

Join us for the 63rd Annual Convention of the
North American Association of Christians in Social Work

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Social
Justice:
CONTRIBUTIONS OF

Faith & Spirituality

October 17-20, 2013
Sheraton Atlanta Hotel
165 Courtland Street, NE
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

*“And what
does the
Lord require
of you?
To **act justly**
and to **love**
mercy and
to **walk**
humbly
with your
God.”*

Micah 6:6-8



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Welcome to the 2013 NACSW Convention!
 The theme, "Social Justice: Contributions of Faith and Spirituality," reflects the Biblical challenge for Christians to "act justly" and to care for "the least of these" among us. It is fitting that this meeting takes place in Atlanta, given the history of social justice movements in the South and the contributions that Christians have made through their engagement in these efforts to ensure justice and well-being for all of God's children.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Convention Registration

A registration form is provided at the back of this brochure, or you may register online at: <http://www.nacsw.org/cgi-bin/eventpro.cgi>

Hotel Accommodations

- Sheraton Atlanta Hotel
 165 Courtland Street, NE
 Atlanta, GA 30303
- **Rates:** The guest room rate is just \$119/night, and may be shared between up to four people. To qualify for this special rate, make your reservation by September 25, 2013
- **Reservations:** Convention registrants are responsible for making reservations directly with the hotel.
 - **Online:**
www.starwoodmeeting.com/book/nacsw
 - **By phone:** 1-800-833-8624
 - **Identify yourself** as being with the North American Association of Christians in Social Work (NACSW).

Travel

- **Airport shuttle:** The Sheraton Atlanta recommends the Atlanta Airport Shuttle Connections, which departs the airport at Ground Transportation every 15-20 minutes. It is \$16.50 one way and \$29.00 round trip. The Service is available from 6:00am to 11:00pm at the airport.
- **Taxi Cabs:** Taxis are available at a cost of \$30 flat rate fee to the airport with an additional \$2.00 per person.
- **Driving directions** can be found at: <http://www.sheratonatlanta.com/Directions>

Area attractions

- The Sheraton Atlanta Hotel is centrally located in the heart of downtown Atlanta.
- Surrounded by restaurants and shopping
 - Two blocks from the MARTA public transportation system
 - Minutes from the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historic Site, the Jimmy Carter Library & Museum, the Georgia Dome, Phillips Arena, Turner Field, and the midtown and Buckhead entertainment districts
 - 15 minutes from Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport
 - More info: www.nacsw.org/Convention/Accommodations2013.htm



AT A GLANCE: SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, October 17th

- 9:00am-4:00pm Preconvention Institutes (Full day 6.0 CEUs)
 • Option 1: "Self-Care as a Spiritual Act: Journaling for Better Health"
 • Option 2: "Christian Roles in Social Movements for Social Justice"
- 1:00pm-5:00pm Preconvention Institutes (Half day 4.0 CEUs)
 • Option 3: "Grappling with Faith: Teaching with Decision Cases"
- 5:00pm-7:00pm Exhibits Open/Networking Time
- 7:00pm-8:30pm Opening Plenary Session (1.0 CEU)
 • Keynote speaker: Elisabeth Omilami
 • Entertainment: Dr. Laurel Shaler, Interpretive Movement
- 8:30pm-10:00pm Opening Reception and Poster Presentations

Friday, October 18th

- 8:00am-8:30am Worship/Devotions: Mayra Lopez-Humphreys
- 8:45am-9:45am Workshops—Session A (1.0 CEU)
- 9:45am-10:15am Light Breakfast/Coffee Break
- 10:15am-11:15am Workshops—Session B (1.0 CEU)
- 11:30am-12:45pm Alan Keith-Lucas Lecture (1.0 CEU)
 • Keynote speaker: Dr. Michael Parker
- Lunch Break Lunch on your own (see restaurant guide)
- 2:00pm-3:30pm Workshops—Session C (1.5 CEUs)
- 3:30pm-4:00pm Networking break
- 4:00pm-5:00pm Workshops—Session D (1.0 CEU)
- 5:15pm-6:15pm Workshops—Session E (1.0 CEU)
- Dinner Dinner on your own (see restaurant guide)

Saturday, October 19th

- 8:00am-8:30am Worship/Devotions: Patty Villarreal
- 8:45am-9:45am Workshops—Session F (1.0 CEU)
- 9:45am-10:15am Light Breakfast/Coffee Break
- 10:15am-11:15am Workshops—Session G (1.0 CEU)
- 11:30am-12:45pm Membership Meeting/Discussion Focus Groups
- Lunch Break Lunch on your own (see restaurant guide)
- 2:00pm-3:00pm Workshops—Session H (1.0 CEU)
- 3:15pm-4:15pm Workshops—Session I (1.0 CEU)
- 4:30pm-5:30pm Workshops—Session J (1.0 CEU)
- 6:30pm-9:00pm Banquet (1.0 CEU)
 • Keynote speaker: Leroy Barber
 • Entertainment: Steve "Left-hand" Lewis, Guitarist

Sunday, October 20th

- 8:30am-10:00am Morning Worship
 • Sunday morning preacher:
 Dr. Shabby Neely-Goodwin
 • Music: Terri Wooten

THURSDAY October 17th

Registration Desk Hours: 7:45am–7:15pm; 8:30pm–9:30pm
Location: Rotunda Booth

Thursday 9:00am–4:00pm

Full Day Preconvention Institutes (6.0 CEUs)

OPTION 1



JEAN ROWE, LCSW

Location:
Atlanta 2

“Self-Care as a Spiritual Act: Journaling for Better Health”

As helping professionals, social workers are vulnerable to being overwhelmed with the challenges and pain our client populations share with us. In our commitment to helping others, we sometimes ignore the toll it takes in our own lives, such as exhaustion, depression and forgetting our own quality of life. Cultivating a practice of self-care is a spiritual one which can provide a sense of renewal, nourishment and peace. Journaling is an elegant tool for self-care to reconnect with the Divine and our faith journeys. Evidence-based, peer-reviewed research shows that journal writing is good for our health and well-being.

Jean Rowe is the Program Manager for the Atlanta Affiliate of the Young Survival Coalition, a national organization focused on the unique needs of young women facing breast cancer. She facilitates groups for young women with breast cancer and expressive, therapeutic writing support groups in the community. Jean is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, an Oncology-Certified Social Worker and a Certified Instructor for Journal to the Self®.

OPTION 2



DR. JON
SINGLETARY

Location:
Atlanta 3

“Christian Roles in Social Movements for Social Justice”

How do people of faith see the role of social justice in social movements? This workshop explores how faith inspires social justice in social movements and includes several recent examples. Participants will consider theoretical and theological insights that inform this arena of social work practice as well as biblical insights on social justice and social change.

Dr. Jon Singletary PhD, MDiv, MSW, is the Associate Dean for Baccalaureate Studies in the Baylor School of Social Work. He holds the Diana R. Garland Endowed Chair in Child and Family Studies. He is co-founder of the Texas Hunger Initiative and the Baylor Interdisciplinary Poverty Initiative. Jon received his M. Div. from the Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond, and his MSW and Ph D in Social Work from Virginia Commonwealth University.

Thursday 1:00pm–5:00pm

Half Day Preconvention Institute (4.0 CEUs)

OPTION 3



DR. TERRY WOLFER

“Grappling with Faith: Teaching with Decision Cases”

This workshop will introduce the case method of teaching using didactic and experiential methods. The case method involves in-depth class discussions of open-ended accounts of actual practice situations that are themselves ambiguous and complex. Participants must first formulate the problem and then decide on a course of action. Participants acquire and refine important critical thinking and decision-making skills. The workshop will provide a rationale and guidance for using case method in Christian higher education, in part through a live case discussion and debriefing. It will also provide tips for using cases from NACSW's *Grappling with Faith*, additional resources for learning to use the case method, and suggestions for evaluating student learning outcomes.

Dr. Terry A. Wolfer, MSW, PhD, is a Professor in the College of Social Work at the University of South Carolina. For the past decade, he has taught a case-based capstone course for graduate social work students. Dr. Wolfer has co-authored or co-edited six collections of decision cases, including *Grappling with Faith* (NACSW, 2010). He has also conducted research and published articles on case method teaching.

