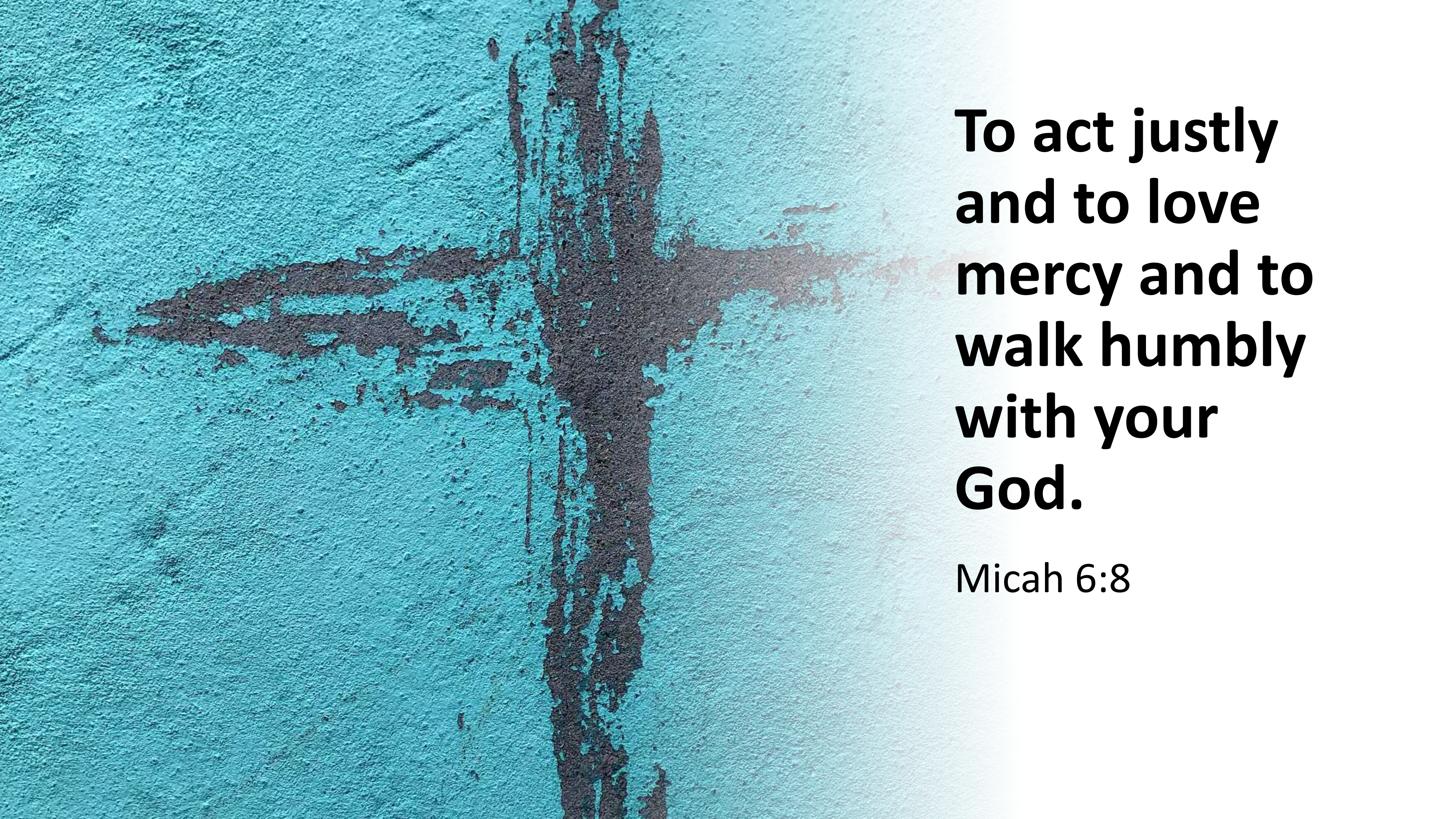


Welcome!

