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TWO STEPPIN' TO EXCELLENCE



Join us in Dallas, Texas for a faith-sharing, fun-experiencing, professional development good time.

NACSW presents three days and nights of professional fellowship, fun, food, and freedom to dance! The ex-



Genie and Preston Dyer

citement begins with pre-convention institutes designed to provide intense focus on practice with that incredibly important system to us all, the family. Join Drs. Preston and Genie Dyer and learn how to use the *Prepare Enrich* program for premarital and marital counseling; or sign up for the pre-convention institute, *No Longer a Minority: Hispanics y la Familia*, with Patty Villarreal, Gelasia Marquez and Laura Cadena.

Still trying to decide whether or not you are coming? Did you know that there are 8.5 million Hispanic families in the United States and that more than 35 million persons identified themselves as Hispanic in the 2000 census? Starting with the pre-convention institute and continuing throughout the convention—including an inspirational message from Dr. Albert Reyes—this year's convention provides opportunity to prepare to work with this important, growing population through a special track for work with Hispanic/Latino families. This special focus will be funded through the Chafin endowment at the Baylor School of Social Work.

Needing one more incentive? Then come celebrate with us! Incredibly, it is the 100th birthday of church social work and this is the chance to celebrate the significance of our ministry through our profession. Join us as we sing: "Happy Birthday to us!" On Friday night we will experience "A Celebration of Church Social Work—Texas Style." Come for great Tex-Mex food, wonderful music, and a movie pre-



Patty Villarreal



Albert Reyes

REMEMBERING CORA ANNE DAVIS 1937-2006

N A C S W Distinguished Christian Service to Social Work awardee C. Anne Davis died November 9, 2006 in Waco, Texas at the age of 69. Throughout her lifetime she



created a legacy for social workers and other Christians leading congregations and religiously affiliated organizations. Born in Baskerville, Virginia in 1937, Anne was baptized and dedicated her life to ministry at age 13. She earned an MA from the Carver School of Missions and Social Work and an MSSW from University of Louisville in Kentucky. After six years of social work practice with congregations, Davis was one of the first female members of the faculty at Louisville's The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, appointed in 1970.

In the 1970's, Anne began to dream of an accredited social work program in a seminary context. She was risking something entirely new. Certainly, social workers had been employed by churches and denominations for more than 70 years. But they had not written about it. They had not even talked much about their faith as motivation for service, and certainly not as a resource for their professional practice. The social work profession was, in fact, rather allergic to the church, to anything that smacked of faith and

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ministry. Social work was a mental health profession, enamored with the medical model, with behavioral theory, and then with system theory. At that time, none of those practice theories had any room or even tolerance for religion and spirituality, much less any framework for considering the church or other religious organizations as legitimate contexts for social work practice. In this context, Anne began attending NACSW and drew inspiration from Alan Keith-Lucas and other Christians in social work.

In 1984, after earning her Ph.D., Anne Davis became founding dean of the Carver School of Church Social Work at the Seminary. Davis led her colleagues to develop the concept of “church social work” and educated the generations of church social workers currently leading today’s Baptist congregations and faith based organizations.

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She articulated an ethic of justice, as described in the Old and New Testaments which mandates that God’s people minister with their communities and in the world. Under her leadership, Carver School of Church Social Work became the first MSW program in a seminary to be accredited by Council on Social Work Education (1987).

In the prime of her career as an educator, Davis reflected upon three reasons why she gave her life to church social work: 1) she was imitating the life and model of Jesus, 2) she drew from scripture a “justice mandate” and a “priestly mandate” that called Christians to serve other people, and 3) she understood social ministries to be “an integral part of the nature of the church: that Christians were to do what Jesus did until he comes again.” She continued, “I want to do that with the best knowledge I can have with the best skills I can have. When I looked around for a profession that could teach me how to do church, social work seemed to be the one that taught me best from a professional standpoint” (Scales and Rawls, 1992). Anne Davis provided remarkable theological reflections on what Scriptures have to say about helping relationships. She articulated a biblical basis for helping and a reminder that every Christian is called to minister to other human beings.

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miere. In 1907, the “Woman’s Missionary Union Training School” was founded in Louisville, Kentucky, with the firm purpose of preparing young women to serve in missions and social work. It was one of the first schools of social work in the nation and was soon joined by others preparing social workers for work in the church. One hundred years later and through many struggles, the tradition lives on. Baylor Social Work celebrates our heritage by inviting all NACSW convention participants to our 100th birthday party—Texas style. Join us for the

In 1995, troubled by the conservative takeover of Baptist seminaries, Davis retired from her faculty position. In 1997 she watched her beloved Carver School closed by the Seminary president and trustees and in 1998, moved to Waco, Texas and served as Director of Operations for Advocacy Center for Crime Victims and Children.

