

NACSW's September Audio Conference Workshop

NACSW is pleased to announce that it will be offering its next audio conference workshop entitled "One Family Under God: A Theological Perspective on Immigration for Christian Social Workers" on Monday, September 30th from 1:00 pm – 2:15 pm Eastern Daylight Savings Time. This audio conference workshop will be presented by Sister Stephanie Spandl, a clinical social worker in St. Paul, Minnesota.



Stephanie Spandl

Immigration is currently at the forefront of national debate in the United States. In recent years we have seen increased anti-immigrant sentiment at both an individual and policy level. Unfortunately, rhetoric is heated and often not based in fact, but rather in fear. Immigration policy is a complex matter that deeply and personally affects families and communities and requires both justice and compassion. How are we as Christians in social work to respond to this issue in our time? On what foundation will we ground our response in our personal practice as well as our policy advocacy? What does God say about how we are to treat the stranger? How are we called to reflect God's justice and mercy around this issue? In what way are we called to be prophetic? This audio conference workshop will explore the

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Convention Workshop Abstracts to Whet Your Appetite

Focused on the theme, "Compassion and Service: Exploring Our Journey Together," NACSW's Convention 2013 in Atlanta, Georgia from October 17-20 will feature more than 135 outstanding workshops and poster presentations divided among twelve tracks, including: Direct Practice - Individuals, Couples, Families and Children; Human Development, Diversity, and Behavior in the Environment; Direct Practice - Groups and Communities; Administration and Work with Organizations; Public Administration and Policy; Professional Relationships, Values and Ethics; Social Work Education; Social Work Research; Technology & Social Work; Student-focused; A Christian Perspective on Social Movements; Research and Practice with Ethnically Diverse Populations.

This year's workshops and poster presentations were chosen from among more than 175 submissions through a blind peer-review process. The selected presentations reflect the diversity of scholarship, knowledge, and creativity found among NACSW members and friends from around North America and beyond. On pages 6-7 of this issue of Catalyst you will find a listing of the workshops that will appear in the program for Convention 2013. A listing of full workshop and poster session abstracts and descriptions, learning objectives, presenter biographies and other relevant information are posted on

NACSW's website (www.nacsw.org).

To provide a preview of some of the quality workshops that will be offered at Convention 2013, the following represents just a sampling of some of the excellent workshop presentations that have been accepted for this year's convention:



Faith-related Practice: Diverse and Eclectic Approaches for Social Justice

Carl Holland, MSW

To enable social justice, social workers must have knowledge, skills, and values in (a) fields of practice, (b) population groups, and (c) social problems. Competencies in diverse treatment modalities that include appropriate faith-related components are addressed.

Practitioner-Identified Barriers to Outreach with Black Churches

Kimberly Hardy, Ph.D.

Practitioners identified barriers that were impinging upon their willingness to engage with the African-American faith community. Most significant were issues of race and a personal lack of religious knowledge. This hesitance can have devastating consequences for practice with African-American clients and communities. This workshop will present on the barriers identified and ways in which social work practitioners can overcome them in practice.

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international, political and social context of immigration today, scriptural and theological foundations to guide our response, and current policies and practices that invite response. Resources for further prayer, reflection, and education will also be made available.

Stephanie Spandl, MSW, LICSW, MAT, a School Sister of Notre Dame, is a clinical social worker specializing in mental health and case management services with immigrants/refugees. She obtained a dual Master's degree in Social Work and Theology at St. Catherine University/University of St. Thomas. Stephanie currently ministers at MORE, a community-based non-profit, as a clinical social worker specializing in mental health and case management services with immigrants/refugees. She has worked with refugees and immigrants for 20 years in a variety of capacities, including mental health, housing/homelessness and general advocacy. Stephanie has presented on immigration issues at two NACSW conferences, has served on a local task force addressing refugee mental

health, and has actively participated in the immigration committee of her local province of the School Sisters of Notre Dame.

Audio conferences have been designed so that any person or group can participate simply by calling a telephone number provided by NACSW from any telephone in the US or Canada. In addition, interested participants may simultaneously log into these session via their computers to follow the presenter's PowerPoint presentation on-line, see the presenter on screen, and engage in interactive chat during the session. A couple of days after you register for this session, NACSW will email you the conference phone number as well as instructions on how to log into this session. If you would prefer to just call in (and not use your computer), we will make a PowerPoint file available to you prior to the session.

