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Subject: Check Out a Framework for Fighting Poverty and More in NACSW's April eNews



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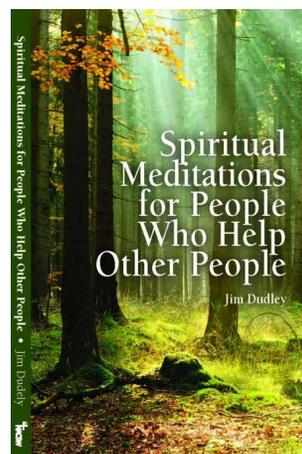
"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat. I was thirsty and you give me something to drink"
(Matthew 25: 35)

Announcing *Spiritual Meditations for People Who Help Other People*

Spiritual Meditations is written for social workers and others who devote their lives to helping other people. The 25 spiritual meditations in this book are designed to nurture and strengthen caregivers, focusing on ways that we can enhance our relationship with God and our clients, encouraging us view our clients and our services as sacred territory, and urging us to celebrate our clients, love our adversaries, and encourage more openness to miracles.

Spiritual Meditations is available for \$20.75 on NACSW's online bookstore.

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Racism and Our Definitional Challenge: Is Sin Only an Individual Act?

In Galatians 3:28, Paul writes: "There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus" (NIV). The implication for Christ-followers is that racialized distinctions dividing humanity are anathema to the kind of unity to which we are called.

Despite this directive, we continue to experience divisions

in our nation and the church along racial lines. In this article, Kevin Brown explores some of the reasons behind continued racism in the Church.

>> [Read Kevin's Article](#)

Integral Human Development: A Framework for the Fight against Poverty

Poverty is a moral and social wound in the soul of our country. It is an ongoing disaster that threatens the health and well-being of our nation. The tolerance of widespread poverty in our midst undermines our social contract and weakens our democracy.

From a Christian perspective, poverty means that our relationship with God is not in right order, and the injustice of poverty and extreme inequality cries out for change. In this article, Jean Beil contends that the moral values that should govern our analysis of poverty are human dignity, the common good, human rights, and the option for the poor.



>> [View This Article on a Framework for the Right Against Poverty](#)

Additional Articles in NACSW's April eNewsletter

1. Board President's Column

Board President Allison Tan describes her resolution is to try to hold firm to the truth that she believes in – and act with humility, love, and compassion – so that this truth may be a credible option for those around her.

2. NACSW's April Audio Conference Webinar

Check out NACSW's upcoming audio conference webinar, "Faith-based, Non-Shelter Responses to Homelessness" on Monday, April 29th at 1:00 pm (Eastern) by Eric Saunders, MSW, LCSW.

3. Save the Date for NACSW's Convention 2019 in Indianapolis

Don't forget to make plans to attend NACSW's Convention 2019, "Empowering People, Healing Communities: Working Toward Renewal and Restoration" in Indianapolis, Indiana from November 7-10

4. Quarterly Podcast

If you haven't already, check out NACSW's current Quarterly Podcast, "The DSM 5: Beyond Skepticism and into Practicality" by David Cecil, PhD, LCSW

5. Quarterly Blog Post on Shared Grace

This quarter NACSW has paired a couple of blog posts representing differing voices of two Christians in social work on the intersection of LGBTQ issues and Christian faith.

6. New Online Training

Check out NACSW's newest online training, "Prescience, Prophecy and Prayer: Our

Faithful Future” by Helen Wilson Harris, Ed.D., MSW based on Helen's Alan Keith Lucas lecture at NACSW Convention 2018 in Hartford, CT

7. NACSW Upcoming Webinar and Podcast Schedule

Quicklinks and Resources

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