

CALL FOR PAPERS: SPECIAL ISSUE OF SOCIAL WORK & CHRISTIANITY

Topic: Communities and Community Practice
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Deadline: May 31, 2019 for Submission of Proposals

The Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) defines macro-level practice as a critical focus of their educational policy and accreditation standards. The National Association of Social Workers (NASW) defines Social Workers' responsibilities to the broader society as an ethical practice standard, calling for involvement in social welfare, participation in the social commons, action in times of public emergencies and ongoing work in the social/political action arena. Scripture calls us to "seek the shalom of the city" (Jeremiah 29:7), working to enact God's peace and well-being in broken places on behalf of broken people (Matthew 25:31-46; Luke 4:18-19). This special issue asks how social workers operating within a Christian paradigm work to bring shalom to the macro environment of communities, using community practice methods including in social work education settings.

Specific focus areas might include community planning and policy, community organization, and/or community development (economic, social, political). Submissions in the following areas are particularly requested:

- I. **Conceptual Articles** providing definitional clarity and theoretical frameworks underlying a Christian perspective of community and community practice.
- II. **Empirical Articles** that address the unique role that Christian social workers play as they address entrenched community and social problems or enact novel solutions to such problems.
- III. Articles focused on **research methods** informed by or grounded in concepts of Christian community organizing, planning and/or development.
- IV. Articles focused on the integration of communities and community practices in social work **education**, especially for Christian social work educators seeking to integrate Christian thought and social work practice.

Guidelines for submitting articles:

Authors are strongly encouraged to contact the special edition editors by email or phone to discuss ideas for article submissions. Important dates are:

1. Proposals due by May 31, 2019.
2. Editors will reply by July 1, 2019.
3. Accepted articles due for blind review by October 15, 2019.
4. Articles returned for editing by January 16, 2020.
5. Final revisions due on February 1, 2020.

To submit a manuscript, go to: <https://swc.nacsw.org/> and click on “Make a submission.” Author guidelines can be found at: <https://swc.nacsw.org/index.php/SWC/about/submissions>.

Further information can be obtained by contact the special edition editors.

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