Dr. Mackenzi Huyser, Ph.D., MSW, is Professor of Social Work and Dean for Faculty Development and Academic Programs at Trinity Christian College, Palos Heights, IL. Dr. Huyser co-authored *Grappling with Faith* (NACSW, 2010).

Location:
Atlanta 4

DR. MACKENZI
HUYSER



SUPPORTING SOCIAL MISSIONS

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THURSDAY EVENING

October 17th

Thursday 5:00-7:00pm
Exhibits Open/Networking Time
Location: Rotunda Lobby

Thursday 5:30-6:15pm
Orientation
Location: Atlanta 2

Join us for an introduction to NACSW's 63rd Annual Convention! Learn how to get the most out of your time at the conference, plan your schedule, learn about the local area, and meet other participants. Ideal for first time convention participants and others who want to learn more.

Thursday 7:00-8:30pm
Opening Plenary Session (1 CEU)
Location: Capital North



ELISABETH OMILAMI
Speaker

"And What is True Religion?"

And so we believe that every individual is a person of worth with basic human rights and has essential human responsibilities. But, we also believe that God works in and through people in the person of the Holy Spirit. How do we take our secular freedom and our spiritual freedom and combine them through the Holy Spirit to serve the people who come to us who so often have lost touch with their faith, their hope and their God?

Elisabeth Omilami is the CEO and President of one of Atlanta's most historic human service organizations Hosea Feed the Hungry and Homeless. Mrs. Omilami is an activist and a foot soldier in the civil rights movement. Her voice can be heard across the globe around such issues as poverty, hunger and shaping policies that do not deny the poor access to equal opportunity.



DR. LAUREL SHALER
Interpretive Movement

Dr. Laurel Shaler earned a Bachelors Degree in Sociology and Dance from the College of Charleston. She went on to earn a Master of Social Work Degree from Florida State University and a PhD in Counselor Education and Supervision from Regent University. She is currently a faculty member teaching counseling courses, and speaks and writes to Christian women on the topic of emotional well-being. Laurel is a life-long dancer and began interpretive movement while in high school. In 2006, she began an interpretive movement ministry entitled "Guided Feet." She teaches youth and adults the worship art of interpretive or creative movement as a faculty member of the South Carolina Creative Ministries Festival.

Thursday 8:30-10:00pm
Opening Reception and Poster Presentations
Location: Rotunda Lobby

Join us for fellowship and light refreshments. Please visit the reception to review the poster presentations and speak to the presenters. Poster presentation information can be found on our web site at: <http://www.nacsw.org/>

More information about these presentations:
www.nacsw.org/Convention/Speakers2013.htm

FRIDAY

October 18th

Registration Desk Hours:
7:45-11:45am; 12:45-6:15pm; 7:15-7:45pm
Location: Rotunda Booth

Friday 8:00-8:30am
Morning Devotions/Worship
Devotions Leader: Mayra Lopez-Humphreys
Location: Capital North

Friday Morning Workshops*

8:45-9:45am
Workshops: Session A (1.0 CEU)

9:45-10:15am
Coffee Break/Light Breakfast
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10:15-11:15am
Workshops: Session B (1.0 CEU)

Friday 11:30am-12:45pm
Plenary Session: Alan Keith-Lucas Lecture (1.0 CEU)
Location: Capital North



DR. MICHAEL PARKER
Speaker

"A Vision for the Aging Church: Ministry To and From Seniors"

This presentation will address the essence of Dr. Parker's work: a commitment to translate what we know about aging successfully to those who need to hear it. Dr. Parker believes that seniors/Christian elders can lead the way in rebuilding our communities in a Nehemiah-like manner.

Dr. Michael Parker is a retired Lieutenant Colonel and is currently Professor of Social Work and Center for Mental Health & Aging at the University of Alabama and Associate Professor of Geriatric Medicine and Palliative Care and Center for Aging at the University of Alabama in Birmingham. He is a licensed LCSW with Private Independent Practice certification.

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Friday 12:45-2:00pm
Lunch Break (on your own)

Friday Afternoon Workshops*

2:00-3:30pm
Workshops: Session C (1.5 CEUs)

4:00-5:00pm
Workshops: Session D (1.0 CEU)

5:15-6:15pm
Workshops: Session E (1.0 CEU)

Friday Dinner
Dinner on your own. See restaurant guide.

* **NOTE:** Workshop rooms are listed on the workshop schedule in your registration packet. A full listing of workshop abstracts is located on pp. 6-13 of this brochure.

SATURDAY October 19th

Saturday Registration Desk Hours:
7:45-11:45am; 12:45-4:45pm; 5:45pm-6:45pm; 9:00-9:45pm
Location: Rotunda Booth

Saturday 8:00-8:30am
Morning Devotions/Worship
Devotions Leader: Patty Villarreal
Location: Capital North

Saturday Morning Workshops*

- 8:45-9:45am**
Workshops: Session F (1.0 CEU)
- 9:45-10:15am**
Coffee Break/Light Breakfast
- 10:15-11:15am**
Workshops: Session G (1.0 CEU)

Saturday 11:30am-12:45pm
Membership Meeting
Location: Capital North
Per NACSW's by-laws, a meeting of the association shall be held each year to update the membership regarding the state of NACSW, as well as to receive membership feedback regarding the work of the association. The Board will arrange discussion focus groups for this meeting.

Saturday 12:45-2:00pm
Lunch Break (on your own)

Saturday Afternoon Workshops*

- 2:00-3:00pm**
Workshops: Session H (1.0 CEU)
- 3:15pm-4:15pm**
Workshops: Session I (1.0 CEU)
- 4:30-5:30pm**
Workshops: Session J (1.0 CEU)

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SATURDAY EVENING October 19th

Saturday 6:30-9:00pm
Evening banquet (1.0 CEU)
Location: Capital North



LEROY BARBER
Speaker

"Social Work: A Kingdom Tool for Empowering Communities to Justice"

This workshop will look at social work in the context of Community Development. It will focus on social work as a tool to help lift communities out of poverty. Social workers are angels in our society that are often misunderstood by recipients of their work, as well as by others who see them as "bleeding hearts." We will take social work theories and apply them to community development.

Leroy Barber is the Global Executive Director of Word Made Flesh, an international organization that works among the most vulnerable of the world's poor. He is also on the board of CCDA, and is the author of *New Neighbor: An Invitation to Join Beloved Community*, and *Everyday Missions: How Ordinary People Can Change the World*. He has also been chosen as a contributor to the groundbreaking book *UnChristian*.



**STEVE
"LEFT-HAND"
LEWIS**
Guitarist

Steve "Left-hand" Lewis has the unique characteristic of playing guitar with his left hand. This means that he plays the guitar upside down (a rarity among guitarists). Steve has shared the stage with international recording artists and has established himself in Atlanta and beyond as one of the most gifted musicians today. Steve's personal testimony is one of a journey riddled with trials, tribulations and triumphs. For this reason, Steve plans to spread a message to the least, the lost and the left out. This message is simply that God is a God of a second chance.

SUNDAY MORNING October 20th

Sunday Registration Desk Hours: 8:00-8:30am; 10:00-10:45am
Location: Rotunda Booth

Sunday 8:30-10:00am
Morning Worship Service (No CEUs)
Location: Capital North



**DR. SHEBBY
NEELY-GOODWIN**
Preacher

"Examining the Lives of Jonah and Dr. Martin Luther King: Purposeful Journeys of Social Justice"

Jonah and Dr. Martin Luther King both demonstrated that justice is needed spiritually, educationally, politically and socially. Will we accept and complete our purposeful journey?

Rev Dr. Neely-Goodwin believes that obedience to God is better than sacrifice. She has preached God's word throughout the USA. She is a licensed and ordained minister. She is currently a faculty member at South Carolina State University. Her favorite passage is Psalm 27:14 "Wait on the Lord and be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart; Wait I say on the Lord."



**TERRI WOOTEN
GRAHAM**
Musician

Terri Wooten Graham provides vocal music during worship services at the Tabernacle Community Baptist church, where she leads the choir in performing music, drama, choreography, cantatas and plays to lead her congregation in worship. She is also an Ordained Evangelist and a Motivational & Empowerment Speaker.