Social Work



**To act justly
and to love
mercy and to
walk humbly
with your
God.**

Micah 6:8



Dr. Ling Dinse, MSW, LSW
Department Chair
Associate Professor of Social
Work

Professional Experience

- PA licensed social worker for over 25 years
- Enjoys academic research
- Over a decade of experience in undergraduate and graduate education

Education

- B.A. & M.S.W - State University of New York at Buffalo
- D.S.W - Millersville University

Research Interests

- Intentional dialogues
- Racial reconciliation
- Caring for human trafficking survivors
- Integration of social work and faith
- Relational healing
- Church trauma



Michelle Dixon George, M.S.W., LCSW, BCD
Field Director
Associate Professor of Social Work

Professional Experience

- 30+ years in clinical practice with children, adolescents, adults, families, and couples
- Outpatient counselor in a private practice
- 16 years of experience as a field director, equipping students for direct practice

Education

- M.S.W. (1994) Temple University School of Social Administration (clinical concentration)

Interests:

- Interprofessional Education (IPE)
- Clinical social work from a faith perspective
- Spiritual Formation
- Diversity and issues of reconciliation
- Treatment of clinical mental health disorders

Our Contributing Department Adjuncts



Dr. Charlene Lane, PhD, LCSW

- 20+ years of clinical and administrative experience
- Specialized in gerontology



Nakeesha Kenney-Futrell, LCSW, MSW

- Field Placement Coordinator
- Over 14 years of field work experience
- Owner of Elevated Mental Health Services



Tara Piechowicz, MSW

- Vice President at GSL Government Consulting



Messiah social work program distinctive #1

Classroom learning balanced with
practical experience



Service learning *and* social work

- ✓ Seven Required Courses: SOWK 120, SOWK 221, SOWK 251, SOWK 361, SOWK 476, SOWK 372 & SOWK 490
- ✓ Developmental model
- ✓ Over 600 hours of community engagement
- ✓ Each component is tied directly to curriculum

Messiah has been nationally recognized by the **Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching** and the **President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll** for its commitment to service learning, community service and civic engagement.



First-year experience *in the community*

Volunteering *in collaboration with the Agapé Center for Local & Global Engagement*

- Paxton Ministries
- Salvation Army
- New Hope Ministries
- Messiah Lifeways
- Bethesda Men's Mission
- Center for Champions



Preliminary Practice

- Halifax School District
- New Hope Ministries
- YWCA
- Bethany Village

Second-year experience *in the community*



- Capitol Area Pregnancy Center
- Bethesda Women's Shelter
- Compass Immigration
- Baer Foundation



Third-and fourth-year experience

social work practice

Groups

- Observing multiple sessions of community educational and treatment groups
- Developing and implementing groups serving the Messiah campus and surrounding communities



Third-and fourth-year experience

social work practice

Communities and Organizations

Developing and implementing community projects

- ☑ Grant writing
- ☑ Program development and implementation
- ☑ Community assessment
- ☑ Community education programs



