

PROFESSIONAL GROWTH BOOKS 2021-2022

The North American Division of Education is happy to bring you the annual listing of the Professional Growth Books. Some of these books are written by non-Adventist authors and, therefore, may not fully reflect Seventh-day-Adventist philosophy. However, we believe there is value in these books which have been selected to inspire, bring insight, and challenge your thinking.

To secure a Professional Growth Certificate for the 2021-2022 school year, you should read the four issues of the *Journal of Adventist Education*, at least one book from Group B, and at least four additional books from two or more other headings. Some books may have been listed under two headings and will count for either group. One book of your choice, which could be classified under any of these headings, may be substituted for a book on this list.

GROUP A – READER’S CHOICE

Jesus Through Middle Eastern Eyes: Cultural Studies in the Gospels, Kenneth E. Bailey, *IVP Academic*, 2008, 443 pages

Softcover \$31.50

Amazon \$24.99

View aspects of the life of Jesus from the perspective of the middle eastern culture, contrasting cultures rooted in Syriac, Hebrew/Aramaic and Arabic with cultures rooted in Greek and Latin. Experiencing and processing Jesus’s life (His birth, the Beatitudes, parables, the Lord’s Prayer) through a different lens will provide new understanding of our Savior’s life and His message.

Spiritual Conversations with Children: Listening to God Together, Lacy Finn Borgo, *InterVarsity Press*, 2020, 166 pages

Softcover \$15.30

Amazon \$14.59

When speaking of spiritual topics with a child, a most important aspect is learning how to listen. More listening and less talking and teaching allows a child to open up and share with you, and also share and respond to God. Ms. Borgo shows us ways to connect with children that open

doors to help them recognize when the spirit of God is moving, and then understand how to respond. This creates a spiritual footprint that guides throughout a lifetime.

GROUP B – DEVOTIONAL AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Fervent: A Woman’s Battle Plan for Serious, Specific, and Strategic Prayer, Priscilla Shirer, *B&H Publishing Group*, 2015, 190 pages

Softcover \$17.99

Amazon \$8.88

Satan works very hard to keep you from praying. He seeks to diminish your passion and desire for spiritual things, to misdirect your focus, and he keeps your imperfections ever before you, convincing you that there is no better path forward. Prayer—specific prayer, passionate prayer—brings about change. Through prayer and with God fighting your battles, turmoil, confusion and sadness are replaced with peace, contentment and rest.

Hebrew Word Study: Revealing the Heart of God, Chaim Behtorah, *Whitaker House*, 2016, 444 pages

Hardcover \$22.49

Amazon \$17.55

Through this Hebrew Word Study devotional, Mr. Behtorah gives deeper insight and understanding into meanings and translations of 90 scriptural Hebrew words. As he incorporates stories of Bible history and the Hebrew culture, he hopes to recapture meanings that may have been lost in the translation, opening your heart to seeing the beauty of God.

The Logic of God: 52 Christian Essentials for the Heart and Mind, Ravi Zacharias, *Zondervan*, 2019, 306 pages

Hardcover \$19.99

Amazon \$46.94

Many people question God’s existence, claiming that the supporting knowledge of his existence is not sufficient. This book is designed to be read over 52 weeks—one year. Each week you get a text, a reading, a reflection and application questions for the text. Through your weekly study, you will gain knowledge and understanding to support God’s existence and validation for the Christian message.

GROUP C – SDA CHURCH HISTORY

John Byington: First General Conference President, Circuit-Riding Preacher, and Radical Reformer, Brian Strayer, Ph.D., *Pacific Press Publishing Association*, 2017, 302 pages

Hardcover \$29.99

Amazon (Kindle edition) \$9.99

John Byington was a relatively obscure pillar of the early Sabbatarian Adventism movement. Learn details of his life and work and information of how the entire family joined and supported the Adventist movement, both financially and with personal participation. The book follows Mr. Byington's activities from the time he left the Methodist church to him becoming a Seventh-day Adventist General Conference president.

A Search for Identity: The Development of Seventh-day Adventist Beliefs, George R. Knight, *Review and Herald Publishing Association*, 2000, 223 pages

Softcover \$12.99

Amazon \$64.87

The author chronicles 150 years of Seventh-day Adventist denominational history. Through many experiences and in different periods of time, concepts were adopted, evolving into what are now known as the 27 fundamental beliefs. These beliefs are the central themes of what Seventh-day Adventists believe to be the iteration of dynamic truth-seeking in the present day.

