

## Editor-in-Chief Social Work & Christianity

The North American Association of Christians in Social Work (NACSW) invites you to apply for the position of editor-in-chief for NACSW's journal, *Social Work & Christianity (SWC)*.

Published since 1974, *SWC* is a quarterly, refereed journal that prints articles, book reviews and other materials addressing issues related to the ethical integration of Christian faith and professional social work practice, as well as other professional concerns that have relevance to Christianity.

The editor-in-chief position has been reconfigured to redefine the responsibilities of this role in relation to four associate editors—of special issues, the practice section, reviewer training, and book reviews—and the managing editor. Changes include implementing an electronic submission and review platform to increase efficiencies in the review process, and the enhancement of the managing editor position to provide additional logistical support for managing the journal, in general, and the submission and review process.

### Roles and Responsibilities of the Editor-in-Chief

The editor-in-chief of *Social Work & Christianity (SWC)* is responsible for providing intellectual and spiritual leadership for the journal. This includes:

- **Developing the vision and mission of SWC** in conversation with NACSW's board of directors and executive director, and the journal's editorial team
  - Ensuring that *SWC* addresses significant issues in the field of social work from a Christian perspective
  - Ensuring a range of perspectives from the Christian community are represented in *SWC* (i.e., including denominational and theological perspectives reflective of the broader Christian community)
  - Contributing editorials
- **Communicating the vision and mission of SWC** to NACSW members, the social work profession, and the Christian community:
  - Serving as an ex officio member of the NACSW board (if not already a board member)
  - Representing *SWC* when attending professional and/or religious meetings and conferences

- Working with the managing editor to devise and execute a journal marketing plan
- **Working to ensure a fair, thorough, constructive, rigorous, and timely manuscript review and publication process** with the associate editors and the managing editor:
  - Ensuring that reviewer feedback provided to manuscript authors is fair, thorough, constructive, rigorous, and timely
  - Based on feedback from reviewers and associate editors, deciding whether to reject, require revision, or accept manuscripts for publication
  - Meeting publication deadlines for final manuscript preparation
- **Ensuring high ethical standards:**
  - Remaining aware of ethical issues regarding the editorial and reviewer roles
  - Working with the editorial team to craft and implement editorial practices that meet high ethical standards
  - Overseeing SWC's response to appeals, complaints, and suggestions from reviewers and readers regarding possible infractions
  - Managing the discourse of letters submitted in response to articles for ethics, critical thinking, and civility
- **Promoting leadership development** among journal contributors:
  - Planning and/or providing author, reviewer, and editor training opportunities
  - Working with the managing editor to identify and invite members of NACSW to serve as editorial board members and as associate editors
  - Identifying and recruiting potential editor-in-chief successors

### **Essential Skills and Experience of the Editor-in-Chief**

It is important that the editor-in-chief of *Social Work and Christianity*:

- Have deep personal commitment to Christian faith
- Is a current member of NACSW
- Have a doctoral degree in social work or a related field, and a social work degree from a CSWE or COA-accredited social work program (strongly preferred)
- Have a demonstrated commitment to the integration of Christian faith and professional social work practice
- Have a genuine respect for different points of view within the Christian community
- Have a substantial publication and research experience
- Have previous editorial experience, preferably with a journal
- Have a demonstrated ability to interact effectively with individuals both inside and outside of the Christian social work community
- Have superior communication, writing, and editing skills
- Have computer proficiency for working with manuscripts, email, and an online submission platform
- Have strong ability and experience as a team leader, including the capacity to help the SWC editorial team build a vision for SWC's future

- Have a strong awareness of current issues facing the profession of social work and the faith community, as well as a strong understanding of issues related to the integration of faith and practice

### **Appointment and Length of Term of the Editor-in-Chief**

- The editor-in-chief is selected by the executive director, in conversation with the NACSW Board of Directors and SWC Editorial team and reports directly to the executive director.
- The editor-in-chief serves for a 3-year term, renewable upon agreement between the editor-in-chief and NACSW's executive director. The new editor-in-chief of SWC will begin in her/his role in early to mid-2019.

The editor-in-chief role receives an annual stipend of \$5,000/year. Candidates who are currently employed are encouraged to seek institutional release time and/or administrative support from their current paid position.

Persons interested in applying for the position of editor-in-chief of *Social Work & Christianity* should please forward the following materials to NACSW's Executive Director and SWC's Managing Editor, Rick Chamiec-Case, at [rick@nacsw.org](mailto:rick@nacsw.org) by Friday, 12/14.

1. Letter outlining the candidate's interest in and qualifications for this position
2. Current resume or vita
3. Names and contact information (email and phone numbers) of two individuals willing to serve as professional references

Please direct any questions about this position or posting to Rick Chamiec-Case at [rick@nacsw.org](mailto:rick@nacsw.org).