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Advocating for
**PEACE, JUSTICE &
RECONCILIATION**
in Communities

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The 67th Annual Convention
of the North American Association of Christians in Social Work

November 2-5, 2017

Crowne Plaza Charlotte Executive Park
5700 West Park Drive • Charlotte, North Carolina 28217

*“And what does the LORD require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.”
Micah 6:8*

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Welcome!

NACSW's 67th Annual Convention and Training Conference, focused on the theme, "Advocating for Peace, Justice & Reconciliation in Our Communities," will be held in Charlotte, NC at the Crowne Plaza Executive Park Hotel from November 2-5, 2017. We are confident that you will not want to miss it, especially if you have yet to attend an NACSW convention!

Co-Chairs



Tanya Smith Brice

MSW, PhD

Dean of the School of Health and Human Services at Benedict College



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General Information

CONVENTION REGISTRATION

Register at www.nacsw.org/cgi-bin/eventPro.cgi or use the form on page 15 of this brochure.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Convention Hotel: Crowne Plaza Charlotte Executive Park, 5700 West Park Drive, Charlotte, NC 28217

Reservations: Convention registrants are responsible for making reservations directly with the hotel. Please identify yourself as being with the North American Association of Christians in Social Work (NACSW) to obtain the conference discount.

Guest Room Rate: \$129/night plus taxes and fees for a single or double bed. Rooms may be shared between up to four people. To qualify for this special rate, make your reservation by October 18, 2017.

Register Online: The hotel has set up a direct link for NACSW reservations. It is located on the NACSW webpage: www.nacsw.org/annual-convention/hotel-travel2017.

Register by Phone: You may make reservations by phone by calling 1-800-227-6963 or 1-866-380-0612.

Check in: Hotel check in is 3pm and check out is 12pm. Minimum check-in age is 21.

Parking: Complimentary self parking. Valet parking not available.

WiFi: There is complimentary internet service in guest rooms and in the lobby.

Amenities: On-site fitness Center; Indoor pool.

TRAVEL

For directions and information regarding free hotel shuttle, Uber and taxi service from the airport, please see www.nacsw.org/annual-convention/hotel-travel2017.

AREA ATTRACTIONS

Nearby: NACSW encourages convention participants to consider attending the nearby Billy Graham library in Charlotte (admission is free!). For additional details, go to: billygrahamlibrary.org. Also nearby: Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden, NASCAR Hall of Fame, Charlotte Motor Speedway, Carowinds (theme park) and more.

MORE INFORMATION:

www.nacsw.org

Schedule at-a-Glance

Thursday, November 2

- 9:00am-12:00pm Preconvention Institute (Half-Day 3.0 CE hours)
- Option 1: "Bridges Out of Poverty: Strategies for Professionals and Communities" Mike Dames
 - Option 2: "Where Did the Money Go?" An Experiential Exercise on Poverty" Angela Gaddis
- 1:00pm-4:00pm Preconvention Institute (Half-Day (3.0 CE hours)
- Option 3: "Christian Social Work Approaches to Substance Use Disorders and/or Co-occurring Disorders" Ken Smith
 - Option 4: "Humility & Power: A Path for Leadership Development in Communities of Color" Ryn Farmer & Raven Loaiza
- 5:00pm-7:00pm Exhibits Open & Networking Time
- 7:00pm-8:30pm Opening Plenary Session (1.0 CE hour)
- Keynote Speaker: Rev. Dr. William Barber
 - Music: Kesslyn and Friends
- 8:30pm-10:00pm Opening Reception and Poster Presentations

Friday, November 3

- 8:00am-8:30am Worship/Devotions: Dhan Durung
- 8:45am-9:45am Workshops — Session A (1.0 CE hour)
- 9:45am-10:15am Light Breakfast/Coffee Break
- 10:15am-11:15am Workshops — Session B (1.0 CE hour)
- 11:30am-12:45pm Alan Keith-Lucas Lecture (1.0 CE hour)
- Keynote Speaker: Dr. Tanya Brice
- Lunch Break Lunch on your own (see restaurant guide)
- 2:00pm-3:30pm Workshops — Session C (1.5 CE hours)
- 3:30pm-4:00pm Networking
- 4:00pm-5:00pm Workshops — Session D (1.0 CE hour)
- 5:15pm-6:15pm Workshops — Session E (1.0 CE hour)
- 7:00pm Educator's Forum
- 8:30pm NACSW Fun Night

Saturday, November 4

- 8:00am-8:30am Worship/Devotions: Julia Pizzuto Pomaco
- 8:45am-9:45am Workshops — Session F (1.0 CE hour)
- 9:45am-10:15am Light Breakfast/Coffee Break
- 10:15am-11:15am Workshops — Session G (1.0 CE hour)
- 11:30am-12:45pm NACSW Community Conversation
- Lunch Break Lunch on your own (see restaurant guide)
- 2:00pm-3:15pm Workshops — Session H (1.25 CE hours)
- 3:30pm-4:30pm Workshops — Session I (1.0 CE hour)
- 4:45pm-5:45pm Workshops — Session J (1.0 CE hour)
- 6:45pm-9:15pm Evening Banquet (1.0 CE hour)
- Keynote Speaker: Rev. Bill Stanfield
 - Entertainment: Crazy4Jesus

Sunday, November 5

Worship together with other conference participants at a community church in Charlotte, NC, lunch on your own, followed by a group visit to the Museum of the New South.

Program Schedule – by Day

Thursday, November 2, 2017

Registration Desk located in the corridor near Salon C
Hours: 8:00am–2:00pm; 4:00pm–7:00pm; 9:00pm–10:00pm

Preconvention Institutes

For more information about these preconvention institutes and presenters, visit www.nacsw.org.

Option #1 | 9am-12pm | 3.0 CEUs

“Bridges Out of Poverty: Strategies for Professionals and Communities”

Presenter: Mike Dames | **Location:** Salon 1

The *Bridges Out of Poverty* workshop provides both the social service provider and the community member key lessons in dealing with individuals from poverty. Topics include increasing awareness of the differences in economic cultures and how those differences affect opportunities for success. This workshop is based on the book *Bridges Out of Poverty: Strategies for Professionals and Communities*, a collaboration between Ruby K. Payne, Phillip DeVol, and Terie Dreussi Smith.

Michael Dames, holds MS degrees in both special education and school administration, started his career in corporate America and worked in marketing for 13 years. He has been a professional educator since 1995.



MICHAEL DAMES

Michael is currently the director for HOPE worldwide Charlotte. This organization’s goal is to improve the lives of people in poverty. The Charlotte chapter has several unique components. It is introducing sustainable programs that teach organizations how to build intentional relationships across economic lines. It helps people learn how to build resources and increase their social capital. Most importantly it teaches people how to transition out of poverty. Michael is a living example of an individual who grew up in situational poverty in a single parent household who successfully transitioned out of poverty.

He is consulting with various schools and human service providers in his community and across the nation to embed the Bridges and Framework constructs into their organizations. He is committed to helping community and school leaders design programs that create effective schools and sustainable communities and help people transition out of poverty.

Option #2 | 9am-12pm | 3.0 CEUs

“Where Did the Money Go?” An Experiential Exercise on Poverty

Presenter: Angela Gaddis | **Location:** Salon 2

As Christians we are called to minister to those less fortunate and as social workers we are educated to be sensitive to the needs of the poor; however, we often remain distant from the complexity of poverty. This experiential exercise increases the sensitivity of the social worker to the culture of poverty. The participant will experience the oppressive attitudes and belief systems often encountered in macro systems by this population, while also gaining insight into how this impacts the emotional and mental state of the individual living in poverty. This will be achieved as each participant takes on the role of a low income family member living on a limited budget and attempts to navigate through the system of healthcare, schools, banks, social services, etc.

Dr. Angela Gaddis, PhD, University of Alabama, is Chair of the Social Work Program at Belhaven University. Her areas of practice include work with military members and their families, mental health and issues related to grief. Research includes kinship care in Mississippi, human trafficking in Mississippi and enhancing students understanding of poverty. She has presented at numerous workshops on these topics.



DR. ANGELA GADDIS

Option #3 | 1pm-4pm | 3.0 CEUs

“Christian Social Work Approaches to Substance Use Disorders and/or Co-occurring Disorders”

Presenter: Ken Smith | **Location:** Salon 1

Persons with co-occurring disorders-those who suffer from co-existing mental health and substance use disorders-need skillful assessment and treatment. The workshop aims to assist direct service Christian social workers with specific tools and strategies designed to increase positive outcomes for these challenging clients. Particular focus will be given to evidence based “integrative” approaches as well as Christian spiritual approaches. In addition to the didactic material, case presentations will be discussed with audience participation invited.



KENNETH SMITH

Kenneth Smith holds a MSW degree from the University of Tennessee and a Master of Theological Studies degree from Nations University. He is a North Carolina Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Licensed Clinical Addictions Specialist, and Certified Clinical Supervisor with more than 35 years clinical experience. He has been an active member of NACSW for 40 years, serving on the NACSW Board of Directors from 1987-1990. He has presented numerous workshops at NACSW regional and national conventions, and has published papers and book reviews for *Social Work and Christianity*.

