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## Friends of NACSW eNews - January 2017

### Happy New Year!

*"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" [2 Corinthians 5:17]*



### Announcing NACSW's 67th Annual Convention

**"Advocating for Peace, Justice, and Reconciliation"**  
Charlotte, North Carolina • November 2-5, 2017

For more information go to:  
[https://www.nacsw.org/conv\\_head\\_text.html](https://www.nacsw.org/conv_head_text.html)

For a link to the call for presentations, go to: <http://www.nacsw.org/Convention/Call2017.html>

### Audio Conference: *"Therapeutic Relationship as a Spiritual Resource"*

Announcing NACSW's next audio conference webinar scheduled for **Monday, Feb 27, 2017 at 1:00 pm** (Eastern). This webinar is entitled *"Therapeutic Relationship as a Spiritual Resource"* and will be presented by Dr. Ann Callahan.

Social work provides an opportunity to cultivate a therapeutic relationship that can be spiritually transformative; however, the realization of such potential requires the building of spiritual competence. This workshop will draw from theory, research, and practice to clarify how spiritual sensitivity can transform the therapeutic relationship into a spiritual resource.

[Click here for additional information about this webinar.](#) >



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**Here's Our Latest Online Training**



**"Ethical Integration of Christian Faith into Counseling Veterans"** by Laurel Shaler, PhD; video-based training; 1.0 CEU

Clients receiving clinical services through the Department of Veterans Affairs do not leave their faith at the door simply because they are receiving treatment at a federal facility. Therefore, clinicians need to be well-versed in how to ethically integrate the faith of the client into treatment. The focus of this presentation will be on the integration of the Christian faith.

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**SOCIAL WORK & CHRISTIANITY**

Sample article from the Winter 2016 issue of SWC:

**"Supporting**

**Caregivers Who Care for African American Elders: A Pastoral Perspective"**



***"Forgiveness in My Life"***

*by Maddie Poindexter*

In her blog entry entitled ["Forgiveness in My Life,"](#) NACSW student member (and Board member) Maddie Poindexter write that although society often tells us to simply "forgive and forget," this message makes it seem like forgiveness is all about us – instead of acknowledging that forgiveness is also about offering a gift to help take the burden and guilt away from the one who has offended us. She shares that in her life, it has been through God, who loves her, who assures her that she has meaning and worth, and who forgives her, that she finds the strength and grace to forgive and even love the persons who have hurt her most.

[Read this Blog! >](#)



***"When Helping Hurts: Key Ideas and Issues for Poverty Alleviation"***

*Steve Corbett*

In this session, the presenter suggests that in responding to Christ's call to, "Open your hearts and hands to the poor among you," we often mobilize and act with good intentions. But good intentions are not enough. It is possible in our efforts to help people who are poor to actually do harm to the very ones we seek to help. This session will look at the importance of defining poverty appropriately and will explore 3 key principles for engaging in effective poverty alleviation.

[Go to the Sample Podcast >](#)

**Mark Your Calendars - Upcoming Webinars & Podcasts**



**Featured Book**

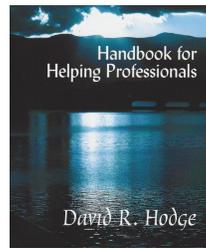
## Upcoming Programs & Events

### Webinars / Audio Conferences

- February 27, 2017  
1:00 pm – 2:15 pm (Eastern)  
*“Therapeutic Relationships as a Spiritual Resource”*  
(Ann Callahan)
- April 24, 2017  
1:00 pm – 2:15 pm (Eastern)  
*“The Inspired Workplace - How Building Community at Work Unlocks Organizational Potential”*  
(Hugh Drouin and Marv Franz)

### Featured Podcasts

- January 2017: *“When Helping Hurts: Key Ideas and Issues for Poverty Alleviation”* (Steve Corbett)
- February 2017: *“Friday Morning Convention Devotions”* (Mayra Humphries Lopez)
- March 2017: *“Using Family Circles to Promote and Understand Family Connections”* (Dexter Freeman)
- April 2017: *“Navigating End-of-Life Issues with Clients: An Overview for Social Workers”* (Julie Griffin)



### BOOK

*Spiritual Assessment: Helping Handbook for Helping Professionals*  
David Hodge

A growing consensus exists among helping professionals, accrediting organizations and clients regarding the importance of spiritual assessment. David Hodge's *Spiritual Assessment: Helping Handbook for Helping Professionals*, describes five complementary spiritual assessment instruments, along with an analysis of their strengths and limitations. The aim of this book is to familiarize readers with a repertoire of spiritual assessment tools to enable practitioners to select the most appropriate assessment instrument in given client/practitioner settings. By developing an assessment “toolbox” containing a variety of spiritual assessment tools, practitioners will become better equipped to provide services that address the individual needs of each of their clients.

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