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This manuscript demonstrates that it is important for the scientific community in several ways: The researchers used evidence-informed practice through their qualitative design to obtain a sample of participants for both focus groups and to capture their lived experiences. Competency aligned strategies demonstrated an understanding of how social workers engage, assess, and intervene with participants on factors associated with the connection of spirituality with mental health and wellness.

It is a suitable title. A suggested change could be: "Rooted and Resilient: Humanity and Spirituality as Foundations of Healing in Social Work Practice"

One suggested revision for the abstract: Findings suggest that integrating humanity and spirituality into social work education, practice, and policy can strengthen ethical engagement and evoke holistic well-being across diverse contexts.

Specific Comments:

Licensed Social Workers/ Licensed Clinical Social Workers: Suggestion: authors can begin with Licensed [Clinical] Social Workers then use LCSW or LSW through the remainder of the manuscript.

Village Nac: Share a bit more information about this program so that there will be more understanding of how the program and participants were utilized in the study.

Page 2, 2nd paragraph: "builds trust, empowerment, and therapeutic bonds, especially in marginalized and areas.....". Suggestion: clarify what is marginalized. Communities?

Page 11, 3rd paragraph: "can be just as therapeutically meaningful as technical interventions". Suggestion: "can be just as therapeutically meaningful as more formal clinical interventions".

Suggestion: If there is a brief transcript template with a list of questions for Focus group participants it would strengthen the impact of this study to have those questions indicated in the manuscript or in an appendix.