

# OFF THE SHELF



**Mission Statement:** To energize church library ministry through education, resource sharing, spiritual encouragement and fellowship.

Fall 2016

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ST. PEDER'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
*open hearts. open hands. open doors.*

4600 E 42<sup>nd</sup> St., Minneapolis

**TCACLA Fall Meeting**  
October 22, 2016  
8:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

The theme of the Fall meeting is "Selection." Our keynote speaker, Jessica Zillhart, will talk about selection of religious materials in the public library



system. Jessica is currently a Materials Selection Librarian at the St. Paul Public Library. She's also a member of Ebooks Minnesota's collection development task force and she's involved with the Digital Public Library of America's

Content Curation Corps for their Open Ebooks Initiative. Jessica previously was employed by Anoka County Library as a Youth Materials Selector and by Mackin Educational Resources as a Collection Development Specialist. She received her Master's Degree in Library and Information Science at the University of Wisconsin.

After Jessica's presentation, we'll learn about Magers & Quinn Booksellers' services for churches and hear about new books on two social justice issues. We'll end with a roundtable discussion of how we decide what materials to add to our own libraries, both via purchase and donation. As always, there will be a book swap, a chance to visit the church library, and time to network with other librarians.

More information on the program – including a special photography exhibition, directions to the church, and a registration form are included in the following pages.

## General Information

**The Twin Cities Area Church Library Association (TCACLA)** is a non-profit support organization serving church librarians.

Membership is open to individuals and churches of all denominations that desire to network with others on church library development and enrichment.

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Members: 29 churches, 1 individual

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	\$616.00	Spring Meeting Registration
	<u>\$72.00</u>	2016 Membership Dues
	\$688.00	Income
	-\$41.85	Spring <i>Off the Shelf</i>
	-\$29.47	Meeting Supplies
	-\$301.58	Spring Meeting Expenses
	<u>-\$75.00</u>	Fall Meeting Expenses
	-\$447.90	Expenses
8/20/2016	\$1011.43	Ending Balance

### **2017 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

A 2017 new/renewal membership form is included in this issue of *Off the Shelf* in case you want to pay the 2017 dues with funds in your 2016 budget. It's not necessary to pay your dues for next year at this time, however. The form will be included again in the Winter issue.

If your church isn't currently a member of TCACLA and you join now, you can attend the Fall 2016 meeting, along with all of the 2017 meetings, at the member rate. In addition, you will receive a free copy of ***A Handbook for Church Librarians***.



### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

During the business meeting on October 22, we will be electing a Vice-President and a Treasurer for the 2017-2018 term. If you are interested in filling one of these positions, or any other position on the board, please contact an officer listed on this page.

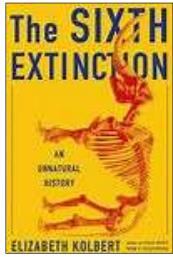
## WHAT CHURCHES ARE READING

The books described below have been recently added to the libraries of TCACLA members. Thank you all for responding to my recent e-mail survey. You've provided lots of titles for both this issue and future ones. I hope that you will continue to share what your church is reading. Please send the titles and authors to [otseditor@gmail.com](mailto:otseditor@gmail.com).

“A good library will never be too neat, or too dusty, because somebody will always be in it, taking books off the shelves and staying up late reading them.” – Lemony Snicket, *Horseradish: Bitter Truths You Can't Avoid*

### **THE SIXTH EXTINCTION: An Unnatural History**

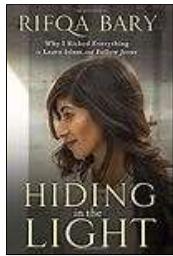
by Elizabeth Kolbert, Henry Holt & Co., 2014.



This winner of the Pulitzer Prize has been compared to Rachel Carson's *Silent Spring*. Kolbert uses compelling, accessible, and sometimes humorous language to describe the five periods in the earth's history when there were massive die-offs of plants and animals, then makes a case that we are headed toward a 6<sup>th</sup> such period. Her extensive research includes interviews with biologists, botanists, and geologists from all over the world.

