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Editorial Review

Review

This edition of Christianity and Social Work is a must-read for experienced social work practitioners, new professionals, students, and social work educators regardless of religious affiliation. In it, professional practice within the context of multiple Christian Faith Traditions is represented. Contemporary and historical aspects of direct practice, ethical/virtue considerations, as well as related spiritual, scriptural, and cultural dimensions are addressed. And, as a value-added, the editors have included careful attention to the professional practice competencies monitored through the social work education accreditation process. -- Sister Ann Patrick Conrad, PhD, LICSW, Fellow, Institute for Policy Research and Catholic Studies and Consultant, Doctor of Ministry Program, The Catholic University of America

After adopting previous editions of this useful resource for our MSW program, I welcome this 5th edition of Christianity and Social Work and the revised and added content that it incorporates. The faculty recently voted to adopt a 10th competency dealing with the ethical integration of faith and social work practice after several discussions that were stimulated by the chapters in this highly useful resource. I anticipate that the new treatment of EBP and the inclusion of the three decision cases will quickly find a place in our curriculum. I highly recommend this text for students and practitioners alike. --Peter H. Lauber, MSW, PhD, Director of the MSW Program at Spring Arbor University

As a social work educator at a Christian university, I have the privilege to work with many students who have discerned a vocational call to serve those in our world who are most in need of assistance through a career in social work. I am grateful for NACSW's commitment to supporting such students by providing many avenues for them to explore the ethical integration of Christian faith and social work practice. I'm especially excited by the upcoming release of the 5th edition of Christianity and Social Work: Readings on the Integration of Christian Faith and Social Work Practice. The previous editions of this book have made an invaluable contribution to the education of many Christians in social work and I am certain that the updated and expanded 5th edition will continue this longstanding tradition. --Kenneth M. Stoltzfus, PhD, LCSW, Social Work Department Chair at Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama

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