Thank you! We hope you
enjoy your time at the NACSW 2013
Annual Convention! Come join us again
next year in Annapolis, MD.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Contact Hours

NACSW, provider #1078, is approved as a provider for social work continuing education by the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB), through the Approved Continuing Education (ACE) program. NACSW maintains responsibility for the program.

As an ACE provider, NACSW is able to offer CEUs for all workshop sessions, plenary sessions, and pre-convention institutes. Only three convention sessions do not award CEUs: the Poster Presentations, the Membership Meeting, and Sunday Worship. If you were to attend one pre-convention institute, all plenary sessions, and one workshop during each workshop time slot, you would earn 19.5 continuing education contact hours. To receive CEU credits, an additional \$40 registration fee is required. This fee covers collecting and organizing session data, registration and tracking, CEU booklet printing, and certificate administration. Attendees that register for CEUs will receive a CEU booklet that lists each workshop, pre-convention institute, and plenary session eligible for CEUs for the entire convention.

Refer to page two of this brochure to view the number of CEUs awarded for each session. The number of CEUs awarded is listed after the session title, for example "Workshops Session A (1.0 CEU)."

Note The final authority for approving any continuing education activity rests with the state or province in which the participant is licensed. Training participants are responsible for checking with their local authorities about final training acceptability. Even states accepting ACE approval may have exceptions for courses they will approve.

To access additional information about Convention CEU eligible sessions, please visit www.nacsw.org and click Conferences. In order to receive credit for attending a CEU-eligible session, attendees must:

- attend the entire session
- complete an evaluation form for that session
- turn in the completed evaluation form to the session moderator
- have their CEU attendance booklet stamped by the session moderator

Attendance at CEU-eligible sessions is tracked through the NACSW CEU booklet. At the conclusion of the convention, please deposit the completed CEU booklet at the registration table. If you are not able to deposit the CEU booklet at the registration desk, please mail the completed booklet to NACSW, PO Box 121 Botsford, CT 06404. CEU certificates will be mailed within 30 days of receipt of the completed CEU booklet.

WORKSHOPS

*Refer to the blue & pink workshop schedules found in the registration bag for the days and times of the workshops listed in this section.

Track Coordinators

- **Workshop Coordinator:** Jane Hoyt-Oliver
- **Administration and Work with Organizations:** Karen Helder/Jane Hoyt-Oliver
- **Christian Perspective on Social Movements:** Frank Raymond III/Jon Singletary
- **Direct Practice—Groups and Communities:** Linda Plitt-Donaldson/Jason Pittman
- **Direct practice—Individuals, Couples, Families and Children:** Christina Gallardo
- **Human Development, Diversity and Behavior in Environment:** Reba Terry
- **Professional Relationships, Values and Ethics:** David Fritz
- **Public Administration and Policy:** Jerry Jo Gilham
- **Research and Practice with Ethnically Diverse Populations:** Tanya Brice/Kimberly Hardy
- **Social Work Education:** Mary Ann Poe/Marleen Milner
- **Social Work Research:** James Vanderwoerd/Claudette Grinnell-Davis
- **Student Focused:** Julie Hunt
- **Technology and Social Work:** Michael Wright

Alphabetical by Presenter Last Name

A

Marriage and Social Justice: A Challenge for Christian Social Workers

Paul Adams, DSW

Using a social justice perspective, this workshop addresses the question of how Christian social workers should approach, in practice and policy advocacy, the collapse of marriage in the lower and middle classes and the effects of that decline in terms of most of the social problems social workers address.

African Immigrants' Spiritual Capital in the Global North: A New Frontier

Christson Adedoyin, MSW, PhD

There's an emerging scholarship on the religions, and spiritual capital of African immigrants in the global north. This presentation highlights the extant scholarly trends in this field and the role of African immigrants' religion in addressing socio-economic disparities, acculturation, and transnational activities. Implications for social work are discussed.

Emerging Issues in Addressing the Needs of Older Adults Who Are LGBT

Kristen Admiraal, MSW

As the population ages, it is imperative to understand and address the unique needs of vulnerable populations among the aging. LGBT elders are largely invisible and often go without needed social services. This presentation will discuss the results of a survey of aging providers regarding LGBT services, research on needs of older LGBT adults, and ways in which aging service providers can better address the unique needs of this population.

The Spirit in Hip Hop: The Theology of Adolescent Popular Culture

Paul Archibald, DrPH, LCSW-C, ADS, C-CATODSW; Kevin Daniels Ed.D, D.Min, LGSW

Millennial African-American youth churchgoers engrossed in the hip hop culture seem hard to engage. This workshop will present the development of a hip-hop psychotherapy group within the framework of Niebuhr's Christ and Culture framework (1951) and the Individual and Community Empowerment framework proposed by Travis and Bowman (2011) to assist African American youth with their negative emotions and maladaptive behaviors.

B

Meeting Community Needs Through a DME (Durable Medical Equipment) Program

Darla Bailey, MSW, CSW

The medical equipment needs of our aging and disabled population within our churches are growing. This workshop will look at a viable model of ministry to address the growing need for specialty equipment. Successful church and community-based models and examples necessary to implement a DME loan program will be presented.

Engaging, Practical, & User Friendly Approaches to Technology & Teaching

Stephen Baldrige, PhD, LMSW; David Cecil PhD, LCSW

Online education, mobile education, and the use of technology in general can be intimidating and expensive. Is it possible to find approachable and cost effective ways to use these tools to reach today's students? This interactive workshop presents an evidence-based, motivating approach to engaging the valuable tools of online and mobile education.

Spirituality & Resilience Among Mexican American IPV Survivors

Timothy Barnett-Queen, M.Div, MSW, PhD; Ivan de la Rosa MA, MSW, PhD

This study examines the role of spirituality as a coping and resilient mechanism among women who experienced interpersonal violence. Analysis of survey data (n=54) explores the relationship between spirituality, resilience, acculturation and type and severity of abuse among Mexican American women residing in domestic violence shelters in the Southwest.

Models of Strategic Planning

Jean Beil, LCSW

Strategic Planning can be viewed as a necessary evil or an opportunity to revitalize your organization. Since there are many different types of organizations and many different phases in the life of any single organization, when it comes to strategic planning one size does not fit all. In this workshop we'll explore several different models of strategic planning and help you analyze what might work best for your agency.

Views expressed by convention plenary speakers and workshop/poster presenters are entirely their own and do not necessarily reflect those of NACSW. Being selected to speak or present a workshop/poster session at this convention in no way implies NACSW's endorsement or certification of a presenters' qualifications, ability, or proficiency to practice social work. NACSW does not assume responsibility for convention participants' efforts to apply or utilize information, suggestions, or recommendations made by plenary speakers and workshop/poster presenters.

Lessons Learned: Development of a Social Work Degree Completion Program

Karen Boyd, MSW, LISW-S

Colleges are increasingly serving non-traditional students who often combine work and family responsibilities with academic endeavors. The workshop explores the experience of a Midwestern, Christian university in designing and implementing an accelerated social work degree completion program for adult learners, including the challenges and unexpected opportunities for ministry.

Preparing Christians for Social Work: Forming Character and Fostering Virtue

Cheryl Brandsen, PhD; Terry Wolfer, PhD; Mackenzi Huyser, PhD; Joseph Kuilema, MSW; Denis Costello, MSW; Linda Plitt Donaldson, PhD; Paul Adams, PhD; Marlene Milner, PhD

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.

Social Work, the Food Movement, and Food Justice

Cini Bretzlaff-Holstein, MSW, LSW

This workshop will discuss the broken food system and how the social work profession can play a more substantial role in the food movement and address this major societal issue at all three levels of systemic intervention micro, mezzo, macro, as well as how the Church may play a role.

Using Sacred Language to Help Those Exploited by Sex Trafficking

Pamela Bridgeman, LCSW

Social justice advocates of faith must find ways to infuse the lexicon of social justice with sacred words, phrases, and concepts in order to evoke empathic and compassionate actions on behalf of women and children who find themselves exploited by sexual predators and at the same time ensure perpetrators are brought to justice.

An Integrated Treatment Plan for Your Agency

Ron Brown, MA, LCPAA, LCCA; Mark Glenn BS, Bus. Adm.

