CALL FOR PAPERS: Special Edition of Social Work and Christianity: Trauma, Impact and Responses
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This special issue of Social Work and Christianity will contribute to the understanding of trauma, the impact of various types of trauma on the lives of individuals, families, and communities, and responses that can promote healing from trauma. Traumatic life events can take many forms, including physical violence and abuse, natural disasters, terrorists acts and war. These events alter people’s view of the world and themselves and their relationships with others. The experience of trauma, furthermore, can strengthen or challenge one’s religious and spiritual commitments, which may in turn impact the immediate and long-term effects of trauma.

Unfortunately traumatic life events can be part of the life journey for many people. Social workers in many settings are especially likely to encounter people and communities who are experiencing the impact of trauma. As a result, understanding the nature of trauma and ways to promote healing are essential tools for social work practice. Given the focus of Christianity and Social Work, manuscripts that address linkages between trauma and religion and spirituality are especially welcome.

Submissions are especially requested for research and conceptual articles that address trauma and social work practice in terms of:

- Direct practice with individuals, families, and groups
- Policy practice
- Organizational Practice
- Practice with a variety of community settings
- Community Practice
- International Practice
- Social Work Education
- Ethical issues
- Practice with members of various cultural groups

Guidelines for submitting manuscripts:

All authors are strongly encouraged to contact the special edition editors by email or phone (see contact information below) by January, 2014 to discuss ideas for paper submissions. The deadline for all paper submissions is March 1, 2014.

Articles submitted to SWC should begin with a title page, including the author’s name, address, phone number, email address, abstract of no more than 200 words, a list of key words, and an indication of whether or not the author would like the manuscript to be peer-reviewed. Only the title should be repeated on the first page of the text. The article text should be double-spaced and limited to 20-25 pages, including all references and appendices. Please use the American Psychological Association Style Manual format (6th edition) for in-text references and reference lists. Manuscripts should be submitted electronically as email attachments, preferably in Microsoft Word.

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