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## CALL FOR PAPERS: SPECIAL ISSUE OF *SOCIAL WORK & CHRISTIANITY*

Addiction begins with the hope that something "out there" can instantly fill up the emptiness inside. *Jean Kilbourne*

**TOPIC:** Addictions – An Epidemic of Pain

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Advances in neurobiology and genetics inform us of the biological realities of the disease of addiction. Personal stories, testimonies and obituaries inform us of the psychological and spiritual impact of addiction upon almost every person, family and organization with which we as social workers engage. As Christians engaged in social work, how do we understand, treat, engage with, create policy for, teach and work with people who live with one or more addictions? What are our own personal stories of addiction and how do they impact our work? Do we offer a Christian alternative to the behavior or substance that is being used to fill up the emptiness? How can we assist in alleviating the stigma that continues to persist, not only in society, but within our faith communities, regarding those with this disease?

For this special issue, the editors welcome a broad range of manuscripts, research articles, program evaluations and book reviews that address any aspect of addiction. The papers selected will be designed to benefit any social work professional or behavioral health provider that may be interested in the intersection of religion and spirituality and their work with addictions.

**About the Journal:** *Social Work and Christianity* (SWC) is a refereed journal published by the North American Association of Christians in Social Work (NACSW) in order to contribute to the growth of social workers in the integration of Christian faith and professional practice.

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