

Call for Papers: Social Work & Christianity
Topic: Criminal Justice, Corrections and Reintegration
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Submission Deadline for Letter of Intent/Concept Proposal: February 28, 2024

Article Submission Deadline: June 15, 2024

Christian social workers are confronted with the needs of individuals and families who are directly impacted by Correctional Systems. Individuals re-entering society have specific needs that put them at risk for re-offending, continuing a cycle of incarceration. According to the Bureau of Justice Statistics (2020), at year-end 2020, an estimated 5,500,600 persons were under the supervision of adult correctional systems in the United States. Per Prison Fellowship, over 600,000 are released each year, and 2 out of 3 re-offend within three years. The COVID-19 pandemic saw historic numbers of individuals released into society who were not prepared and were not expecting to be released. This equates to a historic need to provide effective re-entry resources for individuals and their families. Such needs often include basic needs (Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs), mental health support (including treatment and psychiatric treatment), work barriers, lack of education or employment skills, social integration struggles, family counseling, and reintegration needs, all in addition to stringent parameters placed upon them by the Correctional System. This special issue will seek to explore Christian social workers' perspectives, experiences, resources, and methods to provide and reintegrate formerly incarcerated individuals into families, communities, and the society at large, thereby breaking the "Prison Pipeline" and recidivism.

This special issue is interested in any of 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 are also welcome.

*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 Suzanne at (suzanne@cappyshouse.com) by February 28, 2024..
- Authors will be notified of a decision regarding their proposal by March 31, 2024..
- If your proposal is accepted, please submit your full article manuscript to <https://swc.nacsw.org> by June 15, 2024.
- All submitted manuscripts will be peer-reviewed by three reviewers. Authors will be notified with a final decision regarding publication by August 30, 2024.
- Please use the American Psychological Association Style Manual format (7th edition) for in-text citations and reference lists.