

Sharing God's Word Through Books: Cosmopolitan United Church's Global Book Ministry

Aquilino Javier, the lay leader of Melrose Park: Cosmopolitan UMC, started the book ministry collecting used books from mostly retired pastors of the United Methodist Church. These books, in return, were sent to the Philippines, supporting the retired deaconesses who are selling the books as their source of income. Books were also sent to seminaries and different churches when requests are received. There were also some choir gowns sent.

The mission of this project is to follow the commission through books by encouraging people to read them. Our vision is that through the reading, people will be closer to God in their knowledge and enlightenment.

Our core values are biblical discussion among readers, sharing what we have learned, making use of books to respect the wisdom of authors, and protecting the earth.

There is a contact couple at Nasugbu United Methodist Church, Jerico and Azel Mauleon. The books sent are acknowledged by the receiving churches reported to CUMC.

Among the recipients of the books are John Wesley College in Tuguegarao, Peace Academy in San Fabian, Pangasinan, Asbury College in Anda, Pangasinan, Philippine Wesleyan University, Harris Memorial College, UTS, Decker Memorial Silliman University, Central Philippine University, Southern Philippines Methodist College in Kidapawan, and more.

Among the donors are Presbyterian USA, United Church of Christ, American Baptist Churches, individual donors, and more.

Our church plans to have a reading festival once a year to evaluate the effectiveness of the ministry. Participants from recipient churches will be given instructions on how to make a report on what was learned, application in life, and sharing with others.

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