For additional information (including workshop description and learning objectives), and/or to register on-line, you can go to NACSW's website at <http://www.nacsw.org>, or you can contact the NACSW office tollfree at 888-426-4712 to register on the phone.

Current NACSW members and all staff working for NACSW organizational members may participate in this audio conference at no cost. Friends of NACSW may participate in this session for just \$26 (or \$16 for fulltime students). Participants are eligible to earn 1.25 continuing education contact hours approved by the Association of Social Work Boards (also at no cost for NACSW members) by receiving a score of 80% or better on a short twelve-question quiz based on the material covered in the conference.

We hope you are able to join us on September 30th for this important audio conference workshop – we encourage you to register today!

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Social Workers as Congregational Leaders

Diana Garland, Ph.D. and Gaynor Yancey, Ph.D.

Religious congregations have been settings for professional social work practice from the beginning of the social work profession. Based on in-depth interviews with 51 social workers, the presenters will describe this field of social work practice.

Creating a Compassionate Organization through Servant Leadership

Hugh Drouin, Ph.D.

There is much loneliness and isolation today in organizations. We have forgotten how to connect more meaningfully with each other at work. The creation of deeper relationships at work lead to stronger emotional and spiritual health for its members. Through music, story, the principles of Servant Leadership and other healing principles, the workshop will discuss the importance of creating a climate of nurture and compassion in an organization.

Preparing Social Workers: Forming Character and Fostering Virtue

Cheryl Brandsen, Ph.D., and Terry Wolfer, Ph.D.

A virtue perspective asks what kind of people social workers must be to be effective. If character matters, how can virtues be nurtured that develop character? How, for instance, can social workers be formed who can enact just policies and love justice? This workshop addresses how several virtues integral to social work can be developed.

Preventative Ideas to Curb School Suicide and Violence

Linda Openshaw, DSW

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NACSW-California Regional Conference on September 21st

The California chapter of NACSW is pleased to announce they will be holding an all-day regional conference on Saturday, September 21st, 2013 at Point Loma University in San Diego, CA. For additional information about this exciting conference, call 805-540-8388, or see the NACSW-California Facebook Group page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/191709044208165/?fref=ts>).

Positioning NACSW for the Future

As promised in my earlier communications, I want to take this opportunity to update our members and those who have an interest in NACSW on the directions our Board plans to take going forward. Those who had the opportunity to attend the annual membership meeting in St. Louis will recall that we had identified some draft strategic positions that we anticipated working toward and provided time in small focus group sessions for member feedback to the Board. In the interim, we have reviewed the thoughts and ideas presented; and at our most recent Board meeting in Grand Rapids this April, there was much positive energy evident as we agreed on the following directions.



Sr. Ann Patrick Conrad

Building on our strategic planning to date and our strengths as an organization whose mission is to integrate Christian

faith and social work practice in an ethical manner, NACSW will position itself to be:

1. *recognized as a leader in conceptualizing and developing practice competencies that address faith and spiritual identity as an aspect of diversity;*
2. *proactive in facilitating the development of leadership who have the vision to sustain the organization into the future;*
3. *an inclusive and caring community who welcomes those who share our mission and strengthen our plurality of diversities including, for example, denominational affiliation, people of color, those with varied physical capabilities, language preferences (eg. Spanish, sign language);*
4. *an organization whose members are intentional and proactive in making its mission known and applied in current and emerging practice settings;*
5. *an organization with adequate long-term financial sustainability attained through such means as providing non-dues services including continuing education, etc. as well as fund raising and membership fees.*

Although we recognized that these directions are actually works in prog-

ress, such as the development of our new distance continuing education program, welcoming Christians of diverse denominational affiliations, participation in discussions with academics on developing faith-based practice competencies, we felt that NACSW could be strengthened by the Board's devoting more systematic attention to developing and holding itself accountable to developing concrete initiatives that address these directions. For example, one of our task groups is crafting a plan for an Emerging NACSW Leaders Group; another board committee is working on a plan for financial stability with a focus on endowment development. As we move forward, we want to be more intentional about assessing if and how initiatives stemming from these directions are meeting the needs of our members and what impacts they have on the thoughtful integration of faith and practice.

