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Call for abstracts

Special issue on gender 1/2017

Social care and welfare represent highly gendered fields of social life. While recent decades have seen an explosion of research on gender in the field of social studies more broadly, the gendered character of Christian social practice has remained relatively unexplored.

Diaconia – Journal for the Study of Christian Social Practice wants to contribute to fill the indicated gaps in research by dedicating a special issue next year to the study of gender and Christian Social Practice.

The most obvious sign of the presence of gender in Christian social practice is the over-representation of women and under-representation of men. The relationship is however turned upside down when it comes to decision-making bodies and ordained ministries. But gender appears in different shapes in different contexts. In large parts of northern Europe, for example, women are employed by the state to take care of the children, the sick and the elderly, while further south, families have a crucial role in the provision of care. Still however, the main responsibility is most often taken by women. But what about men and Christian social practice? What about the beneficiaries of these practices? What if we leave Europe, or look at Europe from the South? What if we turn our eyes backwards in history? How does the image change? And, from a more visionary perspective, would we like gender to have a role at all in the future of Christian social practice?

As always we welcome contributions on biblical, ethical, historical, dogmatic and contextual aspects of the topic, as well as studies of concrete practices. Prophetic perspectives are particularly encouraged, as well as creation-oriented and global.

If you have a contribution, you would like to make, send a one page abstract by February 1, 2016, to the guest-editor, professor Ninna Edgardh, Uppsala University: ninna.edgardh@crs.uu.se. You will be notified by March 1, whether your abstract is accepted or not. Deadline for delivery of manuscripts for peer review June 1 2016.

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