

NACSW Statement Following the Capitol Riot: A Call for Unity in Diversity after January 6, 2021

Jeremiah instructed the people to seek the Shalom (peace and well-being) of the place where they were planted (Jeremiah 29:7). In that tradition, NACSW is likewise committed to human flourishing as part of our Christian and professional tradition, including Human Dignity and Worth (Genesis 1:26, Ephesians 4:24; 1 John 3:1-2) and Human Relationships (Mark 12:31; Luke 10:27).

Therefore, NACSW stands strongly against the insurrection of the Capitol on January 6th, 2021, and based on both our Christian faith as well as our professional identity, we stand against racism and white supremacy in all its forms, especially when claimed as part of the expression of Christian values. As Christians in social work, we believe that the truth of God's love is expressed through God's creation of persons from every nation, tribe, people and language (Revelations 7:9), for all persons are made in the image of God (Genesis 1:27). It is these beliefs which form the underpinnings of our recent "Statement on Racism" adopted by the Board in November 2019 (<https://www.nacsw.org/Racism110520.pdf>).