Until the agency integrates the essential elements and processes for the accomplishment of its desired outcomes, key responsibilities can be overlooked, incomplete and/or inaccurate. Just as the effective treatment plan for a client includes integrated workflow, so can the agency develop a comprehensive "treatment" plan and processes for accomplishment of its mission, which can be integrated in a customized managed information system.

Aboriginal Spirituality and the Medicine Wheel in Social Work Practice

Bonnie Bryant, MSW, RSW

Traditional spiritual beliefs and practices are the very heartbeat of Aboriginal healing. Spirituality is understood to have an integral role in mental, physical and emotional healing which is consistent with a holistic view of humans described in scripture. The Medicine Wheel offers a way of understanding and conceptualizing the client issue, client strengths and intervention strategies from a holistic perspective.

Women: Their Nature to Nurture, Their Call to Care

Julie Burnett, BS, LSW

Uniquely created with the attributes that make us "women", females possess the very components that have been found to be of great value to impact global change. The era of domineering leadership styles is ending and the benefits of nurturing and team building are widely desired. This workshop will explore the skills, talents and traits of women from the perspective of leadership and change.

Seeking or Avoiding? Black Christians' Use of Clergy in Times of Distress

Carol Burrell-Jackson, PhD, LMSW

Black Christians have long utilized clergy as sources of support and direction. Shame can limit full use of this resource for certain problems. Participants will learn methods of identifying these difficult issues and identify ways to collaborate with Black clergy in a referral and treatment process.

C

Risky Lending, Home Foreclosure & the Response of the Local Church

Amy Castro Baker, MSW

Families experiencing mortgage trouble are often the strongest members of a fragile social network unable to provide support. In response, many turn to the church for aid and are met by a spiritual lifeline but poorly contextualized financial advice. Drawing on 30 in-depth qualitative interviews from a larger mixed-methods study, this workshop presents data on the role of faith and the local church in the risky lending and foreclosure crisis.

Ecological Stewardship and Social Justice: Why Should Social Workers Care?

Timothy Chaddock, PsyD; Hiie Silmere PhD

This workshop will focus on how ecological stewardship should be a topic of passionate concern for social workers. Connections between cultural, social work and Christian values and one's awareness, attitudes and actions regarding sustainability will be explored. Finally, the relationship between environmental care and social justice will be emphasized.

The Past Does Matter: Generational Body Sculpting

Sybil Coleman, M.Ed., MSW, LCSW

This presentation uses the "Body Sculpting" pedagogy to visually illustrate the generational dynamics of two unhealthy families. After the sculptures are completed we will discuss the impact on personal relationships, emotional well-being and spiritual health of the family members and possible intervention strategies. This workshop is participatory in nature.

Protection and Inclusion – Faith Communities' Responses to Sexual Offenders

Sandy Cook-Fong, PhD, LCSW; Jeanette Harder PhD, CMSW; Jody Van Laningham, PhD; Allison Lauritsen, MSW Student

As faith communities struggle to ensure safe environments for children and youth, a component that is often neglected relates to the safe inclusion of sex offenders. This presentation will provide an overview of policies and will suggest key elements for incorporating persons with a history of sexual offense.

When Helping Hurts: Approaches to Poverty Alleviation

Steve Corbett, MEd in Adult Ed

In responding to Christ's call to, "Open your hearts and hands to the poor among you" we mobilize and act with good intentions. But good intentions are not enough. It is too possible in our efforts to help the "poor" to actually do harm to the very ones we seek to help. This session will address this issue by looking at ways to define poverty, key principles to know and some key tools to use in doing poverty alleviation.

They Will Know We Are Christians by Our Love: Ethics, Scripture & Keith-Lucas

Pam Crawford, LCSW; Kimberly Rainey, LMSW

Utilizing scripture and Alan Keith Lucas' teachings, three social work core values will be explored from a Christian perspective. Dignity and worth of a person, importance of human relationships and social justice will highlight the significance of ethical church and faith-based social service organization transactions with persons in poverty.

D

Teaching Fundamentals of Faith & Spirituality to Social Work Students

Desiree Davis, MSW, LMSW, LCSW

The fundamentals of teaching faith and spirituality may lie in the experience of doing these principles. Practicing the "how to" may assist students to formulate their own script in how to create and practice faith and spirituality in their own lives. The classroom can be used as a tool to help students become comfortable and accepting of these concepts.

Women at the Well: A Response to Intimate Partner Violence and AIDS

Denise Davison, PhD, MSW; Victoria Ferguson M.Div; Stephanie Crumpton, PhD; Angela L. Hughes, LMSW, BS; Jasmin Saville

The Black Church has a role to play in responding to domestic violence and HIV/AIDS. Social workers, in their quest to address social justice must seek therapeutic relationships and opportunities to affect change that bring them outside the walls of agency/client constrictions. The promotions of womanist communities of care can significantly impact the congregational response to intimate partner violence and AIDS.

“For Colored Girls” Who Want to be Scholars: An Accountability Circle

Denise Davison, PhD, MSW; Camille Quinn LCSW; Rhoda Smith, MSW; Kimberly Michelle Hardy, PhD

Mentoring relationships in academia can be complicated. Existing studies preference career support at the expense of psychological support. This panel shares the experiences of six women of color scholars' Accountability Circle. Utilizing social support networks and the interjection of “Godtalk” demonstrate a “preferred practice” of innovative and structured support.

Creating a Compassionate Organization through Servant Leadership

Hugh Drouin, PhD

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 leads 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.

Building Congregational Capacity to Respond to Domestic Violence

Rene Drumm, PhD

This presentation offers step-by-step instruction on how to mobilize congregations to address domestic violence among church members. Attendees will learn about an effective approach to comprehensive programming for domestic violence early intervention. The workshop will supply handouts and materials that can be adjusted for congregations seeking to initiate DV response.

The Social Worker's Toolbox for Integrating Faith & Social Work Education

Sheri Duffy, MSW, LCSW; Derek Carter; Hannah Quarles; Stephanie Sjolander

The concept of integrating faith and social work is an exciting and frustrating challenge. This workshop will present information that will make the process of integration easier. Participants will learn techniques that can be implemented easily in the classroom or field such as developing a worldview, prayer, and utilizing teacher-student interaction.

Dynamic Faith, Stress and Conflict, and African American Couples

Jacqueline Dyer, PhD, MSW, LICSW

What does dynamic faith look like in emotionally healthy couples and how do they use it to maintain the health of their marriage? This presentation discusses components of dynamic faith found in African American Christian couples and use of dynamic faith during stressed and discordant times to restore relational well-being.

E

Healing Value-Related Emotional & Spiritual Wounds: Implications for End-of-Life Clients

Andrew Edwards, PhD, M.Div, MSW

This workshop is intended to focus on end-of-life clients as they deal with emotional and spiritual disequilibrium that is rooted in value related issues. A Christian perspective on assessment and intervention will be the focus of the workshop. The primary goal is to present a model for emotional and spiritual reconciliation as part of the preparation for the end-of-life which the client is facing.

Moral Injury: Repairing Souls of Our Returning Soldiers

Lanny Endicott, D.Min, MSSW, LCSW, LMFT

Moral injury is a deep soul wound that can occur when soldiers participate in, witness or fall victim to actions that transgress their most deeply held moral beliefs—the result of which can lead to deep despair. This workshop will explain moral injury, differentiate it from PTSD, and recommend appropriate therapeutic intervention.

Development and Delivery of a Hybrid MSW Administration Supervision Course

Dorothea Epple, Ph.D., LCSW

This presentation will highlight the delivery of a hybrid MSW Administration Supervision course. Blackboard technology for online small groups, large group discussion boards, and private journals will be illustrated. Creating a successful online learning environment will be addressed along with linking online activities with face-to-face class exercises.

F

Funding Proposal Writing: Faith, Process, and Governance

Melinda Finch, BSW Candidate; Michael Wright PhD, LAPSW

Does grant writing training increase the success rate of non-profit organizations grant proposals? Not if they never have the training! A systematic and inclusive approach to proposal writing is needed for success. This presentation emphasizes the team approach and governance structures that demonstrate capacity and help win funds. Faith groups will benefit from the both grant proposal and donor-based fundraising techniques.

Church Involvement as an Entrée to Ethnographic Immersion

Charity Samantha Fitzgerald, MA in SW

The presentation discusses findings from a study in Costa Rica that examined the role that fair-trade coffee cooperatives play in community development using an ethnographic approach. The presentation highlights the researcher's involvement in church activities as a key to building rapport and to gathering cultural insights.

