



## Connections Newsletter

### Committed to Equipping Churches in Rural Communities

Doing ministry in small towns often results in unique ministry needs, challenges and relational experiences, that's why Transform Minnesota is committed to **offering more conferences and forums in rural communities**, including the Grow Leadership Conference this March.

In 2018, for the first time we brought our highly regarded Transform Ideas forum to the **communities of St. Cloud and Rochester** to discuss the topic of mental health and the Church's response.



Transform Minnesota is committed to **connecting and equipping rural church leaders** in Minnesota communities.

### Pastor's Column: Three Changes Leaders of "Stuck Churches" Avoid Making

**Growth and change are synonymous.**

As a ministry consultant and coach, Chad Hunt has seen many pastors sacrifice growth to keep people happy and avoid discomfort.

Here Hunt shares **three changes leaders avoid making**, which can prevent church growth.



### Do Justice Conference Workshops

#### America's Education Inequality

Don Samuels presented the **America's Education Inequality-Addiction** workshop at the Do Justice conference on November 8.

How **America's bias mentality** harms the education of African American children. The history of withholding education from African American children, and other exclusionary measures that lead to inequality in America's education system.



Plus **what can be done** to bridge the education gap?

#### Read More Do Justice Workshop Summaries:

**White Supremacy Distorted the Biblical Narrative Workshop:** Dr. Karen McKinney

**Just Church Workshop:** Pastor David Myles and Christopher Brooks

**What It Means to "Be In Christ" Workshop:** Dr. Kenneth Young

**Rethinking Incarceration:** Dominique Gilliard (from May 2018 event)

## Pastor's Column: Tragedy of John Chau Doesn't Overshadow the Value of Missions

Pastor Woody Roland, a Transform Minnesota board member and the pastor of missions at Autumn Ridge Church in Rochester wrote this **Op-Ed piece for the Rochester Post Bulletin** on December 11, 2018.

"The murder of this 26-year-old missionary, killed by members of an isolated tribe on a remote island near India, Myanmar, and Thailand, has **raised many questions about modern-day missions...**"



## Transform Minnesota Events



**Get IT Secure**  
**Jan. 16, 9-11am**  
**Transform Minnesota**

### Are You Cyber Secure? Protect Yourself from Data Hacks.

The training will discuss how to avoid ransomware and malware; and how to implement solid security policies and employee training to protect your organization.



**Engaging Generations Through Generosity**  
**Jan. 22, 9am-12pm**  
**Transform Minnesota**

### An Interactive Workshop Experience for Church Leaders.

This training provides insight into how Christians really feel about generosity, and ways to disciple and engage all generations through generosity.



**Dismantling Racism | North Metro**  
**Jan. 24, 9am-12pm**  
**Mercy Vineyard Church, Minneapolis**

Help the Church recognize racial bias, reorient our hearts, and reconcile communities to Christ and each other.

This training is with Dr. Ruben Rivera.

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leadership conference  
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**God, Sex and Culture**  
**Feb. 24, 6-8pm**  
**Substance Downtown Campus**

### An Evening with Sy Rogers

This evening forum is free and open to the public. Sy Rogers is a leading voice regarding sexuality, cultural themes and God's character.

**God, Sex and the Church**  
**Feb. 25, 10am-3pm**  
**Substance Northtown Campus**

### Leadership Conference with Sy Rogers

Registration is Now Open! This daytime leadership conference will offer practical, proven insights for pastors and youth leaders.



**Grow Leadership  
Conference**  
**March 9, 9am-3pm**  
**Heritage Church, Baxter**

### Developing Thriving Rural Churches.

The Grow Leadership Conference will encourage pastors and board members in the unique role they play in the Kingdom of God, and will provide information on ministering effectively to impact their communities.



**Dismantling Racism | South Metro**  
**March 21, 9am-12pm**  
**Wooddale Church, Eden Prairie**

Help the Church recognize racial bias, reorient our hearts, and reconcile communities to Christ and each other. This training is with Dr. Ruben Rivera.



**Reexamining Sexuality**  
**April 11, 25, May 9, 2019, 9am-11am**  
**Transform Minnesota**

A healthy view of God, ourselves and others leads to a healthy view and experience of sex.

Back by popular demand, Becky Patton will engage in the deeper questions of identity, honoring ourselves and others, and bringing forth the wholeness of God in each other.

# Community Calendar

- **January 19 Westwood Parenting Conference**, Westwood Community Church, Excelsior
- **January 22 Roe v. Wade Prayer Rally**, Planned Parenthood, St. Paul
- **February 1-23 'Til Death: A Marriage Musical**, Art House North, St. Paul
- **February 15-16 MC2 Midwest Conference on Missionary Care**, New Hope Church, New Hope
- **February 21 UNITE National Day of Prayer Pastors and Leaders Summit**, Christ Presbyterian Church, Edina
- **March 6-April 14 40 Days for Life Twin Cities Lent 2019**, Planned Parenthood, St. Paul

Does your church, ministry or organization have an upcoming event?  
If so, submit your event [here](#).

## Job Openings

### Accounts Payable Associate, Transform Minnesota

Transform Minnesota is looking for a part-time Accounts Payable Associate for our Richfield Headquarters office. This position is responsible for accurate recording, processing and reconciling of accounts payable invoices for Transform Minnesota and the affiliate ministries; Arrive Ministries, Damascus Way and New Life Family Services.

### Office and Reception Manager, Arrive Ministries

Arrive Ministries is looking for a full-time Office and Reception Manager. The Office and Reception Manager primarily provides support for Arrive Ministries, however some support is provided to the other ministries of Transform Minnesota; New Life Family Services and Damascus Way as well as limited support to some building tenants. In addition the Office and Reception Manager provides administrative support to the Immigration and Legal Services Department within Arrive Ministries. The Office and Reception Manager receives guests and clients and directs them to the appropriate organization/ministry.

### Client Care Nurse, New Life Family Services

New Life Family Services is looking for a Client Care Nurse for their Rochester office. The Client Care Nurse performs ultrasounds, conducts pregnancy tests, conducts STI testing and treatment. This position also assesses client needs and make nursing judgments which reflect safe nursing practices.

### Multimedia Account Manager, Salem Media Group - Twin Cities

Sell and provide marketing solutions for AM 980 The Mission, AM 1280 The Patriot, and other Salem Media Group elements.

### Senior Accounting Analyst II, University of Northwestern - St. Paul

The Senior Accounting Analyst II is responsible for developing and manipulating complex financial models, including the annual budget and new business proforma statements.

### Let Us Post Your Job Openings!

Transform Minnesota is happy to include job postings of our network partners in our next Connections eNewsletter.



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