Alumni and friends of Dr. Davis are working to establish the C. Anne Davis Endowed Social Work Scholarship in her honor in the Baylor School of Social Work. The scholarship funds will be awarded to those committed to the integration of Christian faith and social work practice. If you would like to participate, contact Baylor School of Social Work, 254-710-6400 or Diana_Garland@baylor.edu.

T. Laine Scales and Diana R. Garland
Waco, TX

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premier of our movie about church social work, lots of good Tex-Mex food, and an outstanding Texas band that will set your feet to dancing.

Outstanding speakers, relevant preparation, fellowship with believers, birthday celebrations, focus on heritage and servanthood. It is all happening in Dallas, Texas at NACSW’s convention March 8-11. Visit the NACSW website (www.nacsw.org) and make your reservations for familia, fajitas and fun today.

Helen Wilson Harris
Convention 2007 Planning Committee

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN: ELECTION REFLECTIONS

I'm writing this article just a few days after the November 7 elections, and I can't help but reflect on our electoral process in the US. In my state (Michigan) the campaigning started extremely early and became increasingly strident as Election Day got closer and closer. I'm sure that this was not just a Michigan phenomenon. Also, might we in the US have something to learn from the Canadians on this issue, especially as they accomplish elections in a much shorter time frame? (Check out www.elections.ca for another perspective on the electoral process – although I'm sure Canadian readers can identify both pros and cons in their system).

As the campaign season moved forward, I was increasingly struck by the accusations, counter-accusations, innuendos, and negative campaigning. I have access to a political newsletter that comes from a news service in our state capital and it's a great way to keep up with statewide information on the political process, but the primary focus over the past few months was almost entirely on the campaign process. I found myself wondering if there was any legislative activity happening in the capital (I'm sure it was there – it just seemed buried by the campaign rhetoric).

In a way, many of the articles over the past few months were almost humorous – I emphasize the word “almost,” because I know that behind the rhetoric were candidates who felt the need to attack, defend, stretch rules and definitions in order to get elected. The attacks and counter-attacks, especially on campaign finance issues became increasingly strident. One side would accuse the other of violating some provision and the other side would deny and counter-attack. Lawsuits were filed and accusations spread. As I read the accounts I found myself wondering if anyone really totally understood the process? Is the law really that ambiguous that sensible people on both sides of the aisle can come

to such radically different conclusions – especially about what the opposite side was doing wrong? My other thought was that they did understand, but political expediency dictated that they obfuscate and attack anyway in order to gain some perceived positive margin or edge in the polls.

As the campaigns wound down I also noticed that some political observers began to point out that the negative campaigning was generating a backlash. People were tired of the blatant attack ads. Candidates need to point out legitimate differences between themselves and their opponents but so much of the advertis-

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— Stephen Monsma

ing seemed to be based on innuendo, half-truths and creative interpretations that the public was getting fed up. In the past week or two before the election the attack ads seemed to lessen and there were more ads that emphasized the candidates' positions on issues. It was refreshing to see more about what they stood for, and I found myself appreciating the more positive tone, regardless of the candidate. It was good to see ads with more substance regardless of party affiliation.

Hopefully in the next legislative session, our elected officials can begin to forge some positive working relationships. There seems to be some initial indication of this both in Washington and, in my case, in Lansing,



but it remains to be seen how this will play out. (For a brief and interesting perspective on this see “What Now” by Stephen Monsma, in the November 10 edition of Capital Commentary, a publication of the Center for Public Justice – www.cpjustice.org.)

I think I'm correct in assuming that most people want to see meaningful work accomplished in our federal, state, and provincial capitals and that extreme partisan bickering and stonewalling is simply not acceptable when there are so many substantive issues to be addressed. Not everything can be easily solved, but there are issues that transcend partisan politics that need action, movement and give and take. To quote from Monsma, cited above, “*Politics must be about more than politics. Politics as a seeking after a more just order in society ought to be about more than politics as the pursuit of power. The God-intended nature of politics is about working for a more just society that seeks the common good, protects the weak and vulnerable, and promotes peace and reconciliation abroad.*”

I'll let you define the issues that are most important to you, but I think you'll agree that we need to move forward in solving the issues that confront us. This leads me to my conclusion – those of us in NACSW also share a

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PRAYER CORNER

A few weeks ago as I browsed through my favorite bookstore I noted that Phillip Yancey has published yet another book, this one entitled *Prayer*. While I did not buy a copy at the time, I added it to my Christmas Wish List for reading over the holidays. I am anxious to see what new insights he has to offer on a topic I have spent much time reading, reflecting, learning and writing about. For years my prayer life felt ineffective, a habit which stemmed more from a sense of duty than a heart-felt desire to communicate with God. But that changed at a weekend retreat on prayer in April 1998.