Ken currently serves as Clinical Coordinator for Community Mental Health at the Cape Fear Valley Hospital System in Fayetteville, NC.

Ken has a passion for integration evidence-based clinical practice with Biblical faith principles.

Option #4 | 1pm-4pm | 3.0 CEUs

“Humility & Power: A Path for Leadership Development in Communities of Color”

Presenter: Ryn Farmer & Alexis Christensen | **Location:** Salon 3

Communities of color are often marginalized and alienated from their surrounding neighborhoods and from critical community processes that directly affect their quality of life. This preconvention session will examine power dynamics that exist and explore organizing within communities of color, specifically using cultural humility, intersectionality, grassroots leadership development, and spirituality as tools to mobilize and grow communities from within.



RYN FARMER

Kathryn “Ryn” Farmer, MSW, LSW, RA received a BSW from Taylor Univ. and a MSW degree from Baylor Univ. with a concentration in Community Practice and a Specialization in Strategies to Transform Poverty. Ryn is the Chair of the Northwest Ohio Rescue and Restore Coalition, a board member for both the Ohio Alliance to End Sexual Violence and the Bluffton Child Development Center. She is also a member of NASW and NACSW. She currently serves as the Rape Crisis and Anti-Human Trafficking Director at Crime Victim Services in Northwest Ohio.



RAVEN LOAIZA

Raven Loaiza, MSW, LSW, RA, is a Licensed Social Worker and currently works as the Regional Rape Crisis Coordinator with Crime Victim Services in Northwest Ohio. She holds Bachelors degrees in Social Work and in Criminal Justice from Wright State University. Raven has a Masters degree in Social Work from the University of Louisville.

Thursday, November 2, 2017

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Hours: 8:00am–2:00pm; 4:00pm–7:00pm; 9:00pm–10:00pm

5:00pm-7:00pm | Exhibits & Networking | No CE hours

Visit the exhibits in the **corridor near Salon C**, meet up with old friends and colleagues, and make new acquaintances and connections.

7:00pm-8:30pm | Opening Plenary Session | 1.0 CE hour

Meet us in the **Salon AB** where we will enjoy the music of Kesslyn & Friends and hear Rev. Dr. William Barber speak about Racial and Economic Equality and Justice in Our Time.

Sponsored by Western Theological Seminary

“Racial and Economic Equality and Justice in Our Time”



REV. DR. WILLIAM BARBER

Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II is the architect of the Forward Together Moral Movement that gained national acclaim with its Moral Monday protests at the North Carolina General Assembly in 2013. These weekly actions drew tens of thousands of North Carolinians and other moral witnesses to the state legislature.

A highly sought after speaker, he has keynoted hundreds of national and state conferences, including the 2016 Democratic National Convention. He has spoken to a wide variety of audiences including national unions, fraternities and sororities, motorcycle organizations, drug dealer conferences, women’s groups, economic policy voting rights LGBTQ groups, environmental and criminal justice groups, small organizing committees of domestic workers, fast food workers, Christians, Muslims, Jews, atheists and others.

A former Mel King Fellow at MIT, he is currently Visiting Professor of Public Theology and Activism at Union Theological Seminary in the City of New York and is a Senior Fellow at Auburn Seminary. Dr. Barber is regularly featured in media outlets such as MSNBC, CNN, New York Times, Washington Post and The Nation Magazine, among others. He is the 2015 recipient of the Puffin Award and the Franklin D. Roosevelt Four Freedoms Award.

In addition, Rev. Barber is the Chairman of Rebuilding Broken Places Community Development Corporation, which has developed or inspired over seven million dollars in community development. He has written *Preaching Through Unexpected Pain* and has been host of two radio shows, *CATCH the Fire*, and *Praise with a Purpose*.

Rev. Barber has a B.A. Degree in Public Administration from North Carolina Central University, a Master of Divinity Degree from Duke University School of Divinity, and a Doctoral Degree from Drew University in Madison, NJ.

Music

Kesslyn Brade Stennis, along with several social work friends, will lead praise and worship. This is an interactive group, so join in and sing along!



KESSLYN AND FRIENDS

8:30pm-10:00pm | Opening Reception and | No CE hours Poster Presentations

Join us for fellowship and light refreshments in the **corridor near Salon C**. Please visit the reception to review the poster presentations and speak to the NACSW presenters. Poster presentation information can be found on NACSW’s web site at: www.nacsw.org.

Friday, November 3, 2017

Registration Desk located in the corridor near Salon C.
Hours: 7:45am–11:45am; 12:45pm–6:15pm; 7:15pm–7:45pm

8:00am-8:30am | Worship/Devotions | No CE hours

Worship song and devotions led by **Dhan Gurung** – “*A Transformational Journey into Christianity*”. Located in **Salon AB**.

8:45am-9:45am | Workshops – Session A | 1.0 CE hour

9:45am-10:15am | Coffee Break

Join us in the **corridor near Salon C** for beverages and light breakfast items and networking.

Sponsored by Azusa Pacific University, Campbellsville University (Carver School of SW) and Liberty University

10:15am-11:15am | Workshops – Session B | 1.0 CE hour

11:30am-12:45pm | Alan Keith-Lucas Lecture | 1.0 CE hr

“It’s All a Part of the Same Story:

How Building Communities from the Inside Out Begins within Each of Us and Extends Outward”

This presentation, held in **Salon AB**, will begin with a song of worship led by **Dhan Gurung**, followed by a presentation that seeks to highlight difficult conversations about race relations in the US already taking place in the social work community. The presenter will provide a Biblical context and mandates to advocate against racial oppression on the micro- and macro-levels of social work practice.

Sponsored by Garland School of Social Work – Baylor University



DR. TANYA BRICE

Dr. Tanya Brice, PhD, is Dean of the School of Health and Human Services at Benedict College. Born and raised in Greenville, SC, she has earned a BSW from SC State Univ., a MSW from the Univ. of SC, and a PhD in Social Work from the Univ. of NC at Chapel Hill. Her research centers on addressing issues of structural violence specifically as it relates to the impact of those structures on African American people. She has several publications that focus on the development of the social welfare system by African American women for African American children; as well as publications that document structural barriers to African American families. She has taught and lectured all over the USA, as well as in Ghana, Sweden, Uganda and the Republic of Moldova.

Lunch Break | Lunch on your own

Find a friend or colleague and enjoy lunch at the hotel or locally. A restaurant list and a Group Meeting list are in your registration bag.

2:00pm-3:30pm | Workshops – Session C | 1.5 CE hours

3:30pm-4:00pm | Networking

Take a few minutes to relax and network.

4:00pm-5:00pm | Workshops – Session D | 1.0 CE hour

5:15pm-6:15pm | Workshops – Session E | 1.0 CE hour

Dinner on your own

Find a friend or colleague and enjoy dinner at the hotel or in Charlotte! Check your registration bag for a local restaurant guide.

7:30pm-9:00pm | Educator’s Forum | Location TBA

9:00pm-10:00pm | NACSW Fun Night | Location TBA

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Saturday, November 4, 2017

Registration Desk located in the corridor near Salon C.
Hours: 7:45am–11:45am; 12:45pm–4:45pm; 5:45pm–6:45pm; 9pm–9:45pm

8:00am-8:30am | Worship/Devotions | No CE hours

Worship song led by **Rebekah & Sarah Darrah**, followed by devotions by **Julia Pizzuto Pomaco** – “*Changing the Change Agent: A Reflection on Luke 18: 18-30*”. Located in **Salon AB**.

8:45am-9:45am | Workshops – Session F | 1.0 CE hour

9:45am-10:15am | Coffee Break

Join us in the **corridor near Salon C** for networking while enjoying beverages and light breakfast items.

Sponsored by Azusa Pacific University, Campbellsville University (Carver School of SW) and Liberty University

10:15am-11:15am | Workshops – Session G | 1.0 CE hour

11:30am-12:45pm | Community Conversation | No CE hours

Each year NACSW invites its members and friends to gather at the convention for a community conversation to share a brief update on the “State of the State” of NACSW, to build community, and to ask for feedback regarding important issues with which NACSW is wrestling and that have the potential to shape NACSW’s future. This year’s meeting will take place in **Salon AB** and will begin with worship led by **Rebekah & Sarah Darrah**. In addition, the **Diana R. Garland Award** will be presented during this session.

Lunch Break | Lunch on your own

Find a friend or colleague and enjoy lunch at the hotel or locally. A restaurant list and a Group Meeting list are in your registration bag.

2:00pm-3:15pm | Workshops – Session H | 1.25 CE hours

3:30pm-4:30pm | Workshops – Session I | 1.0 CE hour

4:45pm-5:45pm | Workshops – Session J | 1.0 CE hour

6:45pm-9:15pm | Evening Banquet | 1.0 CE hour

Join us in the **Salon AB** for the Evening Banquet, which includes a presentation by **Rev. Bill Stanfield** and entertainment by **Crazy4Jesus**.