### **HIDING IN THE LIGHT: Why I Risked Everything to Leave Islam and Follow Jesus**

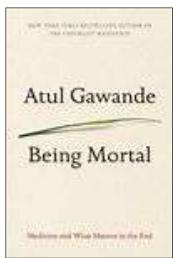
by Rifqa Bary, WaterBrook, 2015.



Bary, a native of Sri Lanka, moved to the U.S. with her family when she was 8 and converted to Christianity when she was 12. When her family discovered her secret 4 years later, she was forced to leave her home in Ohio and flee to strangers in Florida. The controversial court battle that followed was covered by the international press and Bary became a symbol of religious freedom. In this memoir, she writes about her side of the story: her rigid upbringing, her experience with the legal system, her battle with cancer and her faith.

### **BEING MORTAL: Medicine and What Matters in the End**

by Atul Gawande, Holt Henry & Co., 2014.



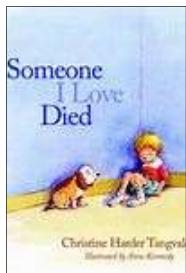
Surgeon and health researcher Dr. Gawande asks how we can live our final years in the way we desire and how we should talk to our health-care providers to achieve that goal. “When the prevailing fantasy is that we can be ageless, the geriatrician’s uncomfortable demand is that we accept we are not.” In this book, he tells compelling stories about people he has known in discussions of aging, prolonging life, hospice and palliative care, and preparation for death.

**THE SECOND HALF: A Novel** by Lauraine Snelling, FaithWords, 2016.



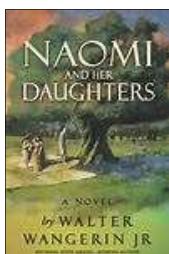
Mona and Ken Sorenson are looking forward to his upcoming retirement when their lives are suddenly turned upside down. They become the primary caregivers for their 2 young grandchildren, Ken faces challenges at work, and Mona deals with health problems. This is not the life of traveling, pursuing hobbies and enjoying time alone together that they'd planned. As they struggle to trust that it is God's plan that matters most, Mona and Ken find strength in each other and in their faith.

**SOMEONE I LOVE DIED** by Christine Harder Tangvald, David C. Brooks, 2012.



This classic children's book of comfort for grieving children was recently updated, including fresh watercolor illustrations and interactive resources. Based on Christian values, the book clearly explains the concept of death and what happens when someone dies. Through it, children are given an opportunity to express their feelings both through words and through art.

**NAOMI AND HER DAUGHTERS: A Novel** by Walter Wangerin Jr., Zondervan, 2010.



In his re-telling of the book of Ruth, Wangerin combines historical accuracy with his imagination to explore themes of love, faith, grief and community against a sometimes graphic backdrop of war and political instability. Readers follow Naomi through her initial state of abundance to bitter widowhood to restoration to life through Ruth. God is always faithful but Naomi doesn't always see it. Biblical quotes are italicized.

**A GOOD TIME FOR THE TRUTH: Race in Minnesota** edited by Sun Yung Shin, Minnesota Historical Society Press, 2016.



A collection of powerful essays in which 16 Minnesota authors write about what it is like to be a person of color in one of the whitest states in the country. While some describe a specific incident of bigotry, others discuss the challenges of daily life in which they struggle to be assimilated into white culture while maintaining their own identity. The authors include David Lawrence Grant, Bao Phi, Heid Erdrich, and Taiyon Coleman.



Quinn and the importance of supporting a family owned local business. Of special interest to us is that Gary can help church librarians with book selection. His presentation will include a discussion of books for adults and youth on two of today's important social justice issues – race and climate change/global warming/care in creation. He can also help churches sponsor author events as fund raisers. Promotional copies of the books that Gary discusses will be able for review and given as door prizes to the attendees. You can also order copies of these books and others by emailing Gary. You will receive a wonderful discount!

Gary is a lifelong Lutheran. He attends Calvary Lutheran Church in Minneapolis where he has served a two-year term as president of the council. Besides being a booklover and active in his church, Gary volunteers at Underdog Rescue. He has three of his own dogs and two foster dogs.



