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I learned many things about in the NASW website Milestone in the Development of Social Work and Social Welfare like for example how the NASW moved to Washington D.C. to be closer to the White House and Congress in 1992, it also honored the NASW pioneers those that were influential in the social work field, when the September 11 terrorist attack the NASW provided grief counseling to the families that lost their loved in such horrific attack in this country, the support in Women's right in 2004, helping the military personnel and families in 2008 and also providing support to the Veterans and military families in 2012 – this I hold dear to my heart as I have family members that have served in the military and have been heavily impacted in serving in the military, and there were many more milestones that were interesting in learning.

The milestone I found most interestingly was learning how the NASW was involved of the Civil Rights movement and how much they participated in giving strength to people so that people of color would have equal rights in the 1950's. They even got together with other organizations such as the National Urban League, Council on Social Work Education, and the National Federalism of Settlements and in doing this helped African Americans have equal rights. I feel this shows how committed they were in joining other organizations so that people would have the same civil liberties that whites had. And I believe that God placed this passion into the hearts of those that were at the core of the NASW to help strengthen the Civil Rights

movements and this reminds me of the bible scripture that says, “for where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them”. (Matthew 18:20, NKJV) This is just a reminder that when two or more are gathered all things are possible with God.

Also, I learned that John F. Kennedy made a speech on the new laws that would protect the civil rights of African American and was assassinated after that. I was so fascinated how the NASW was on full support on this movement and the many social workers who fought along with the people and with the president John F. Kennedy as well. Seeing their resilience and how they pushed for this bill to pass into legislation. This example gives me strength and motivation to continue striving in becoming a social worker as God called me to do. This is one of the many great examples of what social work entails in not giving up on what is lawfully right for all people. I’m so empowered in learning about the event that occurred in the early 1960s.

And last, I probably should have known this, but I didn’t know about this until I saw it in the milestone that President Ronald Reagan recognizes the month of March as National Social Work Month and this was interesting in reading about this information. I feel that in knowing this I’ll give the social workers that I know appreciation for the work that they do.

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