

A “TOP TEN FOR NOW” BRIEFLY ANNOTATED READING LIST OF BOOKS FOR KANSAS REPAIR COMMUNITIES MEMBERS, EMPHASIZING SOME ESSENTIAL AND NEW READS. PLEASE SEE THIS AS A START AND HELP US TO EXPAND THE LIST AS OUR MEMBERS SUGGEST.—Raylene Hinz-Penner

Augustine, Sarah. *The Land Is Not Empty: Following Jesus in Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery* (2021). (How the Doctrine of Discovery enabled Christian governments to seize Indigenous lands. Prophetic, this book explores the ongoing impact on Indigenous peoples and natural resources and calls on Christian-based reconciliation).

Augustine, Sarah and Sheri Hostetler. *So We and Our Children May Live: Following Jesus in Confronting the Climate Crisis* (2023). (Ecological justice requires that we challenge our assumptions about creation and our relationship to it. We need the leadership of Indigenous communities).

Enns, Elaine and Ched Myers. *Healing Haunted Histories: A Settler Discipleship of Decolonization* (2021). (A workbook for settler accountability that emphasizes decolonization as personal and political healing and leads the reader through landlines of our ancestors, bloodlines of settler trauma, and songlines of our tradition for restoration).

Giovale, Hilary. *Becoming a Good Relative: Calling White Settlers Toward Truth, Healing, and Repair* (2024). (A memoir and guide for white Americans to confront ancestral harm, decolonize their lives, and engage in reparation. Giovale weaves personal narrative with spiritual practice and historical research).

Grenz, Jennifer. *Medicine Wheel for the Planet: A Journey Toward Personal and Ecological Healing* (2024). (“This beautiful book can completely change how we approach science, using both Indigenous and Western perspectives, and how we can work collaboratively to help foster balance in nature”).

Kimmerer, Robin Wall. *Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants* (2013). (A best-selling collection of essays that braids together botanical science with her heritage as a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. A botanist, Kimmerer advocates for a “reciprocal relationship” with the land, highlighting how plants and animals are our oldest teachers).

Mitchell, Sherri. *Sacred Instructions: Indigenous Wisdom for Living Spirit-Based Change* (2018). (Penobscot attorney and activist Mitchell offers a guide for personal and societal transformation; weaves together ancestral knowledge with modern activism to address environmental crises, human rights, and the need to move beyond domination-based systems).

Waziyatawin, Ph.D. *What Does Justice Look Like? The Struggle for Liberation in Dakota Homeland* (2008). (“ . . . the untold true history of Minnesota and the valuable contributions of Native People. An invitation to deep truth-telling as a first step toward healing the legacy of genocide suffered by the Dakota people. . . Waziyatawin advocates for Minnesota Truth vs. Minnesota Nice”).

Wenger, Tisa. *Spirits of Empire: How Settler Colonialism Made American Religion* (2026). (“In this groundbreaking book, historian Tisa Wenger shows how the history of American religion unfolded on settler colonial foundations. . . Wenger introduces the concept of “settler secularism” to explain how white settlers defined and managed religion in their own image, in order to facilitate their own rule”).

Woodley, Randy. *Becoming Rooted: One Hundred Days of Reconnecting with Sacred Earth* (2022). (An invitation from an activist, farmer, and scholar to an Indigenous worldview. Short daily meditations, epigraphs, and ideas for reflection and action help us to become rooted in our relationship with creation and Creator).