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## TEMPORARYSCULPTURE balanced stone art photography by Peter Juhl



Peter Juhl, a member of St. Peder's Evangelical Lutheran Church, has been creating and photographing balanced rock art for twenty years. He has shown his photography in several Twin Cities galleries; taught balancing at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, Art in Bayfront Park, and Lake Harriet in Minneapolis; and written a book, ***Center of Gravity: A Guide to the Practice of Rock Balancing***. He will be mounting an exhibit of his photography for our October 22 meeting. *Image Copyright Peter Juhl*

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**BOOK SWAP:** Your library may have a duplicate copy of a book or a gently used book that you no longer need. If so, consider bringing it to a TCACLA meeting to share with others. Despite the "swap" name, there is no requirement that you bring a book in order to take a book. If you bring a book that's still there at the end of the meeting, please take it home with you instead of asking the host church to dispose of it.

**St. Peder's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
4600 East 42<sup>nd</sup> Street, Minneapolis**

**Driving Directions:** St. Peder's is located on the corner of East.42<sup>nd</sup> Street and 46<sup>th</sup> Avenue South in Minneapolis.

**From the South:**

Take the Crosstown Hwy. (62) to Hiawatha Ave. (Hwy. 55). Go north on Hiawatha to E 42<sup>nd</sup> St. Turn right on E 42<sup>nd</sup> St. and proceed to 46<sup>th</sup> Ave. S.

**From the East:**

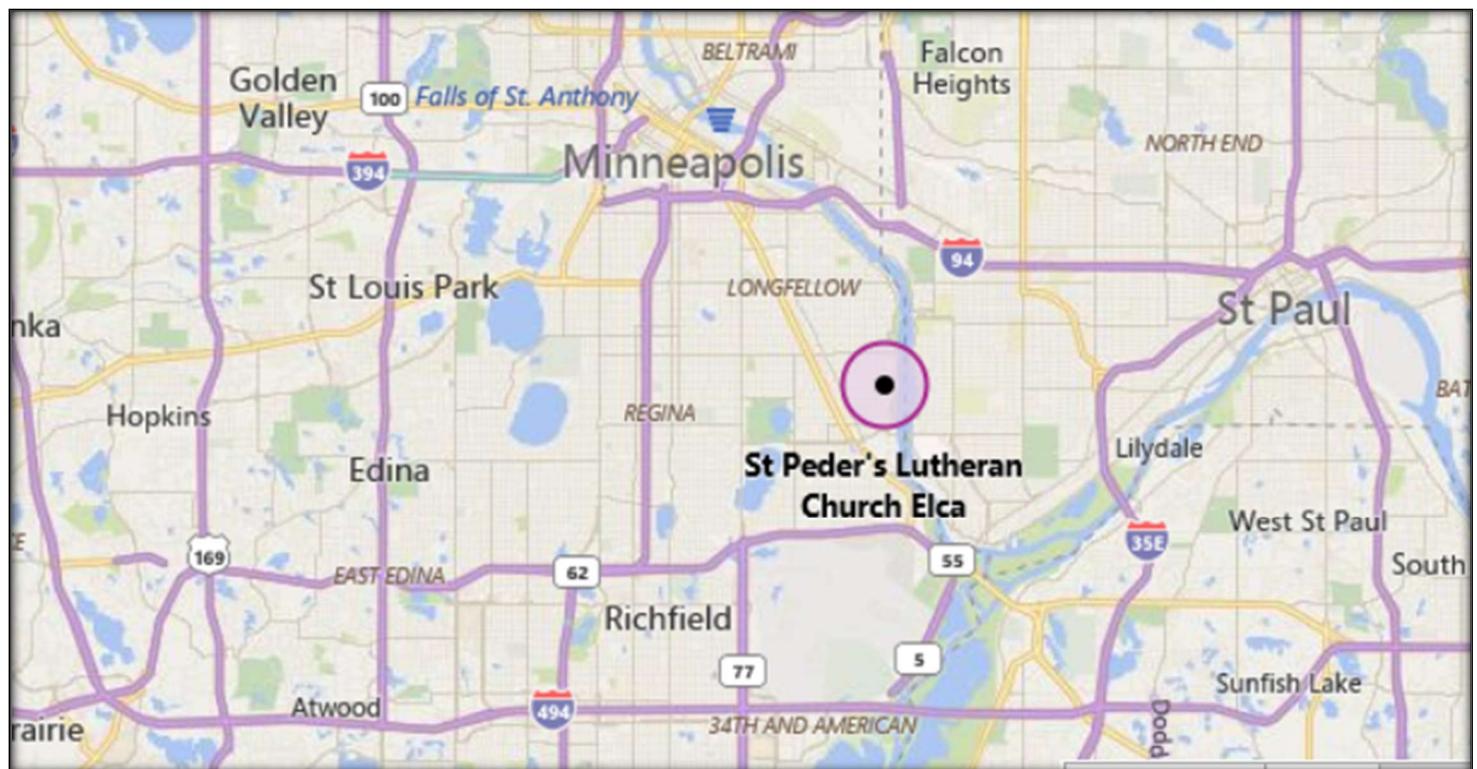
From 35E, take the Randolph Ave. exit and head west. Continue on Randolph Ave. until you reach Cretin Ave. S. Turn left at Cretin, then head south to Ford Parkway. Turn right on Ford Parkway and continue over the bridge. Turn right on 46<sup>th</sup> Ave. S. (the first stop light after the bridge) and head north to E 42<sup>nd</sup> St.