Fourth-year experience *social work practice*

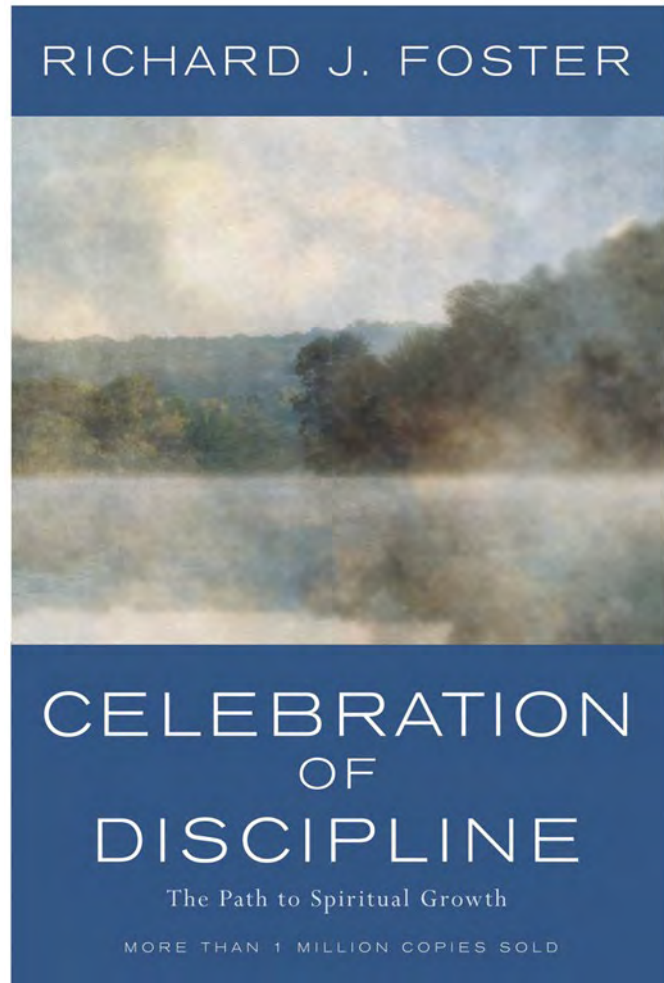
Engaged in 450 hours of practice

- Milton Hershey School - *Hershey, PA*
- Dauphin County area social service agencies - *Harrisburg, PA*
- Pennsylvania Counseling Services of Central Pennsylvania