GROUP D – BACKGROUND FOR TEACHING

Brain-Based Learning: Teaching the Way Students Really Learn, Eric Jensen and Liesl McConchie, *Corwin Press*, 2020, 221 pages

Softcover \$36.95

Amazon \$36.95

To teach the way students really learn, you must first understand the learning components (context, triggers, processes, systems and structures), of how the brain works, and how it learns naturally. The next step is to develop an understanding of the variables that make students different (student needs, emotions, motivation). Combine these two steps to create best practices for developing a high-quality learning environment and boosting cognitive functioning.

The Google Infused Classroom: A Guide to Making Thinking Visible and Amplifying Student Voice, Holly Clark and Tanya Avrith, *ElevateBooksEdu*, 2017, 127 pages

Softcover \$17.41

Amazon \$17.41

The authors share knowledge about Google's educational technology tools (Google Drive, Google Docs, Google Forms, YouTube, plus more). They first provide learning theories supporting technology usage in the classroom, and then they provide descriptions and demonstrations of Google's many tools, along with examples for best uses. After reading this book you will be one step closer to catching up with your technologically savvy Generation Z students.

The New Art and Science of Teaching, Robert J. Marzano, *Solution Tree Press Association*, 2017, 135 pages

Softcover \$33.95

Amazon \$25.48

From his 50 years of experience and 40 plus books, Robert Marzano shares updated strategies and best practices for defining learning goals, assessing students, providing feedback and other design areas. Emphasis is placed on implications for change in the classroom and ultimately at the system level. Following the prescribed road map which is a shift from teacher to student, will lead to developing lesson plans to optimize student learning.

Social Emotional Learning and the Brain: Strategies to Help Your Students Thrive, Marilee Sprenger, *Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development*, 2020, 219 pages

Softcover \$30.95

Amazon \$22.78

Research shows that applying what we understand about how the brain learns combined with removing stress and anxiety from the learning environment will allow students to focus at a higher level. Developing teacher-student relationships and incorporating strategies to improve a student's emotional awareness and emotional health will enable teachers to create learning environments where students feel secure, safe and supported.

GROUP E – TEACHERS PERSONAL GROWTH

Permission to Feel: The Power of Emotional Intelligence to Achieve Well-Being and Success, Marc Brackett, Ph.D., *Celadon Books*, 2019, 292 pages

Softcover \$17.99

Amazon \$15.25

Learn and understand the skills associated with acquiring emotional intelligence. Through tested strategies the author documents that using the RULER method (Recognize, Understand Label, Express and Regulate your emotions) will teach you how to deal with your feelings and the feelings of your students. Applying the science of understanding emotion, teachers have lower stress levels, less burnout, greater job satisfaction and more engaging classrooms.

Struggles: Following Jesus in a Selfie-Centered World, Craig Groeschel, *Zondervan*, 2015, 247 pages

Softcover \$--not available (study guide only)

Amazon \$13.43

How are technology and social media impacting your life? In this world of selfies and likes, you may become too focused on the attention, affirmation and the approval of others. You may be involved in idol worship; and the idol is you! To restore balance in your life, review the struggles (control, desensitization, criticism, distraction), follow the guidelines for correction, and adopt the “10 Commandments of Using Social Media to Grow Your Faith and Share God’s Love.”

Take Time for You: Self-Care Action Plans for Educators, Tina H. Boogren, *Solution Tree Press*, 2018, 139 pages

Softcover \$31.95

Amazon \$31.95

Finally; the focus is on you. Review these research-based strategies and action plans, take time with the reflection questions, determine your personal needs, and begin a path of personal growth, development and daily self-care. Your positive and healthy well-being will have a direct impact on what you give to your students.

GROUP F – TEACHING AND LEARNING

The Agile Learner: Where Growth Mindset, Habits of Mind and Practice Unite, James Anderson, *Hawker Brownlow Education*, 2017, 168 pages

Softcover \$29.95

Amazon \$24.95

Having a growth mindset means we can change our talents and abilities. Habits of mind are the actions we need in order for the change to occur. The final puzzle piece is practice—do it! The combination of these three concepts—mindset, habits of mind and practice, will create agile and effective learners for the fast changing 21st century.

Learning That Sticks: A Brain-Based Model for K-12 Instructional Design and Delivery, Bryan Goodwin (with Tonia Gibson and Kristin Rouleau), *Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development and McRel International*, 2020, 157 pages

Softcover \$29.95

Amazon \$29.95

This book presents a learning model based on cognitive research of how the brain works and processes information. The book reviews the science behind concepts like memory, comprehension, storing information and attention. Using a six-phase model of learning you will get a “map” of the student’s brain guiding you as to what is going on while you teach.

Mathematical Mindsets: Unleashing Students’ Potential Through Creative Math, Inspiring Messages and Innovative Teaching, Jo Boaler, *Jossey-Bass*, 2016, 292 pages

Softcover \$21.95

Amazon \$15.95

Research shows that everyone has a core belief on how they learn (a mindset). The author discusses the differences between a fixed mindset and growth mindset, and through supporting research, examples, teaching strategies and techniques, shows how moving from a fixed mindset to a growth mindset can actually encourage brain growth and increase learning opportunities.

