Spirituality and Social Work
Selected Canadian Readings

Spirituality is an area of thought and practice that is attracting an increasing amount of attention and interest from social work practitioners, theorists, and instructors. _Spirituality and Social Work: Selected Canadian Readings_ explores the history, practice, and diversity of faith traditions with which spirituality and social work are intertwined.

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Reviews

"[The authors] make a significant contribution to the exploration of spirituality in the field of social work... I particularly liked the chapter Communities in Cooperation. This chapter will meet the highest expectations of BSW students; it is clear, readable, interesting, informative and it challenges the stereotypes students may hold of Mennonite culture."— Jane Birbeck, University College of the Cariboo

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