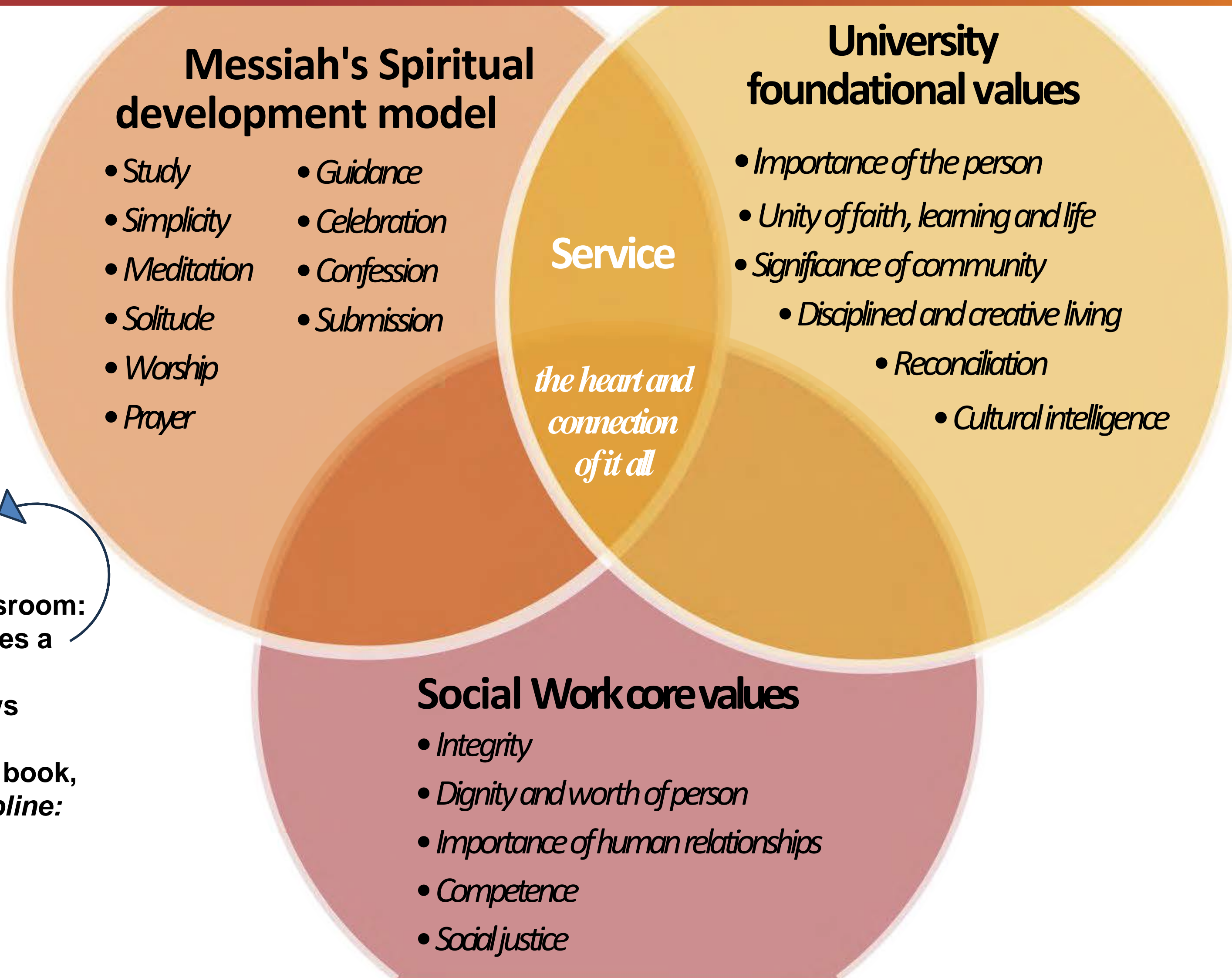


Messiah social work
program distinctive #2

integrating faith and practice throughout
the curriculum



Faith integration classroom: each class incorporates a spiritual development assignment that allows students to engage with Richard Foster's book, "*Celebration of Discipline: The Path to Spiritual Growth.*"





Messiah social work program distinctive #3

- Inner city or international experiences
- Students may spend their senior field placement in an international social work agency

Social work specific programs:

- **Baltimore Urban Studies Program(BUS) Program**
<https://landli.org/locations/baltimore-urban-studies>
- **Chicago Semester** www.chicagosemester.org
- **Uganda Studies Program**
<https://www.ugandastudiesprogram.org>
- **Living and Learning Ecuador**
<https://landli.org/locations/ecuador>



Messiah social work program distinctive #4

- Nationally accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)
- Eligible to take the BSW licensure test
- Earn an MSW in one year with advanced standing status (min. 3.0 GPA requirement)
- *Non-BSW grads enrolled in an accredited MSW program require two years, full-time to receive MSW.*



GOALS

**Social Work
program
goals**

1

Develop competent social workers who critically evaluate, self-reflect and are self-aware of how their Christian faith informs their practice, while performing the duties of their vocation in a professional and ethical manner.

Program Goal

2

Develop social workers who engage the world to facilitate change through enhancing community and through actively engaging in issues to address social and economic justice in rural, urban and international settings.

Program Goal

3

Develop effective Christian social work leaders in the provision of micro, mezzo and macro programming who value integrity, service and the importance of human relationships in addressing human needs and the issues of the disenfranchised.

Program Goal

4

Develop Christian social workers who value empowerment and the strengths perspective in the application of skills and knowledge of generalist social work with systems of all sizes, while ensuring respect for clients' age, class, color, culture, disability, ethnicity, gender, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sex and sexual orientation.

Program Goal



Social work courses and curriculum

- Professionalism in Social Work
- Intro to Social Work
- Human Behavior
- Social Work Practice with Individuals
- Social Work Practice with Families
- Social Work Practice with Groups
- Social Work Practice with Communities and Organizations
- Field Experience and Practice
- Engaging Diversity and Inequality
- Topics in Social Work
- Social Welfare Policies
- Intro to Social Work Research
- Seminar in Social Work Practice



Fall

- SOWK 099: Professionalism
- SOWK 120: Introduction to Social Work

Plan of study



Spring

- SOWK 221: Human Behavior



Fall

- SOWK 250: Social Work Practice with Individuals
- SOWK 251: Field Experience
- SOAN 356: Social Inequality

