



### ***“Administrative Practices in Religious Organizations”***

Thank you for taking part in this home study text-based course. The purpose of this course is to call attention to administrative practices in the context of religious organizations; more specifically, the skills and assets that social workers bring to administrative leadership and management practices in religious organizations. The articles contained in this course address those administrative practices, congregational social work planning, and church-based program planning.

The following text-based course contains five separate readings pertaining to the use of a faith perspective when looking at social work. The articles are as follows: *A Study of Administrative Practices in Religious Organizations* by Gaynor Yancey, Robin K. Rogers, Jon Singletary, and Michael Sherr, *Blessed are the Peacemakers: How Assets and Skills Intrinsic to Professional Social Work are Informing International RAOs and the Work of Inter-communal Reconciliation* by Aaron Tyler, *Developing Community Partnerships with Religiously Affiliated Organizations to Address Aging Needs: A Case Study of the Congregational Social Work Education Initiative* by Jay Poole, John C. Rife, Fran Pearson, and Wayne R. Moore, *The Emergent Journey of Church-Based Program Planning* by Jon E. Singletary, and *Exploring the Role of Research in Evangelical Service Organizations: Lessons from a University/Agency Partnership* by Michael E. Sherr, Robin K. Rogers, Angela Dennison, and Daphne Paul. After completing this course, participants will be able to:

1. List ways in which assets and skills intrinsic to the field of professional social work inform the operational framework of faith-based organizations dedicated to inter-communal reconciliation.
2. Describe the emergent alternative to the rationalist models of planning that are dominant today among contemporary organizations, including congregations and small religious nonprofit organizations.
3. Describe the context of evangelical organizations providing social work services and the unique role of research in those settings.

Upon completing the reading section of this course, please take the 20 question post-test located on the website provided to you when you purchased this course. After achieving a score of at least 80% and completing a training evaluation, you will receive your CE certificate verifying that you have earned 3 continuing education contact hours approved by the Association of Social Work Boards.

Thank you again for your interest in this course, and for your interest in this critical area of social work.