



# "Here we Are, Amazingly Alive": Holding Ourselves Together with an Ethic of Social Justice in Community Work

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## Abstract:

In this paper, the authors describe their orientation to social justice based community work. The ten work include: an ethical orientation towards staying alive in the work, descriptions of social justice, with a hopeful skepticism, responding to privatized pain with justice-doing, and contesting the individual "burnout". This is followed by reflections on the role of solidarity, the sacred, revolutionary love, resist an ethic of belonging in the commitments to staying fully alive in community work. The authors discuss the importance of forging communities of care with other practitioners through shared and collectively held

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