As always, we welcome your participation in these strategic directions as well as your feedback directly to board members or through the NACSW office or various NACSW social media outlets. We join in prayer and deep reflection that the Spirit of Christ will lead and guide our efforts toward the mission that we all share.

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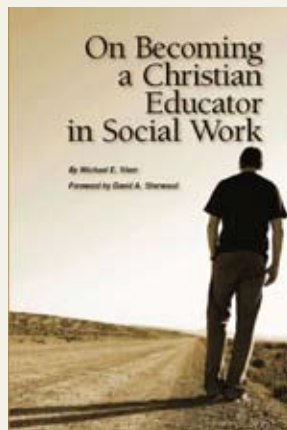
The number of acts of school violence and suicides are increasing. This workshop will discuss preventative ideas to help social workers who work with children and adolescents become aware of warning signs of suicide and potential acts of violence.

NACSW's Convention 2013 hotel is the Sheraton Atlanta Hotel (165 Courtland Street NE, Atlanta, GA 30303; <http://www.sheratonatlantahotel.com>). The guest room rate is just \$119/night, and may be shared between up to four people. To make a reservation, call 800-833-8624, and identify yourself as being with the North American Association of Christians in Social Work (NACSW). To qualify for the special \$119/night rate, make your reservation by September 25, 2013 at 5:00pm Eastern.

We look forward to seeing you in Atlanta in October!

PUBLICATION AVAILABLE FROM NACSW

ON BECOMING A CHRISTIAN EDUCATOR IN SOCIAL WORK



Michael Sherr (2010) \$21.00 (\$17.00 for NACSW members or for orders of 10 or more). For price in Canadian dollars, use current exchange rate.

On Becoming a Christian Educator is a compelling invitation for social workers of faith in higher education to explore what it means to be a Christian in social work education. By highlighting seven core commitments of Christian social work educators, it offers strategies for social work educators to connect their personal faith journeys to effective teaching practices with their students. Frank B. Raymond, Dean Emeritus at the College of Social Work at the University of South Carolina suggests that "Professor Sherr's book

should be on the bookshelf of every social work educator who wants to integrate the Christian faith with classroom teaching. Christian social work educators can learn much from Professor Sherr's spiritual and vocational journey as they continue their own journeys and seek to integrate faith, learning and practice in their classrooms."

PRAYER CORNER

Being People of Hope

As I sit to write this column, we are reeling from the bombing in Boston and the fertilizer plant fire in Waco. And the memories of the Sandy Hook shooting are still very much alive in all of our minds. It seems as if evil and death never cease. In the midst of all this evil, how do we become people of hope? How



Denis Costello

do we walk through the world in which we can easily feel overwhelmed?

I think that we start with the determination to be people of hope. In my faith tradition (Roman Catholic), we believe that hope is an infused virtue. This means that we understand hope to be a gift from God, like faith and love. Hope, being infused, is given, but, like a muscle, it must be exercised lest it begins to atrophy. In the present circumstances, exercising hope is tough, but necessary work.

In seeking hope while navigating a world in which evil seems overwhelming, I was reminded of a painting by the Dutch painter, Hieronymus Bosch, entitled “Christ Carrying the Cross (Ghent).” It’s a crowded painting with no discernable background, and is mostly filled with ugly, repelling faces – almost like gargoyles. These faces - some grinning, some scowling, some angry, some belligerent - are mob-like in their demeanour. But there are two exceptions to the ugliness.

In the dark canvass, there is a corner of light at the bottom left corner. This is an image of a fair, young woman. She is quietly smiling to herself and holding a cloth on which appears an image of the face Christ. Of course, she is Veronica, who wiped the face of Jesus as he carried his cross.

Almost unnoticeable, in the centre of the picture, is Christ carrying his cross. You could miss seeing him because of the distraction of all the people around him. Christ’s eyes are downcast, almost closed; it looks as if he cannot bear to look on

the ugliness of the evil of the world. Nevertheless, he makes his way through this same world. Most of the people seem to be oblivious of him. One seems to be antagonistically gesturing towards him. It may seem as if the mob will overwhelm him, but Christ carries his cross through the world, redeeming it steadfastly as he goes to his death. It is this figure of Christ that transforms the painting.

