

Call for Papers: *Social Work & Christianity*
Topic: Faith and Resilience in Social Work Practice
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Submission Deadline for Letter of Intent/Concept Proposal: January 31, 2020

Article Submission Deadline: May 15, 2020

The purpose of this special issue is to further explore the connections between faith and resilience in social work practice. For over two decades, social workers have developed and/or used frameworks and theories about resilience, often linked with coping with trauma, that included an acknowledgment that faith can play a role in the process. Saleeby (1997) identified spirituality/faith as a potential strength, as a precursor to the emergence of a body of knowledge on resilience. Resilience has been identified as recovering from trauma following adverse events, overcoming the odds or negotiating life transitions with competence (Greene, 2002). More recently, Walsh (2006, 2016), identified transcendence and spirituality as key processes in developing resilience in families. Van Hook (2016) provides one of the more extensive summaries of potential resources and practice principles based on spirituality and religious life that may promote resilience, particularly in relation to recovery from trauma. We welcome articles that continue to expand our knowledge of faith and resilience and particularly those including case examples and analysis. Focus areas may include resilience in diverse populations, individuals and larger systems, and populations experiencing trauma and other adverse life circumstances.

This special issue is interested in any the following types of articles:

- Conceptual articles
- Articles describing original research
- Point of view/commentary articles
- Articles that illustrate Christian social work practice through case examples, analysis and promising models
- Book Reviews
- Literature reviews pertinent to this topic

*All articles should be congruent with the mission of *Social Work and Christianity* posted at <https://swc.nacsw.org/index.php/SWC/about>.

Guidelines for Submission

- Please submit a one-page letter of intent outlining the focus of your proposed manuscript to Caroline Campbell at caroline.campbell@eastern.edu by January 31, 2020.
- Authors will be notified regarding a decision regarding proposals by February 17, 2020.
- If your proposal is accepted, please submit your full article manuscript to <https://swc.nacsw.org> by May 15, 2020.
- All submitted manuscripts will be peer-reviewed by three reviewers. Authors will be notified regarding the final decision regarding publication by August, 2020.
- Please use the American Psychological Association Style Manual format (7th edition) for in-text references and reference lists.