



June 19, 2018 Connections Newsletter

Improve Emotional Intelligence in the Workplace

Dr. Jeanine Parolini taught about emotional intelligence at our EQ Ministry Equip training on May 31. Parolini highlighted the importance of recognizing certain truths about people, including **the one thing to consider when dealing with people.**

An important trait of improving your EQ in the workplace is recognizing that each employee brings their whole heart to work. Dr. Parolini shared **two steps to creating a workplace with fully engaged people.**

Plus the **role of safety and trust in workplace relationships.**



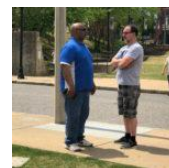
Sankofa 2018 Pastor's Reflections:

Our second Sankofa journey took 28 Twin Cities multi-ethnic pastors to the South to learn about civil rights and racial reconciliation the first week of May.

Read a collection of reflections from pastors who went on the journey.

Dr. Greg Boyd, Woodland Hills Church

Dr. Greg Boyd writes about his initial reluctance to going on the Sankofa journey, yet how hearing the stories of the African-American brothers and sisters journeying with him had a profound impact on him. Dr. Boyd shares how this experiential and relational journey devastated him, hurt him and changed him.



Rev. Dr. Dennis Edwards, Sanctuary Covenant Church

Rev. Dr. Dennis Edwards writes about the questions and feelings that arose in him after seeing a lynching memorial listing names from Laurens County, SC – where his mother was raised.



Kenja Mejia, The Urban Refuge Church

Kenja Mejia writes about being inspired by the brave Civil Rights workers who fought for equal rights, and as a woman of color, how their struggle bolstered her sense of identity and self-worth.



Pastor David Lenz, Hope Church

Pastor David Lenz writes about how facing our country's past he came face to face with pure evil; and yet acknowledging that facing the past is the only way we can move forward, together.



Gail Gisi, Union Gospel Mission

Gail Gisi writes about the way the "lens" of her mind and heart was adjusted during the four day journey traveling with this team.



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.



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

*An afternoon leadership
conference*

Bryan Stevenson is one of America's leading champions for justice reform in our prison systems and best-selling author of "**Just Mercy.**"

Watch Stevenson's recent [interview on 60 Minutes.](#)

The **Do Justice Conference** includes breakout 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

- **June 19-23 Sahara Challenge**, Bethel University, St. Paul
- **June 20-22 JuST Faith Summit**, Bethel University, St. Paul
- **June 21 Mentoring Workshop**, UpWorks, St Paul
- **July 8 Pray Together Sunday**, All Churches
- **July 12 Pastors and Marketplace Leaders Seminar**, Shiloh Temple International Ministries, Minneapolis
- **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

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