What initially seemed a repugnant picture now is poignant in its beauty. We see such a contrast between the face of Christ and the other faces. This is a suffering Christ whose passion is deep and spiritual. He makes his way through an evil world and he pays a price. It is not easy for him, nor will it be easy for us.

If we “put on Christ,” then we, too, are called to make our way through the world.

At times we may find it hard to look at evil and the suffering it causes. But we have to be in the world and not turn away. We are inspired by Christ who walked

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through the crowd, some of whom jeered and mocked. Like Christ, we persevere in the hope that the faithful love of the Father is greater than any evil, even death. And, the faithful love of the Father will bring us, with Christ, into eternal

life.

I find it hard to think about the suffering of those killed, wounded and maimed; the suffering of their families and friends is hard to contemplate; yet we cannot turn away. We have in Christ an example of how good triumphs, even if it looks like failure at the time. Hope is not shallow optimism; hope is like a muscle that grows the more it is exercised.



Christ Carrying the Cross (Ghent), Hieronymus Bosch

Newest Trainings Added to NACSW's On-line Continuing Education Program

NACSW is pleased to announce that it has recently added three new trainings to its online continuing education program at www.nacsw.org/CEU.

Ethics in Social Work Practice: Evangelism, Prayer, and Other Value Conflicts; audio-based training



David Sherwood, Ph.D., LICSW, ACSW

Competent social work practice requires that professionals deal ethically and effectively in their work with clients. This training explores the use and limits of the social work Code of Ethics as well as biblical teachings to resolve ethical dilemmas, identify ethical principles that guide social work practice in regard to spirituality and religion, and assess and use spiritual and religious resources in practice with clients.

<<Note: This is an ASWB approved ethics training and as such meets most states' ethics' training requirements.>>

Congregational & Community Responses With Vulnerable Older Persons; video-based training

Dennis Myers, Ph.D., M.S.S.W., L.C.S.W

This training focuses on how social workers and congregations can respond to the impoverishment and isolation that inhabit the daily lives of a significant number of older persons. A four dimensional model for design of congregational responses is proposed.

The Power of Service: Reclaiming One of the Key Values of the Social

Work Profession; audio-based training

Luis A. Perez, MSW

In a day when the word 'service' in many circles is shunned and avoided because of the connotations to 'servant' or 'servitude', the model and perspective of 'service' by Jesus can inform our practice and how we perceive our work, clients, and community. This presentation challenges Christians in social work to consider the bridge 'service' can be in the interest of practitioners as members of the profession, the church, and the community at large.

Online continuing education through NACSW offers easy, "on-demand" access to a wide array of high quality training options sensitive to the thoughtful integration of faith and practice accessible via computer or mobile device. All trainings included in this program provide CEUs accredited by the Association of Social Work Boards.

NACSW's online continuing education program offers high-quality trainings in several different formats including video-based trainings, audio-based trainings, text-based trainings and virtual study groups, a more interactive approach to small group, online continuing education.

On-line trainings cost between \$15-\$20 per CEU hour. Members of NACSW with receive a 20% discount on all courses, and additional discounts are available for alumni of program partners (<http://www.nacsw.org/CEUPartners.htm>) as well.

For a full catalog listing, go to: <http://nacsw.org/CEU/>

NACSW-WNY Chapter Helps "Break the Silence"



On April 21 the newly reorganized Western NY chapter of NACSW co-sponsored a free concert called "Breaking the Silence" on the campus of Roberts Wesleyan College. Our chapter purchased the Breaking the Silence T-shirts worn by the Dance Ministry team and the officer of the student social work association at Roberts. The two hour free concert was well attended and over \$500 was raised to support a local domestic violence program called Safe Journey. The concert included six dance numbers, several dramatic presentations, poetry, a case study training video, and a message about the work of Safe Journey.