Plan of study



Spring

- SOWK 360: Social Work Practice with Families
- SOWK 361: Field Experience



Fall

- SOWK 372: Practice with Groups
- SOWK 385: Intro to Social Work Research

Plan of study

Year 3



Spring

- SOWK 382: Topics in Social Work
- SOWK 420: Social Welfare Policies



Fall

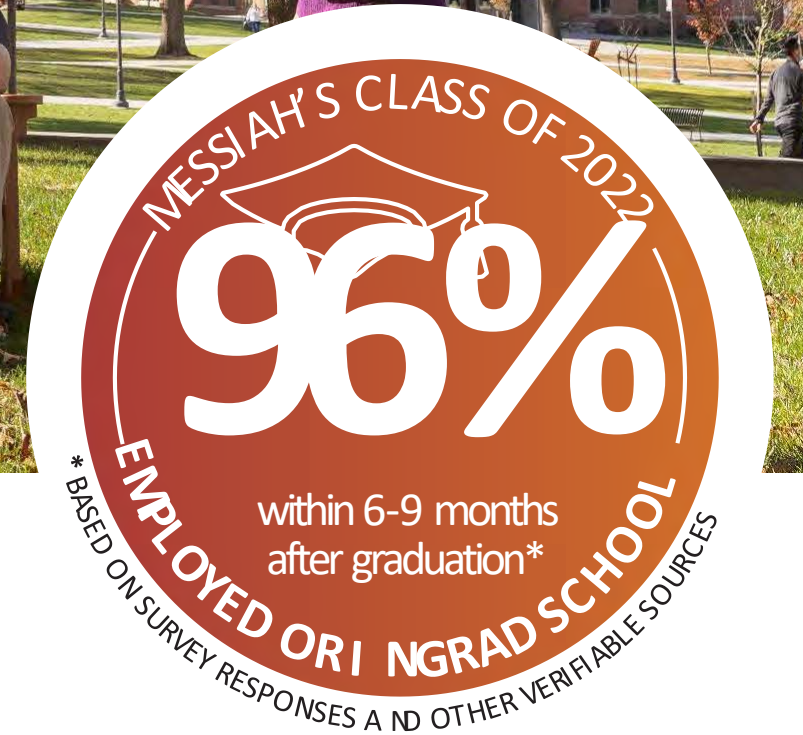
- SOWK 475: Social Work Practice with Communities
- SOWK 476: Field Experience with Communities and Organizations
- SOWK 484: Prep for Field Practice

Plan of study



Spring

- SOWK 485: Seminar in Social Work Practice
- SOWK 490: Field Practice in Social Work



