Presentation title:
Prescience, Prophecy, and Prayer: Our Faithful Future

Presentation abstract:
The challenges of the integration of faith and social work practice, increasingly daunting in a polarized world, are the very marrow of NACSW. From the role of the church in child welfare services to the response of God’s people to same sex marriage, NACSW has held space for difference and emerging light. The leaders, both formal and informal, of NACSW through the years have provided the lifeblood of the faith that informs helping and healing in our profession. This presentation will explore prophetic principles of Alan Keith-Lucas, prophetic leadership and NACSW, and faithful prayer to take us in to the future.

Presentation learning objectives:

a. After completing this training, participants will be able to…
b. Articulate historic and current challenges to the ethical integration of faith and practice in work with children and families
c. Describe the fundamental principles of AKL for navigating those challenges
d. Outline the prayerful possibilities in our visionary work together

Basic outline of presentation topics, including approximate timeframes:

I. Faith and Practice: What does it Mean 15 min
II. History and the Work of AKL and other NACSW Leaders 15 min
III. The Challenges, Then and Now 20 min
   a. Child Welfare
      i. Parents
      ii. Children
      iii. Programming
   b. Sin Questions 20 min
      i. Racism
      ii. Sexuality
      iii. Nationalism
IV. Prophecy and Prayerfully Forward 15 min

A current bibliography/list of references
(with at least 5 references having been published within the last 5 years):


Paulsen, V., & Berg, Berit. (2016). Social support and interdependence in transition to adulthood from child welfare services. *Children and Youth Services Review, 68,* 125-131


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