



## What Christians in Social Work Are Saying About the 6<sup>th</sup> Edition of *Christianity and Social Work*

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For many years the various editions of *Christianity and Social Work: Readings on the Integration of Christian Faith and Social Work Practice* have guided thoughtful Christians in the practice of their social work profession. This latest edition continues to be an extremely valuable resource to educators, students and practitioners. The volume provides a broad scope of topics related to current research, historical context, ethical exploration, and practical models for integrating faith with practice.

*Christianity and Social Work* creates a space for us to dig deeply into questions about how what we believe impacts what we do and how we do it. As a Christian social work educator in a small faith-based institution, I highly recommend this book as a tool to help students explore how their Christian faith intersects with who they are as social workers and how they will provide ethical social work service.

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As a Christian University, Indiana Wesleyan University desires the integration of faith throughout our social work curriculum. For a number of years, NACSW's *Christianity and Social*

*Work* has provided a real-world collection of thought-provoking readings that challenge students to critically think about how Christian values inform and contribute to professional social work values ethical social work practice and. Our program has learned how to use various chapters from previous editions of *Christianity and Social Work* in each of our core social work courses, and we look forward to incorporating some of the exciting new chapters in the 6<sup>th</sup> edition starting in the fall!

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As someone who values the previous editions of *Christianity and Social Work*, I unhesitatingly recommend this new, sixth edition. It retains those "classic" articles from earlier editions that are part of our core practice wisdom as Christians in social work. At the same time, the new edition has excellent, insightful chapters on the new dimensions and challenges for social work today. This is an essential handbook for all Christians in social work.

*Denis Costello, MSW, RSW*  
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Bridging topics from school shootings to refugee empowerment, the sixth edition of *Christianity and Social Work* delves even deeper than its predecessors into issues of great relevance to social workers of faith. Taking on a encyclopedic quality, this book should appear on the shelf of every social worker and in every classroom where Christianity forms the basis of all thoughts, words, and deeds.

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As an academic, I am constantly attempting to discover texts which assist students as they struggle to situate social work practice in the context of their faith traditions. For many years now, *Christianity and Social Work* has provided substantive material to enhance my efforts. The most recent 6th edition adds a wealth of new and vital material, including additional decision cases, that will prove highly beneficial to emerging and seasoned social workers as we

endeavor to more completely integrate our faith and practice. I anticipate adopting it in place of the previous edition on my syllabi.

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The 6<sup>th</sup> edition of *Christianity and Social Work: Readings on the Integration of Christianity and Social Work* makes an invaluable contribution to a broad understanding of the issues related to the integration of Christianity and social work. A review of the table of contents reveals the wide range of important topics included in this new edition. The book is very well written in a way that captures both a reliance upon relevant literature and wisdom based on understanding of the field of social work.

*Christianity and Social Work* clearly reflects the reality that social work is an ongoing journey. The content and the level of presentation makes it valuable for individuals ranging from those beginning their introduction to social work to seasoned professionals. The authors are careful not to give superficial answers to important issues and to be honest about the complications and ambiguities present in the application of this integration. The discussion cases further this process. This book includes valuable chapters related to basic perspectives on social work practice to specific programs. The emphasis on social justice in practice with persons representing a range of characteristics and challenges, for example, refugees, LGBT individuals, histories of racial injustice, school and other types of violence and trauma are particularly valuable for the contemporary scene.

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For Christians in social work who struggle to integrate their faith as they tackle the most difficult issues they encounter today in their practice, this 6<sup>th</sup> edition of *Christianity and Social Work* is a must read. It is an excellent resource for practitioners, educators, and social work students who want to have the tools to help them integrate their Christian faith with their social work practice. You won't be disappointed.

This edition of *Christianity and Social Work* has its foundation in the historical practice of social work and builds on current and evidence-based research in the areas of social justice, racism, and more current issues such as school shootings, trauma-informed care, working with

refugees/immigration, and the use of technology in social work. Religious and ethical discussions are woven throughout each topic.

*Christianity and Social Work* is on the cutting edge of addressing issues facing social workers of faith today. This edition does not back down from the tough issues facing social workers in contemporary society. Whether you are a social work student or teach in academia - or a seasoned social worker practicing in a non-profit faith-based or a public agency - the thoughtful readings from this book are relevant for you in today's social work world.

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This is the book you reach for first when you have questions about how faith is an essential part of social work practice. The latest edition provides a valuable resource and builds on previous editions that trace the Christian roots of social work and ethics while adding numerous new chapters addressing human behavior and spiritual development as well as current practice issues.

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The chapters of 6<sup>th</sup> edition of *Christianity and Social Work* provide an historical context for and explore a wealth of contemporary issues within the purview of Christianity. While the previous editions have substantively addressed knowledge, Christian values, I appreciate that this current edition also includes chapters that challenge the readers to converse about topics that were once considered "taboo" among social workers of faith, calling for us to think deeply within historical and cultural contexts about privilege, power and Christian responses. This edition of *Christianity and Social Work* is greatly appreciated and I would highly recommend it for academicians, emerging scholars and faith-based practitioners.

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The 6<sup>th</sup> Edition of *Christianity and Social Work* is an excellent resource for social work educators to use in the classroom with its focus on Christian perspectives and integration of the

profession's core values. It provides readings for students and practicing professionals on essential topics that are crucial to enabling Christians in social work to serve clients more effectively. *Christianity and Social Work* supports readers with perspectives on how to practice social work with faith values in mind.

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The 6<sup>th</sup> edition of *Christianity and Social Work Readings on the Integration of Christian Faith and Social Work Practice* provides a wide range of information which can guide and shape a professional's efforts to integrate faith and social work at all levels of practice. Christian students as well as seasoned practitioners will find this 6<sup>th</sup> edition helpful seek to expand their skills and empower their clients.

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