The retreat, under the leadership of a spiritual director, was an introduction for me to the basic concepts of the Ignatian form of prayer. I learned that prayer is meant to be a *dialogue*, not a *monologue* with God, and the leader explained to us the importance of learning how to “listen” as well as speak to God. She taught us how to reflect on a scripture passage, identify two or three key words that “spoke” to us and ponder on what these words were saying to us as individuals. We learned how to picture ourselves as participants or observers in a passage of scripture in the gospels and enter into the experience. And we learned a simple form of meditation, just sitting before God in silence allowing Him the opportunity to speak to us. The weekend was a spiritual experience that transformed my life.

Three months after this retreat I

had another experience which greatly influenced my prayer life. While on vacation in Tofino, an isolated town in the Pacific Rim on the far west coast of Vancouver Island, I attended a Sunday morning church service at the tiny local Anglican Church. The preacher's sermon that morning was entitled “Prayer: Tea-time with God.” He shared how he had made a decision to leave the hectic life in Southern Ontario to come to live in this beautiful but isolated part of Canada with his wife and two young sons so he could have tea with his wife everyday. He found that the increasing demands of his busy life, even within the church, was not conducive to a healthy relationship with his family. He explained that we must make a similar commitment to seek a lifestyle that will allow us to have “tea” with God everyday. Prayer, like tea-time, is a time set apart for communion and enjoyment of one another's company. God wants our prayer life with Him to be a time of mutual fellowship, not a habit or duty.

Through these experiences I learned that prayer is a *process* that can be learned, a *relationship* based on commitment and a *lifestyle* which may require a shift in our priorities. The outcome is a life richly blessed by an ever increasing awareness of God.



Magda Wills

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variety of perspectives. We have different theological, political and social ideas, but that is as it should be. We are not a monolithic entity with only one perspective or answer on issues. What we really have in common is our faith – a faith in Christ and His present and coming reign. As we are involved in our communities we have unique opportunities to help make a difference in people's lives – as individuals, parts of families and as part of larger systems. From our different perspectives we are called to obedience, service and advocacy with and on behalf of those around us. Maybe because of our unique bond in the midst of difference we can also speak to the political process as part of our service and advocacy and help our elected leaders focus on the issues that matter and find true solutions to at least some of the problems and concerns that surround us. Just a thought.

Bill Raymond

Board President, NACSW

PSYCHINFO TO BEGIN INDEXING SOCIAL WORK AND CHRISTIANITY

NACSW is pleased to announce that PsycINFO has accepted the journal of *Social Work & Christianity* for indexing into its database. This now brings the total number of abstracting or indexing sources that include *Social Work and Christianity* to seven. Other sources include: Social Work Abstracts, Sociological Abstracts, Social Services Abstracts, Guide to Social Science and Religion and Periodical Literature, Christian Periodical Index, and EBSCO's full-text and bibliographic research databases.

NACSW'S JOINT MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM WITH CAPS

NACSW is delighted that a number of its members have participated in the joint membership program we have offered the last couple years in partnership with the Christian Association of Psychological Studies (CAPS International). For those of you who might not be familiar with this program, the

following provides some basic information for your consideration.

What is CAPS? CAPS International is a non-profit professional organization that exists “to understand the relationship between Christianity and the behavioral sciences at both the clinical/counseling and the theoretical/research levels.” CAPS' members include Psychologists, Clinical Social Workers, Professors & Researchers,

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ON FAITH AND POLITICS

NACSW has several e-mail listservs available to members for sharing news and views on a wide variety of topics. In my view, these listservs do not generate a whole lot of traffic. Some might argue that with the rising use of the weblog, the listserv has lost some of its power to reach mass audiences.

Nevertheless, on NACSW's general listserv, the topic of faith and politics inevitably generates lively discussion. On July 30, 2006, a list member posted a *New York Times* review of Gregory A. Boyd's *The Myth of a Christian Nation: How the Quest for Political Power is Destroying the Church* (2005, Grand Rapids: Zondervan). Boyd calls for Christians to assume a "power-under," service-oriented worldview as opposed to a worldview in which they seek to exercise "power-over" others with the blessing of the state. He repeatedly urges Christians to live as members of the Kingdom of God and to refrain from attempting to establish "a religious version of the kingdom of the world." This work was also asserted in a series of six sermons Boyd preached prior to the 2004 U.S. general elections entitled "The Cross and the Sword," in which, according to the reviewer, Laurie Goodstein, "He said the church should steer clear of politics, give up moralizing on sexual issues, stop claiming the United States as a 'Christian Nation,' and stop glorifying American military campaigns."

More than once in the ensuing postings to the listserv, members countered that pastors should use their pulpits and their influence to guide their parishioners in making voting decisions. I am left with two questions, the two sides of the same coin: 1) To what extent should elected officials consider the views of their religious constituencies? 2) With the limited amount of time available in any liturgical or calendar year, what should the preacher emphasize from



David Fritz

the pulpit with which s/he is entrusted? For help with the first question, let us consider a lesson from American history.