Our social work program *delivers excellent career outcomes*

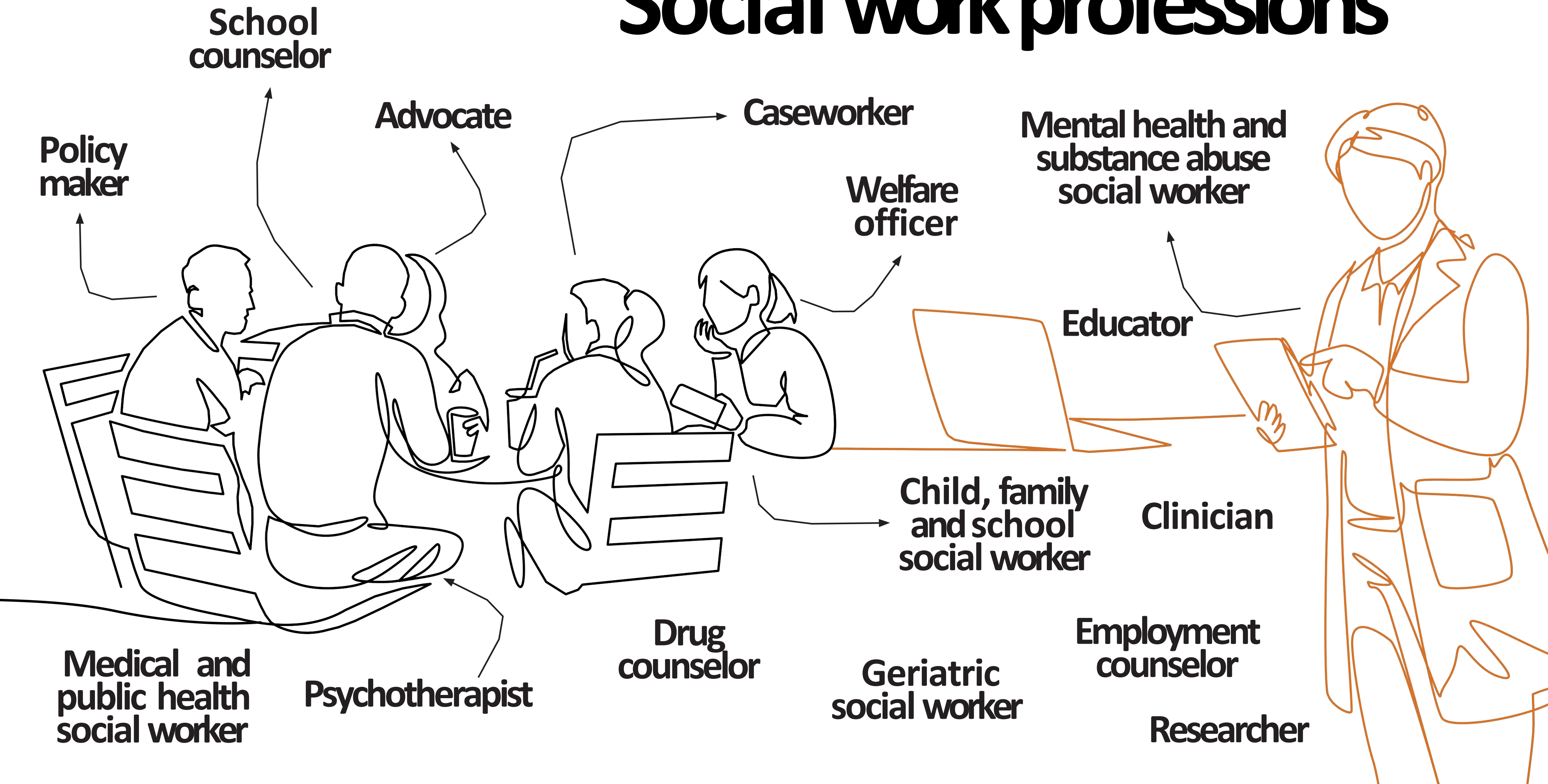


“...I am forever grateful for how the department prepared me to always present myself as a confident professional.”

Lindsay Terry '20

Caseworker at Dauphin County Children and Youth

Social work professions



Job growth for **social work grads**

Faster than the average growth for most occupations.

15%

Mental health and substance abuse social work

13%

Child, family and school social work

12%

Overall social work

Projected Growth in Social Worker Employment
from 2020-2030

Recent employers of Messiah's social work graduates:

- AmeriCorps: National Health Corps, Philadelphia, PA
- Church World Service, Lancaster, PA Clark County Food Bank, Portland, OR COBYS Family Services, Lancaster, PA
- Dauphin County Children and Youth Services, Harrisburg, PA
- Harrisburg School District, Harrisburg, PA
- ManorCare Health South, York, PA
- Mennonite Disaster Services, Lititz, PA
- Philadelphia District Attorney's Office, Philadelphia, PA
- The Bair Foundation, Harrisburg, PA
- Victim Services Division, Cumberland County District, Carlisle, PA
- York County Children, Youth & Families Services, York, PA

Data Source: *Messiah University First Destinations Report 2018-2020*

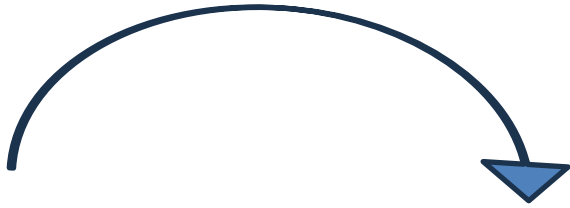


Graduate schools recently attended by Messiah's social work graduates

- Auburn University
- Edinboro University
- Fordham University
- Kutztown University
- Millersville University
- Monmouth University
- Morgan State University
- Rutgers University
- Shippensburg University
- Simmons University
- Stony Brook University
- Temple University
- University of Louisville
- University of Michigan School of Social Work
- University of Pennsylvania
- University of Pittsburgh
- University of South Carolina
- University of Tennessee



Social work *at Messiah University*

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