Banquet Sponsored by George Fox University • Speaker Sponsored by Union University

“It’s All a Part of the Same Story: How Building Communities from the Inside Out Begins within Each of Us and Extends Outward”



REV. BILL STANFIELD

One does not have to have worked in distressed communities for long to recognize that the desire to advocate for peace, justice and reconciliation does not necessarily lead to more peace, justice and reconciliation. Often our advocacy leaves us angry, agitated and disconnected from those we sought to serve. The antidote to such feelings can be found in how we approach our relationships with God and one another as we engage to do the work of God’s beloved community.

Rev. Bill Stanfield holds a Bachelors Degree in History from the Univ. of NC at Chapel Hill and a Masters of Divinity Degree from Princeton Theological Seminary. Rev. Stanfield is a graduate of the SC Governor’s School for Economic Development, The SC Department of Commerce Economic Developer’s School and the SC Community Development Institute of Clemson University, Benedict College and the SC Association of CDCs.

Rev. Bill Stanfield is a co-founder of the Metanoia Community Development Corporation of North Charleston where he currently serves as the Chief Executive Officer. Rev. Stanfield is also an associate minister at St. Matthew Baptist church.

Entertainment: Crazy4Jesus

The members of Crazy4Jesus are from the Democratic Republic of the Congo in Africa. They are all sons of Salvation Army officers, and have been singing together for more than 20 years. The members of Crazy4Jesus love Jesus and their passion is to sing praises to Him, singing mostly acapella and sometime accompanied by acoustic guitar. This group came to the United States in June 2000 to participate in the Salvation Army International Congress and decided to stay to continue their music ministry in the United States.



CRAZY4JESUS

Sunday, November 5, 2017

Registration Desk located in the corridor near Salon C.
Hours: 8:00am–8:30am; 10:00am–10:45am

For the first time in its 67 year history, NACSW is excited to announce that we will close down Convention 2017 on Sunday, November 5th by worshiping at a community church in downtown Charlotte (instead of holding our own separate worship service in the convention hotel as has been our tradition in the past). Interested convention participants will carpool and share Uber rides to one or two churches in the downtown area depending on how many participate.

Restaurants nearby will be suggested for lunch on your own.

After lunch, those who are interested may then join the group visiting the nearby Museum of the New South, a unique and interactive museum housing the nation’s most comprehensive interpretation of post-Civil War Southern history. This tour will include a special focus on the Civil Rights Movement and its many accomplishments. (www.museumofthenewsouth.org)

We hope you plan to join us for this special time together on Sunday, November 5th to wrap up Convention 2017 in Charlotte!

Workshop Schedules

NOTE: Workshop days, times, and rooms are listed on the workshop schedule in your registration packet.

A full listing of workshop abstracts is located on pages 6 -13 of this brochure.

Diana R. Garland Award: 2017 Recipient



J. ANNETTE WARD

J. Annette Ward is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker for more than 16 years working in the public mental health system with a concentration in families and children, and also a Senior Lecturer at Appalachian State University, as well as a direct practitioner in Christian Counseling Ministry. The Diana R. Garland Award will be presented to Annette during the NACSW Community Conversation meeting on Saturday.

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), www.aswb.org, 1-800-225-6880, through the Approved Continuing Education (ACE) Program – ASWB Approval Period: 1/27/15 through 1/27/18. NACSW maintains responsibility for the program.

As an ACE provider, NACSW is able to offer CE hours for all workshop sessions, plenary and panel sessions, and pre-convention institutes. Only three convention sessions do not award CE hours: Poster Presentations, Community Conversation Meeting, and Sunday Worship. If you are to attend one full-day pre-convention institute, all plenary and panel sessions, and one workshop during each workshop time slot, you are eligible to earn 19.25 continuing education contact hours.

To receive CE hour credits, an additional \$40 registration fee is required to cover CE booklet printing and certificate administration. Attendees that register for CE hours will receive a CE booklet that lists each workshop, pre-convention institute, and plenary session eligible for CE hours for the entire convention. Refer to the schedule of events on page two of this brochure to view the number of CE hours awarded for each session.

NOTE: The final authority for approving any continuing education activity rests with the state or province in which the participant is licensed. Licensed social workers should contact their individual state jurisdiction to review current continuing education requirements for licensure renewal. Visit ASWB's website at www.ASWB.org for further information.

To access additional information about Convention CE eligible sessions, please visit www.nacsw.org.

In order to receive credit for attending a CE eligible session, attendees must:

- Attend the entire session
- Complete and turn in an evaluation form for that session
- Have their CE attendance booklet stamped by the session moderator
- Return the completed booklet to NACSW after the last session.

Attendance at CE eligible sessions is tracked through the NACSW CE booklet. At the conclusion of the convention, please deposit the completed CE booklet at the registration table. CE certificates will be mailed within 30 days of receipt of the completed CE booklet.

Workshops

Listed alphabetically by primary presenter's last name.

The Fine Print

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

Compassion & Truth: A Christian Social Work Response to Transgender Issues

Paul Adams, DSW

How can Christians integrate faith with compassionate, competent practice with transgender youth while rejecting a gender ideology that denies the truth about the human person, sex, gender, and the nature of truth itself? Challenges are examined of helping those with gender dysphoria in settings hostile to faith, conscience, and ethical practice.

CIM Therapy Use Among Prostate Cancer Survivors in Arkansas: A Pilot Study

Raymond Adams, MSW

The use of complementary and integrative medicine among African American Prostate Cancer Survivors (AAPCS) is a relatively new area of inquiry within the field of social work practice. Little is known regarding the relationship between Complementary and Integrative Medicine (CIM) usage, treatment adherence, and decision making among this group.

Meta-Synthesis of Spiritual Experiences of Black Students in White Colleges

A Christson Adedoyin, PhD, MSW; Leslie Tyree, BSW, BS, MSW; Erin Carley, BA

This study presents the result of a qualitative interpretive meta-synthesis (QIMS) of over 20 years of study investigating the role of spirituality and religiosity in the academic experiences, success, or otherwise of black students in (faith-based) predominantly white institutions (PWIs). Implications for social work programs are presented.

Leading Dispersed Teams

Sharlene Allen, Ed.D, LCSW-C

Human service organizations are engaging in dispersed work to stay competitive. Dispersed work, also known as tele-work has benefits and drawbacks for the human service employer and employee. This workshop will help participants understand key elements, pros and cons, of dispersed work and the best leadership style for leading dispersed teams.

Maintaining Your Social Work Christian Faith

Barbara Anderson, DSW, LCSW, BCD, MAC

Being a Christian and a social worker can often be a difficult task. This workshop will examine the opportunities and challenges with maintaining our Christian faith while being a social worker. Participants will learn about practical methods that can be beneficial with maintaining our Christian faith.

Training Social Work Students as Mentors for Advocacy with Children At Risk

Denise Anderson; PhD, LSW; Brynn Williams, Student

The study presented explores the benefit of training for applied/community-based learning that enhances cultural competence at the start of the educational journey. Discussion includes feedback from students, teachers and administrators after mentoring at-risk 10-12 year old children in a diverse school environment.

Religiosity and Happiness Among the Homeless Population

Packiaraj Arumugham, PhD, MSW

This study sought to examine religiosity and happiness among the homeless population. Religious Belief Scale, Oxford Happiness Questionnaire, and socio-demographic items were used to collect data. The preliminary analysis of the data reveals that there is no correlation between the study participants' religiosity and their happiness.

A Model of Trauma-Informed, Community Living for Homeless Services

Stephen Baldrige, PhD, LMSW

This presentation will detail a model of trauma-informed care in homeless services. This unique model includes intentional community-based living paired with small-scale mixed-income housing along with other housing first based methods to increase sufficiency, self-esteem, and community among individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

Qualitative Study of MSW Student Scripture Reflections/Ethics Integration

Randy J. Baxter, PhD, MSW, LMSW; Dorothea Epple, PhD, LMSW

The purpose of this qualitative research study is to examine MSW student's perceptions of the integration of the values in the social work code of ethics with reflections on Matthew 25, Biblical Parables, Beatitudes and the Twenty Third Psalm. An MSW cohort class process is the foundation for the research to be conducted using content analysis.

Transformative Narratives: Using the Expressive Arts

Joyous Bethel, PhD; Leonora Foels, PhD, LICSW, LCSW

This experiential presentation will engage participants in educational and interactive conversations to foster peace, justice, and social change. Participants are afforded opportunities to engage in dialogue, self-reflection, and creative expression, all focused on advancing social justice, transformation, and reconciliation.

Songs as Social Commentary

Cini Bretzlaff-Holstein, DSW, LSW; Karlyn Boens, BSW Student; Allison Gartman, BSW Student

Presented by students and faculty, this workshop will present a course assignment from a BSW social welfare course in which students engaged with the power of music as a form of commentary on social issues, and its direct or indirect relationship to social work and/or social welfare policy.

Reparations as a Key to Reconciliation with Communities of Slavery Descent

Pamela Bridgeman, LCSW, MAC, MA; Debbie Kemp, MA, MPA, PhD

This seminar will address reconciling reparations using four suggested cornerstones: restore, repair, reclaim and revive the communities of slavery descent. Our intent is to focus on current research trends and open honest dialogue about how individuals in the social work field can adequately address and promote social justice.