As a young man, James A. Garfield preached for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), in whose churches he was brought up in the faith. A member of the Republican party, he served as President of Hiram College from 1856 to 1861, as a state senator in Ohio, as a Major General in the Union Army, as a U.S. Representative in Congress from 1863 to 1880, and finally as President of the United States (he was assassinated nearly four months after assuming office). After his election to the presidency, he faced the questions of whether the members of his church deserved any favors for helping him get elected, and whether public funds would be used to support parochial schools. Garfield wrote the following to his close friend, Burke Hinsdale, President of Hiram College,

"Our people must not use me as the promoter of the views of our brethren. While I shall cheerfully maintain my old relation to them, I want it understood that it is the broad general views and not the special peculiarities of our faith that I desire to promote. . . Let us not flaunt ourselves in the face of the American people as though we had made a special conquest, but by modesty and moderation bear our part worthily and take whatever resulting advantage may come" (Flowers, 2005).

As for the second question, I would prefer that preachers concentrate on the cross, with all of its folly and weakness. In Christ crucified, there is enough scandal for us all.

David Fritz
Catalyst Writer

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NACSW ANNOUNCES MEMBERSHIP RATES FOR 2007

NACSW membership rates for the year 2007 will be as follows:

- Basic Membership Rate: \$80
- **Two Year** Basic Membership Rate: \$146 - **Save \$14!**
- Student/Retired/Dues Assistance Rate: \$25
- Second Year after Graduation Rate: \$49
- Life Membership Rate: \$1,236

For rates in Canadian dollars, please use the current exchange rate.

<<Note: 2007 rates are set based on the most recent annual US COLA rate available as of July 1, 2006 (4.1%)>>

Convention Workshop Schedule

Dallas, Texas, March 9–11, 2007



Time	Special Sessions	Administration/Policy	Community Organizing/Development	Direct Practice			Faith of the Social Worker	Promising Practices of FBSs and Congregations	Social Work Education
Session I Friday 9:00am–10:30AM	Immigrant Hispanic Families in Cultural Transition; <i>Gelasia Marquez</i>	Faith Based Organizations and Social Policies: Budgetary Challenges Ahead; <i>Thomas Watts</i>	Social Work Students: Agents of Community Change; <i>Lanny Endicott</i>	The Helping Relationship According to Alan Keith Lucas; <i>Helen Wilson Harris</i>	Risk Management: Things You Need to Know to Survive/Taking Care of the Care Taker; <i>Don Forrester</i>	A Qualitative Study of Interracial Dating Among College Students; <i>Michael Firman & Stephanie Firebaugh</i>	Struggle Between Christian Faith and Organizational Ethics; <i>Suze Kisimba</i>	Building Church/School Mentoring Collaborations: Benefits, Challenges, and Powerful Results; <i>Scott Waller & Richard Roman</i>	Process-Oriented Approach to Developing Cultural Competence in the Classroom, Churches and Social Service Agencies; <i>Coleman, Summers, & Nelson</i>
Session II Friday 2:00pm–3:30pm	The Hispanic Family: Understanding Today and Yesterday's Hispanic Families Through Their Identity, Culture, and Spirituality; <i>Monica Olmos</i>	Mission Centered Fundraising; <i>Heather Reynolds</i>	Community and Resortative Justice: Threads of Tension Between Theory and Practice; <i>T.L. Grover</i>	Connecting our Souls to our Work: How does Institutional Mission Inform Program?; <i>Mary Ann Brendan</i>	Human Trafficking and Faith: A Call to Justice and Hope; <i>Faith Lamb</i>	Use of Biblical Laments in Addressing Grief Issues; <i>Terry Smith</i>	Rendering Unto Caesar While Serving in Jesus' Name; <i>Renee Hawkins Blanchard, Dana Stanley & Molly Pack</i>	Unexpected Collaborations: The New York Immigration Coalition's Youth Leadership Council & Faith-based Communities; <i>Mayra Lopez-Humphreys & Angelly Cardenas</i>	Field Education in Faith-Based Organizations and Congregations; <i>Helen Wilson Harris</i>
Session III Friday A. 4:00pm–4:45pm B. 5:00pm–5:45pm (45 minute sessions)	Not All Hispanics Eat Tacos! <i>Patty Villarreal</i>	Rethinking Staff Training; <i>Mackenzi Huyser, Laura Zumdahl, & Rose Malinowski</i>	Feed My Sheep: Rural Poverty and the Church; <i>Alana Atchinson</i>	Father Leaders and Mental Health: A Qualitative Study; <i>Linda Openshaw & Cynthia Harr</i>	Re-thinking the Caretaking Relationship in Preventing Elder Mistreatment: Potential Roles for Social Work & the Church; <i>Michael Sherr & James Ellor</i>	Bridging Pastoral Counseling and Feminist Social Work: Pastors' Perceptions of & Responses to Intimate Partner Violence; <i>Sung Seek Moon</i>	When Church Hurts: Implications for the Social Worker's Spiritual Well-Being and Self-Care; <i>Staci Jensen-Hart</i>	How Congregational Volunteers Understand Evangelism and Community Ministry; <i>Terry Wolfer & Dennis Myers</i>	Using the Ecomap with First-Year MSW Students for Self-Adjustment, Skill Development, & Community Development; <i>Regina Praetorius</i>
		The Proper Constitutional Relationship Between Church and State; <i>Jeongah Kim</i>	Combating Human Trafficking; <i>Michael Smith</i>	Beyond Abortion and Homosexuality: Ethics at Work; <i>Carrie Yocum</i>	Using Marriage Education to Strengthen Military Families; <i>Preston Dyer, Kim Kotrla, & Tihara Vargas</i>	Clinical Supervision: Responsibilities, Ethical Issues, & Strategies for Quality Supervision; <i>Charles Seitz</i>	Reframing the Homosexual Debate Etiologically and Hermeneutically; <i>Peter Kindle</i>	Church Planting in a Government Funded Social Services Program; <i>Roy Snapp-Kolas</i>	Integrating Diversity on a Christian University Campus; <i>Carla MacDonald & Twyla Lee</i>