**From the West:**

From 35W, take the 46<sup>th</sup> St. exit and head east. At Cedar Ave., turn left and go to E 42<sup>nd</sup> St. Turn right on E 42<sup>nd</sup> St. Cross over Hiawatha Ave. (Hwy. 55). Continue on E 42<sup>nd</sup> St. until you reach 46<sup>th</sup> Ave.

**From the North:**

From Interstate 94, take the Hiawatha (Hwy. 55) exit. Go south on Hiawatha to E 42nd St. Turn left on E 42nd St. and proceed to 46<sup>th</sup> Ave. S.



**Twin Cities Area Church Library Association Fall Meeting**  
**Saturday, October 22, 2016**

*The photography exhibit, book swap, and church library will be open all morning.*

8:45-9:00	Registration
9:00-9:30	Welcome, Devotions & Business Meeting
9:30-9:45	Break
9:45-10:30	Jessica Zillhart; St. Paul Public Library
10:30-11:00	Break
11:00-11:30	Gary Mazzone, Magers and Quinn Booksellers
11:30-11:45	Roundtable Discussion: How do we select materials for our libraries?
11:45-12:30	Lunch

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**TCACLA Fall Meeting**  
**October 22, 2016**  
**MEETING REGISTRATION FORM**

**Note: Please pre-register by October 18, 2016**

Your church name: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of person(s) attending: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Number of TCACLA member registrants: \_\_\_\_\_ x **\$14.00** = \_\_\_\_\_

Number of non-member registrants: \_\_\_\_\_ x **\$16.00** = \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to TCACLA**

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## TCACLA Spring Meeting April 29, 2017

The keynote speaker at our Spring 2017 meeting will be Lindsay Hardin Freeman. Rev. Hardin is a Minnesota based Episcopal priest who led a research team that documented every word spoken in the Bible by women. The author of 8 books, she will speak about the accomplishments and struggles of Bible women. Per her website, she enjoys finding humor and grace in the Bible and shares it fully.

**HOST CHURCH NEEDED:** If your church is available to host the meeting on April 29, please contact one of the officers listed on page 2. The board believes that Rev. Hardin's presentation will be of interest to many members of your church, not just the library team. This could be a wonderful opportunity for you to invite others to attend the program and promote your library.

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**#BlackLivesMatter Reads:** Hennepin County Library has issued two Black Lives Matters reading lists that are attracting national attention. One is aimed at teen readers; the other is for parents to read with their younger children. The lists are available at [bit.ly/29rXmjG](http://bit.ly/29rXmjG) (teens) and [bit.ly/29R1cUN](http://bit.ly/29R1cUN) (kids).