

## **Congregational and Social Work Responses to Older Adult Vulnerability Introduction and Session Outline**

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### **Introduction to Training:**

This home study text-based training, focused on “Congregational and Social Work Responses to Older Adult Vulnerability,” is based on a series of articles which were published as a part of the Winter, 2013 special edition of *Social Work and Christianity*. This special issue of *SWC* was by guest edited Dennis Myers, Ph.D.

**Abstract:** In a society which has traditionally valued youth and individualism, the growing number of Americans over 55 is creating a new paradigm of awareness of the mutual value gained through the interplay between older adults and that of faith-based organizations. Through discussion of collaboration across psycho/social/physical and spiritual disciplines, these articles address issues related to how faith-based groups have embraced not only the mission of caring for the holistic needs of seniors, but the value provided to the organizations through this engagement

### **Training Outline**

This training contains 7 separate articles from the Winter, 2013 issue of *Social Work and Christianity* addressing this topic including:

- Social Work and Congregations: A Timely Alliance for the Age of Aging by *Dennis Myers and Jim Ellor* – 30 minutes
- Religion and Spirituality among Older Adults in Light of DSM-5 by *Jim Ellor* – 30 minutes
- Faith-Outcomes for Older Adult Volunteers in Religious Congregations by *Dennis Myers, Terry A. Wolfer, and Michael Sherr* - 30 minutes
- Innovative Social Work Field Education in Congregational and Community-based Settings Serving Persons Fifty Five+: An Interdisciplinary Training Initiative for BSW and

MSW Students by *Jay Poole, John C. Rife, Fran Pearson, Lelia Moore, Antonia Monk Reaves, & Wayne Moore* - 30 minutes

- Helping to Create an Age-friendly City: A Town & Gown Community Engagement Project by *Michael W. Parker, Linda L. Dunn, Steven L. MacCall, John Goetz, Nan Park, Allison X. Li, Samantha Sims, Regina Harrell, Hugh Lee, Elizabeth Grant, Chris Spencer, Shadi Martin, Doaa Ahmed Khalifa, & Harold G. Koenig* - 30 minutes