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Session IV Saturday 11:00am-12:30pm		The Art of Changing Hats: From Direct Care Provider to Manager/Supervisor; <i>Douglas Loisel</i>	Faith-Based Community Organizing: WWJD? (What Would Jesus Develop?); <i>Peter Fears</i>	Motivational Interviewing: Operationalized AGAPE?; <i>David Herrman</i>	Coping With the Outcomes of Parental Divorce: A Search for Resiliencies that Promote Long-term Child Adjustment; <i>Shaina Roddy</i>	Embracing Motherhood During Teenage Years: A Ten Week Support Group for Urban Teens; <i>Elizabeth Doot & Adrienne Belton</i>	The Telling of the Story, with Crayolas or a Big Chief Tablet; <i>Susan Edwards</i>	Caregiver/ Faith-Based Organization Coalitions: An Innovative Model to Mental Health Caregiving; <i>Lolita Boykin & Gloria Jackson Thompson</i>	Social Work Educators Forum
Session V Saturday 2:00pm-3:30pm	Plans, Problems, and Solutions: Researchers Offer Tips Based on Their Experience; <i>Terry Wolfer</i>	Housing Mobility Programs: How Policy Impacts Practice; <i>Mackenzi Huyser</i>		Fathers; <i>Tom Buske</i>	Bible Stories You Didn't Hear in Sunday School: Using Troubling Texts in Congregational Ministry; <i>Diana Garland & David Garland</i>	Short Term Solution-Oriented Counseling and its Role in Christian Counseling; <i>Glenn Shields</i>	Experiencing a Shared Sense of Community for Social Work Practitioners and Educators Through Prayer, Mediation, Inner Self-Reflection; <i>Wilfred Gallant</i>	Engaging the Church in Literacy: A Social Work Perspective; <i>Robin Rogers & Leseter Meriwether</i>	The Integrated Helping Assessment Model: The Eye of the Eagle; <i>Robert Hewitt & Nicole Hewitt</i>
Session VI Saturday A. 3:45pm-4:30pm B. 4:45pm-5:30pm (45 minute sessions)	Writing for Publication: <i>Social Work and Christianity et alia</i> ; <i>David Sherwood</i>		Hope, Self-transcendence, Spirituality, and Positive/Negative Affect as Predictors of Quality of Life for Breast Cancer Patients; <i>Cheri Holbrook</i>	Engaging and Retaining Males in Therapy: We Are Difficult; <i>Charles Hill</i>	Early Childhood Education in Congregations: Preliminary Findings from a National Study and Implications for Practice; <i>Sherr, Singletary, & Garland</i>	Geriatric Mental Health and the Concept of In-Home Counseling; <i>Charlene Lane</i>	Personal Spiritual Assessment; <i>Linda Openshaw & Cynthia Harr</i>	A True Community for Adoptive and Foster Families; <i>Michael Monroe & Amy Monroe</i>	Spirituality in Self-Discovery and Transformation in Adult Learners; <i>Dexter Freeman</i>
		Christian Roots of Social Case-work; <i>Peggy Pittman-Munke</i>	Faith, Hope, & Belief: Christian Perseverance During Illness and Addiction; <i>Nancy Wintering</i>	Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders: Screening, Intervention, and Prevention; <i>Kimberly Kotrla & Sarah Martin</i>	Helping Families Help Themselves; <i>Joseph Ball</i>	Faith and the Guardianship Process: Effective Responses with Alone, Cognitively Challenged Adults; <i>Tracey Kelley</i>	Developing a Tool to Measure Social Workers' Perceptions Regarding the Integration of their Spirituality in the Workplace; <i>Rick Chamiec-Case</i>	Religious Coping and Depression: A Study of College Freshment; <i>Scott Dixon</i>	Respecting All Paths: Teaching Christian Social Work Students About Other Faiths; <i>Alana Atchinson</i>

Speaking Out...

