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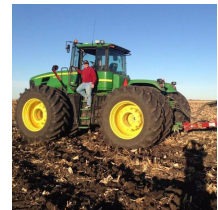
Anti-Sex Trafficking "Super Run" Launches Saturday Before Super Bowl

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.



Equipping and Encouraging Rural Church Ministries

Doing life and ministry in small towns and rural communities comes with many relational benefits and structural challenges. Of the hundreds of thousands of pastors and leaders ministering to rural communities and small towns, the isolation can be one of the hardest parts. We, at Transform Minnesota believe it is important for rural pastors to get refreshed and find a support network; that is why we are a sponsor of a new conference called Grow! It launches in March of 2017 aiming to equip and encourage rural pastors to not just survive, but become more effective in their strategic part of Kingdom of God.



In Case You Missed It: A Year In Review

5 Most Read Articles:

- 1) [Evangelical Christians and President Trump](#)
- 2) [Community Prayer Gathering Fills Sanctuary with Lamentations and Prayers](#)
- 3) [Lifting Up Jesus at US Bank Stadium](#)
- 4) [Pulse Details Plans to Fill US Bank Stadium at Two Unite Events](#)
- 5) [Navigating the Terrain, Having a Biblical Theology of Sexuality in Today's Culture](#)



5 Most Read Pastor's Columns:

- 1) [Pastor's Column: Small Town Church Reaching 5 Country Region, Doubling Attendance in Past 5 Years](#) By Paul Jorgensen, Cornerstone Church in Litchfield, MN
- 2) [Pastor's Column: Talk of Racism in the Land of Niceness](#) By Dr. Rev. Dennis Edwards, Sanctuary Covenant Church in North Minneapolis
- 3) [Pastor's Column: Growing Rural Motley Church from Single Digits to 300](#) By Pastor Jim Johnson, Motley Free Methodist Church in Motley, MN
- 4) [Pastor's Column: Three Truths As I Stare At My Ballot](#) By Dr. Matthew St. John, New Hope Church in New Hope, MN
- 5) [Pastor's Column: Politics vs. politics](#) By Pastor Jeff Heidkamp, Mercy Vineyard Church in Northeast Minneapolis



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Twin Cities Area mission professionals

TCAMP - Business As Mission

Business for Transformation (B4T) is a new model of doing missions; a radical approach to reaching the unreached via business by working hand in hand with the local sending church. B4T is a New Paradigm for Reaching the

Unreached. This TCAMP will be led by Patrick Lai on MONDAY, January 9 from noon-1:30pm at First Covenant Church St. Paul.



Finding Funding - Navigating the Landscape of Grants

Join other faith-based nonprofit executives and development directors for this session on finding and writing grants. Understanding how to effectively write grants is a useful tool for nonprofits. Comprehending how to find potential funding opportunities is equally important. Join us as we walk through the landscape of grants in Minnesota.



February 17-18, Celebration Church, Lakeville

This two-day conference with Nik and Ruth Ripken is designed to equip ministry leaders, practitioners, and those preparing for cross-cultural ministry to develop a Biblical missiology of suffering. The conference will also provide guidance for planting churches and discipleship ministries in environments where persecution is likely.

Other opportunities: **The Insanity of God Film Screening**

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC - Hear Nik & Ruth Ripken's LIVE Testimony & Join us to see the recently released documentary film *The Insanity of God*, based on the life and stories of Nik & Ruth Ripken.

Who We Are

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