Leading Standards-Based Learning: An Implementation Guide for Schools and Districts, Tammy Heflebower, Jan K. Hoegh, and Philip B. Warrick, *Marzano Resources*, 2021, 216 pages

Softcover \$36.95

Amazon \$36.95

The authors present practices, strategies and guidelines in a five-phase plan for a school or district to transition to a standard-based learning system. Components of the transition include

review and modification of curricula, assessment, grading, feedback, and communication. There may also be shifts in educational philosophies along the way. The benefits of transitioning include more focused learning, learning occurring at more proficient levels and improved student success.

The Learning Power Approach: Teaching Learners to Teach Themselves, Guy Claxton, *Corwin Press*, 2018, 265 pages

Softcover \$21.95

Amazon \$21.00

The goal of the learning power approach is to develop learners who are confident and capable, who are ready to interact with the various aspects of learning, in school and out. Incorporating the characteristics of a positive learning attitude—including imagination, sense of adventure, curiosity, reflection and determination—will create an environment where students do better in school, deal with stress better, and lead healthier lives. They can take these marketable skills into adulthood and the workplace.

Project-Based Learning in the First Year: Beyond All Expectations, Kristin Wobbe and Elisabeth A. Stoddard, (editors), *Stylus Publishing, LLC*, 2019, 329 pages

Softcover \$37.50

Amazon \$13.58

Typically, large project-based learning assignments are placed closer to a college students junior or senior year. Benefits for placing these projects on the front end allows the student to experience purposeful learning and develop professional skills immediately. The authors find that the experience motivates the students and boosts their confidence. As their college careers progress, they are now in a position to get better internships and better summer jobs. Read this book to find out more about the why, how and best practices for first year project-based learning.

GROUP G – UNDERSTANDING STUDENTS

An Educator’s Guide to Schoolwide Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports: Integrating All Three Tiers, Jason E. Harlacher and Billie Jo Rodriguez, *Marzano Research*, 2018, 214 pages

Softcover \$36.95

Amazon \$25.62

To build an environment that replaces undesired behavior with positive behaviors, the authors describe a three-tier framework where each tier includes four elements (outcomes, practices, systems and data). Systematically working through the tiers will allow you to reach and address the individual needs of each student, enabling you to create a positive school culture that is creative and encouraging for everyone. To support the research concepts presented, testimonials and case studies (elementary and secondary) are used.

Learner-Centered Leadership: A Blueprint for Transformational Change in Learning Communities, Devin Vodicka, *Impress Books*, 2020, 180 pages

Softcover \$\$24.95

Amazon \$24.95

It is a challenge to keep education current and relevant in a world that continues to quickly change. It remains necessary to provide learning within a system that allows students to be drivers and not passengers in their learning environment. This becomes possible when leaders see students as unique individuals with their own potential. Partner with your students with a common goal of unleashing their desire to learn.

Student Voice: The Instrument of Change, Russell J. Quaglia and Michael J. Corso, *Corwin Press*, 2014, 193 pages

Softcover \$29.65

Amazon \$29.65

Students want to be listened to, and they want to be heard. Through surveys, focus groups, and interviews, the authors found that it is important for teachers to let students know that their voices matter. Teachers who develop a partnership with their students, allowing them to engage and share aspirations, create an environment where students are not afraid to speak or ask questions. This type of space gives students a better chance to reach their full potential.

Why Race and Culture Matter in Schools: Closing the Achievement Gap in America's Classrooms, Tyrone C. Howard, *Teachers College Press*, 2019, 181 pages

Softcover \$29.95

Amazon \$29.95

Race, racism and culture play a critical role in education, influencing teaching and learning in powerful ways. Because they may contribute to causes of disparities among students of low income and diverse backgrounds, it is important for educators to acquire knowledge for incorporating best strategies, practices and skills for teaching and thinking across cultural differences. Learning to deal effectively with ethnic and cultural diversity will enable equitable learning environments to be created.

GROUP H – ISSUES

Whistling Vivaldi: How Stereotypes Affect Us and What We Can Do, Claude M. Steele, W.W. Norton & Company, Inc., 2010, 242 pages

Softcover \$15.95

Amazon \$12.99

Identity threats and stereotype threats continue to contribute to today's personal and societal problems. The threats manifest themselves through fear and inequality. Understanding the roles these issues play in our day-to-day and making the recommended changes to reduce the impact of these threats in our lives will help people feel safe and will create more comfortable academic and work environments.

ORDERING BOOKS 2021

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