Assessment of Inherent Motivation: A Layman's Tool for Effective Intervention

Ronald Brown, MA, LCCA, LCPAA

Attributed to the trauma of abuse and neglect, children's developmental delays are calculated on vectors of loci of information/control: "Closed", "Inward", "Outward", and "Open" styles: a simple, practical tool that describes, assesses, and recommends interventions for children, depending upon their relative positions on these vectors.

Who Is My Neighbor? Teaching Refugee Care from a Social Justice Perspective

Ann-Marie Buchanan PhD, MSW, LMSW; Mioara Diaconu, PhD, MSA, MSW; Laura Racovita-Szilagyi, PhD, MSW

Using the lens of social work ethics, as well as Christian and non-Judeo-Christian cultural values, this presentation will outline the foundation for refugee care from a social justice perspective. In addition, the presentation will address ways in which this can be implemented in practice and in social work education.

Mothering, Mentoring, and Sex Trafficking: Where does Christianity fit?

Lena Chavis, PhD, LCSW

Dr. Lena Chavis will explain the connections between three seemingly unrelated topics of her research interests: mentoring, mothering and human trafficking intervention. Dr. Chavis will explain how the assumed border between integrating social work and faith is, in reality, seamless and will present a coined concept of "Christian synergy."

Moral Entanglements for Christian Students Entering Field Education

Alex Colvin, PhD, LMSW; Angela Bullock; PhD, LMSW

For Christian students entering field practicum environments many experiences impact their morals, values, and beliefs. Consequently, the student may struggle with balancing their faith with their profession obligations of service to client populations. This workshop will offer a dialogue on the role of Christianity in the social work field education.

Meaning Making of Spirituality Among African American Youth: A Gender Focus

Dennis Corbin, MSW, PhD; Dexter Voisin, MSW, PhD

Spirituality is an important concept for many African Americans. Several studies have explored the significance of spirituality in the lives of African American adults, few have examined African American young adults' conceptualizations of spirituality. Qualitative interviews were conducted (N=40).

Integrating Faith into Practice: A Professor and Student View

Elke Cox, MSW, LCSW; Michaela Frantz, Student

This workshop provides social work practitioners, educators, and students with a spiritual perspective into self-care, spiritual assessment, and spiritual integration into interviewing skills from the view of a professor and student. The professor will share practical exercises. The student will give the perspective from the classroom experience.

Immigration & the Travel Ban: The Mistreatment of Immigrants

Nicole Darden, BSW Student; V. LeAna Brown-Scott, BSW Student

There are significant changes within the United States that greatly affect immigrants that have relocated to seek a better life. With the rise of immigration there is also the rise of different religions in the country. This proposal will look at recent policy changes, how immigrants have been affected, and how immigration helped build this country.

Faith and Field

Linda Darrell, LCSW-C, PhD; Thelma Rich, MSW, LCSW

This workshop addresses the ethical inclusion of spirituality within the pedagogy of social work education. Field internships become the opportunity for social work students to put into practice the theories and knowledge they have obtained within the classroom. Spirituality as part of the field practicum is the vehicle to achieve this.

When Refuge is Refused: Loving the Sojourner in the Midst of Strife

Alexandra Davie, BS

No one chooses persecution, war, or to abandon all they have known. Refugees are fleeing from the problem, yet are being treated as the problem. Refugee status, relevant laws, and how Christian social workers are responding to the largest humanitarian catastrophe of this century will be examined using a Biblical framework.

Thinking Outside The Box: Reaching Inner City Children

Desiree Davis, PhD Candidate

This is the story of how one church is working with the children in their inner city community. The outreach program started with the church providing transportation to the children for Vacation Bible School and now extends to the church members bringing the children to church each week.

Finding Strengths in the Midst of Human Devastation: A Study of Strengths in New Refugees in Greece

Katherine Diehl, MSW; Gaynor Yancey, DSW

This session will focus on utilizing asset mapping skills to assess the strengths of refugees in a resettlement camp. Utilization of this assessment was used in the refugee camp in Oraiokastro, Greece in the summer of 2016.

Designing Spiritually-Sensitive Death Education to Promote Peace

Jana Donahoe, LCSW, PhD

This interactive workshop examines ethical and general components of death education. Participants will learn to assess death anxiety and design diverse death education programs to make them culturally and spiritually relevant to meet the needs of various client population groups.

Reflections of Christian Social Workers on LGBT Advocacy Work

Rene Drumm, PhD

This presentation highlights findings from a qualitative study of 20 Christian professional social workers who self-identify as LGBT advocates. The results show that these social workers hold a broad range of religious beliefs about sexual orientation and engage in advocacy actions in accordance with their beliefs and social work values.

Developing Spiritually Sensitive Human Service Organizations

Jim Dudley, PhD, LCSW

Every human service agency has the capacity to become a "spiritually sensitive organization." This workshop will describe several organizational issues that need to be addressed for this to happen. Social workers are encouraged to seek an active role in helping their agencies become more spiritually sensitive. Helpful exercises will be included.

How in the World Do We Integrate Faith & Social Work Education?!

Sheri Duffy, MSW, LCSW

Social work is a profession that is difficult to explain and often misunderstood. Many question how in the world Christ and faith can be part of such a liberal discipline. That's simple – God is in everything! This workshop will present participants with a better understanding and practical ways of integrating faith and social work.

Project: Human – Creating Dialogue, Embracing Change

David Edwards, PhD, LBSW; Tristi Ogden

Based in research and informed by experience, this presentation highlights the work of Project: Human, and demonstrates that community members and police departments can work together to implement meaningful changes in attitudes and actions that show respect for the fact that we are all... human.

Social Workers Can Suffer from Moral Injury Too
Lanny Endicott, D.Min, LCSW, LMFT

Moral injury, a term recently used in working with military veterans experiencing values conflicts for something done, failed to do, or witness to acts that violate deeply held values, can be applied to professional social workers as well. Discussion examines moral injury: what it is, its symptoms, and some options for addressing.

Unity In Diversity? Christian Nonprofit Organizations In Civil Society

Abby Foreman, MSW

Nonprofit organizations are increasingly connected to the government through funding or regulations regarding employment and healthcare policy. In a time of increasing tension around both religious freedom and concerns regarding discrimination, how might we understand the role of religious nonprofits in social services?

Bridging the Gap Together: Decreasing the Social Distance Between Groups

*Jennifer Frank, PhD, LSW, MSW;
Heather Girvin, PhD; Laura Granruth, PhD*

Changes in community influence the degree to which diverse economic groups interact. Our study uses a structured experiential learning event where freshman social work majors connect with individuals in rural poverty to explore the effects of minimizing this social distance. Implications for policy, programs, and pedagogy will be disseminated.

The Impact of Officer Knowledge on Interacting with People with Mental Illness

*Nashira Funn, LCSW, Doctoral Candidate;
Ryan Tillman, Officer*

This presentation provides research results from a qualitative Phenomenological study regarding the impact of law enforcements' knowledge on interactions with people with mental illness. It will then be presented from an officer providing insight as well as discussing real life situations and factors that influence decision making. It concludes with real life community application.

Nuts and Bolts of Fundraising from a Faith-Based Perspective

John Gavin, MSW

Many worthy causes and programs lack the financial support needed to fulfill their missions because their leaders lack fundraising knowledge and experience. This presentation provides an overview of fundraising concepts and methods from a faith perspective. Participants will share and develop their plans for enhancing their fundraising program.

Combatting Human Trafficking in Gateway and Destination Cities

Elizabeth Goatley, PhD, MSSW

This presentation seeks to address the emergent community process of addressing human trafficking in both gateway and destination cities. Additionally, this presentation analyzes the role of faith communities and congregations in providing for the needs of human trafficking victims and the differing perspectives of its prevalence.

Veterans Care Ministry: Ministry Practices Focused On Moral Injuries Of War

Tommy Goode, DMin

The role of the church is crucial to the support available to veterans; those who have returned from war, those mobilized to hostile assignments, those now aging with declining health and wellness, and the families of those who served. Moral injuries require remedies that result in soul repair through a collaborative model of ministry.

Oral Histories and Life Intersection: Heroes from Vietnam

Lori Goss-Reaves, DSW, LCSW, MSW

Oral history methodology and techniques will be explained in this presentation. Designed to honor the legacy of four men who served together in Vietnam, this research project revealed truths about the heart of a Veteran and the impact of war. Thirty years after their service, healing emerged as their lives intersected once more.

Binding up our Nation's Wounds: An Ethic of Inclusion

Mari Ann Graham, PhD, LISW

An integral ethics framework will assist participants in exploring the subtle ways they get trapped in boxes of their own making that undermine their intentions to actually be inclusive. They will reflect on how they get stuck, and on how they can get "un-stuck," so that they can engage in more genuinely compassionate dialogue with less fear.

Standing in the Nexus: Social Work, the Church, and Social Justice

Isaac Gusukuma, PhD, LMSW-IPR, ACSW

Social workers address issues at many levels. While a person cannot address all issues, discernment with passion, energy, and recognition of personal and professional responsibility are required of social workers who stand within a church. This presentation encourages participants to discuss issues of social justice and church participation.