NACSW MEMBERS AND FRIENDS SHARE THEIR VIEWS.

... I also wanted to share with you that you matched me with a mentee in Virginia around 2000 and now that she is an MSW and working in the field, we remain friends and I, a NYer, went to visit small town Abingdon, Virginia last year. It was a great experience. Thanks for the great match!!

Sarah, New York, NY

Congratulations to all for an excellent convention/conference in Philadelphia last week. I was privileged to be an attendee. It is a challenge to identify what I appreciated most because it was all worthy of note.

Mary Louise, Wilmington, DE

I enjoyed reading *Prism* and gleaned two books of interest for my summer reading... I can honestly say NACSW articles have helped me the past two semesters. I enjoy the reading the well written articles in our journal.

Antoinette, New Haven, CT

The Convention was tremendously encouraging, thought-provoking and well organized!

Cheryl, Houghton, NY

I want to thank you for the information I have recently received via email and snail mail. I am excited to be a part of this organization which integrates those things in my life which are so important to me.

Maggie, Carol Stream, IL

Thank you for your email this morning regarding my NACSW membership. I was touched and impressed that... NACSW cares enough about its members to ask for feedback if one does not renew; one more reason why I was proud to be a member... Though I had not had the opportunity to become more involved and to attend the yearly conferences, ... I have found NACSW to be a terrific and very needed organization for social workers. The journal articles have

been relevant and very helpful, and each of the few times I have spoken with you, I have been blessed by your leadership.

Sandra, Cincinnati, OH

I've been meaning to write and thank you for NACSW's Christian Job-Net. I have recently changed positions, and have a new job as Executive Director for New Hope Ministries, a Christian Social Service Agency in South-central Pennsylvania. I learned about the position through the NACSW website, and believe that God worked through you to bless my family and me. I am very grateful that the NACSW helped make that connection.

Eric, Dillsburg, PA

Thanks for a provocative article (Part I) in the Oct 2006 Catalyst.

In short, the NASW code of ethics is predicated upon Satan's lie (Genesis 3:5) that human beings can be their own gods (right to self-determination) determining for themselves right and wrong, good and evil w/o any reference to any authority beyond one's self. So, actually, what the good professor was REALLY saying, is, "One cannot be a card-carrying, thoroughly confessional NASW-ite social worker," which is why I have NEVER considered affiliating with NASW, and having as few dealings with them as possible.

I agree: one cannot be a biblically consistent Christian and an NASW-ite social worker, since the NASW code of ethics, carried to its logical conclusions, would make the social worker complicit with the sins of the client... even if the social worker is not directly complicit (e.g., does not directly arrange for an abortion or pass out condoms to unmarried persons), the social worker who REFERS an abortion-minded client to a someone else who will arrange for or directly provide an abortion nonetheless remains complicit in the sins of the client by facilitating access to an immoral act.

Marshall, Ohio

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Pastoral Counselors, and Students. Like NACSW, CAPS has a clear focus on the integration of faith and professional practice, but with more of an orientation to the behavioral sciences and psychotherapy.

What Are the Terms of the Joint Membership Program? NACSW and CAPS have agreed to offer discounted membership rates to its non-student members who join both associations. Specifically, members who join both NACSW and CAPS would only pay \$75 (regularly \$95) for their CAPS membership, and only \$56 (regularly \$74) for their NACSW membership. As a result, members who join both NACSW and CAPS save \$38 off the combined cost of both memberships at their regular prices.

What are Some of the Benefits of CAPS Membership? Some of the benefits of CAPS membership that might be of particular interest to NACSW members include:

- Subscription to the Journal of Psychology & Christianity, a quarterly publication focusing on clinical and research articles
- CAPS Report Newsletter
- Listing in the CAPS Directory.
- Discounts for CAPS Conferences
- Special Services such as video and audio tapes, books, etc.

For additional information about CAPS as well as a CAPS membership application, please visit their website at: <http://www.caps.net>, or contact their office in Texas at: (830) 629-2277.

To participate in this joint membership program, simply indicate on your next NACSW renewal card that you have become a member of CAPS, and you may reduce your renewal dues payment by \$18 (down to \$56). It's that easy!

We look forward to the additional value this joint membership program will continue to add for many NACSW members.

*Rick Chamiec-Case
Executive Director*

Pursuing Social Justice A Conference for Christian Social Work Students

**Friday, October 12, 2007 at 10:00am—
Saturday, October 13, 2007 at 4:00pm**
Trinity Christian College
Palos Heights, Illinois

Attend a special conference designed just for Christian social work students! Registration is only \$75 and includes:

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- Present your Scholarship During a Poster Presentation Event (see Call for Poster Presentations below)
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Overnight accommodations are available at a nearby hotel. Limited free housing on campus with shower facilities is available. Please contact Mackenzi Huyser at Mackenzi.Huyser@trnty.edu for more information or with questions.

