



May 2, 2017 Connections Newsletter
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The Timeless Call for Racial Harmony

In April we launched a series of forums called Transform Ideas; conversations to help Christians explore biblical perspectives on important cultural issues. The theme for our first Transform Ideas forum was *The Timeless Call for Racial Harmony*. Four local speakers addressed 225 audience members with ideas relating to both our nation's history of racism and our present day reality of racial disparities in the Twin Cities.



Christians & Muslims Partner in Largest Mobile Food Packing Event

A collaboration of Christian, Jewish and Muslim faith-based communities in Minnesota is forming a relief response to the Somalia Famine, called Love Somalia, aimed at being Feed My Starving Children's largest mobile packing event ever. Love Somalia hopes to recruit 30,000 volunteers and raise \$1.5 million dollars in order to pack 6 million meals from June 2-5 at the River Centre in St. Paul. Together we can save thousands of lives.



Pastor's Column: Being Prophetic Without Being a Know-It-All

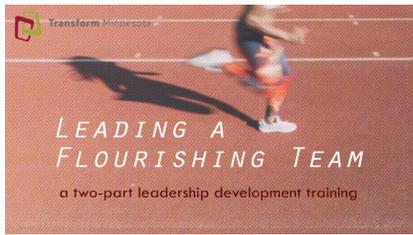
Nowadays, especially in light of the new president's administration, virtually everyone wants to be a prophet. Discernment is of paramount importance. For those in the "school of the prophets" as well as those who are trying to discern the holy among all manner of uttering, Dr. Dennis Edwards, Senior Pastor at Sanctuary Covenant Church offers four principles that guide his prophetic ministry.



Design for Non-Designers

Those who work for nonprofit ministries often wear many hats. One of those hats is the work of designing programs, graphics, and marketing materials for their organization, often without receiving the proper graphic design training. On April 19, Transform Minnesota offered a Ministry Equip training called "Design for Non-Designers" for people who have no background in design work. Jordan Sundberg, graphic designer and owner of Tin Cup Design in Duluth, MN shared her expertise on how new designers can start generating ideas and the importance of creating a concept.

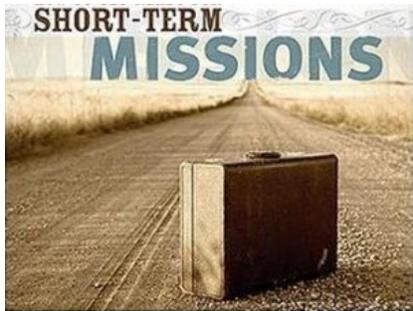




Leading a Flourishing Team (2-Part Series)

May 4 and May 18 at Transform Minnesota, Richfield

Maximizing your individual strengths and the strengths of your team is crucial for the flourishing of your ministry. Once you better understand yourself and one another, you can capitalize on your strengths and roles for a better quality work environment and more effective outcomes in ministry.



TCAMP: Maximizing Short-term Missions Impact

May 11 at Evergreen Church, Bloomington

Are short-term missions worth the effort? In a week-long window, is it possible for a local church to have impact on a community in another nation? Hear how doing short-term missions well requires implementable standards and - while strategy may look different for each church - having realistic expectations of impact and outcome is essential.

TCAMP: Assisting International Partners to Effectively Engage the Unreached

June 8, 12-1:30pm at Bethany International, Bloomington



50 mission agency representatives from all over the world will gather, focusing on unreached people groups. These partners work diligently to identify people groups who do not currently have any witness of Christ among them.



Finding Funding: Positioning Your Organization

July 13, 8:30-11am at Transform Minnesota, Richfield

This is part 2 of the Finding Funding Training from January. Whether you attended Part 1 or not, come to learn additional and expanded information on finding funding for your faith-based nonprofit.



Uncovering Hidden Shame

July 19, 9-11:30am at 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 Minnesota exists to connect Christian leaders, develop Biblical solutions and equip churches that transform communities.