

Preconvention Institutes

Thursday, Nov. 12th

Option 1 (6 CEUs): Bethany Christian Services "Trauma Focused Care — One Christian Agency's Work to Bring Shalom to Refugees"

In this full-day workshop, participants will gain an understanding of the refugee experience from initial flight to permanent resettlement in a third country.

Presenters from Bethany Christian Services are George Tyndal (LMSW), Lukas Ziomkowski (LMSW), Mark Peterson (LMSW, ACSW) and Dona Abbott (MA, LLP).



Option 2 (3 CEUs): Inner City Christian Federation "Respect, Opportunity and Beauty: The Three Currencies of Shalom Communities"

This half-day morning workshop will define strategies through which urban revitalization and adult learning and empowerment services can be successfully merged to yield thriving communities and broader life achievement for all its residents.



The presenters from the Inner City Christian Federation, Grand Rapids, MI are Jonathan Bradford (MSW, President, CEO), John Carman (MSW, MM, VP of Operations) and Susan Ortiz (MA, Director of Housing and Family Services).

Option 3 (3 CEUs): Terry Wolfer & Mackenzi Huyser "Grappling with Faith: Teaching with Decision Cases"

This half-day afternoon workshop, for instructors and trainers, will introduce the case method of teaching using didactic and experiential methods.



Dr. Terry Wolfer is a Professor in the College of Social Work at the University of South Carolina and Dr. Mackenzi Huyser is the Executive Director of Chicago Semester and Professor of Social Work at Trinity Christian College in Palos Heights, Illinois.

Call for Proposals!

NACSW invites you to submit a proposal for a workshop or poster presentation at the 2015 Convention in Grand Rapids, MI. Proposals are due by March 1, 2015. To submit a proposal, visit: www.nacsw.org/Convention/Call2015.html.

Proposals may be submitted for the following tracks which include, *but are not limited to*, the topics listed here.

- Direct Practice: Individuals, Couples, Families and Children – Clinical social work, case management & social work non-clinical practice, residential & community-based care, private practice, school social work, medical social work, family systems, new approaches to treatment
- Human Development, Diversity, and Behavior in the Environment – Integration of faith & practice as it applies to human development & behavior across the lifespan; spiritual competency; practice & research with people with disabilities, the GLBT community, & other groups
- Direct Practice: Groups and Communities – Community organizing; assets-based community development & community-oriented interventions; advocacy; international social work; issues of poverty; group social work
- Administration and Work with Organizations – Management & leadership of organizations; organizational culture; grant writing; program development; staff issues; budgeting; organizational policy-making; staff training & development
- Public Administration and Policy – Social policy; government funding issues; economic issues; social justice; social change theory; church & denominational policy & politics
- Professional Relationships, Values and Ethics – Social work ethics; the impact of social workers' faith on their work; nurturing social workers' faith & character formation; boundary issues; social work supervision, etc.
- Social Work Education – Strategies & illustrations related to integrating faith & spirituality in the social work curriculum; CSWE accreditation issues; spiritually & religiously sensitive educational policies & practices related to social work students & faculty
- Social Work Research – Methodological issues in research on religion & spirituality in social work practice, practical reports of dilemmas & difficulties in research; identifying & working with research funding sources
- Technology & Social Work – Innovative ways of using technology to enhance social work education and practice; the use of social media and networking to expand communication with clients, colleagues and supervisors; strategies for using distance learning approaches to facilitate continuing education
- Student-Focused – a) Presentations by BSW & MSW students reporting on research projects or conceptual papers from their social work programs; b) Presentations for BSW, MSW, & PhD students such as how to choose an area of social work practice, preparing for graduate school and/or a first social work setting
- Research and Practice with Ethnically Diverse Populations – Research & practice approaches related to communities of color & their expressions of faith & spirituality, the intersection of race & spirituality in the context of clients' lives, and navigating complex issues of religion/spirituality for people of color in the treatment process
- Practical Applications of Shalom – Services to individuals & communities that emphasize promoting a deep sense of wholeness, justice, healing, peace-making & reconciliation that support a prophetic vision of God's reign "on earth as it is in heaven;" case studies of reconciliation work on a local, regional or national scale; methods of conflict resolution; self-care practices that enhance spiritual health & balance



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Learn & Earn CEUs! Network & Worship!

