

CALL FOR PAPERS: SPECIAL ISSUE OF *SOCIAL WORK & CHRISTIANITY*

TOPIC: Welcoming the Sojourner: Migrants, Immigrants, and Refugees

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According to the United Nations Population Division (UNPD), the number of international migrants increased 41 percent between 2000 and 2015. In this special issue, we use the UNPD (2015) definition of a migrant – someone living in a country that is not the country where they were born. A variety of factors may influence how and why a person or a family migrates away from their home country. Many of the most vulnerable migrants either eventually receive legal refugee status or go through a process to receive asylum. Be it war, the economy, or persecution, migrants and refugees often bring with them post-traumatic stress and unresolved trauma, as well as many other social and economic needs. Although research evidence indicates that the overall economic impact of immigration is beneficial to host countries, host countries and their citizens have various perceptions of immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers that may influence their reception. Policies and procedures for who can be accepted and why, as well as stereotypes and issues of prejudices can impact how a migrant is received. These issues impact migrants' ability to resettle successfully and become actively engaged citizens. Policy and practice approaches can also influence their successful resettlement and empowerment.

How has or should faith played a role in the reception of migrants? How should the church respond? What should the role of the social worker be to help facilitate the transition for immigrants or refugees in their resettlement process? What are faithful positions on welcoming both documented and undocumented refugees, immigrants and asylum seekers? These are a few of the questions that could be addressed in this special issue of *Social Work and Christianity*. Other areas of interest include, but are not limited to:

- A theological response to migration and refugee resettlement
 - Faith Perspectives on Working with Immigrants, Refugees and Asylum Seekers
 - Practice with Immigrants, Refugees and Asylum Seekers: How Faith and Practice Intersect
 - International Migration: The Intersectionality of Faith and Practice with Refugees, Immigrants and Asylum Seekers
- Application of social work frameworks to working with migrants and refugees in the areas of:

- Direct practice
- Community organizing or community based practice
- International practice
- Intervention development in therapy or other areas of practice
- Anti-oppressive practice
- Policy critique and suggestions for policy needed
- Ethics in working with migrants and refugees.

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