**RSFT-2300 Faith-Based Community Organizing**

**Timing of Reading**

**Ideally all readings will be read before the course begins.** However, if time does not allow that, then:

* the following could be read during the course:
* Linthicum
* Engh: Biographical profiles
* the following could be read after the course has ended:
* Engh chapter 3

**Required readings for students taking this course for credit**

(These readings are optional for all other students.)

Susan L. Engh. *Women's Work: The Transformational Power of Faith-Based Community Organizing* (all of the book except chapter 4 which is optional)*.*

* This book is very expensive ($85) so the author has agreed to sell to students the copies that she has purchased at a 50% discount. She will charge students that 50% rate plus shipping fee. Please contact her by email at [revsue@engh.casa](mailto:revsue@engh.casa).
* Approximately 120 pages.

Michael Gecan. *Effective Organizing for Congregational Renewal.*

* **Available at no cost at:** [**https://www.amazon.com/Effective-Organizing-Congregational-Renewal-Michael/dp/0879463848/ref=asc\_df\_0879463848/?tag=hyprod-20&linkCode=df0&hvadid=312695266310&hvpos=1o1&hvnetw=g&hvrand=16607334518564329454&hvpone=&hvptwo=&hvqmt=&hvdev=c&hvdvcmdl=&hvlocint=&hvlocphy=9061285&hvtargid=pla-569861867001&psc=1**](https://www.amazon.com/Effective-Organizing-Congregational-Renewal-Michael/dp/0879463848/ref=asc_df_0879463848/?tag=hyprod-20&linkCode=df0&hvadid=312695266310&hvpos=1o1&hvnetw=g&hvrand=16607334518564329454&hvpone=&hvptwo=&hvqmt=&hvdev=c&hvdvcmdl=&hvlocint=&hvlocphy=9061285&hvtargid=pla-569861867001&psc=1)
* Approximately 45 pages.

Rinku Sen. “Introduction: Community Organizing – Yesterday and Today” in *Stir It Up: Lessons in Community Organizing and Advocacy.*

* Posted on the course Moodle site
* Approximately 22 pages.

Robert Linthicum. *Transforming Power.* Selected pages:

* “Introduction”
* Pages on “theology of power”: first full paragraph on 20 - top of 23 (in chap 1),
* Pages on “biblical tactics for change avoided by today’s church”: 162 – 174 (in chap. 9).
* The above are on the course Moodle site in a single document entitled “Reading: Linthicum.” Other pages of chap 1 and 9 are included but are optional.
* Total of approximately 18 pages.