Evidence of Faith in the German Social Work Approach to Refugees

*Rachel Hagues, PhD, MSW;
David Cecil, PhD, LICSW*

This study examines the practice approaches of German social work related to refugee resettlement between 2014 and 2016 and the evidence of faith integration. Data collection occurred in two regions of Germany and focused on Preparation and Training, Refugees' Greatest Needs, Coping and Faith, and Recommendations for Universities and Churches.

Teaching Mindfulness to Social Work Students

Stephanie Hamm, MSW, PhD

As mindfulness in social work practice becomes more salient, students must grow in mindfulness that will increase their own spirituality, as well as enhance treatment for clients. The efficacy of teaching mindfulness was tested using the MMFQ in two graduate Social Work and Spirituality courses.

Staying at a Pet-Friendly Shelter for Homeless Adults, With Their Pet

Sandra Harp, MSW

Pet-friendly shelters are relatively new phenomena. Fear of separation from a pet oftentimes prevents individuals' connections to shelter and services. Far too many risk basic needs as a result. My research draws on the voices of the homeless with pets staying at a pet-friendly shelter, in order to better understand their perspectives.

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

Anthony Harris, LCSW, LADC

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.

The Generational Blessing of Adoption: The Story Continues

*Helen Harris, EdD, LCSW; Jennifer Hale, MSN RN
CHPN; Beth Oldham, LMSW; Caitlynn Powell*

In this revisiting of a 2013 NACSW workshop, the adoption narrative is explored through interactive presentation from birth mother and the child she raised and adoptive mother and the child she raised. The narrative is enhanced with shared grand parenting with the birth of the next generation.

Christianity and Sexual Orientation in Social Work Practice: A Conversation

*Helen Harris, EdD, LCSW; Adrienne Dessel, PhD,
LMSW; Denise Levy, PhD, LCSW, REACE; et al*

This workshop builds on an NACSW 2016 intergroup dialogue workshop on Christianity and sexual orientation. Participants will engage in safe conversation on various topics, including freedom of religion; self-determination; socialization and person-in-environment impact; ethical integration of faith and practice, and evidence-based practice.

Following His Orphans Even Into Death: Dr. Janusz Korczak, Holocaust Hero

Scott Hartblay, MSW; Maureen Holland; MSW

Dr. Janusz Korcsak provides inspiration to social workers who work with oppressed children and families in dire circumstances. He was a famous pediatrician, children's author, child development theorist and orphanage director in Poland during the Holocaust. He refused to be hidden from the Nazis, and accompanied his orphans to the gas chamber.

Religion, Ethics, & Professional Practice: An Ethical Decision-making Model

*Margo Heydt, EdD, LISW-S, Timothy Severyn,
MTS, MSW, LSW*

This introduces an ethical decision-making model employing diversity & spiritual self-reflection to resolve ethical dilemmas at micro & macro levels. Team-taught by social work & theology professors, this religion, ethics, & professional practice undergraduate course examines the influence of religious values on a justified reasoning process.

Faith, Finances, Future: Social Work and Financial Capability

Anthony Hill, PhD, LICSW, CFSW, ACSW; Kesslyn Stennis, PhD, MSW, MDiv

Money has a fundamental impact on one's aspirations and quality of life. Financial social work, an emerging field of practice, empowers individuals to increase their financial capability and holistic well-being. Approaching financial social work practice from a spiritual perspective can provide the foundation for sound, long-term financial decisions.

The Peak Performers Program: Empowering At-Risk Youth Through Soft Skills

Joseph Holland, BA, MA, Cornell University; JD, Harvard Law

The Peak Performers Program ("PPP") is a holistic approach designed to foster better life skills and, consequently, higher academic performance in at-risk youth. The PPP workshop demonstrates how middle-schoolers and high-schoolers can be empowered by inculcating strategies like personal responsibility, time and peer management and vision-casting.

Love Across Enemy Lines: Exploring Forces that Draw Us Together and Apart

Lisa Hosack, PhD, LMSW

We are called to reflect a God who loves all persons. But few of us interact regularly enough with different others to grow in love. This workshop explores several social psychological realities. Understanding our natural biases is critical to forming authentic relationships. Practical suggestions for loving diverse others will be emphasized.

Strengthening Critical Thinking in Social Policy

Jane Hoyt-Oliver, LISW-S, PhD

Students often "don't like" social policy. In many cases this dislike stems from the harsh rhetoric that has been a part of current political discourse. The presenter created a semester-long exercise that allows students to "jump in to the political river without drowning." They strengthen critical thinking skills and political decision-making.

Good Grief: The Power of Groups in Bereavement

Rhonda Hudson, PhD, LCSW

This presentation will identify, with practice examples, appropriate and inappropriate helping behaviors individuals use when experiencing grief, describe the relationship between personal attitudes and experiences and one's effectiveness in recovering from the loss of a loved one, and describe the characteristics of complicated grieving process.

Retention and Persistence in Online BSW Programs: Related or Not?

Robert Jesiolowski, LCSW; Twyla Lee, LCSW; Jessie Pablo, MSW

Online social work education programs are a growing method for obtaining degrees (Kurzman, 2013). Online programs are shown to have lower completion rates by as much as 10-20% (Russo-Gleicher, 2014). Research on the development of persistence in students in online higher education programs is identifying a key to increased retention.

Processes of Change in Homicidal Bereavement

Shannon Johnson, PhD, MSW, MPP; Brooks Zitzmann, LCSW

The homicide of a loved one is a life-altering loss that sparks a change process that is, for many, driven by spirituality. This workshop will focus on the processes that drive change among homicide survivors. It will also explore how insight into these processes can inform practice with homicide survivors.

Creating, Optimizing, Practices for Endurance (COPE)

Dezette Johnson, MSW, PhD; Dr. LaSonya Townsend; MSW, DSW; Asha Sims; LPC

People experiencing stress or have a history of trauma are seeking complementary alternative treatment approaches to assist with the alleviation of symptoms. The COPE Program provides alternative means of coping by using yoga, mindfulness, meditation, essential oils, Reiki, and diet. COPE promotes behavioral health.

An Intergeneration Perspective on Black Women and Police Brutality

Sheila Joyner-Pritchard, MSW; Freddie Minniefield, MSW; Minna Pritchard, BA

Presenters uniquely reflect on racial, gender, transgender and intergenerational implications of Police Brutality as related to black women specifically and women of color generally based on the presenters own experiences.

Conflict Resolution & Recovering Human Trafficking Victims: A Pilot Program

Kay Julien, M.Ed, PhD

Conflict resolution skills help individuals increase their ability to self-manage in conflict, but what of their efficacy or relevance with those who have diminished capacities for the self awareness required? Findings and challenges of a faith-based pilot conflict coaching program for recovering female human trafficking victims will be presented.

Prayerful Wording: How "Sanctuary City" Divisiveness Can Be Overcome

Denise Keane, LCSW

"Sanctuary City" has become a rallying cry at one end of the political spectrum, and a symbol for lawlessness on the other. As communities are asked to choose between the false dichotomy of supporting sanctuary for undocumented persons or hating immigrants, Christian social workers can play a vital role in peaceful policy making.

Factors Impacting the Academic Retention of African American Male Students

Dorrance Kennedy, EdD, LCSW

The purpose of this study is to determine the factors that African American males identified as influencing their retention in higher education. The purpose is also to discover African American males' perceptions of their freshman year experiences and how the university's initiatives influenced their decision to return their sophomore year.

Cross-Cultural Experiences of Widowhood: American and Ghanaian Akan Widows

Rose Korang-Okrah, PhD, MSW; Amanda Keys, PhD, LCSW; Tiffany Havlin, PhD, LCSW; Regina Russell, LCSW

This workshop presents a cross-cultural study of widowhood experiences between Akan widows in Ghana and widowed women in Springfield, Missouri. Through the lens of "Universality without Uniformity," the study explores the culturally widespread and diverse experiences of widowhood on widows' responses and experiences of existential issues.

The State of Foster Care: The Ohio Study

Kenneth Larimore, PhD, LISW-S

Through work of the Ohio Association of Child Caring Agency in Ohio, they developed and implemented the OACCA Outcomes Data Project to empower member agencies in strategically evaluating the services provided to children in foster care. Is foster care working? This presentation will give an overview of the study and the results.

Poverty: Lubbock Impact Free Clinic Reaching Toward Social Justice

Debra Lavender-Bratcher, PhD, LCSW

This workshop will provide discussion from a research project with social workers and medical students who work at the Lubbock Impact Free Clinic in Lubbock, Texas. The participants explore their own attitudes toward money through the use of experiential activities such as Money Habitudes.

"I'm Going to Be Me": Bisexual and Pansexual Individuals with a Christian Upbringing

Denise Levy, PhD, LCSW, REACE; Jennifer Harr, MSW

This workshop reports on the presenters' research with bisexual and pansexual individuals with a Christian upbringing. Attendees will learn about the process by which study participants resolved conflicts between sexual identity and religious beliefs and discuss the implications for social workers and faith communities.

