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CDF Proctor Book Club Host Guide

Dear Proctor Family,

We are excited to read with you! You are joining a network of community leaders all guiding conversations around the theme of the 2019 CDF Proctor Institute, *Pursuing Justice for All God's Children*. The selections are authored by 2019 and 2020 Proctor leaders, designed to continue conversations and prepare us for next year's Proctor Institute.

In addition to launching a book club with your friends and family, we hope that you will welcome other Proctor participants from your region. One of CDF's goals in launching the book club is to help foster strong relationships that continue outside of CDF Haley Farm. We often refer to the experience at Proctor as "Beloved Community;" meeting monthly for the book club is one way you can sustain and deepen that sense of community with others who share your commitment to children and passion for justice.

It is up to you and your book club members to determine the formality and structure of your meetings. We hope it will be a time to build community with each other, discuss the book (monthly reading guides will offer questions to get the conversation started), and an opportunity to consider actions related to the reading and conversation.

Also, we hope you will take photos of your book group and share them with CDF by posting to social media with #CDFBookClub and tagging @ChildDefender1973 (Instagram) @childdefender (Twitter) or posting directly to the Proctor Facebook group (www.facebook.com/groups/cdfproctor). We would love to see your community building in action!

Sincerely,

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CDF Will Provide:

- Annual Book Club list with selected titles available for purchase through CDF's online store.
- A Reading Guide for each book posted online monthly.
- Brief video discussion with the author (whenever possible) to view online.
- Online community to interact with other readers. Join the Facebook group today at www.facebook.com/groups/cdfproctor.
- Staff available to answer your questions and provide support.

How to Start a CDF Proctor Book Club

- Gather a core group of 3-5 people interested in reading and discussing the Proctor book club selection.
- Register your book club with CDF at www.childrensdefense.org/bookclub
- Schedule a regular meeting time. Will you meet in the same location each month (for instance, a member's home, congregation, or community location) or will you rotate among members' homes or other locations?
- Send book club members the Proctor Book Club List and the link to order the books from www.childrensdefense.org/bookclub. (Members may opt to purchase books from another source or borrow them from a library.)
- As the host, be sure to read the book. To help guide your conversation, CDF will provide a reading guide and, when possible, a video interview with the author.
- Meet with your book club!
- Invite and be open to feedback from other book club members, especially during the first few meetings. This will allow you to make any desired adjustments in tone, flow, logistics, or other aspects of the book club, to keep enthusiasm and engagement high.
- Share your Proctor book club experience with the online Proctor community. Post photos to the Facebook group and tag CDF using #ProctorBookClub and @childdefender1973 (Instagram) and @childdefender (Twitter).