Using Family Circles to Promote and Understand Family Connections

Dexter Freeman, DSW

The family circle method is a brief pictorial diagram that is used to help individuals and families describe, acknowledge, and discuss his/her family as he/she experiences the family. This interactive presentation will yield a wealth of information about how a family is currently structured and functions from an individual perspective. Participants will never see their family the same as a result of this presentation.

Jesus Said to Feed Them, Not All this Empowerment & Development Stuff

Daniel Freemyer, MSW, MDiv

Social work practitioners and community organizers know empowerment models of practice are most effective and responsible. Volunteers & church members are motivated by Jesus' call to feed the hungry and clothe the naked. Small, incremental changes to church social ministries can help move them toward greater empowerment while still remaining palatable to ministry stakeholders.

Effective Teaching of Religion and Spirituality in Social Work

Charles Frost, DSW, MSW, LCSW

Social work professor relates how to incorporate both religious and spiritual dimensions into all social work courses at a public university without offending student belief systems. Examples of material used in the courses will be provided and discussed.

Christian Workers' Views on Religion/Spirituality & Vulnerable Populations

Leola Furman, PhD, MSW; Perry Benson PhD, MA

It is often difficult to determine the appropriateness of raising the topics of religion and spirituality within the context of the helping relationship with clients from populations-at-risk. Findings from a national sample of Christian social workers are examined within the context of social justice.

G

Resiliency or Recovery: Helping Individuals Develop Resiliency Skills

Angela Gaddis, PhD, LCSW

This workshop is designed to teach skills to clinicians and non-clinicians working with children and adults experiencing traumatic stress. It will focus on factors influencing resilience from a systems perspective and using strengths perspective to assist individuals restore balance to the body and mind after traumatic experiences.

Social Workers as Congregational Leaders

Diana Garland, LCSW, PhD; Gaynor Yancey MSW, DSW

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.

Faith Perspectives on Building Strong Volunteer Programs

John Gavin, MSW

How does our faith impact our interest in volunteering in support of community programs? Do religious practices make us more inclined to get involved? What are the faith perspectives that drive and shape volunteerism? Drawing on a recent study and 30 years of experience in volunteerism; this workshop explores these questions and provides a practical framework for building strong volunteer programs in organizations and churches.

Nothing New for Easter: The Role of the Black Church in Social Movements

Elizabeth Goatley, PhD, MSSW

This presentation will explore the Nothing New for Easter Movement of 1961. The movement charged congregations to boycott local department stores, by agreeing to forego purchasing new garments for Easter service. The presentation will examine both the historical role of the church in social movements as well as the contemporary factors impacting the church's role in current social movements.

Integral Ethics in Social Work Education

Mari Ann Graham, PhD

Integral Ethics is an inherently spiritual ethical framework (based on Wilber's integral paradigm) that classifies and unifies 4 differing approaches to ethical decision-making. It can be used to help educators and students engage colleagues and clients with differing religious/political views in more authentically inclusive ways. A user-friendly tool of the model will be distributed.

Journey toward Wholeness: Use of Self as Spiritual Formation

Leslie Gregory, MSW, LSW

The central conviction embraced within this presentation is that being made in the image of God and bearing the likeness of Christ, profoundly impact Christian social workers' use of self. Use of self will be explored through a discussion of the themes of self-integration, self-awareness, and self-expression as well as a discussion of how our journey toward maturity in Christ impacts social work practice with clients experiencing brokenness.

Families at Risk: Churches as Prevention Agents

Claudette Grinnell-Davis, MTS, MSW, MS, PhD Candidate

Building on a study of 720 families at risk for child welfare, this workshop will present a typology of risk factors leading to both lower levels of child well-being and child welfare system involvement and suggest strategies for promoting family preservation based on these results that do not require extensive clinical training.

H

Evaluating Student Learning Outcomes in Agency-Based Research

David Haller, MSW, LCSW; Shawn Gianforte

The purpose of this workshop is to present the results of an evaluation of the pedagogical approach of teaching research methods to BSW students through the completion of agency-based research projects as a compliment to classroom learning. Survey and empirical data will be presented which support the approach and demonstrate student learning and application. Faith tensions encountered by students will also be presented.

Empowering Those Marginalized by Generational Poverty

Mark Harden, PhD

The workshop is designed to introduce concepts for contextualizing a community development approach among people disadvantaged by conditions of poverty. Best practices that empower practitioners to empower the generationally "poor" are presented based on the presenter's research on why and how certain strategies work with hard-to-reach individuals and diverse groups.

Helping Children and Youth in our Faith Communities Stay Safe from Abuse

Jeanette Harder, PhD, CMSW; Allison Lauritsen MSW student

We all want children and youth to be safe in our faith communities. One component of our protection plan should be to equip our children and youth with needed knowledge and skills. This workshop explores child abuse prevention resources, such as the "Circle of Grace" curriculum.

Practitioner-Identified Barriers to Outreach with Black Churches

Kimberly Hardy, MSW, PhD

Practitioners identified barriers that were impeding 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.

Photovoice as a Tool for Exploring Hope and Spirituality Among Adolescents

Dana Harley, PhD, MSW, LISW-S; Vanessa Hunn PhD

Photovoice is an innovative participatory action research method that allows individuals to express their realities through photography. This workshop highlights empirical research that utilized photovoice and in-depth interviews to better understand the perspectives, culture, and lived experiences of low-income African American adolescents in regards to hope and spirituality.

Bringing Heaven Down to Earth, A Biblical Foundation for Best Practice

Lynn Harms, LMSW

The opening words of Genesis provides a picture of God bringing order and structure out of chaos, a model He expects His children to utilize in expanding the Kingdom of Heaven in our world today. As practitioners in the helping fields we have the power and authority to continue the expansion of peace and structure out of chaos as we guide our clients through the changes they are making in their lives, and that brings heaven down to earth.

The Impact of Compassion Fatigue on the Quality of Life of Social Workers

Cynthia Harr, PhD, LCSW; Tanya Brice, PhD

This paper presents results of research conducted with members of NASW Texas related to their personal experience of compassion fatigue and compassion satisfaction. It examines the emotional and physical impact of chronic vicarious exposure to client trauma on helping professionals and provides methods to incorporate preventative self-care and organizational support.

The Family of Adoption: One Family/Four Narratives

Helen Harris, EdD, LCSW; Jennifer Hale, RN, BSN; Beth Harris; Caitlin Hale

The adoption narrative is provided in this interactive presentation from multiple perspectives. Presenters include a birth mother, adoptive mother, adopted child, and birth sister in an adoption which occurred twenty one years ago. The workshop will present the story of two families who experienced both loss and then reunion as a new family.

Current Issues in Online Teaching

Nelson Henning, PhD, LISW

This workshop provides a historic overview of online teaching. The strengths and weaknesses in the use of the technology that delivers online instruction will be highlighted. Additional information presented will provide the learner with information regarding contemporary pedagogical issues associated with online teaching. In addition, several ethical issues regarding online instruction will be explored.

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

Carl Holland, MSSW, LCSW, Diplomat

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

Church Based Substance Abuse Programs in Russia: Benefits and Challenges

Beryl Hugen, PhD

In the 1990's Russian evangelicals became involved in addressing a variety of social issues, in particular, substance abuse rehabilitation. For evangelical communities, this rehabilitation movement is also the most successful evangelism model in Russia today. Participants will learn the intervention strategies centers employ along with the benefits and pitfalls encountered in combining evangelism and social programming goals.

Help, How Do I Do This? Developing Spiritually Sensitive Social Work

Julie Hunt, MSSW, LCSW; Katie Cross BSW; Ali Hearon

Students face the challenge of how to ethically and sensitively integrate their faith into their work. A self-guided tool, created by the presenters, seeks to assist in establishing and maintaining these skills. Participants will discuss various ways to self-assess and critically analyze their ethical and professional spiritual engagement with clients.

J

Abortion: A Matter of Social Justice

D. Lynn Jackson, PhD, LCSW, ACSW

Social workers have been actively working within the reproductive justice movement to help women obtain abortions while facing major policy restrictions within their home states. Many of these social workers with religious affiliations and spiritual beliefs have embraced this movement as a matter of social justice.

