CDF ADVOCATES’ BOOK CLUB

DEAR LORD
BE GOOD TO ME
THE SEA IS SO WIDE AND MY BOAT IS SO SMALL

children’s defense fund
Develop your prophetic voice for children and their families.
Read. Reflect. Engage.

Launch a CDF Advocates’ Book Club on the Children’s Sabbath weekend! Members of CDF Advocates’ Book Clubs will read, reflect, engage, and cultivate necessary prophetic voices with communities on the margins—communities contending against systemic injustices that directly impact children and youth, and challenge biblical and theological assumptions justifying institutional complicity with oppressive systems.
Many of the following books are available for purchase from CDF’s Haley Farm online bookstore, cdfwebstore.com. Most are also available through other booksellers.


FOR BROADER COMMUNITIES:

Questions to Ponder
What sacred texts have we created that keep us from developing gun policies that protect our children?

Who gains from American gun policy?

Exercise
As a community, write a letter to America’s children about our gun policies. Write a letter to the world about guns in America.
RESURRECTION HOPE: A FUTURE WHERE BLACK LIVES MATTER

Host a watch party of Dean Kelly Brown Douglas’ Morning Devotion conversation at the 2022 the Proctor Conference.

CONSIDER THREE QUESTIONS:

1. How are we continuing to allow white supremacy to inform the construction of social systems? How do those systems continue to subjugate our children—particularly children of color?
2. What "monuments" do we continue to erect—both literally and figuratively—that keep us from focusing on the well-being of America's children?
3. How do we challenge the narratives that offer up our children's suffering as part of a sacred, redemptive pathway?

In a blog published in January 2022, Rev. Dr. Starsky Wilson, CDF's CEO and President, challenges us to think about raising children while simultaneously changing the conditions for them to thrive. With your community, pinpoint two conditions that you can commit to challenging so that we might have a resurrection hope and raise democracy.