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Friends of NACSW eNews - August 2017

"Mercy, peace and love be yours in abundance." [Jude 2]



Whet Your Appetite

Check out example abstracts for NACSW's workshop program at its upcoming Convention 2017, "Advocating for Peace, Justice, and Reconciliation" in Charlotte, North Carolina from November 2-5, 2017.

>> [Sample Workshop Abstracts](#)
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Diversity Column

Read and reflect on Kimberly Hardy's Diversity Column, "Reconciling the Parts of the Body: My View of NACSW Convention 2017 and the North Carolina Boycott"

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"Let's Dialogue, not Debate"

by Kim Parker

In her blog entry entitled "[Let's Dialogue, not Debate](#)," NACSW member Kim Parker suggests that when we dialogue with others about important and controversial issues, we are often taking a risk – as not everyone is comfortable with being vulnerable and transparent. She shares that even when it comes to connecting with other NACSW members, despite all of us being Christian social workers, we are a diverse group differing in age, ethnicity, work experience, specialty fields, and even socio-political worldviews. As Christians in social work, we each have the ability to show respect, listen empathetically, ask clarifying questions, affirm and validate – and that we can even learn from one another in the process. She reminds us that our goal is not so much to win debates but to increase mutual understanding with dialogue, and that when Christian social workers stay focused on this goal, there's a greater chance that we can affect the rest of the world in a positive, God-glorifying way.

>> [Read this Blog](#)



["Urban Ministry Context"](#)
by Kevin Brown

Founded in 1967, Trinity Christian Community has embraced a strategy of holistic urban ministry to foster community

August 2017's
Featured
Podcast
["Applied Macro Social Work in an](#)



New Online CEU Training

["Bringing Shalom to Refugees: The Sanctuary Model of Care"](#)

by Lukas Ziolkowski,

LMSW; Mark Peterson, LMSW, ACSW;
audio-based training; 2.0 CE Hours

Participants will learn about a proven, trauma-informed model for providing an

change. Using two macro social work strategies, community organization and community development, this 50 year old ministry has established a handful of best practices with ramifications for macro-oriented social workers seeking to integrate faith and practice in a community context. This session will highlight significant aspects of the work done by the community, with a special emphasis upon 10 years of post-Katrina community building.

>> [Sample Podcast](#)

array of supports and services for refugees called the Sanctuary Model of Care, which has been implemented by Bethany Christian Services effectively with refugee families for many years in various parts of the United States.

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Mark Your Calendars - Upcoming Webinars & Podcasts

Webinars / Audio Conferences

- September 25, 2017
1:00 pm – 2:15 pm (Eastern)
"Sharing the Story - Living and Teaching in the Shadow of Ferguson"
(Kimberly Carter and Jill Schreiber)
- November 2017
"Eat, Pray, Love: Selfcare and Burnout as a Social Work Professional"
(Ruth Cassidy)
- February 2018
"How Does Christian Community Development Impact a Community?"
(Elizabeth Patterson Roe and Erin Woodson)
- April 2018
"Uplifting Grassroots Efforts to Combat Human Trafficking"
(Denise Anderson)

Featured Podcasts

- September 2017: *"Ethical Social Work Practice with LGBT Clients"* (Jon Singletary and Helen Harris)
- October 2017: *"Working Together to Promote Spiritual & Religious Competency in the Profession"* (Darla Spence Coffey, Angelo McClain, Michael Sheridan, and Rick Chamiec-Case)



Sample Book Review

[Gender Oppression and Globalization: Challenges for Social](#)

[Work](#)

Winter, 2015 issue of SWC



Featured Book

Christianity and Social Work: Readings on the Integration of Christian Faith and Social Work Practice – Fifth Edition (2016)

The fifth edition of *Christianity and Social*

Work is written for social workers whose motivations to enter the profession are informed by their Christian faith, and who desire to develop faithfully Christian approaches to helping.

Christianity and Social Work is organized around four themes: a) Christian Roots of the Social Work Profession; b) Christians Called to Social Work: Scriptural Basis, Worldviews and Ethics; c) Human Behavior and Spiritual Development in a Diverse World; d) Christians in Social Work Practice: Contemporary Issues. Chapters address a breadth of curriculum areas such as social welfare history, human behavior and the social environment, social policy, and practice at micro, mezzo, and macro levels.

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