Dialogue Journals: A Supervision Tool

Staci Jensen-Hart, MSW, LCSW; Gina Shuttleworth, BSW; Jodi Davis

Dialogue journaling is a supervision tool which has potential to transform learning within field and employment settings. Dialogue journals enhance reflective practice, critical thinking, and integration of faith in practice. The impact of dialogue journaling within a field setting will be explored through perspectives of student, field supervisor, and field director.

Was Abigail a Social Activist?

Ann-Marie Jones, PhD, MSW, LGSW

What does the story of Abigail in the Bible teach us about being social activists? Social workers must recognize that 2013 is the time to take a stand for what we believe. We must be willing to leave our comfort zone and help the community to reach its full potential.

Deep Compassion & Good Practice: Pushing the Praxis of Church & Profession

Donald Jordan, LMSW; Mary Anne Poe LAPSW, MDiv; Rhonda E. Hudson, PhD; Lisa L. Peoples, BS

Churches serving together toward the mission of a faith-based nonprofit might seem a utopia. As organizations work toward evidenced-based practice, trauma-informed care and strengths-based approaches, the praxis of congregational collaboration offers both opportunity and threat. This workshop explores challenges, successes and practical approaches for organizations and churches striving to work together to address community needs.

Healing Black Families from Within: The Case for Black Family Ministries

Sheila Joyner-Pritchard, MSW, CPP

Trending issues of black on black violence, poverty, parenting, emerging affluence, gentrification/homelessness, health/mental health/education disparities have to be addressed with more relevancy. No longer can passivity or “judge and jury” attitudes be the order of the day. Meeting African American families where we are, based on where we’ve been is a must for intercultural and multicultural ministries, churches and other faith-based settings.

Putting Humpty Together Again: Making Peace Through Conflict Transformation

Kay Julien, M.Ed, PhD;

Jean Austin-Danner MSW, LCSW

This workshop offers conflict transformation coaching skills for supporting positive personal change in clients struggling with conflict interactions. Through the model presented, participants will be guided in linking theory to practice, and in developing new practical strategies for increasing effectiveness in this arena that are immediately applicable to their work.

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The “Evidence of Things Not Seen” and EBP: Tensions and Opportunities

Michael Kelly, PhD, LCSW

Evidence-based Practice (EBP) is now entering its third decade in social work scholarship and practice, but little is known about how Christian social workers are “doing” EBP. Using experiential exercises, lecture, and discussion, workshop participants will be challenged to think about how they view the process of integrating social work evidence into their own Christian journey and the faith experiences of their clients.

Insulated Organizations; Immigrant Congregations

Songmin Kim, M.Ed, M.Div

This workshop will examine the potential and challenges in connecting Korean American Immigrant Churches (KAIC) as a social service provider for the society at large. The participants will learn about the reasons why KAIC has been disconnected from the social service provision for the wider community as they have been overlooked by various stakeholders. The practical implications for social workers and church leaders will be discussed.

Girls on the Streets: Church & State Support for Street Girls in Ghana

Rose Korang-Okrah, PhD, MSW

This paper examines the vulnerability and resilience of street girls (Kayayei) in Ghana and the role that churches, government and non-governmental organizations play in helping these girls get out of the streets. Push & pull factors for their moving to the streets, coping strategies, the role of church and state in their well-fare and implications will be discussed.

Roots: NACSW’s Decade of Identity, 1950-1959

Edward Kuhlmann, MSW, DSW, ACSW

The North American Association of Christians in Social Work was founded in 1950 as a series of annual conferences sponsored by the Wheaton College Sociology Department. This workshop explores the motives, process, and concerns of the founders, which shaped NACSW in its first decade, and continue to influence it today.

Justice, Faith, and Social Work: Lessons from the Social Gospel and Today

Joseph Kuilema, MSW

Justice was at the core of the social gospel movement from which social work emerged. Justice is also an increasing presence in discussions among Christians today. This presentation examines social gospel theologians like Walter Rauschenbusch, as well as contemporary figures like Nicholas Wolterstorff, for insights on the role of justice.

L

Implicit vs Explicit Memories: Why I Believe It In My Head But Not My Heart

Beth Lamberson, LMSW; Elodia Flynn, LCSW

The Bible speaks openly and clearly of God’s love and acceptance of Christians, but why is it that so many say that they believe it’s in their heads, but not their hearts? Jesus said that the “truth will make you free,” but what truth? This study on the impact of implicit memories provides a neurobiological basis for why so many find it difficult to embrace the truth of the Father’s love and their new role as a child of God.

Creating a Child-Informed Child Welfare Practice

Kenneth Larimore, PhD, LISW-S

The goals of this workshop are to: 1) educate child welfare professionals about the impact of trauma on the development & behavior of children; 2) educate child welfare professionals about how to intervene directly in a trauma-sensitive manner & through strategic referral; 3) ensure that all children in the child welfare system will have access to timely & effective trauma-focused interventions that supports resiliency in long-term healing.

Exploring Spirituality through Expressive Arts Therapy

Denise Levy, PhD, LCSW

This experiential workshop will provide an introduction to expressive arts therapy and highlight how this type of therapy can be used to explore spirituality and develop community. In addition to learning about and experiencing different expressive arts modalities, attendees will examine spiritual components of specific exercises and interventions.

Knowledge of Aging, Job Satisfaction and Patient Morale in Long-Term-Care

Alan Lipps, PhD; Kari White LMSW

A MSSW thesis that explored relationships between knowledge about the elderly, job satisfaction of staff members, and patient morale in a long-term-care (LTC) facility is presented. Implications for improving knowledge about, and attitudes toward, elderly persons will be presented. In theory, improving knowledge/attitudes about the elderly will result in changes in several variables that ultimately improve LTC patient outcomes.

Welcoming the Stranger: Radical Hospitality in Service to the Community

Joyce Litten, EdD, MSSA, LISW; Dan Rogers, Rev.

This presentation is grounded in hospitality as spiritual practice – not just opening the doors but opening the heart. The work of The Cherry St. Mission in Toledo, Ohio will be examined as a project of radical hospitality in spirit and action. Cherry Street Mission Ministries is the largest organization serving the homeless and poor in Northwest Ohio and Southeast Michigan. The Mission turns no one away ever.

“Can we do this here?” Conservative School and Dialogic Practices

Mayra Lopez, PhD

This narrative examines how changes within the industry of education and the local organization have positioned a BSW program to educate primarily conservative, racially diverse students with dialogic practices that have increased students’ levels of social justice activity. A review and assessment of the opportunities, transformations, challenges and risks that resulted from the dialogic innovation will also be examined.

Christian Social Workers as Leaders Amidst Change

David Lundberg, MSW, LSW

Following the termination of its largest program, one faith-based organization asked two key questions: “How might we deliver services to people where they live, work and worship? and “What new doors might God open?” The answers were three initiatives that are helping to shape future ministry to new groups.

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Conducting a Social Welfare Policy Analysis: Are We Having Fun Yet?

Carla MacDonald, EdD, ACSW, MSW

This workshop session will share the methods used to teach baccalaureate social work students the steps in conducting a social welfare policy analysis. The EPAS standards of CSWE have a core competency related to policy: Engage in policy practice to advance social and economic well-being and to deliver effective social work services. This workshop will cover the steps needed to teach students how to analysis a social welfare policy.

Sprinkling Spirituality Throughout the Alzheimer's Caregiver's Journey *Sally Moore, MSW, LCSW*

Experience firsthand the daily struggles of caregivers. They live a role that transcends the normal familial role of spouse or child. Although anticipatory grief impacts all facets of daily life, professionals downplay the smoldering affects on caregivers. Step into the caregiver role and journey with them through the anticipatory grief wheel.

Inward Congregational Transitions, As Easy As ABCD *Heather Mustain, LMSW/MDiv; Gaynor Yancey, DSW*

This workshop will look at Asset Based Community Development as a way to develop healthy congregations and holistic community ministries. We will discuss the importance of congregations as a context of social work practice.

