

Transform Minnesota Connections Newsletter



a network of churches where leaders engage complex issues from a biblical perspective .

Rooted in Scripture, Motivated by Love



Transform Minnesota hosted president of the Center for Faith, Sexuality & Gender, **Preston Sprinkle** for two sold out events early this November. Holy Sexuality: Engaging Questions was geared towards lay leaders and held at City Church. Wooddale Church in Eden Prairie hosted Transform's Holy Sexuality Leaders Forum Conference.

Preston spent the morning affirming a biblical view of marriage, gender, and sexuality through scripture. He also acknowledged that generally speaking, the Church has **historically prioritized its theology above its posture**. "Jesus gives us a model for how the Church, who believes in a biblical sexual ethic, should be towards those who might disagree with our ethic. He challenged the audience to ask their LGBT+ friends and family what word comes to mind when they think of the Church, and suggested that if "kindness" is not top of the list, Christians are not **embodying the love of Christ** as we ought. "I rarely, if ever, see people argued into the kingdom..."

Upcoming Events



Sexual Identity and Labels: A Testimony by Rachel Gilson February 13 (two locations)

A personal story of biblical ethics as a same sex attracted believer. Join us as Rachel shares how she met Jesus and how this changed her understanding of her same-sex attraction.

There will be two locations and times for this event. One in the **south metro** and one in the **north metro**.



Journey Well Leadership Conference March 19, 9am-4pm

Walk alongside LGBT+ people with love and authenticity.

This conference is designed for pastors, lay leaders and people in positions of spiritual influence who are asking the question "What does this look like in my life, my relationships, my community, my church?"

More Resources

Transform Minnesota's Vision for Holy Sexuality



Transform Minnesota has had some exciting events and programs this past year around our **Holy Sexuality Initiative**. And we are excited to have more in 2020! Our heart is to equip the Church in **steadfast scriptural foundations** while encouraging compassionate, Christ-like navigation of today's more challenging topics. Transform's Holy Sexuality initiative is at the center of this response.

While adhering to historically biblical sexual ethics, Transform Minnesota seeks to create spaces where **complex issues are engaged** in ways that are relevant, truthful, and informative. The Church cannot afford to shy away from uncomfortable or even controversial topics if we are to truly live out the Great Commission (Matthew 28:16-20).

Read more about our vision for Holy Sexuality [here](#).

Building a Vibrant Church Culture

In November, River Valley Campus Pastor Kirk Graham spoke at a Transform Minnesota breakfast on creating and developing a **vibrant church culture**.

Kirk shared the journey to his current role as well as the **12 cultural leadership principles** he and River Valley staff have found beneficial. He then facilitated questions from the audience in an open Q&A format as members openly discussed their own **church cultures**.



Pastor's Column: Follow Up to Sankofa

"My pastor at Antioch Community, Andy O'Rourke, and I went on the Spring 2019 **Sankofa Journey** with Intentions to grow in our



understanding of history, each other, and the future of the Church.



On this journey, the Lord revealed to me that it only takes one person to ignite change in the hearts of others, **stand for the equality and equity of the Gospel**, and speak out as people of color are lost to addiction, injustice, and poverty."

Community Calendar

- January 4; **Recharge**, Bethel University
- January 25; **Distinctions Seminar**, North Heights Lutheran Church

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

Job Openings

Development Coordinator, New Life Family Services

New Life Family Services is looking for a full-time (32 hours/week) Development Coordinator at their Rochester Office.

Executive Assistant and Events Coordinator, Hope Academy

Hope Academy is seeking an Executive Assistant and Events Coordinator to implement monthly and annual development events, coordinate major donor engagement, and to assist the donor relations team in deepening major donor connections (31-40 hours/week). Apply by contacting Tennille Ziegler at tennilleziegler@hopeschool.org.

Director of Youth Ministries, Hope Church

Hope Church is hiring a full-time Director of Youth Ministries to provide visionary leadership for middle and high school students. Apply by sending resume and cover letter to Kim Laufenburger at kim@hope-pc.org.

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