



North American Association of Christians in Social Work

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Instructions for Proposals for the Congregational Social Work Roundtable Track

The Congregational Social Work Roundtable is a special track of the conference designed to create space and opportunity for congregational social workers and social work researchers and educators to share professional experiences and promising practices with other social workers and scholars. The goal is to expand shared thinking about practice in the field of congregational social work.

The proposal submission process is the same as other tracks. The roundtable will function quite differently than the usual conventional track, however. Those chosen to participate in the Roundtable will provide a rough draft of their paper a minimum of 5 weeks in advance of the convention; those not providing the rough draft will be dropped from the Roundtable. Chairs Diana Garland and Terry Wolfer will then circulate draft papers to all participants for review in advance of the convention. Roundtable Presenters will be expected to bring brief written comments, edits, and reactions for all other Presenters at their roundtable.

During the Roundtable, each presenter will have opportunity to make a 10-minute presentation about further thoughts and additions to the draft paper. The bulk of each session will be devoted to conversation with and feedback from other participants for further development of the paper.

Using the feedback from the Roundtable experience, participants will be invited to complete manuscripts for submission to a special issue of *Social Work & Christianity*. Writing partners will be provided for those desiring collaboration. Final manuscripts must be submitted no later than April 1, 2016, for full consideration in the final volume.

To submit a proposal, go to the conference proposal submission page:

http://www.nacsw.org/Convention/WebPresentations_2015.htm

For further information about the Roundtable, contact Dr. Diana Garland or Dr. Terry Wolfer:

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Below are suggested topics. These are meant to be suggestive and are not exhaustive:

Social worker as pastor
Social worker in the pulpit
When social work leads global missions
Christian education from a social work perspective
Developing community in congregational life
Directing senior adult ministries
Directing family ministries
Directing youth ministries
Directing children's ministries
Congregations and health ministries
Congregations and immigrant/refugee ministries

Directing a congregation's community ministries
Congregations and poverty alleviation ministries
Moving congregations charity to justice
Social action and evangelism in congregational life
Theology and social work
Ethics and congregational social work
Confidentiality
Clinical practice in a congregational setting
Community organizing in a congregational setting
Congregations and public schools