– David Skiff, Chapter President

UPCOMING AUDIO CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS AND PODCASTS

AUDIO CONFERENCES

September 2013 Audio Conf./Webinar
"One Family Under God: A Theological Perspective on Immigration"
Stephanie Spandl
September 30, 2013
1 pm – 2:15 pm (Eastern)

November 2013 Audio Conf./Webinar
"Treating Problem Issues with Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy"
Erma Ballenger
November 25, 2013
1 pm – 2:15 pm (Eastern)

February 2014 Audio Conf./Webinar
"Cultural Competence, Domestic Violence and African American Faith"
Kesslyn Brade Stennis
February 24, 2014
1 pm – 2:15 pm (Eastern)

April 2014 Audio Conference/Webinar
"Manifesting Christian Principles as Supervisors, Managers and Administrators"
Frank Raymond
April 28, 2014
1 pm – 2:15 pm (Eastern)

PODCASTS

July 2013's Featured Podcast
"A Faith Perspective on Health Care Reform and Poverty"
Rick Chamiec-Case
Recorded at an NACSW DC-Area Workshop in Alexandria, VA
Recorded on September 7th, 2012

August 2013's Featured Podcast
"Alan Keith-Lucas Principles of Residential Care"
Helen Wilson Harris & David Gibson
Audio Conference Workshop Recorded on September 27, 2010

September 2013's Featured Podcast
"Defining a New Field for the Social Work Profession: Church Social Work"
Diana Garland
Recorded at NACSW Convention 2011 in Pittsburgh, PA on October 22, 2011

October 2013's Featured Podcast
"Equipping Social Workers to Support Clergy Who Are Providing Care for Returning Veterans"
John Oliver
Recorded at an NACSW Raleigh-Area Workshop in Chapel Hill, NC on September 9th, 2012

For more information about any NACSW audio conference and monthly podcasts, please contact the NACSW office at info@nacsw.org, 888-426-4712 (toll-free), or visit our website at www.nacsw.org.

Direct Practice: Individuals, Couples, Families, and Children

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Using Biblical Principles in Working with Victims of Sex Trafficking	David Sedlacek
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The Importance of Engaging Fathers in Social Work Practice	Mark Robinson
Resiliency or Recovery: Helping Individuals Develop Resiliency Skills	Angela Gaddis
Sprinkling Spirituality throughout the Alzheimer's Caregiver's Journey	Sally Moore
The "Evidence of Things Not Seen" and EBP: Tensions and Opportunities	Michael Kelly
Decision-Making Skills: Key to Growth, Therapy, Renewal, and Transformation	Karl Benzio
Culturally Sensitive Practice in Child Welfare: An Ethical Obligation	Kiana Webb-Robinson and Raymond Adams
Resiliency and Spirituality: A framework for assessing and helping	Mary Van Hook
Helping Children and Youth in our Faith Communities Stay Safe from Abuse	Jeanette Harder and Allison Lauritsen
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Good Grief: Interventions for supporting bereaved children and adolescents	Erica Serrine
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Preventative ideas to curb school suicide and violence	Linda Openshaw
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Empowering Those Marginalized by Generational Poverty	Mark Harden
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A Grandparent Empowerment Intervention Program: The Focus of a Local Church	Cathy Scott
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Implicit vs Explicit Memories: Why I Believe It in My Head But Not My Heart	Beth Lamberson and Elodia Flynn
Nursing Facility Social Work and Family Behavioral Challenges	Dennis Myers, Robin Rogers, and Kathy Kelley
Putting Humpty Together Again: Making Peace Through Conflict Transformation	Kay Julien and Jean Austin-Danner
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Families at Risk: Churches as Prevention Agents	Claudette Grinnell-Davis
Using Family Circles to Promote and Understand Family Connections	Dexter Freeman
Journey toward Wholeness: Use of Self as Spiritual Formation	Leslie Gregory
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Call for Papers for *Social Work & Christianity: The Black Church and Social Reform*

Tanya Brice, MSW, PhD – Guest Editor
 Kimberly Hardy, MSW, PhD – Guest Editor

The Black Church has historically been the center of the African American community. While the Black church is often stereotyped by “the preacher, the music, and the frenzy,” as described by W.E.B. DuBois in *Souls of Black Folks* (1903), this institution played a central role in the development of social institutions within the African



Tanya Brice

American community. From its inception, this church served as a social service and reform institution for its congregants and for the African American community. This spirit of social reform is a lasting characteristic of the seven major historically Black denominations. The Black Church, as an institution, was instrumental in the development of mutual aid societies, schools and colleges, orphanages, homes for wayward or delinquent children, and

homes for the elderly. The Black Church is truly a “nation within a nation,” as

was described by E. Franklin Frazier in *The Negro Church in America* (1964). This significant history is largely missing in the social work literature.

