

February 7, 2017 Connections Newsletter Edition
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Explanation of Our Support for Refugees

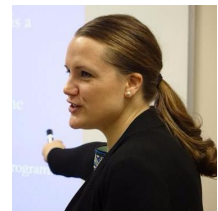
While we have seen a lot of support for refugees from evangelical grassroots and national leaders in recent months, others are asking important questions about the safety of refugees coming to America. We encourage you to use the following information to talk with fellow Christians about the real fears that some people have. It's important to our Gospel witness that Christians are seen as people motivated by the Bible and credible information.

To read our official statement and to watch Carl Nelson's full verbal remarks: **Minnesota Evangelicals Still Standing with Refugees**



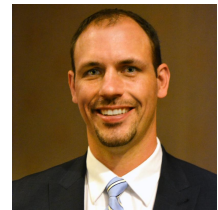
Finding Funding: Helping Faith-Based Nonprofits Navigate Private Foundations

Alisha Cora Soule taught a packed-out room full of nonprofit leaders on how to Find Funding and navigate the landscape of grants in the U.S. and Minnesota. Soule is currently the Director of Grants and Strategic Projects for the University of Northwestern St. Paul. Read more on how to find private funding, the components of a grant, and how to position your faith-based organization for Christian funding and secular funding.



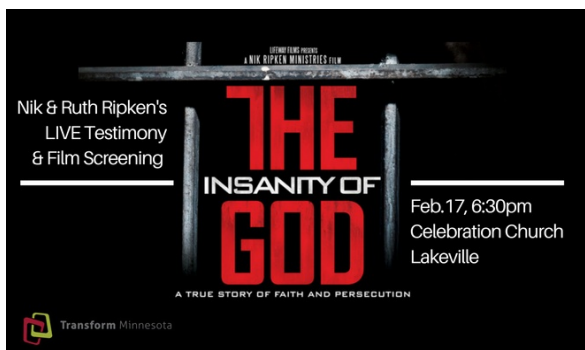
Pastor's Column: Love Where You Live

Pastor Aaron Brockmeier serves as the Senior Pastor of Faith Baptist Church in North Minneapolis. His church often shares that they #LOVENoMi! Read what Pastor Aaron has learned about loving their community in a deeply Biblical way.



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

30 Twin Cities Pastors are currently on a multi-ethnic, experiential, spiritual journey to Civil Rights sites in the South. Yesterday we were in Atlanta, GA and Montgomery, AL. Today we are in Selma, AL and Jackson, MS. Join us as our journey continues through Thursday night. Follow #MNJourneytoHarmony



Free Film Screening - The Insanity of God Documentary

February 17, 6:30pm Celebration Church, Lakeville
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC - Hear Nik & Ruth Ripken's LIVE Testimony & see the recently released documentary *The Insanity of God*, based on the life and stories of Nik & Ruth Ripken.

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Standing With Refugees, March 2 Calvary Church, Roseville 12:30-2pm

Engage with other pastors, ministry leaders, and missionaries around this important, timely topic about Standing with Refugees - as we are both pro-security and pro-refugee. Learn facts and ways to talk about the status of the church's call and ability to welcome refugees.

Upcoming Spring Events in the Evangelical Network:

- **February 16 Pulse Twin Cities Pastors Summit**, Cedar Valley Church, Bloomington
- **February 17-18 Midwest Conference on Missionary Care**, Calvary Lutheran Church, Golden Valley
- **February 21 Six Ways to Implement a Whole-Life Discipleship Making Church**, Bethel University's Anderson Center 8:30am-3:30pm
- **February 24 This is Why We Dream Concert**, City Church, Minneapolis 7-9pm
- **February 25 Twin Cities Outreach**, Union Gospel Mission's Men's Campus, St. Paul 9am-3pm
- **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.