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Spiritually Sensitive Service - Lost And Found Area of Social Work Profession

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Introduction

Spirituality expressed through humanitarian service or charity has been the original inspiration for the growth and development of social work profession. Spirituality has been the inspiration for philanthropic social work all over the world. Spiritually sensitive service has gradually been sidelined by social work professionals branding it 'simply charity'. Professional social work got more distinguished from charity and even from social service since 1970's. Till recently the trend had been towards management of social work projects and social welfare programme. Professional social work tends to get reduced into professional management of fundraising and fund utilisation, more specifically formulation, implementation, monitoring, evaluation and documentation of development or welfare projects. Time bound management of resources, result based intervention and sustainable project management are being emphasised today in social work profession. It has become a highly specialised and skill based profession.

Have we forgotten the original inspiration for social work, the spiritual dimension of our professional commitment? How far are we dedicated in our social commitment? Do the voluntarism, charity and dedicated social service have any role in professional social work? These are the emerging concerns of our profession today. Along with our skill

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