This special issue of *Social Work and Christianity* seeks to

explore the contribution that the Black Church has made to social work practice, policy, research, and education. Submissions in the following areas are particularly requested:

I. Conceptual offerings that provide definitional clarity and theoretical frameworks examining the historical roots of the Black Church

II. Articles that examine the Black Church as an institution of social reform,

including articles on community practice; organizational practice; policy practice; social reform in rural or urban settings; examination of social issues

III. Articles focused on research or research methods that use the Black Church as a context

IV. Articles focused on the history of the Black Church in social work education and practice



Kimberly Hardy

Guidelines for submitting manuscripts:

For submission requirements, go to: http://www.nacsw.org/Publications/nacswpubs_submission.html. All authors are strongly encouraged to contact the special edition editors at blackchurchstudy@gmail.com by September 1, 2013 to discuss ideas for paper submissions. The deadline for completed manuscripts to blackchurchstudy@gmail.com is December 1, 2013.

Call for Papers for *Social Work & Christianity: Religion and Spirituality in Competency-Based Social Work Practice*

Altaf Husain, PhD – Guest Editor
 Michael Sherr, PhD – Guest Editor

Educators, researchers and practitioners are invited to submit papers with an emphasis on demonstrating religious and spiritual competence in practice. Building on the growing interest among practitioners in the role of religion and spirituality in social work practice, this special issue of *Social Work & Christianity* seeks to call attention to the diversity among both longstanding and emerging religious and spiritual traditions, while highlighting the implications for Christians in Social Work.

Interested authors can choose to focus on various aspects of how religion and spirituality influences the practitioner-client therapeutic relationship. One level of focus could be to delve deeper into the



Altaf Husain

scholarly knowledge base upon which a particular religious or spiritual intervention is rooted.

Another approach could be to describe in detail how a particular religious or spiritual intervention came into being, what considerations developed its design and implementation and with what particular popula-

tion of clients or communities. And yet another approach could be to focus on recommendations for the future of religious and spiritual competence in practice.

Instructions for Authors

Please submit an abstract as an email attachment (preferably in Microsoft Word)



Michael Sherr

of no more than 750 words by September 16, 2013 to altaf.husain@Howard.edu.

The co-editors will review and assess the suitability of the abstract for inclusion in the special issue. Pending the outcome of the review the co-editors will inform the author(s) to submit a full-length manuscript according to the manuscript submission guidelines of SWC which can be found at: http://www.nacsw.org/Publications/nacswpubs_submission.html.

The deadline for full-length papers will be January 31, 2014. Papers will be peer-reviewed following the policies of the SWC. Inquiries may be sent to either Altaf Husain (altaf.husain@howard.edu) or Michael Sherr (Michael-Sherr@utc.edu).

There's an App for That

There's an app for that has become a fairly common phrase. Where can I park my car at the mall? There's an app for that. Want to read the Bible?

There's an app for that. Hungry? There's a recipe app, a restaurant finding app, and a grocery store app for that. Studying for your social licensing exam? There's an app for that. You shouldn't be surprised that



Nick Cross

there are social work related smartphone/tablet applications out there, because there does seem to be a smartphone or tablet application for everything.

The two major mobile platforms, Apple's iOS and Google's Android, offer a wide variety of applications available, many of which can be useful to us in the social work profession. When searching for "social worker apps," Google Play store (for Android devices) lists "at least a 1,000" and the iTunes store (for iPhones, iPads, etc) lists less than 50, but does include the NY Civil Service Law app!

