



Transform Minnesota

THE EVANGELICAL NETWORK

Connections Newsletter

Transform Minnesota Launches Generosity Initiative with Thrivent

Launching generosity initiative to help build healthy churches across the state.

We are happy to announce Thrivent as our official generosity partner. Our two organizations are collaborating around generosity, by hosting an Evangelical Leaders Forum on October 5th called, "**Daring Generosity.**"

This free pastors' luncheon will be held at Grace Church and will equip pastors and lay leaders in how to **dare your church to be generous**; while gaining tools to help church bodies experience the health of abundant generosity.



Churches Tackling Foster Care Crisis, Caring for Vulnerable Children

A growing movement within the local Christian Church of families supporting foster care and loving on vulnerable children.

In large part, the trend is due to a growing realization that there are **modern-day orphans** living in Minnesota. Many advocates for vulnerable children in the Christian community believe the Church finally is heeding its call to care for orphans, by attempting to care for the 1,700 Minnesota children who are wards of the state.

Read how some churches and faith-based organizations are **working to tackle Minnesota's foster care crisis**. Plus resources on how best to respond to this growing need.



Pastor's Column: A Harvest of Generosity

In the second Pastor's Column in our **Generosity Series**, Pastor Rod Carlson, Senior Pastor at Oak Hills Church in Eagan writes about similarities shared by churches that are the most generous.

He **shares a lesson** he learned about what our giving reveals about our beliefs in the abundance of God or our fear of scarcity.

Read more about how trusting in the Lord's generosity has allowed Oak Hills to bless missionaries, their community and their congregation.

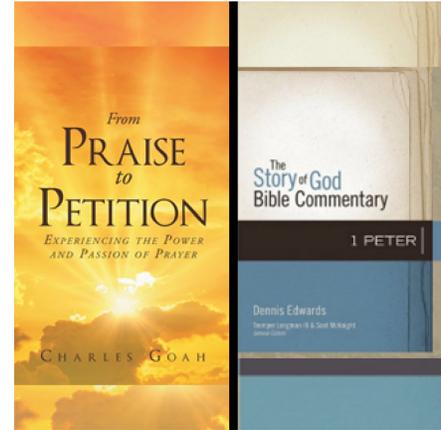


New Books, Authored by Two Transform Minnesota Board Members

We are proud of two of Transform Minnesota's board members for recently publishing the following Christian books.

Dr. Dennis Edwards, senior pastor of Sanctuary Covenant Church in Minneapolis wrote a commentary on **1 Peter for The Story of God Bible Commentary**.

Pastor Charles Goah, senior pastor of United Christian Fellowship Church in Minneapolis wrote **From Praise to Petition: Experiencing the Power and Passion of Prayer**.



Transform Minnesota Programs

UNCOVERING HIDDEN Shame



Uncovering Hidden Shame

July 19

9-11:30am

Wooddale Church

Restoring Men and Women Affected by Pornography and Prostitution. This seminar will focus on resourcing pastors on the profile of offenders, the stages of succumbing to temptation, and how the Church can minister and offer hope to those struggling with secret sexual sins.



Transform Ideas: Creation Care Sept. 28, 7-9pm

Explore the effect of a changing environment on resources and vulnerable populations.

What are the changes occurring? Who do they impact?

Learn and discuss at the Transform Ideas public forum on Creation Care.



Daring Generosity Oct. 5, 11am-1pm

We invite you to a free Evangelical Leaders Forum luncheon.

Learn how generosity is an integral component of a healthy relationship with money.

Gain tools to help your church experience the health of abundant generosity.

Community Calendar

July 20-22 United in Christ Conference, Evangelical Free Church, Bemidji
July 21 MERGE Twin Cities Prayer Meeting, Bethany Baptist Church, Roseville
Sept. 27-Nov. 5 40 Days for Life Twin Cities, Planned Parenthood, St. Paul
November 10-11 Pure Desire University Conference, Grace Church, Eden Prairie
November 11 Wait No More, Shiloh Temple International Ministries, Minneapolis

Job Openings

Accounts Payable Associate, Transform Minnesota

Transform Minnesota is looking for a part-time (20 hours/week) Accounts Payable Associate to record, process and reconcile accounts payable invoices for Transform Minnesota and the affiliate ministries; Arrive Ministries, Damascus Way and New Life Family Services.

Freelance Writer, Transform Minnesota

Transform Minnesota is looking for a Freelance Writer for Fall 2017. The Freelance Writer will attend specific Transform Minnesota events and write summaries, conduct interviews, take photos and post articles to Transform Minnesota's webpage. The main objective of the Freelance Writer will be to gather and write program and ministry-related stories. This is a freelance position, hours vary depending on the timeline of our events.

Shift Supervisor, Damascus Way Reentry Center

Damascus Way is looking for a part-time shift supervisor at their Golden Valley House to supervise residents in the facility, supervise residents who are away from the facility, and conduct administrative and program duties.

Refugee Life Ministries Program Director, Arrive Ministries

Arrive Ministries is looking for a Refugee Life Ministries Program Director to lead and oversee the RLM program, which connects Church Teams and individual volunteers (New Neighbors) with newly-arrived refugee families and other refugees who are already in the Twin Cities who desire friendship and support.

Office Manager - St. Paul, New Life Family Services

New Life Family Services is looking for an Office Manager for their St Paul office to ensure professional representation of New Life Family Services and its programs through management of the St. Paul office and coordination of client services.

Spanish Speaking Client Care Social Worker - Richfield, New Life Family Services

New Life Family Services is looking for a Spanish Speaking Client Care Social Worker for our Richfield office to conduct intakes for pregnancy tests, ultrasound appointments and STD testing, as well as social assessments and ongoing parenting and/or pregnancy-related support.

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