Call for Poster Presentations

Submit a proposal to present a poster presentation at the Social Work Student Conference. Submissions might include past group or capstone projects, research papers, or field education projects. Your submission will be reviewed by a team of social work educators, and all those accepted will be invited to display and discuss their posters during a special time at the Conference. This is a great opportunity to share your scholarship with other students and sharpen your presentation skills!

Deadline for Submissions: April 30, 2007
Presenter Notification: May 31, 2007

Submit your poster presentation proposals online at www.nacsw.org. Please contact Laura Zumdahl at Laura.Zumdahl@trnty.edu with any questions.

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SOCIAL WORK EDUCATORS GATHER AT CONVENTION

Despite the conflict with the dates of the annual conference of the Association of Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors (BPD), 29 social work educators gathered for the 23rd Annual Forum of Christian Social Work Educators at NACSW's 56th Annual Convention and Training Conference in Philadelphia. They represented 17 Christian and six secular colleges and universities in 18 states and provinces across the U.S. and Canada.

The conversation centered on two interrelated themes. The first pertained to the accreditation standard requiring multiple measures of the



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outcomes regarding each program objective. The Commission on Accreditation (COA) of the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) appears to be placing increasing emphasis on multiple measures and utilizing the findings for continuous program improvement.

The second conversation theme centered on the effort that is currently under way to prepare the next Educational Policy and Accreditation Standards (EPAS). CSWE's newly renamed Commission on Curriculum

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CALL FOR PAPERS

The Trinity Christian College Social Work Department, with additional support from the North American Association of Christians in Social Work (NACSW), will host a symposium on Christian scholarship from Monday, July 16, 2007 through Friday, July 20, 2007 on the campus of Trinity Christian College in Palos Heights, IL.

This symposium will focus on two topics in social work/social welfare: social justice and radical Christian innovations. Applicants may submit a paper on either topic. At the symposium, however, most of our time will be spent meeting as a single group. Because the two topics have differing requirements, applicants must select one topic for proposal/paper submission and follow the specific guidelines available at www.nacsw.org/SummerSem2007. The deadline for proposal submission is January 31, 2007. If accepted, symposium participants must submit a completed paper one month in advance of the symposium. All papers are expected to show an intentional integration of Christian faith and practice. In addition, participants will be given and expected to read, in advance, the papers on both topics and be prepared to respond in critically helpful ways. Outside experts will serve as consultants to the group and also respond to the papers.

At the conclusion of this symposium, we expect participants to revise papers for submission to NACSW publications and other professional journals. For authors interested, NACSW has committed to publishing a special issue of Social Work and Christianity on each of the two topics.

Lodging will be provided for participants at no cost in Trinity Christian College dormitories from Sunday, July 15, through departure on Friday, July 20. Breakfast, lunch, and breaks will be provided on symposium days at no cost. Limited travel funds are available for participants who are unable to obtain support through their university/college/ organization.

Trinity Christian College is located in Palos Heights, IL a southwest suburb of Chicago. For additional questions about this symposium, please contact Mackenzi Huyser at mackenzi.huyser@trnty.edu.

CONVENTION 2007 WORKSHOP ABSTRACTS TO WHET YOUR APPETITE!

To provide a preview of some of the quality workshops that will be offered at Convention 2007 in Dallas in March, this article features abstracts of several workshop presentations for the convention:

Abstract #1: “Holistic Spiritual Assessment - A Decision Tree Model” – *Cynthia Harr, Ph.D.* The Holistic Spiritual Assessment Decision Tree Model developed by the presenters will be introduced as a tool that may be used to provide a general overview of possible areas for consideration and exploration in spiritual assessment. Practical application of the Model and its possible use in conjunction with various other spiritual assessment tools will be demonstrated.

Abstract #2: “Combating Human Trafficking” – *Michael Smith.* Human trafficking is a form of brutal modern day slavery in which vulnerable persons are entrapped in labor or sexual exploitation. This workshop will cover the dynamics, causes, and programs to assist social services professionals and clergy to recognize and rescue victims.

Abstract #3: “Bible Stories You Didn’t Hear in Sunday School: Using Troubling Texts in Congregational Family Ministry” – *Diana Garland.* There are many troubling texts about deeply flawed family relationships in the Bible. Rather than skip over these texts, these ancient narratives can help

Christians find hope and grace for themselves. Explores how social workers in congregational settings can use the Bible in family life education.

Abstract #4: “Faith Based Organizations and Social Policies: Budgetary Challenges Ahead” – *Thomas Watts.* Faith Based Organizations (FBOs) face increasing social policy budgetary challenges ahead. Increasing demands on US social welfare, from within (largest aged population in history, and increasing, growing health care costs, etc.) and without (war on terror, etc.) pose growing challenges for funding of the voluntary sector and FBOs in coming years.

