



# Transform Minnesota

THE EVANGELICAL NETWORK

## July 17, 2018 Connections Newsletter

### Pastor's Column Series: Learning from Chaplains

#### Rev. Amy Luukkonen, Women's Prison Chaplain

Rev. Amy Luukkonen serves as a Chaplain in the Shakopee Women's Correctional Facility. Here she write about doing ministry in such a confining environment, and how she's found a humble acceptance that God is working to create a sacred space even amidst all of the boundaries of prison.



#### Pastor Bruce Talso, Police Chaplain

Pastor Bruce Talso is a volunteer Police Chaplain for the Brooklyn Park and Champlin Police Departments. He writes of his role as a chaplain to meet the needs of grieving family members while helping them process traumatic experiences. He also ministers to the police officers in their service to the community.



#### Deb Eigen, Corporate Chaplain

What is a Corporate Chaplain? Deb Eigen shares about her unique ministry in a marketplace setting and how she aims to build up each employee at Aagard Corporation through encouragement, emotional care, prayer, and resources.



### Help Move Plans to Actions: 5 Areas Pastors Can't Ignore

Good planning is only part of moving a church forward, **plans have to be executed.**

A lead pastor must keep a finger on the pulse of the church to ensure movement is happening. In larger churches, this can be delegated through staff; in smaller churches, the pastor typically has to be that point person to keep things progressing.

**Read five areas that require leadership and attention from the lead pastor to help move plans to action.**



## Transform Minnesota Events



### Reexamining Sexuality Aug. 23, Sept. 13 & 27 Transform Minnesota

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

It is recommended that registrants attend all 3 sessions, since the information presented will build upon information introduced at prior sessions.



**Skillful Hiring**  
**August 28, 9-11am**  
**Transform Minnesota**

**Hire smart. Hire well. Hire for the long haul.**  
Hiring well takes time, intentionality, and training. This training will teach how to best fill open positions with the right person for the job.



**Boost Employee Retention**  
**September 20, 9-11am**  
**Transform Minnesota**

**Maintain an Engaged Workforce and Reduce Turn-Over.**  
Find out how to effectively retain employees by offering the right balance of competitive compensation, career advancement, and positive workplace relationships.



**Transform Ideas: Holistic Pro-Life**  
**October 4, 7-9pm**  
**Location TBD**

**Caring for the Beginning of Life & Abundant Life.**  
We believe Christians have a call to be against abortion and pro-life. This Transform Ideas forum will look beyond the picket lines, and into a holistic viewpoint of what it means to live out a pro-life stance.



**Slow Your Scroll**  
**October 11, 9-11am**  
**Transform Minnesota**

**Create Facebook Content that Makes People Stop and Share.**  
This training will offer practical strategies for maximizing the use of your organization's Facebook account. Get more likes, shares, and overall Facebook engagement by creating buzz-worthy content for your target audience.



**Do Justice Conference with Bryan Stevenson**  
**November 8, 1-5:30pm**  
**Christ Presbyterian Church**

*An afternoon leadership conference.*

Bryan Stevenson is best-selling author of "Just Mercy" will be presenting an original talk aimed at people of faith.

The **Do Justice Conference** includes workshop sessions, discussion and plenary speaker Dr. Kenneth Young, Professor of Systemic Theology and Christian Ministries, University of Northwestern - St. Paul.

**Registration is required for the Do Justice Conference. Tickets are selling quickly.**

# Community Calendar

## Welcoming the Stranger Seminar: Immigration, Truth and Compassion

August 2, 8-10 AM  
Hope Church, Richfield

Seminar offered by **Arrive Ministries**, a Transform Minnesota affiliate



- **July 19 Living Reconciliation Evening**, Bethel Christian Fellowship, St. Paul
- **July 22-25 Leadership Training Conference: Christian Ethics and Advocacy**, Bethel Christian Fellowship, St. Paul
- **August 4 Superhero 5K**, Lake Normandale Bandshell, Bloomington
- **September 15 Minnesota Hope and Hearts Run/Walk**, Bunker Hills Regional Park, Coon Rapids

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

## Job Openings

### Shift Supervisor - Damascus Way Re-entry Center

Damascus Way is looking for a part-time Shift Supervisor at both their Minneapolis and Rochester facilities. Damascus Way is a Christian-based halfway house ministry licensed by the Minnesota Department of Corrections. The primary responsibilities of the Shift Supervisor fall into three categories: supervision and interaction with residents in the facility, monitoring of residents who are away from the facility and light administrative duties.

### Client Care Social Worker - Phillips Office, New Life Family Services

New Life Family Services is looking for a full time Client Care Social Worker for their future Phillips office. The Client Care Social Worker conducts intakes for pregnancy tests, ultrasound appointments and STD testing, as well as social assessments and ongoing parenting and/or pregnancy-related support. They also provide decision making counseling for clients including providing information about abortion risks and procedures, parenting information, and adoption education.

### Office Manager, New Life Family Services

New Life Family Services is looking for a full time Office Manager for their University First Care office. The Office Manager is responsible for office administration including coordinating schedules, ordering office supplies, maintaining office equipment, general office organization and maintaining office statistics. The Office Manager will also answer incoming phone calls and provide over the phone counseling to those in crisis.

### Nurse Manager, New Life Family Services

New Life Family Services is looking for a full time Nurse Manager for our Richfield First Care office. The Nurse Manager performs ultrasounds, conducts pregnancy tests, conducts STI testing and treatment. They will also assess client needs and make nursing judgments which reflect safe nursing practices.

### Four Openings at Westwood Community Church

**Campus Worship Producer** - Collaborate, plan, host, produce, support and troubleshoot weekly and holiday worship services and events with excellence.

**Pastor, Family Ministries** - Serve in Pastoral Leadership for the Multi-site Campus with primary leadership and resourcing of Student's and Family Ministries.

**Pastor, Student Ministries** - Lead, direct and implement the Middle School Student Ministry (Gr 6-8) or the High School Student Ministry (Gr 9-12).

**Director of Worship Services** - Lead, equip, and resource all contributors of worship services at all campuses, focusing on the systems, infrastructure and operational aspects of a multi-campus church.

### **Two Openings at Prairie Community Church**

**Director of Youth Ministries** - God's person for us has a heart for youth and a desire to help them "grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3:18), and a desire to bridge our church to our community to reach youth, their friends, and families who need Jesus.

**Director of Ministry to Children and their Families** - God's person for us has a heart for children and their families and a deep commitment to help them "grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ" (2 Peter 3:18) and a desire to engage the community with the Good News in ways that can bridge our church to children and families who need Jesus.

### **Creative Arts Director, Central Lutheran Church**

We are praying that God will raise up the right person to join a fun loving, diverse and Christ centered team in leading Central's mission of Making Disciples of Jesus. Necessary skills and gifts include: creativity/graphic designer, projection and sound, social media, website management and recruiter/team builder.

### **Digital Solutions Professional, Salem Media Group**

Salem Media Group in the Twin Cities is looking for a digital savvy, highly motivated sales professional to join our advertising team selling our Digital Marketing Solutions to local small-to-medium sized businesses (SMBs).

### **International Student Outreach Coordinator, Anselm House**

Anselm House seeks an International Student Outreach Coordinator (ISOC) to advance its mission of connecting faith and knowledge with all of life at the University of Minnesota. Through a new partnership, Anselm House has the opportunity to play a significant role in expanding Wilberforce Academy's work of equipping international students to become redemptive change agents to challenges facing their home societies and workplaces.

### **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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