

Banquet Speaker—Saturday, November 8, 2014 (1.0 CEU)

Sister Simone Campbell

"Ways That Our Christian Faith Challenges Us: Stories from the Bus"

Abstract: On the bus we moved from community to community hearing stories and letting our hearts be broken open. In the process we discovered that sharing stories leads to hope. Hope leads to community. Community leads to action for the common good...i.e. justice. Join Sister Simone as she shares these stories that move her being to action.

Outline: Topics to be addressed and approximate timeframe

1. Responding to stories we hear—letting our hearts be broken (10 minutes)
2. Being a healing presence (10 minutes)
3. Being a stirring presence (10 minutes)
4. Speaking up for justice (10 minutes)
5. Q&A (5-10 minutes)

Learning Objectives: As a result of this presentation participants will be able to:

1. Articulate how the religious beliefs and values can motivate social workers to work for justice
2. Describe several different ways they can be nourished and supported as social workers and as people of faith
3. Articulate how their faith and commitment to social work calls them to create a more just world

Primary Audience: Social workers and related professionals; social work students; human services professionals; clergy

Content Level: Basic/Intermediate

Number of Continuing Education Contact Hours: 1.0

Bio Information: **Sister Simone Campbell** is Executive Director of NETWORK in Washington. She is a religious leader, attorney and poet with extensive experience in public policy and advocacy for systemic change. In Washington, she lobbies on issues of peace building and economic justice. Around the country, she is a noted speaker and educator on these public policy issues. Most recently she has been recognized for her work on healthcare reform especially as it affects the working poor people of our nation. Prior to coming to NETWORK, Simone served as the Executive Director of JERICHO, the California interfaith public policy organization that works like NETWORK to protect the interests of people who are poor. She also served as the general director of her religious community, the [Sisters of Social Service](#). She was the leader of her sisters in the United States, Mexico, Taiwan and the Philippines.

In 1978, Simone founded and served for 18 years as the lead attorney for the Community Law Center in Oakland, California. She served the family law and probate needs of the working poor of her county.

Closest to her heart are two experiences that Simone had in the Middle East. In December 2002 she participated in a delegation of religious leaders to Iraq just prior to the war. And in January 2008 she returned to the area to Lebanon and Syria to witness firsthand the plight of Iraqi refugees. Since returning from these trips, she has spoken and written extensively on her experience.

Simone Campbell received a bachelor's degree from Mount St. Mary's College, Los Angeles, and a doctorate in law from the University of California, Davis.