



## Connections Newsletter

### Do Justice Conference with Bryan Stevenson

Fifteen-hundred people from Minnesota's faith communities attended the **Do Justice Conference with Bryan Stevenson** presented by Transform Minnesota on November 8, and An Evening with Bryan Stevenson later that evening.

Stevenson is an acclaimed civil rights attorney, founder of the Equal Justice Initiative, and author of *Just Mercy*. He gave two addresses to a packed sanctuary at Christ Presbyterian Church on the need for **Americans to pursue racial justice and reconciliation in our country**.



**Read more about how Stevenson encouraged the Church** to work to change the narratives of our society and to stay hopeful, while positioning themselves in inconvenient and uncomfortable places.



### Pastor's Column: Geysers of Women's Voices

Like a geyser of water finally breaking through the surface, suppressed for a variety of reasons, are **the stories from brave women in the church and in society** who have in some cases risked a lot to share their stories.

**Women need spaces where their voices are honored.** We are all better and stronger when a variety of voices are invited to the table and honored.

It helps us understand one another. To learn from one another. To step outside of ourselves and experience another's story.

**Read Pastor Trin Peterson's column on how honoring women's voices moves the body of Christ forward in unity and love.**



### Slow Your Scroll: Effective Social Media Strategies

There are approximately 4.75 billion pieces of content shared on Facebook daily. Everyone wants to be seen and heard.

**How do we catch people's attention through all of the social media noise?**

Dr. Brian Stewart, Assistant Professor of Entrepreneurship at North Central University, presented on **four ways to effectively use social media to engage others** at our Slow Your Scroll training in October, including: building effective facebook ads, utilizing facebook analytics, and creating valuable facebook content.





**Transform Ideas ROCHESTER**  
**Nov. 29, 7-9pm**  
**Rochester Covenant Church**

**Awakening the Church to Mental Health.**

This forum will address the calling of the Church to care for people and their families who are struggling with common mental health concerns.



**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**  
**Jan. 24, 9am-12pm**  
**Mercy Vineyard Church**

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

This training with Dr. Ruben Rivera leads us on a Biblically-rooted process to recognize and understand racial bias and racism in ourselves and society.

## Community Calendar

- **December 1 Not in Our City 5K**, Target Field, Minneapolis
- **December 4 Pilgrim Center for Reconciliation Christmas Open House**, Colonial Church, Edina

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

## Job Openings

## **Nutrition Coordinator/Finance & Operations Admin. Assistant, Hope Academy**

Oversee daily operations in the kitchen, cafeteria and staff, including ordering food & maintaining daily production records as well as assisting the Head of Operations and Finance.

### **Let Us Post Your Job Openings!**

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