Abstract #5: “Re-thinking the Caretaking Relationship in Preventing Elder Mistreatment: Potential Roles for Social Work and the Church” – *Michael Sherr.* Caretaking relationships are traditionally conceptualized as dyads consisting of elderly persons and caretakers. However, research indicates that dyad relationships occurring in isolation can be a predictive factor of elder mistreatment. This workshop explores re-thinking the caretaker relationship as a triad with another person or system providing ongoing support and accountability.

Abstract #6: “Field Education in Faith Based Organizations and Congregations” – *Helen Wilson Harris.* This presentation focuses on the appropriate use of faith based orga-

nizations and congregations for field internship experiences for BSW and MSW students. Discussion will include other educational programs, ethical and practice issues, and faith based, religiously affiliated and faith infused/saturated agencies. Join us for lively conversation.

Abstract #7: “How congregational volunteers understand evangelism and community ministry” – *Terry Wolfer.* Recently, controversy has swirled around faith-based initiatives, often focusing on concerns over government support for proselytizing. The issues may be particularly acute for congregational volunteers involved in community ministry, especially when they volunteer in social service settings. This workshop explores volunteer perceptions of the relationship between community ministry and evangelism.

Abstract #8: “Rendering Unto Caesar While Serving in Jesus’ Name” – *Rene Blanchard.* Christians serving in secular-based settings face ethical dilemmas in two specific areas: assuring client-led spirituality during treatment planning, and maintaining personal integrity while adhering to secular-based agency guidelines. This presentation explores common dilemmas at multi-practice levels, and offers best practice techniques from current literature and the experiences of each presenter.

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and Educational Innovation (COCEI) has already begun work on a new educational policy (an undertaking that is mandated by CSWE’s Board of Directors at no greater than seven year intervals), which ultimately will serve as the basis for formulating new accreditation standards. CSWE President Kay Hoffman contends that there has not been substantive change in these documents in thirty years. The current

thrust is to increasingly emphasize “outcomes” instead of “inputs.” This is an opportunity to let our voices be heard—to not just “comply” with policy and standards but to influence their shape from the perspective of a Christian worldview.

The forum ended with a reminder to continue the process of Christian social work educators in secular as well as Christian institutions becoming more active in the internal processes of the Council on Social Work Education. Increasingly, Christians are

present among the Board of Directors, key commissions, and site visitors.

The next (24th) Annual Forum of Christian Social Work Educators will be convened at NACSW’s 57th Annual Convention and Training Conference, March 8-11, 2007, at the Marriott Quorum, in Dallas, Texas. Watch *Catalyst* and the convention program for details concerning time and place.

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NACSW EDUCATORS CALENDAR

- **Annual Forum for Christian Social Work Educators:** At NACSW's Convention 2007, March 8-11 in Dallas, TX.
- **Annual Dinner at CSWE-APM:** At the 54th APM of CSWE, Nov. 10-13, 2007 in San Francisco, CA.
- **Annual Dinner at BPD:** At the 25th Annual BPD Conference, March 5-9, 2008, Dustin, FL.

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REVIEWING BOOKS FOR SOCIAL WORK AND CHRISIANITY

Are you interested in re-viewing books for Social Work and Christianity? If so, you can learn of books available for re-view by subscribing to a NACSW listserv. Book review editor Terry Wolfer sends in-formation about books avail-able for review to NACSW's general and educator listservs.

If you wish to be included in these emails, you can sub-scribe to one of the Associa-tion's listservs by going to <http://www.nacsw.org/Listservs.html> on NACSW's web-site. You may also submit an unso-licited book review for a recent book of interest to Christians in social work for possible publi-cat-ion at any time.

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NACSW invites you to subscribe to one or more of its Internet mailing lists or "listservs," which enable NACSW members to easily connect with each other "across the miles" on topics of special interest to Christians in social work. Currently, there are eight listservs available to members:

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NACSW MISSION

NACSW supports the integration of Christian faith and professional social work practice in the lives of its members, the profession and the church, promoting love and justice in social service and social reform.

Its goals include:

- *Supporting and encouraging members in the integration of Christian faith and professional practice through fellowship, education, and service opportunities.*
- *Articulating an informed Christian voice on social welfare practices and policies to the social work profession*
- *Providing professional understanding and help for the social ministry of the church*
- *Promoting social welfare services and policies in society which bring about greater justice and meet basic human needs*

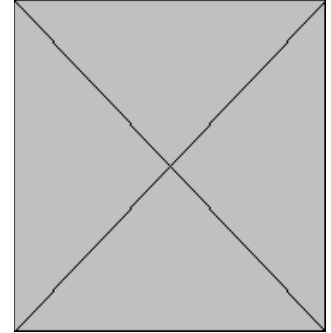
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