



Transform Minnesota

THE EVANGELICAL NETWORK

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Muslim Outreach

Love, Pray, Share: Welcoming Minnesota's 200,000 Muslim Neighbors

In light of the divisive news we hear all over the state and country, we are inspired by the work of evangelicals who are reaching out to our Muslim neighbors with love, peace and hospitality right here in Minnesota. Transform Minnesota is working to inspire a missionary heart among Christians towards the nearly 200,000 Muslims that call Minnesota home. In spite of some negative reactions by Christians that have received a lot of media attention, we are encouraged by a growing movement of more and more evangelical Christians who are meeting, loving and serving their Muslim neighbors. By acting as the convener of churches and ministries, Transform Minnesota strives to use collaborative efforts to effectively educate and resource other Christians to love, pray, and share with our Muslim neighbors.

+ Listen to Dick Brogden's talk in its entirety on how to adequately and powerfully love our Muslim neighbors sacrificially.



Church Impact

Pastor's Column: A Counter-Cultural Invitation to Wait and Hope this Advent Season

Rev. Anne Vining, senior pastor at First Covenant Church St. Paul, shares her deep need during the holidays for intentional spiritual practices in Advent. The season of Advent is a rather counter-cultural invitation to wait, and to courageously choose hope over fear and despair-regardless of the state of our world, because Emmanuel, God with us, has come and is coming again!



Ministry Equip

Tips to Avoid Getting Entangled in Email

5 Tips to Being More Effective and Efficient with email from our Ministry Equip faith-based nonprofit training with Audrey Thomas. And don't miss her Golden Rule to managing your email.



Events Calendar

- **December 9 Serving Joy All Over the World Concert**, Grace Church, Eden Prairie 7pm
- **January 9 TCAMP: Business as Mission**, First Covenant Church, St. Paul 12-1:30pm
- **February 17-18 The Insanity of God Conference**, Celebration Church, Lakeville
- **February 17 The Insanity of God Community Film Screening**, Celebration Church, Lakeville
- **February 17-18 MC2 Conference**, Calvary Lutheran Church, Golden Valley



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WHY DEVELOP A BIBLICAL MISSIOLOGY OF SUFFERING?

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for this two-day conference.

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Celebration Church
Lakeville, MN

TransformMN.org/InsanityOfGod

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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 OPEN TO THE PUBLIC throughout the weekend:

Nik & Ruth Ripken's LIVE Testimony & The Insanity of God Community Film Screening. Join us to see the recently released documentary film *The Insanity of God*, based on the life and stories of Nik & Ruth Ripken.

STORY BY NIK RIPKEN
A NIK RIPKEN MINISTRIES FILM

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LIVE Testimony
& Film Screening

THE INSANITY OF GOD

Feb. 17, 6:30pm
Celebration Church
Lakeville

A TRUE STORY OF FAITH AND PERSECUTION

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Who We Are

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