

January 17, 2017 Connections Newsletter Edition
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Founders Leave a Christ-Honoring Legacy Through Planned Giving

Quint and Rachel Alfors wanted to leave a legacy that outlasted their own lifetime. As the founders of our organization, Quint and Rachel Alfors encouraged giving at every turn; while Quint was President of GMAE he helped set-up a generous endowment for the future of our organization. The Alfors personally walked the talk, giving of their time and money, and they had the foresight to include Transform Minnesota in their planned giving. Even when times were tough, they modeled generosity in all stages of life; while working in ministry, in retirement, and while planning for a legacy after their own deaths. Through Quint and Rachel's lifetime of ministry work and their generous financial contributions, the Alfors leave behind a Christ-honoring legacy at Transform Minnesota.



Pastor's Column: Being Pro-Life Beyond Creating Laws

2017 brings a new year and with it a new President which some pro-lifers hope will usher in change to the landscape of abortion across our nation. Tammy Kocher, Executive Director of New Life Family Services writes about how being pro-life extends far beyond the polling place and laws created to protect life. Christians must address the social and economic barriers that lead women and men to abortion clinics. Being pro-life is about more than saving babies. It is also about raising children. Together, we need to work towards creating a culture where the Church supports life decisions, helps mothers and fathers build healthy relationships and families. And supports them in their practical struggles while nurturing their spiritual development.



Martin Luther & His 95 Theses That Transformed the Church

As we celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, we encourage all evangelical Christians to reflect on the breadth of reforms in Christian teaching and practices that followed Luther's bold actions. By nailing his 95 theses to the university door, Luther found himself leading a movement to reform the way Christians viewed salvation, scripture, and their relationship with God. Many of the beliefs and practices evangelicals revere in worship and prayer are a direct result of the Spirit-inspired revisions Martin Luther brought before the Roman Catholic Church in 1517.



Anti-Sex Trafficking "Super Run" Launches Saturday Before Super Bowl

A newly-launched Super Run 5k walk/run in Minneapolis is responding to the harsh reality of sex trafficking and sexual exploitation that is happening on our streets EVERY DAY - and as law enforcement prepares to see a surge in sex trafficking coming to our city on Super Bowl weekend 2018. Led by a group of churches, ministries, organizations and businesses, the Off the Streets Super Run is planned for the Saturday before Super Bowl LI in 2017 and Super Bowl LII in 2018, held in Minneapolis.



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Follow Us Along Our 'Journey to Harmony' on Social Media with #MNJourneytoHarmony

On **February 6-9th**, 30 Twin Cities Pastors will participate in an intentionally multi-ethnic, experiential, and spiritual journey. We will take these ministry leaders to important places and moments in the Civil Rights movement where together we'll mourn, learn, understand, repent, pray, and find hope to build bridges and stand in the gap as peacemakers.



Free Film Screening - The Insanity of God Documentary

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC - The Insanity of God 2-Day Conference is full, but you still have an opportunity to hear Nik & Ruth Ripken's LIVE testimony on Friday Feb. 17th at the FREE evening community session. Watch the recently released documentary Insanity of God Movie at Celebration Church, Lakeville - it recounts incredible stories of the persecuted church. No registration necessary.

Upcoming Spring Events in the Evangelical Network:

- **January 26 Finding Funding**, Transform Minnesota Headquarters, Richfield
- **February 4 Off the Streets Super Run 5K**, Target Field Concourse, Minneapolis
- **February 16 Pulse Twin Cities Pastors Summit**, Cedar Valley Church, Bloomington
- **February 17-18 The Insanity of God Conference**, Celebration Church, Lakeville
- **February 17 The Insanity of God FREE Community Film Screening**, Celebration Church, Lakeville 6:30-9:30pm
- **February 17-18 Midwest Conference on Missionary Care**, Calvary Lutheran Church, Golden Valley
- **March 2 TCAMP Maximizing Short-term Missions Impact**, Calvary Church, Roseville
- **March 9 Growing Young Pastors & Ministry Leaders Seminar**, Bethel University, St. Paul
- **March 11 Grow! Leadership Conference for the Rural and Small Town Church**, Cornerstone Church, Litchfield
- **March 17 Trafficking Justice Freedom Weekend Prayer Breakfast**, Christ Presbyterian Church, Edina

Who We Are

Transform Minnesota exists to connect Christian leaders, develop Biblical solutions and equip churches that transform communities.