Nursing Facility Social Work and Family Behavioral Challenges *Dennis Myers, PhD, LCSW; Robin Rogers PhD, MSW, MDiv; Kathy Kelley, LMSW; Harold (Hap) LeCrone, PhD*

Evidence-based, interactive presentation addressing responses of skilled nursing facility social workers confronted with behavioral challenges of difficult family caregivers. Narratives from twenty social workers document helpful and unhelpful responses. Participants discover practice, facility, and congregational initiatives to engage, educate, and support family members struggling with loved ones in nursing facilities.

Religious Discrimination in Classroom *Shebby Neely-Goodwin, PhD, MSW*

The presentation will identify some of the challenges encountered when a student is religiously discriminated against and what must be done to prevent social injustice from occurring. Specific to the discussion will be issues that often create barriers to having a non-threatening classroom, which would allow for religious diversity.

LaunchPoint-Restoration and Awakening Hope for the Homeless *Deborah Nichols, LMSW*

This workshop is about a program called LaunchPoint which is about restoring hope – reconnecting the individual experiencing homelessness to the dreams that he or she once had but were lost when the individual's life path went off track. It is about a team approach designed to support the individuals' journey from hopelessness to rescue and towards a restored life in the community.

DIRE REST in Marital and Couple Relations Using PRAYER *Quinton Nichols, PhD, MSW, BC-HSP*

Healthy relationships, marriages, and resulting stability, benefit the relational, emotional and spiritual well-being of adults, children and communities. This workshop will discuss results of a pilot study's effective of an innovative Christ Focused Spiritually Centered model of practice identified as Determined Intentional Relational Efforts (DIRE) and Relational, Emotional and Spiritual Togetherness (REST) regarding couple relationships.

Preventative Ideas to Curb School Suicide and Violence *Linda Openshaw, DSW, LCSW*

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.

How to Run an Effective Social Work Club *Lauren Owsley, Student; Maria McKinny*

This workshop discusses how to run an effective Social Work Student Association based on the experience gained from Evangel University's Social Work Club and its 15 years of existence. It will introduce new ways to attract members, become involved in the community, and to prepare the individual for future field experience while providing contacts for networking, as well as providing time to discuss and share ideas and/or past events victories and failures.

The Virtue of Gratitude: Research, Barriers, and Practices in Social Work *Holly Oxhandler, PhD Candidate, MSW; Peter Militello, LCSW*

Gratitude has been identified as a positive psychological trait that is associated with better mental health. This workshop will discuss the research on gratitude and health/mental health, what God's word says about gratitude, identify obstacles or barriers to gratitude, and discuss Emmons' (2007) top ten ways of practicing gratitude.

Low Wage Women's Spirituality: Finding Meaning in the Margins *Susan Parlier, PhD, LMSW, ACSW, MAR*

Low wage and low-income women struggled with the social and economic consequences of the Great Recession. In a qualitative study, using grounded theory, the facilitator examined how low-wage women made sense of bill-paying hardship experiences. She will present the theme of women's spirituality and discuss methods for justice and transformational ministries.

How Can International Practicums Benefit Social Workers? *Elizabeth Patterson, MSW, ABD*

International practicums have gained popularity over the last several years, but little empirical research has explored the outcomes of such experiences. This workshop will share the results of a qualitative study exploring the impact of such experiences on social workers who completed practicums abroad in a variety of locations.

The Challenges and Opportunities for Online Social Work Graduate Education *Tracey Phillips, PhD, LMSW*

In the Social Work field, online Graduate programs offer a unique opportunity, particularly for the non-traditional student. This presentation will identify key factors that can contribute to the success of non-traditional online students in Graduate education and how the application of Universal Instructional Design (UID) can promote learning for online Social Work Graduate education.

Focusing on the Baby Boomer Generation *Michelle Piper, LCSW*

Society is changing and with it should also be our focus. Baby Boomers, the largest generation, are now entering retirement. However, fewer than 5% of social workers specialize in gerontology. Social workers need a renewed awareness of this population and the unique challenges that accompany it.

The Impact of Licensing on Macro Social Work Practice and Education *Linda Plitt Donaldson, PhD, MSW*

Understanding the impact of state licensing on interest in macro social work practice remains a critical concern for social work academics and professionals. This workshop will present the state of social work licensing in the United States, and its impact on macro social work education and practice with particular attention to Christian social work programs.

An Exploration of Pneumacentric Practice: Opportunity and Application *David Pooler, PhD*

This workshop explores the strengths and ideas that social workers who are Pentecostal bring to practice. Participants in this workshop will be engaged in an in depth conversation about how spirit centered or "pneumacentric" practice can be used to enhance therapeutic relationships in clinical and community practice. Pneumacentric practice provides an innovative look at client strengths and empowerment.

Cultural Competence, Faith & Afro Caribbean Educators: Our Narratives *Kathy Purnell, MSW; Sylvester Carrington Ed.D; Kesslyn Brade Stennis, PhD; Helen Fischle, MSW*

Stories from Afro-Caribbean immigrants reveal the unique and oppressive obstacles that they have encountered, and tools that have helped them succeed against the odds. This presentation will present storytelling as a culturally competent means of collecting data and intervening with Afro-Caribbean educators and clients of faith.

Spirituality with Postpartum Asian and Hispanic Women: Fear to Strength *Lynn Raine, MSW, LCSW; Regina Trammel MSW, LCSW*

This workshop will provide an overview of Postpartum Mood and Anxiety disorders (PMAD). It will address the impact of faith in the treatment of PMAD and address special clinical consideration in providing culturally competent services to Asian and Hispanic women. A tool for cultural beliefs and rituals assessment will be provided for workshop participants to utilize in practice.

Imago Dei and Family Therapy: A Communications Framework *Mikal Rasheed, PhD, LCSW; Janice Matthews Rasheed PhD, LCSW*

This workshop will present the communications model of family therapy and its potential of being integrated into a Christian worldview. The concept "Imago Dei" will be presented as the integrating concept between a Christian worldview and communications theory.

The Importance of Engaging Fathers in Social Work Practice

Mark Robinson, MSW

The research is clear. Children do better in every measure of development when there is a responsibly involved father in their lives. This workshop will examine the unique contributions of fathers to the health and productive development of their children. In addition, this presentation will address the challenges that practitioners face in engaging fathers in effective service-delivery.

Intersections of Spirituality, Culture, and Health

Ratonia Runnels, PhD, LMSW

A theoretical framework is introduced to support integration of spirituality into interventions for co-morbid African American women. Historical and sociocultural factors influencing spiritual coping will be explored. Necessary components for integrating spirituality into culturally competent service delivery are also discussed.

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Going Beyond Basic Needs: A Faith Based Pathway to Self Sufficiency

Eric Saunders, MSW, LCSW

This workshop will explore how churches, agencies, and communities can work together to help those in poverty move from subsistence to self sufficiency. Come to explore strategies such as adult education, employment programs, financial literacy, and how to involve the faith community in caring for neighbors. We will explore innovative programming and best practices and hope participants will bring their ideas and success experiences to share.

Dual Relationships, Sexual Misconduct and Boundary Crossing

Greg Scott, LMSW

Observing healthy boundaries in professional social work practice provides safety and care in our relationships with clients. Using the NASW Code of Ethics and Christian values a social worker can protect their client as well as themselves from harm and liability. How does one fall into a dual relationship or sexual misconduct? How can your Christian faith keep you disciplined and professional?

A Grandparent Empowerment Intervention Program: The Focus of a Local Church

Cathy Scott, PhD

This workshop demonstrates the effectiveness of a community partnership with a church congregation, social work faculty and a service agency in addressing the needs of grandparent caregivers. Participants will learn about the collaborative partnership and how grandparent caregivers' lives were changed when they became the focus of this triadic partnership.

Using Biblical Principles in Working with Victims of Sex Trafficking

David Sedlacek, PhD, LCSW, CFLE

Victims of Sex Trafficking present with symptoms of trauma as the result of various experiences to which they have been exposed including slavery, physical abuse, deprivation, sexual abuse and emotional subjugation. Addressing the affective, behavioral, cognitive, and relational aspects of treatment, this presentation discusses the use of biblical interventions when working with victims who are seeking a Christian approach to treatment.

Ethical Practice when Personal Faith Beliefs Conflict with Client Values

Charles Seitz, PhD, MSW, LCSW;
Michelle George MSW

This discussion-based workshop will challenge participants to address the ethical handling of client issues that conflict with the social worker's personal faith or beliefs. The LGBT population, abortion, and other current issues and emerging trends related to referring clients based on personal faith beliefs will be explored.