The Genesis of Helping: A Biblical Integrative Perspective

Muh Bi Lin, PhD; Leslie Wuest, PhD; Yongqiang Zheng, PhD

The workshop addresses the biblical foundation of a Rationality, Art, and Spirituality Integrated (RASI) practice perspective. Expert opinions will be obtained using Delphi methods in order to enrich and modify the initially articulated practice model. Participants will have opportunities to learn the perspective and critique the model.

Parental Alienation: Parent-Child Reconciliation & Rectification

Monika Logan, MA, LBSW, LPC, LSOTP

Parental alienation is a form of emotional abuse that often goes unrecognized. It usually occurs during a separation and/or divorce and occurs when one parents denigrates the other parent to their child(ren). This form of emotional abuse implores for intervention. Without intervention, family ties can become permanently severed.

Effective Psychotherapy Techniques for Learning Disordered Clients

Jennifer Massey, LISW-CP

Psychotherapy is dependent on learning yet the sciences are addressed separately through schools of social work and education. So when clients with learning disorders seek psychotherapy they face a challenge that too often leads to the statement, "Therapy didn't work for me." This population needs modified therapy techniques.

The Parenting Spectrum: The Challenges and Gifts of Raising a Child with ASD

Sherry Mergner, MSW, LCSW

In this highly personal narrative, the presenter, a mother of a child with ASD and a clinical social worker, describes her own spiritual journey of adjustment to the reality of her child's autism. She highlights important developmental issues as a child with autism progresses from infancy to young adulthood.

Saving Pieces of Me: Compassion Satisfaction

Sally Moore, MSW, LCSW

Are you running on empty? Does your day's work spill over into your personal time? Social workers are good at taking care of their clients; now, it's time to take care of you. Come, reap the benefits and begin your healing journey. Learn simple, practical methods to restore balance and rejuvenate your life; recapture peace and joy.

Right to Quality Education

Ann Elizabeth Moore, Rachel Hagues, PhD

Unequal education exists in many of our nation's urban communities and represents a human rights issue. Educational opportunities for all students, no matter their socioeconomic background, should be a reality in the twenty-first century. By exploring the root of the issues, individuals and organizations can affect change for entire communities.

Empowering Local Churches To Care For Families In Developing Nations

Rebecca Moore, LMSW; Jeffrey Moore, PhD

International organizations and ministries can empower local congregations to meet the needs of families and strengthen their communities. By partnering with local pastors and church leaders, social workers can assist them to evaluate strengths and needs and to develop a plan to support families.

Secondary Trauma of Frontline Child Welfare Work

Kimberly Mudd-Fegett, DSW, MSSW

The realm of social welfare is in crisis; frontline social workers are ill-prepared, poorly supported and hard-pressed to address the secondary traumas they face. Untreated exposure to secondary trauma is painful for the individual worker and can lead to conflict with the worker's inner experience.

Nursing Facility Social Work: Resident Behavioral Challenges and Responses

Dennis Myers PhD, LMSW; Rob Rogers PhD; Harold LeCrone, PhD; Hannah Seela

Workshop participants consider difficult resident behaviors nursing facility social workers encounter, behavioral health roles they enact, and effective practices they apply, based on quantitative/qualitative analyses of twenty in-depth interviews. Opportunities to apply research findings to challenges of the behavioral health role are offered.

Against the Idolatry of Busy-ness

Kristen Nielsen Donnelly, MSW, M.Div, PhD

In this interactive workshop, we'll explore the often discussed but rarely practiced "self-care." This will include a brief theology of rest, a discussion of how valuing yourself is a radical act, a quick history of "Protestant Work Ethic" and how it connects to contemporary America, and some collaborative space to commit to ideas of self-care.

Moral Injury and the American Veteran: Addressing the Moral Wound of War

Timothy Olsen, MSW, LCSW

Moral injury has been defined as: "Perpetrating, failing to prevent, bearing witness to, or learning about acts that transgress deeply held moral beliefs and expectations." This presentation will review the current research and conceptualization of moral injury in the mental health field and efforts to address moral injury in a clinical setting.

Justice for Gerontological Populations: A Meta Analysis of Social Welfare

Linda Openshaw, DSW, LCSW; Elizabeth McLane; Andrew McLane, LMSW

Generally, when people discuss welfare programs, it conjures images of economic waste and superfluous spending. However, recent trends in the growing gerontological population call for expansions of social welfare programs rather than politically motivated budget cuts. The present meta-analysis examines the trends in social welfare spending and need.

Ethical Considerations Regarding the Integration of Clients' Spirituality

Holly Oxhandler, PhD, LMSW

This workshop will present on emerging research that identifies the role of social workers' religion/spirituality (RS) in the processes of ethically and effectively assessing and integrating the clients' RS in mental and behavioral health treatment. Implications and suggestions for social work practice and education will be discussed.

Black Social Workers Matter. Influences of Black Pioneers on the Profession

Amitia Parker, LMSW, PhD Student

The roots of social work are more colorful than they appear. Early in the history of social work, Black social work pioneers contributed to the development of the profession. This presentation situates the development of social work in its full history.

Holistic Case Management for Victims of Trafficking

Rachel Parker, MAIS

This presentation will look at the different needs and areas of service that victims of human trafficking may need to access; identification of partners for potential collaboration to ensure holistic case management and seamless support; and address opportunities for empowerment.

Unity in the Midst of Diversity Dialogue Panel on Racial Reconciliation

Kim Parker, LCSW; Rhonda Hudson, PhD; Laurel Shaler, PhD; 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.

Creating Culturally Responsive Emotional Care Ministries in Black Churches

Jennifer Payne, PhD, LCSW

A way to facilitate healing in Black communities is to establish emotional care ministries (care ministries of concerned clergy and laity who pray together and provide encouragement for congregants who struggle emotionally). This session describes how to establish culturally relevant emotional care ministries in churches, with real-world examples.

On the Nature of Evil in our Times: M. Scott Peck Revisited for Today

Ava Pickard, LCSW

The nature of evil in our times will be re-examined with consideration given to M. Scott Peck's analysis provided in his second book, *The People of the Lie: The Hope for Healing Human Evil* (1998). Peck's suggestion that evil is the result of willful, ongoing sinfulness that should be identified as a clinical diagnosis and relevant today.

Interreligious Dialogue and Social Work: Who is My Neighbor?

Julia Pizzuto-Pomaco, PhD, MSW, MDiv

In this workshop we will receive training on the 5 major religions of the world and how being aware of other's religious practices and beliefs can improve our service to clients and communities. We will learn how interreligious dialogue skills can aid us in understanding our neighbor and advocating for everyone to have the right to practice their religion.

Disrupt and Rebuild: Reporting from the World Meeting of Popular Movements

Linda Plitt Donaldson, MSW, PhD

This workshop will introduce participants to the World Meeting of Popular Movements, a series of annual meetings convened by Pope Francis, starting in 2014, to bring together grassroots leaders around the issues of land, labor, and lodging. This workshop will report on the history of the World Meetings and the outcomes of the 2017 World Meeting.

Injury and Soul Repair

Harry Quiett, MDiv, ThM

Moral Injury is a relatively new term describing severe trauma in active military and veterans. It is a step beyond PTSD and is recognized as a spiritual crisis. Thus it has a deep theological root as well as social dimension.

The Role of Spirituality in Disaster Preparedness: Are Our Students Ready?

*Laura Racovita-Szilagyi, PhD, MSW;
Ronda Christman, PhD, MSN, MA, RN;
Sonia Wrate, MSN, RN*

This presentation highlights results from a mixed method study exploring MSW students' perceptions of the role of spirituality and their level of comfort in providing crisis intervention following an emergency preparedness inter-professional simulation. Implications and applications to social work education will be presented.

Mental Health Stigma: Implications for Advocacy and Justice

Emily Raduns

This presentation will explore the factors related to mental health stigma among students at a medium-sized religious university, including education, contact, and religious fundamentalism. The implications for social work education and general education will be discussed.

Helping Couples with Emotional and Spiritual Healing after Infidelity

*Janice Rasheed, MSW, LCSW, PhD;
Mikal Rasheed, MSW, LCSW, PhD*

This workshop will guide practitioners in helping couples who are recovering from the emotional turmoil of infidelity, using the Emotionally Focused Couples Therapy Model. This approach will be informed by biblical scriptures to offer the therapist spiritual and clinical insights to help couples to forgive and reconcile.

Integrating Faith in Substance Use Risk Assessment: An SBIRT Model

*Mary Rawlings, PhD, LCSW;
Rachel Castaneda, PhD, MPH*

This workshop provides an overview of a SAMHSA funded, web-based, faith-integrated SBIRT training model aimed to prepare practitioners to be culturally responsive to faith during assessment and interventions for substance use disorder risk. Strategies for implementing SBIRT training into inter-professional disciplinary curricula are highlighted.

I Will Survive: Adjuncts Use of Spiritual Coping in the Online Classroom

Telvis Rich, MSW, LMSW, MA, EdD, PhD

Adjuncts are the growing faculty majority in the United States and are widely used as instructors in social work programs. To best understand the lived experiences of this growing faculty majority, a phenomenological research study was conducted to explore how adjuncts use spiritual coping in social work education to manage the online workplace challenges.

