Suggested Reading for MFCA Credos

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NOTE: The MFCA candidate is advised to make use of several of the books in categories I and II A. The other works all have merit but represent a variety of approaches to the Reformed tradition.

I. Principal Sources
   Scripture and the Confessions (All Three)
   James I. Cook, Editor, The Church Speaks, 2 volumess.
   John Calvin, Institutes of the Christian Religion

II. Reformed / Presbyterian theologies
   A. M.E. Osterhaven, The Faith of the Church (O.P.)
      Cornelius Plantinga, A Place to Stand (O.P.)
      I. John Hesselink, On Being Reformed
      Donald McKim, Introducing the Reformed Faith
      Louis Berkhof, Summary of Christian Doctrine, or his Systematic Theology
   B. Other theologies written from a Reformed Persective
      Otto Weber, Foundations of Dogmatics (2 vols.)
      Hendrikus Berkhof, Christian Faith
      Shirley Guthrie, Christian Doctrine
      Anthony Hoekema, Created in God’s Image
      Saved by Grace
      The Bible and the Future
      John Leith, Basic Christian Doctrine
      Daniel Migliore, Faith Seeking Understanding

III. Other theologies written from an evangelical perspective, but not distinctively Reformed
    Donald Bloesch, Essentials of Evangelical Theology (and his seven-volume Systematic Theology)
    Milhard J. Erickson, Christian Theology
    Wayne Grudem, Systematic Theology. An Introduction to Biblical Doctrine

IV. Helpful Introductions to Calvin's Theology
    Christopher Elwood, Calvin for Armchair Theologians (brief, popular)
    John Hesselink, Calvin’s First Catechism. An Introduction
    Francois Wendei, Calvin. Origins and Developments of His Religious Thought
    Richard Mouw, Calvinism at the Las Vegas Airport