There are apps to help with diagnosing autism, for mood tracking, for pain ranking, and even an app for Cognitive Behavioral Therapy tracking. There are also hundreds of "productivity" apps that will help you keep track of tasks, contacts, calendars, notes, etc. that can be quite valuable to our work. I personally haven't used any "social work apps," but here are a few that caught my attention while I was researching this topic:

Test Prep: Both stores had several different apps that would help prepare you to take a licensure exam. I would spend some time looking at reviews before installing (and paying) for any of these apps. The few I looked at mentioned they are "not affiliated with nor is this app endorsed by the ASWB" and they cost money.

The Savvy Social Worker is currently only available on Android devices (iTunes app coming soon) and claims to help you stay current with new developments in social work practice, especially evidence-

based practices and best practices. This app is developed and curated by the University of Buffalo School of Social Work.

Social Work Companion is designed for those social workers living in the United Kingdom. It claims to offer "a comprehensive directory of social work and social care related news, events, practice reference, social work theories, law and guidance and information about services and resources in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland."

iGrade is an iTunes app that "is packed with features and give[s] you instant access to client evaluations, notes, progress status, statistics, and all the functionalities you need to take control of the information." I would carefully read their privacy policy before putting any confidential information into an app like this.

DSM-IV is available in both iTunes and Android formats. For \$64.99 you can buy the Diagnostic Criteria from DSM-IV-TR app from iTunes or for \$121 from the Google Play Store. "The DSM-IV-TR® brings this essential diagnostic tool up-to-date, to promote effective diagnosis, treatment, and quality of care. Now you can get all the essential diagnostic information you rely on from the DSM-IV® along with important updates not found in the 1994 edition. I would assume that since the DSM-V came out in May that it will shortly make its way into the realm of apps.

Social Work Jobs for Android "lets job seekers find social worker jobs, social services jobs, counselor jobs in hospitals, medical centers and free-standing clinics. Review social work salary information. Learn about social work professional education requirements. Leave a business card and resume for hiring employers."

Do you have an app that you use in your social work profession? Stop by our Facebook group (nacs.org/facebookgroup) and let us know about it. Neither myself nor NACSW is endorsing any of these apps - install and use at your own discretion. Watch NACSW's blog Shared Grace (nacs.org/blog) for more on social work apps on your smartphone/tablet device.

If you have questions, comments, or would like to hear more about some of the points I raised in this column, contact me at nhcross@gmail.com.

NACSW's Move to Online Copies of Catalyst

Back in March of this year, NACSW invited its members to participate in a survey asking for feedback about whether it should discontinue its current practice of printing and mailing out hard copies of *Catalyst* - in favor of moving to an online version only.

This survey was developed in response to feedback we have received from a growing number of NACSW members that they prefer to access the online version of *Catalyst*. Since it costs considerably less to produce and distribute an online version of our newsletter, NACSW thought it was an important question of good stewardship to explore how our members might feel about such a change.

Here is how the 230+ members who participated in the survey responded to the question, "I personally support NACSW discontinuing the practice of printing and mailing out hard copies of its quarterly newsletter, *Catalyst*, and instead beginning to only make issues available online via NACSW's website":

- 81% agreed or strongly agreed
- 15% disagreed or strongly disagreed
- 4% were undecided.

Clearly the data show that a large majority of NACSW members who responded to the survey support NACSW moving to an online version (only) of *Catalyst*. At the same time, there appear to be at least some NACSW members who do not support this change.

After discussing these survey results, NACSW's Board of Directors has decided that **only NACSW members who contact the office (info@nacs.org) to specifically request hard copies of *Catalyst* will receive *Catalyst* in hard copy format.**

All other members will be provided with a link (in the NACSW member newsletter, which is distributed electronically each month) when a new issue of *Catalyst* has been posted online and is available.

We look forward to continue providing NACSW members with the same quality content and attractive design on a quarterly basis - as we move toward primarily electronic delivery and distribution of *Catalyst* to be the best stewards possible of our association resources. Please don't hesitate to contact NACSW (info@nacs.org, or 888.426.4712) with any questions you might have about this matter.