Secular or Theological Education and Pastors' Views on Treating Depression

Jennifer Shepard Payne, PhD, LCSW

Will a pastor refer to a mental health center? If they feel qualified to intervene themselves, they may not. This presentation presents data from the Clergy Depressive Counseling Survey to discuss how theological and secular education affects pastors' choices in treating depressed individuals.

Addressing the 2008 EPAS and Getting the Short Letter from the COA

David Sherwood, PhD, LICSW, ACSW

Explore the key issues of CSWE accreditation for BSW and MSW programs with a two-term member of the COA. Address the development and assessment of curriculum that supports the core social work competencies and related practice behaviors required by the 2008 EPAS as well as the implications of integrating Christian faith and competent professional social work education.

3 Successful Models for Christian Private Practice

James Shinn, LCSW

The program will discuss three different models of successful Christian private practice; "It Is Good for Man to Be Alone," "The Home-Grown Model of Private Practice," and "Private Practice and Interns Can Be 'Interesting!'" The presenter will review the positives and negatives of different business models and participants will be encouraged to develop a private practice to meet their professional needs and those of the community.

Positive Youth Development:

What Is It and How Can We Measure It?

Hiie Silmere, PhD, MSWI Alex Eisenreich BSW

This presentation provides an overview of what constitutes positive youth development. Fifteen outcome categories for positive youth development programs will be reviewed. The authors also present their findings from a systematic review of recent literature on what outcomes have been measured in studies focusing on positive youth development programs.

Good Grief: Interventions for Supporting Bereaved Children and Adolescents

Erica Serrine, PhD Candidate, LCSW

A child's cognitive, behavioral, spiritual, and psychosocial functioning is greatly impacted by the illness or death of a loved one. Examples of developmentally appropriate grief reactions, clinical interventions, memorialization techniques, and methods for explaining sensitive topics such as suicide and remarriage following the death of a parent will be explored.

Cross Disciplinary Emergency Room Trauma Simulation Lab

David Skiff, PhD, LMSW, MDiv

This electronic poster will outline in detail project conception, development and implementation from start to finish. Student quantitative and qualitative discipline specific evaluation results will be presented. Faculty insights and suggestion for improvement will also be shared.

Social Research in Action: Forming Community Partners

Katti Sneed, PhD, LCSW, MSW, LCAC; Students

Undergraduate social work students tend to view research methods as a daunting course. However, one instructor has discovered that through students partnering with community agencies they gain a hands on learning experience that cannot be duplicated in the classroom. Attendees of this workshop will learn the techniques of teaching a social research course where undergrad students complete a five chapter original research project.

Visualizing Summer Camp: Faith & Photography

Peter Szto, MA, MAR, MSW, PhD;
Sandy Cook-Fong MSW, PhD

"Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face." This Pauline verse is telling about photography and self-understanding. Photography is used to bolster the identity of foster children at summer camp. The visual evidence provides feedback on faith, others and themselves.

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Pastor/Social Worker's Ministry to Those Who Have Lost Loved Ones

William R. Tarr Jr., MSW/LSW

This presentation will focus on helping congregants deal with the loss of loved ones and looking at the impact loss has on the Pastor/Social Worker using a suburban church outside of Philadelphia as the setting. Theories of loss and grief will be briefly explored but the bulk of the presentation will be looking at ministering to those who have lost loved ones and the issue of self-care for the Pastor/Social Worker.

Generational Attitudes and Behaviors Toward Philanthropy

Houston Thompson, Ed.D, MSW

This presentation looks at the generational attitudes and behaviors toward philanthropy. It will consider why and how people give to organizations and causes as well as how this differs between the generations. Examples of what organizations must do today to appeal to donors across generations will be explored.

Safe Families for Children: Helping the Church Find "True North"

Suzanna Toews, LICSW

Safe Families for Children presents a unique challenge to the church. It not only potentially changes the lives of the people in poverty gain stability, but it allows the church to critically examine itself in light of scripture directives to reach out to the poor and disenfranchised. Through SFFC, children are diverted from the Child Welfare system and the Church grows in spiritual depth.

V**Resiliency and Spirituality:
A Framework for Assessing and Helping**

Mary Van Hook, PhD

Resiliency research identifies risk and protective factors, including aspects of spirituality. Assessment of these aspects can help identify interventions that can help individuals and families cope with difficulty life events. The presentation includes examples.

**Does Anti-Oppressive Practice Belong in
Christian Social Work Education?**

James R Vanderwoerd, PhD, MSW

Anti-oppressive practice (AOP) promises to realize the historic social justice aims of the social work profession. However, some principles of AOP present serious challenges to a Christian worldview. Some AOP proponents have even been antagonistic towards Christianity. This session presents a framework for and invites discussion on how Christian social work educators can critically engage AOP within a Christian social work curriculum.

**An Unlikely Collaboration: The Black Church
and the Juvenile Sex Offender**

Victoria Venable, PhD, MSW

This presentation discusses a study of Black church members' attitudes toward juvenile sex offenders. Participants will learn about an opportunity for promising work between social workers and the Black church with this challenging population. Participants will also be able to explore pathways to faith-based collaborations.

**Increasing Congregational Competency in
Missional practices**

Patty Villarreal, LMSW

This workshop will examine how use of self as a social worker congregant introduced church leadership to a self-awareness of paternalistic ministry methods and assisted in discovering and developing healthy holistic practices in church and community engagement. Participants will learn about practical methods that can be used in introducing best practices such as client self-determination, strength based perspectives, cultural competency, etc.

W**When "Just Say No" is Not Enough: Strategies
for Teaching Harm Reduction**

Cayce Watson, MSW, LAPSW

Students from a variety of faith traditions often struggle with how to balance personal morality with professional responsibility. This presentation identifies strategies for helping students explore harm reduction and its consistency with core social work values. Additionally, the presentation includes experiential learning exercises that focus students' concerns on effectively reaching clients, rather than on condoning harmful behaviors.

**Culturally Sensitive Practice in Child Welfare:
An Ethical Obligation**

Kiana Webb-Robinson, LMSW;
Raymond Adams MSW

African-American, biracial or multiracial children eligible for adoption are aging out of the system, rather than finding permanency with a caring and loving family. The Multiethnic Placement Act of 1994 was enacted to encourage timely decision-making in the adoption and foster care systems, addressing discrimination of race or ethnicity.

**Interventions to Prevent Human Trafficking
with Youth**

Elizabeth E. Wilson, Ph.D, LCSW;
Jamie Blurton BSW; Abi McFerron, LBSW

At-risk youth, particularly youth in DCS custody or "throwaway" children (source), are vulnerable to the specific ploys used to entice them into sex trafficking. This workshop will explore some prevention models used with youth to educate them about the nature of human trafficking, the common ploys used by traffickers and how to get help. Many of the models discussed were developed by faith-based organizations.

Love Applied to the Care Giver

Julie Woodley, MA

We will help come alongside the Care Givers as we offer practical, emotional and Spiritual insights from 1 John 4:10 into the importance of rest and peace while you minister and love the wounded. As a Counselor, writer and wounded healer herself she sees the incredible need of self-care at many levels. She will offer clinical as well as Spiritual insights in the importance of peace and rest from hectic and emotional schedules before burnout.

**Social Justice, Social Media and Paul?:
COACH Live! Infrastructure**

Michael Wright, PhD

The conversion of Saul on the road to Damascus is a well-known New Testament story. Many may not know the depth of the social justice lesson presented in the story. This session highlights the lesson and offers an example social media intervention participants can use to respond to the call for advocacy and enhanced access for all. Participants will learn to outline a blog and social media advocacy project, and maintain content and motivation.

Z**Social Work Ethics and the Challenge of
Biotechnology**

Robert Zylstra, EdD, LCSW

Advances in biotechnology have led to increasingly technical, and controversial, issues in health care. From DNR decisions to assisted suicide, Christian social workers need to be familiar with the ethical concerns, challenges and opportunities associated with medical ethics in order to assist their clients in making reasoned, morally grounded decisions.

MORE INFO

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Dr. Jon Singletary
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**Drs. Terry Wolfer and
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