Moving from Safe Spaces to Brave Spaces: Faith Based Social Justice

*Sonya Richardson, MSW, LCSW;
Vanessa Drew-Branch, EdD, LSW*

This presentation will discuss practical strategies for social workers to move from "safe spaces" to "brave spaces" in their commitment to social justice from faith-based lenses. The presentation will explore, inspire, and charge social workers to become socially conscious, social justice change agents. Strategies will be proposed and modeled.

Planning and Implementing a Short-Term Community Service Learning Project

Bobbie Roberts, LCSW

A community service project is an instrumental and innovative tool to engage students in macro practice, while integrating faith and learning. This workshop will demonstrate the practical application of a planning model to a variety of social problems and vulnerable populations, enabling students to produce macro change in their communities.

Gender Responsive Substance Abuse Treatment for Women: What Works?

Amelia Roberts-Lewis, PhD., LCSW

In the past 30 years, research has developed a wide body of literature that indicates gender responsive treatment for women produces better outcomes than traditional programs. This seminar will discuss the need for multi-dimensional programming that addresses co-occurring disorders, trauma, and spirituality. Several evidenced based treatment models will be discussed.

Promoting Emotional Intimacy: The Blessing of Marriage and Family Therapy

*Jonathan C. Robinson, PhD;
Margaret M. Robinson, PhD, LCSW*

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.

Developing an Empowering Model of Refugee Resettlement: A Qualitative Study

Elizabeth Patterson Roe, PhD, MSW, LISW-S

As Christians, we are called to welcome the foreigner who resides among us. Our social work skills can guide us with how to empower some of our most vulnerable immigrants who are refugees. This presentation will describe research based on a qualitative study to support the development of an empowering model of refugee resettlement.

Faith Based, Non-Shelter Responses to Homelessness

Eric Saunders, MSW, LCSW

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.

Working Through Varying Professional Viewpoints on Controversial Issues

*Charles Seitz, PhD, MSW, LCSW;
Michelle Dixon-George, MSW, LCSW*

This discussion-based workshop provides a framework for engaging in civil dialogue regarding controversial topics within social work professional organizations. Research related to the plurality of views on various topics will provide a foundation for identifying common ground and for working through the challenges where differences exist.

Developing the Mindset and Practices for Productive Scholarship & Research

Michael Sherr, PhD

This conference presentation invites educators to begin reflecting upon the mindset and practices attuned to experiencing the joy of productive research and scholarship.

Developing a BSW Degree Completion Program in an Orthodox Jewish Community

David Skiff, PhD

Orthodox Jewish students face similar challenges that Christian students face when attempting to find schools of social work sensitive to their faith perspective. Compatible world views opened the door to the February 2017 launch of a new lock step undergraduate degree completion program from a Christian College in an orthodox Jewish community.

Supervision!: It's More Than You Think

Kenneth Smith, MSW, LCSW, LCAS, CCS

Supervision is a dynamic process that invariably affects both supervisor and supervisee. This workshop will cover the major issues of supervision. Topics include definitions of supervision, supervision models, ethics and legal issues, developmental stages of both supervisor and supervisee, and integration of faith with supervision theory.

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

Terry Smith, EdD, MSW, MDiv

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.

Trauma Informed Care and Brain Development: The Basics

Katti Sneed, PhD, LCSW, MSW, LCAC

Exposure to trauma has been found to alter brain chemistry in children. Therefore, traditional cognitive behavioral treatments are ineffective. This workshop will discuss basic brain functioning and how trauma can disrupt normal brain development. Plus, clinical techniques in working with these children will be introduced.

The Church without Frontiers: Accompanying Churches Welcoming Refugees

Sr. Stephanie Spandl, MSW, LICSW

Acting on the biblical mandate to welcome the stranger, Christian social workers have an important role to play in accompanying congregations that have committed to assisting immigrants. They can help bridge the goodwill of church members with practical knowledge needed to successfully assist immigrant families adjust to a new life and culture.

Use of Spirituality in Healing and Recovery in Substance Abuse Treatment

Amandia Speakes-Lewis, PhD, LCSW

Spirituality represents an aspect of internal strengths used as a coping mechanism when recovering from substance abuse. There is an increased interest in spirituality and the practical application in helping clients to heal & recover from substance abuse. This workshop will examine the context of spirituality in the worker/client relationship.

Individual Development Accounts through Local Congregations

Janessa Steele, MSW student; Terry Wolfer; PhD

Individual Development Accounts are matched savings accounts offered through local institutions that enable participants to save for an asset such as a home or education. This session will introduce the concept, explore ways it can be applied in a church setting, and identify benefits of participation in an IDA program.

Theoretical Perspectives and Models of Community Empowerment

Stephen W. Stoeffler, PhD, MSW, LSW

This presentation provides an overview of theoretical perspectives and models of community empowerment. A particular focus will be on how both the process and product of community empowerment is essential for marginalized communities to obtain social justice.

The Christian Perspective on the Grand Challenges for Social Work

Katie Terry, LISW-S

What is the call for Christian social workers within the Grand Challenges for Social Work? The American Academy of Social Work and Social Welfare in 2009 published the Grand Challenges "an initiative to champion social progress powered by science." This workshop will analyze the Grand Challenges from a biblical, Christian perspective.

Bridging Gaps: Social Workers Provide Solutions in Faith Based Arenas

Daphne Thomas, MSW, LCSW; Marni Straine, MSW; Steve Hemenway MBA

Faith based organizations are often challenged to meet the daily demands of those seeking resources and assistance. This presentation will examine ways social work professionals can partner with congregations to solve immediate and systemic challenges; providing holistic, long term solutions to individuals and families throughout their communities.

The Multigenerational Workforce: Knowing What To Do and When To Do It

Houston Thompson, EdD, MSW

Workplaces often have employees from different generations leading to varying perspectives on work ethic, integrity, commitment, and productivity. This workshop looks at generational differences and how they influence the work environment and considers strategies for increasing engagement and productivity.

Christian Community Development and the Gentrification of the Inner City

Christopher Thyberg, MSW

This presentation will offer unique voices from an intentional Christian community in Pittsburgh to provide insight into the role of faith and equitable community development in the face of gentrification. Reflections will center on gentrification, race, poverty, oppression, and the role of Christians who want to make neighborhoods flourish.

SDA LGBT+ Family Support, Depression and Suicide: Findings and Implications

Curtis VanderWaal, MSW, PhD; Shannon Trecartin, MSW, PhD

Findings from a study of Seventh-day Adventist LGBT+ Millennials show an association between lack of family support and the increased risks of depression and suicidal thoughts and attempts. Christian social workers have a vital role to play in ministering to the needs of Christian LGBT+ individuals.

Companioning Federal Employees Deployed to Major Disaster: A Pioneer Model

Jon R. Wallace, MSW, MDiv

This workshop presents the framework of a first of its kind presence-based companioning model, as opposed to a medical model, that served federal employee disaster responders.

Substance Use Screening in Faith-Based Work?: An SBIRT Overview

J. Annette T. Ward, LCSW, LCAS

Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment, (SBIRT), is an integrated public health evidence based practice providers use for universal screening and assesses the risk of substance use and negative consequences to health and social indicators in clients and patients. Application of this intervention in the faith community is explored.

Reflection and Prayer



With all you will learn and experience during the convention, you might be interested in a space dedicated to reflection and prayer. Why not spend some time walking a labyrinth?

For centuries, labyrinths have been used for walking meditations, prayers, and reflections, and we will have a beautiful canvas labyrinth set up during the convention.

The labyrinth will be available for participants to walk at the back of the Carolina Ballroom from Thursday Evening through Saturday, except during workshop sessions.

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Spiritual Care: Journeying on the Camino de Santiago Pilgrimage

Buetta Warkentin, MSW, RSW, MTS

The Camino de Santiago Pilgrimage route is travelled by increasing numbers of people (religious or not), interested in spiritual growth. This presentation explores the ritual and tradition of pilgrimage as connected to the Camino de Santiago and the role this can play in terms of meeting clients' and social workers' spiritual needs.

Opioid Use in Pregnancy: An Evidence-based Approach

Cayce Watson, MSSW, LAPSW, MAC; April Mallory, MSW, LCSW, MAC

Social workers face multiple barriers when working with pregnant opioid users. This workshop will use a case example to illustrate these challenges. Opioid use in pregnancy, current evidence-based treatments, and NAS will be discussed. Interventions at both the clinical and policy-based levels of practice will be explored.

Twice Exceptional Youth: Testing, Advocating and Providing Services

Bruce Wesolowski, LCSW; Pholile Dlamini, PsyD

Twice exceptional youth have high intellect. At the same time, they have special educational needs such as ADHD, Spectrum Disorder, and specific Learning Disabilities. Because of their intellect identifying the special needs of these children can be difficult to assess and requires comprehensive psychological testing, therapy and advocacy.

The Dignity of Work: Is Prostitution Work or Exploitation?

