughs We Need by Bill Gates (Knopf Publishing Group, 2021)

Saving Us: A Climate Scientist's Case for Hope and Healing in a Divided World by Katharine Hayhoe (Simon & Schuster, 2021) Katharine Hayhoe is an "evangelical climatologist."

America's Climate Century: What Climate Change Means for America in the 21st Century and What Americans Can Do about It by Rob Hogg



(Createspace Independent Publishing Platform, 2013) Rob Hogg is a former state senator in the Iowa Legislature.

The Ecology of Commerce by Paul Hawken (HarperBusiness, 1994)

The Land Remembers: The Story of a Farm and Its People by Ben Logan (Itchy Cat Press, 1975) Ben Logan, who studied under Aldo Leopold, tells how his family farm, located just across the Mississippi near Viroqua, Wis., shaped the lives of him and his family.

Bayou Farewell: The Rich Life and Tragic Death of Louisiana's Cajun Coast by Mike Tidwell (Vintage, 2004).

"The Big Thirst: The Secret Life and Turbulent Future of Water" by Charles Fishman (Simon & Schuster, 2021) Shares water availability issues.

Eaarth: Making a Life on a Tough New Planet by Bill McKibben (Times Books, 2010)

Storms Of My Grandchildren: The Truth About The Climate Catastrophe And Our Last Chance To Save Humanity by James Hansen (Bloomsbury Press, 2004) Iowan James Hansen is a leading climate scientist who was one of the first to raise the alarm about climate change.

The Water Will Come: Rising Seas, Sinking Cities, and the Remaking of

the Civilized World by Jeff Goodell (Little Brown & Company, 2017)

Whole Earth Discipline: An Ecopragmatist Manifesto by Stewart Brand (Viking Books, 2009) Brand was the editor of the *Whole Earth Catalog*.

Devotions: The Selected Poems of Mary Oliver by Mary Oliver (Penguin Press, 2017). More than 200 beautiful and powerful poems from across the decades of a marvelous poet's career encapsulating the interdependence of all living things and nature's offering of the glimpsed sacred.

The World-Ending Fire: The Essential Wendell Berry by Wendell Berry (Allen Lang, 2019) A collection of graceful, down-to-earth, and hopeful essays from across Berry's long life, writing of the pleasure and sanity of local communities and natural, sustainable life.

Flight Behavior by Barbara Kingsolver (HarperCollins, 2012) It's about the various effects on the individuals who live in a small town in Appalachia where, unpredictably, a flock of butterflies arrives because their migratory flight plan has been disrupted by climate change.

Braiding Sweetgrass by Robin Wall Kimmerer (Milkweed Editions, 2013)

Guardians of the Trees: A Journey of Hope Through Healing the Planet: A Memoir by Kinari Webb (Flatiron Books, 2021)

UN Climate Report 2022 (un.org/en/climatechange/reports) It includes several different climate reports and a summary of the main report.