The 65th Annual Convention of the North American Association of Christians in Social Work

November 12-15, 2015

Amway Grand Plaza Hotel

187 Monroe Avenue NW

Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503

"Seek the peace (shalom) and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper." *Jeremiah 29:7*

What?

The 65th Annual NACSW Convention with the theme: "Pursuing Shalom: Serving Our Neighbors Locally and Globally"

When?

Thursday, November 12th – Sunday, November 15th, 2015

Where?

Amway Grand Plaza Hotel
187 Monroe Avenue NW
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
www.amwaygrand.com

Why?

Learn from a rich selection of 125+ workshops and poster sessions, keynote speakers, and pre-convention training institutes—all focusing on topics of special interest to Christians in social work.

Network and worship with NACSW members from a wide variety of Christian denominations and from diverse human service settings across the United States, Canada, and beyond!

Earn up to 19.5 continuing education units accredited by the Association of Social Work Boards

Get the word out about your organization, institution or business by exhibiting, advertising or sponsoring a conference event.

For up to date information about the 2015 Convention, please visit www.nacsw.org in December. You may also contact the NACSW office at info@nacsw.org or 888-426-4712.

Keynote Sessions

Opening Session: Thursday, Nov. 12th

 **Dr. Michelle Loyd-Paige**

"Pursuing Shalom: Moving Forward While Thinking Backwards" (1.0 CEU)

This session will challenge participants to begin their pursuit of Shalom with the end in mind and to explore the Why, Who, What, and How of our pursuits.

Dr. Michelle Loyd-Paige is the Executive Associate to the President for Diversity and Inclusion and the Dean of Multicultural Affairs at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, MI.



Alan Keith-Lucas Lecture: Friday, Nov. 13th

 **Dr. Gary Anderson**

"Building Resilient Professionals and Organizations: Christian Principles and Workforce Development" (1.0 CEU)

This presentation will synthesize research on resiliency and on leadership and apply this knowledge to individual social workers and human service organizations. Principles of positive workforce development and Christianity will be examined with applications for educators, and social work leaders and practitioners.

Dr. Gary Anderson is a Professor and former Director at Michigan State University School of Social Work.



Evening Banquet: Saturday, Nov. 14th

 **Lisa Sharon Harper**

"Pursuing Shalom: Serving Our Neighbors Locally and Globally" (1.0 CEU)

Grounded in Genesis 1 and manifest in Matthew 25:31-end, this session will explore the biblical concept of shalom and its implications for the social worker and the Christian as we engage the world with justice and compassion.

Lisa Sharon Harper is the Director of Mobilizing for Sojourners. She is a speaker, activist, author, poet, and award-winning playwright.



Worship Service: Sunday, Nov. 15th

 **Rev. Cornelius (Neal) Plantinga**

"Isaiah's Grand Shalom: The Big Vision and the Small Faithful Steps Toward Its Fulfillment" (No CEUs)

Of all the prophetic books, Isaiah dreams the biggest dreams and sees the greatest visions of God's shalom. This is to be a time in the future of the planet in which God, humanity, and all creation dwell together in justice, harmony, and delight.



Neal Plantinga is President and Charles W. Colson Professor of Theology, Calvin Theological Seminary (Emeritus), Senior Research Fellow, Calvin Institute of Christian Worship

Daily Activities

Thursday, November 12, 2015

The convention activities begin on Thursday with one full-day and two half-day pre-convention institutes, an opening plenary session featuring keynote speaker Dr. Michelle Loyd-Paige and entertainment by the *Hearts in Step Christian Dance Academy*, an opening reception, plus networking time, poster presentations and exhibits.

Friday, November 13, 2015

Friday morning begins in worship with a morning devotions session, followed by ample opportunity to attend workshops throughout the day, and a presentation by the Alan Keith-Lucas lecturer, Dr. Gary Anderson.

Saturday, November 14, 2015

Following a morning devotions session, Saturday offers a rich selection of workshops. Also plan to attend the NACSW annual membership meeting, discussion focus groups, and the evening banquet featuring keynote speaker Lisa Sharon Harper and entertainment by the *Grand Rapids African American Youth Chorus*.

Sunday, November 15, 2015

The convention wraps up with Sunday morning worship, featuring Rev. Cornelius (Neal) Plantinga.