Hope Wilson, MA

How should Christians think about sex and human beings in a world that is telling us to view sex as a commodity? Should we be concerned about those who are pushing to call prostitution "work"? How does changing "prostitution" into "work" change the way we perceive it? In this workshop we will discuss:

- Postmodernism and the importance of language
- Sex and the human body from a biblical perspective
- The dignity of work

The Bible gives a completely positive view about both work and sex. Both are seen as a gift of God and part of our worship to him. In addition, the biblical description of human nature never separates the human body from the essence of who we are, it never can be separated from a deep personal and intimate relationship and thus cannot be traded.

God as Angry or Engaged? How Religious Images Correlate with Social Capital

Terry Wolfer, MSW, PhD; Maria Hogan, MSW, LCSWA

The way people imagine God "as distant, benevolent, critical, or authoritarian" may contribute to their social capital "interpersonal trust, belonging, and reciprocity" or vice versa. This workshop uses quantitative data to explore correlations and possible causal relationships between images of God and social capital, drawing clinical implications.

Talking about Research

Leslie Wuest, PhD, LCSW

This workshop offers participants an opportunity to share information about their research ideas and encourage each other to design, implement, and publish research. All those interested in research are invited, from seasoned researchers to students who would like support as they design projects.

Social Work Goes to Hollywood: Using Movies to Teach Clinical Concepts

Bob Zylstra EdD, LCSW

The images and emotions portrayed in popular movies can be used very effectively to teach as well as entertain. This presentation will examine clips from Hollywood movies portraying mental health issues for the purpose of teaching associated clinical concepts and skills.

Roundtables

Roundtables are a new presentation format for NACSW. They are facilitated conversations on topics of interest to Christians in Social Work that attempt to generate healthy dialogue that allows each participant's unique perspective to be heard and respected, and to discover what participants can learn from each other in the process.

A Conversation about Gender Identity and Transgender Rights: Learning from Diverse Perspectives

Facilitators: Telvis Rich & Denis Costello

A Conversation about Racial Tensions and Disparities: Learning from Diverse Perspectives

Facilitators: Helen Harris & Kathyanne Purnell

A Conversation about Causes of and Solutions to Poverty: Learning from Diverse Perspectives

Facilitators: Cini Bretzlaff-Holstein & Denis Costello

The three roundtable sessions will be held during the workshop program on Friday afternoon at 5:15 pm, Saturday morning at 8:45 pm, and Saturday afternoon at 4:45 pm. See the workshop schedule for details.

NACSW Fun Night

Who said that social workers can't have fun?!?! Well, this year we have carved out some time in our convention schedule for us to let our hair down and laugh a little (or a lot). **Please join us on Friday evening from 9:00 PM-10:00 PM** for an evening of games, stories and lots of fun!

NACSW is grateful for the support of our sponsors. Thank you!

Thursday Plenary Speaker



Friday AKL Plenary Speaker



Saturday Plenary Speaker



Saturday Evening Banquet



Friday and Saturday Morning Coffee Breaks



Promoting Your Organization

We are expecting approximately 400 social workers, church leaders, educators, students, and professionals in faith-based organizations to spend three days in professional development workshops and plenary sessions at Convention 2017.

If you are interested in being a convention supporter, purchasing a bag stuffer, or exhibiting at the convention, a completed agreement form with full payment must be received by October 13, 2017.

You can download an agreement form at:
www.nacsw.org/annual-convention/promotional-opportunities

Exhibits

Each year over 20 organizations exhibit at the NACSW convention. Exhibitors must send a completed agreement form with payment by October 13, 2017. Prices for exhibit space are as follows:

- NACSW Organizational Member.....\$188*
- Non-profit organization.....\$375*
- For-profit organization.....\$450*

**Note: Each exhibit payment includes complementary convention attendance for one exhibit booth staff member (excluding admission to the Saturday Banquet).*

Exhibits will be located in the **Corridor near Salon C** and will be open during the following hours:

- Thursday, November 2 (5:00pm–10:00pm)
- Friday, November 3 (7:30am–7:00pm)
- Saturday, November 4 (7:30am–1:00pm)

Sponsorships

NACSW invites you to sponsor a food event or speaker at Convention 2017 to promote your organization and show your support for the work of social workers and other professional leaders committed to service through congregations and faith-based organizations. Interested organizations may sponsor a specific event at the convention such as a plenary session, preconvention training institute, or food event, and in exchange will receive public recognition, a free exhibit, and free registrations for some of their staff. Sponsorships typically start at \$1,000. Download an agreement form at www.nacsw.org on the Convention 2017 Exhibiting & Promotional Opportunities page.

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- Baylor University – Garland School of Social Work Friday AKL Plenary Speaker
- George Fox University..... Saturday Banquet
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- Union University Saturday Plenary Speaker
- Western Theological Seminary Thursday Plenary Speaker

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Your organization can place an advertisement piece in our convention registration bag to increase contact with convention attendees.

Organizations must send a completed bag stuffer agreement form with payment to the NACSW office (info@nacsw.org or PO Box 121, Botsford, CT 06404) by *October 13, 2017*.

For \$120, organizations can provide NACSW with 400 pieces of a one page flier or promotional item which will be placed in convention bags given to each attendee upon registration. The organization purchasing the bag stuffer is required to mail their bag stuffer items to:

Anita L. Cline,
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Registration Desk Hours

Registration Desk located in the corridor near Salon C.

Thursday

8:00am–2:00pm
4:00pm–7:00pm
9:00pm–10:00pm

Friday

7:45am–11:45am
12:45pm–6:15pm
7:15–7:45pm

Saturday

7:45am–11:45am
12:45pm–4:45pm
5:45pm–6:45pm
9:00pm–9:45pm

Sunday

8:00am–9:00am

For additional information please contact NACSW visit NACSW's website,

www.nacsw.org

or contact the NACSW office at info@nacsw.org or 888-426-4712.

More Information

Message Board

There will be a bulletin board near the registration table for posting information, such as job ads. Use this board at your discretion; no posting approval is needed.

Name Tags

Your name tag is your "admission ticket" into all sessions. Please wear your name tag at all times.

Meals

The *Thursday evening Opening Reception* and scheduled *coffee breaks* are included in your registration.

The *Saturday evening banquet* is included with full registration.

Extra tickets for the banquet are available for purchase at the registration table until Saturday morning.

You are responsible for all other meals.

See the restaurant list in your registration bag or ask at the hotel front desk for information about local restaurants.

Grievance Procedures

Any individual who has a complaint regarding any aspect of this Convention is encouraged to communicate in writing (by mail or email info@nacsw.org) to the executive director of NACSW within 30 days following the Convention.

The executive director will conduct a review and respond in writing within 30 days of receiving the complaint.

For more information contact the NACSW office at 888-426-4712.

NACSW reserves the right to change speakers and/or topics due to unforeseen circumstances.



Registration

Fill out and send in this registration form today for Convention 2017 in Charlotte. You may also register and submit payment for the convention by visiting our website at www.nacsw.org. To be eligible for special early-bird rates, please submit this completed form and payment by October 13, 2017 to: NACSW, PO Box 121, Botsford, CT 06404. After October 13, 2017 rates go up by \$25.

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Full Registration (Does not include Preconvention Training Institutes)	\$245	\$325 Non-member rate includes free NACSW membership for six months
One Day Only (Does not include banquet)	\$125	\$165 Non-member rate includes free NACSW membership for six months
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- \$ _____ Registration Fee (from above)
- \$ _____ Banquet Only (\$50 – For guests or one-day registrants attending Saturday only)
- \$ _____ Preconvention Institute(s)
Thursday, November 2, 2017
Check One or Two Half-day Sessions
(If two, make sure they are at different times)
Each session is 3.0 CE hours. (Cost not included in full registration)
 - [] **Option 1:** Half-day (9am-12pm) — \$50
"Bridges Out of Poverty: Strategies for Professionals & Communities"
Mike Dames
 - [] **Option 2:** Half-day (9am-12pm) — \$50
"Where Did the Money Go? An Experiential Exercise on Poverty"
Dr. Angela Gaddis
 - [] **Option 3:** Half-day (1pm-4pm) — \$50
"Christian Social Work Approaches to Substance Use Disorders and/or Co-occurring Disorders"
Ken Smith
 - [] **Option 4:** Half-day (1pm-4pm) — \$50
"Humility & Power: A Path for Leadership Development in Communities of Color"
Ryn Farmer & Raven Loaiza
- \$ _____ Continuing Ed. Credit Hours (CE hours) (\$40)
License # _____
- \$ _____ Registration postmarked after October 13, 2017 (\$25)
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* After October 13, 2017, rates go up by \$25.

** [] Check here if you would prefer NOT to become a member of NACSW at this time. Please note that your registration rate for the Convention as a non-member will be the same whether you check this box or not.

Notes

- Full registration rates include all plenary sessions, workshops, Opening Reception, Saturday Banquet, and refreshment breaks.
- All registration rates are in U.S. Dollars; for Canadian rates, please multiply by the current exchange rate.

Refund Policy

Refunds, minus a \$25 processing fee, are available, if requested, until October 13, 2017. After this date refunds are not available.

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