



More Convention 2017 Workshop Abstracts to Whet Your Appetite

Focused on the theme, “Advocating for Peace, Justice and Reconciliation in Communities,” NACSW’s Convention 2017 in Charlotte, NC from November 2-5, 2017 will feature more than 130 outstanding workshops and poster presentations divided among twelve tracks.

NACSW’s workshops and poster presentations are chosen 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. A full listing of workshop abstracts and descriptions, learning objectives, presenter biographies and other relevant information is posted on NACSW’s website at: <http://www.nacsw.org/annual-convention>.

To provide a preview of some of the quality workshops that will be offered at Convention 2017, the following represents just a sampling of some of the excellent workshop presentations that have been accepted for this year’s conference:

Promoting Emotional Intimacy: The Blessing of Marriage and Family Therapy

Jonathan Robinson, Ph.D.; Margaret Robinson, Ph.D.

Emotional intimacy is the cornerstone of healthy marriages and families. However, definition and specific tools for success can be confusing. Are we doing therapy or joining our clients on

the healing journey of their therapy? Participants will have didactic and role-play experience to embrace the tools and means for blessing the therapy experience.

"Colorblind" Christian Social Work: Combating or Contributing to Racism?

Anthony Harris, LCSW

The concept of being "colorblind" is an honorable social view advocated by society including Christians and social workers. However, is it possible that being "colorblind" contributes to racism? This seminar looks into the concept of being "colorblind" and how that affects the service of Christian social workers to society.

Faith Based, Nonshelter Responses to Homelessness

Eric Saunders, MSW

Homelessness exists in every community and for a variety of reasons. This workshop will explore contemporary theories and approaches to fighting homelessness, consider spiritual perspectives on homelessness, and learn about solutions faith based charities and churches can take with people who are homeless that don't involve opening a shelter.

Unity in the Midst of Diversity Dialogue Panel on Racial Reconciliation...

Kim Parker, LCSW; et al.

Americans are divided over issues of race, religion, and politics. The discussion panel seeks to facilitate better understanding between two seemingly opposing sides, and to see hope that there are more common grounds between Christian left and right by conducting an open, respectful dialogue to build off our similarities and minimize differences.

Giving Voice to Pain: Using Psalms of Lament to Address Suicide Grief

Terry Smith, Ed.D.

Those bereaved by suicide experience higher levels of alienation and stigmatization and struggle with understanding how the world operates in such circumstances. Giving voice to such suffering is challenging to them and the Christian community to which they belong. This workshop will explore the value of lament psalms in addressing such an event.

Peace,

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