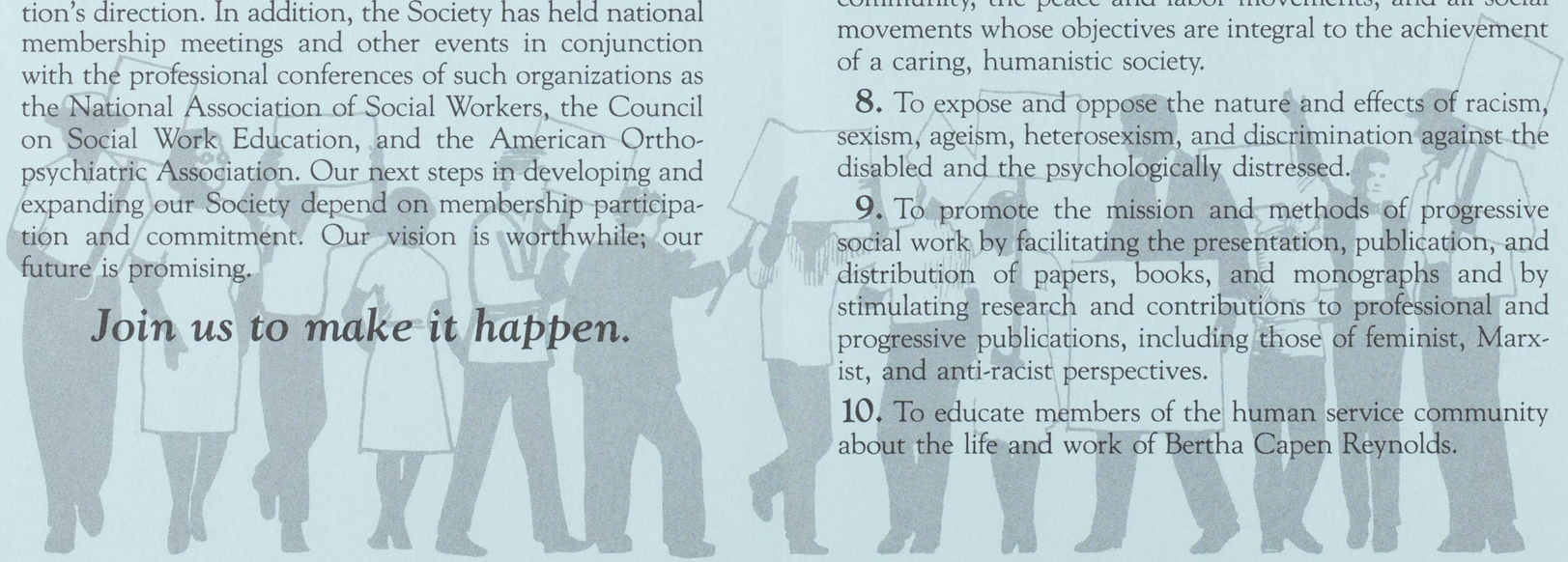
Who we are

The Bertha Capen Reynolds Society is a national organization of hundreds of progressive social workers. With members in most states and local chapters in many cities, we have formed the Society around the ten principles stated in the next panel. These principles reflect our concern for social justice, peace, and our alliance with progressive social movements. Moreover, they articulate a need by social service workers for a practice and a theory that responds to progressive concerns. It is no accident that this organization was formed at the height of the Reagan era. The Society is becoming our place to find affirmation, build leadership, and develop our analysis and our practice. We intend to put the Society's energy and resources into generating and advancing a progressive social welfare agenda.

The Society is coordinated by a national steering committee. The local BCRS chapters determine their own agenda, providing forums for discussions and debates as well as stimulating activism around local, national, and international issues. Local chapters are represented on the national steering committee to help shape the organization's direction. In addition, the Society has held national membership meetings and other events in conjunction with the professional conferences of such organizations as the National Association of Social Workers, the Council on Social Work Education, and the American Orthopsychiatric Association. Our next steps in developing and expanding our Society depend on membership participation and commitment. Our vision is worthwhile; our future is promising.

Join us to make it happen.



What we stand for

1. To promote the study and practice of the progressive tradition in social welfare and social work.

2. To further communication, cooperative support, and collaboration between and among social work practitioners, social service workers, scholars, and clients, thereby reducing the gap between theory and practice.

3. To further the scientific study of society and social work by developing a critique of the nature of social welfare, social services, social work, and social problems.

4. To develop and work on agendas for alternative social policies aimed at incremental and fundamental social change.

5. To clarify the requirements and methods of humanistic direct practice aimed at facilitating both individual and social change through advocacy, transformation, and empowerment.

6. To stimulate exchanges among employed, retired, and student social workers of diverse backgrounds to generate activism around social service and social policy issues.

7. To further coalition work between the human service community, the peace and labor movements, and all social movements whose objectives are integral to the achievement of a caring, humanistic society.

8. To expose and oppose the nature and effects of racism, sexism, ageism, heterosexism, and discrimination against the disabled and the psychologically distressed.

9. To promote the mission and methods of progressive social work by facilitating the presentation, publication, and distribution of papers, books, and monographs and by stimulating research and contributions to professional and progressive publications, including those of feminist, Marxist, and anti-racist perspectives.

10. To educate members of the human service community about the life and work of Bertha Capen Reynolds.

RESPONSE TO THE CALL TO JOIN THE BERTHA CAPEN REYNOLDS SOCIETY

☐ Please send me more information about the Society.

☐ I would like to join the Bertha Capen Reynolds Society. Enclosed are my dues, in the amount checked below.

☐ Enclosed are my renewal dues for continued membership, in the amount checked below.

☐ $10 Student, unemployed, low income member ☐ $100 Sustaining member

☐ $25 Member ☐ $250 Institutional member

☐ The enclosed check includes an additional $10 for a B.C.R.S. member discount subscription to the *Journal of Progressive Human Services* (formerly *Catalyst*).

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