



What goes on at the North American Conference on Spirituality and Social Work?

- Excellent keynote speakers
- Outstanding seminars
- Wonderful sharing and learning experience
- Experiential Workshops
- Research Presentations
- Presentations on Practice

The conference is supported by a grant
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This international conference is open to academics, students and professionals with an interest in the role of spirituality in the healing and health of individuals and communities. For additional information go to the conference page at <http://www.spiritualityandsocialwork.ca> or contact Dr. John Coates at cssw@stu.ca

The conference is hosted by the *Canadian Society for Spirituality and Social Work (CSSSW)* and is co-sponsored by the *Society for Spirituality and Social Work, USA*.

Third North American Conference on Spirituality & Social Work

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## *Spirituality and Transformation: Bridging Wisdom and Research for Effective Practice*



June 19-21, 2008  
St. Thomas University  
Fredericton, NB

## MEET SOME OF OUR SPEAKERS!

### *Keynote speakers:*

**Dr. Michael Higgins** is the author of several books and is the President of St. Thomas University. His keynote address is titled: "Spirituality as a Science of the Heart."

**Dr. Hilary Weaver** is a Professor at the School of Social Work at the University at Buffalo (SUNY), and President of the American Indian Alaska Native Social Work Educators Association. Dr. Weaver's keynote is titled "Spirituality in cross-cultural contexts: Implications for practice and research".

### *Other invited speakers include:*

**Steven Hick** – Carleton School of Social Work

**David Hodge** - Arizona State University, School of Social Work

**Lewis Mehl-Madrona** - University of Saskatchewan, Faculty of Medicine

**Michael Sheridan** - Catholic University of America, School of Social Service

**Barbara Swartzentruber** - Renison College, Social Development Studies

**Cathy Rogers** - Atlantic Baptist University, Dept. of Sociology

**John McKendy** - St. Thomas University, Dept. of Sociology

**Bill Randall** - St. Thomas University, Dept. of Gerontology

Fredericton, a beautiful small city, is New Brunswick's capital and home to two universities. Travel to Fredericton is straightforward - a three hour drive from Bangor, a four hour drive from Halifax or Prince Edward Island, with several flights each day to and from Boston, Toronto, Montreal and Halifax.

St. Thomas has an excellent conference facility (a former full service hotel) with full access. All activities can be held on-site and it is only a short walk to downtown or to the main campus.

The conference opens Thursday morning, June 19 with a full day of workshops, the first keynote address will take place Thursday evening, and the conference will conclude late Saturday afternoon, June 21.

Further information as well as registration and accommodation information can be found on the web site of the Canadian Society for Spirituality and Social Work:

<http://www.spiritualityandsocialwork.ca>

For questions or comments please e-mail Dr. John Coates at [csssw@stu.ca](mailto:csssw@stu.ca) or 506-452-0502.



## THIS YEAR AT THE CONFERENCE...

- ◆ There will be *over 70* presentations and workshops on topics including:
  - ✓ *Mindfulness and Relationship in Social Work Practice*
  - ✓ *Using Prayer and Other Forms of Positive Mental Energy in Practice: Research and Guidelines*
  - ✓ *Cross-Cultural and Native American Healing*
  - ✓ *The Use of Prayer in Social Work: Implications for Professional Practice and Education*
  - ✓ *Post-Secular Approaches to Social Transformation*
  - ✓ *Calls for Help and Hope in the Storied Lives of Poverty and Social Isolation*
  - ✓ *Listening to "that of God": Reflections of a Quaker Sociologist*
  - ✓ *Letting Our Stories Go: A Narrative Perspective on Spirituality in Later Life*