MEET THE BOARD

Jim R. Vanderwoerd

I sometimes wonder what I'm going to do when I grow up. I used to get asked that question all the time when I was younger. People don't ask me that much any more, but I still think about that question. When I graduated from high school and went off to college, I didn't have any specific plans to go into social work -- in fact I hardly knew



Jim R. Vanderwoerd

what social work was! I just had this sense that I wanted to work with people. My first job was working in a treatment centre with very troubled children. I always knew in my head that there was a lot of misery and pain out there, but in this job, for the first time in my life, I came face-to-face with that misery and pain haunting the eyes of children I came to know and love. In my idealistic naiveté I got angry and blamed these children's parents who seemed to me to be irresponsible and terrible people. I had so much to learn!

After about five years of work in residential child and youth treatment, I was ready to go back to school. When I made plans to quit my job and start an MSW program, I recall one of the teens (let's call him Alex) asking me why I was leaving. My answer was that I wanted to work in the "system" so that kids like him wouldn't have to end up in places like this.

That's what I found out social work was about; that I could focus on changing and helping not just individuals, but the system, too. After my MSW I had the privilege of joining Better Beginnings, Better Futures (www.bbbf.ca, an innovative prevention demonstration project funded by the province of Ontario) as a community site researcher with a team of researchers from five universities. From there I took a position as a research associate with the

Faculty of Social Work at Wilfrid Laurier University where I worked on multiple research projects in child welfare and family services.

I loved my work as a community researcher, and I was actually doing what I had told Alex: I was working to prevent kids like him from ending up in "the system." But God wasn't finished with me yet. I happened upon a job posting for a teaching position in a BSW program in a small Christian college in the Midwest. I had never thought about teaching, and some colleagues were skeptical that I had the necessary qualifications, but when I saw that ad, I had this strange conviction that I knew I was going to get that job. While putting together my application materials, I saw a thread of coherence in my varied experiences that I had never noticed before, and which gave new and personal meaning to Ephesians 2:10: I am God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do the good work of teaching and research in Christian social work programs, which, unbeknownst to me, God had been preparing in advance for me to do.

I got that job (who was going to stop what God was doing?), and have now been working in social work education for more than 15 years. God has given me the tremendous privilege of joining with wonderful colleagues in shaping and forming new generations of Christians in social work in both the US and Canada. I discovered NACSW in my first year of teaching and have been a member ever since. NACSW has been a tremendous blessing to me by providing a network of convicted Christians in social work education and practice who share a passion for equipping Christians in social work. In addition to these relationships, NACSW has given me access to a wealth of resources, and even provided outlets for me to contribute to these resources through its publications and conventions. I am honoured (Canadian spelling!) and humbled to serve now on NACSW's board – although I still sometimes wonder what I'm going to do when I grow up!



IN MEMORIAM

Reger C. Smith, Sr., Ph.D. October 19, 1926 - March 6, 2013

Reger Smith, a long standing member of NACSW and professor of social work at Andrews University for 29 years, died on March 6, 2013. Ed Kuhlmann, former director of NACSW, shared with us the following memory about Reger.

I first met Reger Smith in 1991, while I was serving as a member of a site-visit team for the Commission on Accreditation (COA) of the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) to evaluate the baccalaureate social work program at Andrews University, which Reger served as director. On the way from the airport to the university, Reger needed to stop by his home to drop something off or pick something up, but I have always wondered whether his primary purpose was to show us the fully operational signal that "regulated traffic" in the driveway to his home. It was fun getting an informal glimpse into the whimsical personality of this soft-spoken, highly professional social work educator.

A year or so later, I was present at the packed session of CSWE's Annual Program Meeting at which the COA announced that, for a couple of decades, it had been giving social work programs under Christian auspices an "under-the-table-pass" on the standard prohibiting discrimination on the basis of religion (because it was not a federally protected category). Christian social work educators were surprised and secular social work educators were audibly irate. In the midst of the furor and despite the hostile environment, Reger rose and quietly expressed the commitment of faith-based programs of social work education to non-discrimination

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and affirmative action, and asked whether we couldn't all unite around the cause of high-quality social work education. The response from the secular community was impolite and unprofessional. I have always admired Reger's commitment and courage demonstrated on this occasion.

Reger Smith has made a significant contribution to the cause of Christ in social work education. He will be missed.

Ed Kuhlmann, M.S.W., D.S.W., ACSW
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