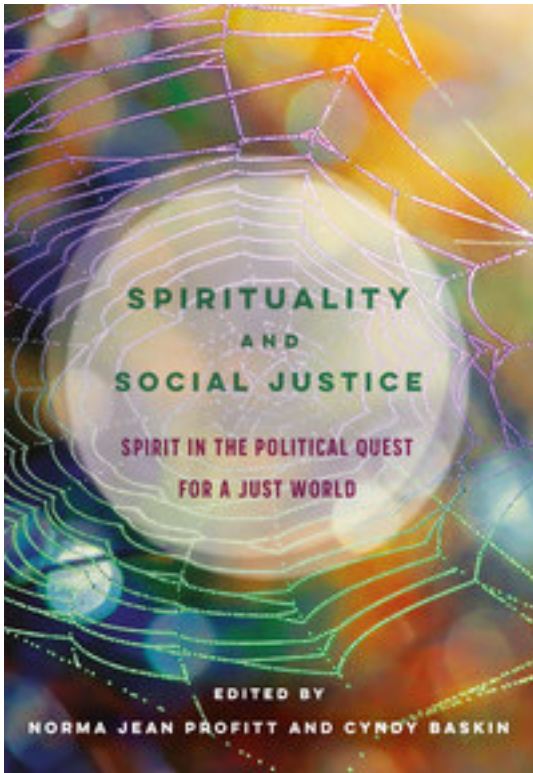


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Filling the gap in literature on spirituality and social work, this textbook is uniquely dedicated to connecting faith and social justice in various social work contexts. Contributors offer a diverse range of research and experience that place spirituality at the heart of social workers' pursuit of equality and fairness. Five sections contextualize belief in areas of environmentalism, ethics, politics, resistance, and social work education. Throughout the book, students gain access to pertinent topics, such as decolonization, artistic practice, mindfulness, feminism, political activism, and eco-justice, through a wide range of national and international cultural practices, including Islam, Quechua, Wicca, and Indigenous spiritualities. Students in social work, sociology, community nursing, counselling, and education who study the relationship between spirituality, social justice, and social work will benefit from this text.

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Reviews

"_Spirituality and Social Justice_ reminded me of the importance of connectedness in our lives. I was inspired by the discussions on land connections, climate science, the power of art, women's resistance, and how to walk in spiritual relationship with the environment that sustains us. It is critical to remind ourselves as social workers that living in relationship with spirit advances our practice and our humanity."

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—Suzanne Dudziak, School of Social Work, St. Thomas University

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