

Transform Minnesota Connections Newsletter



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

Sexual Identity and Labels: A Testimony by Rachel Gilson



Transform Minnesota partnered with Rachel Gilson for two events on February 13 at Chapel Hill Church and The Grove Church. She spoke to several hundred attendees about her journey to finding Jesus at Yale University and how meeting Him changed her understanding of everything, including her same-sex attraction. Transform asked Rachel to speak to **sexual identity and labels**, as both have become divisive for the Church and affect members inside and outside of Christian communities.

Walk Alongside LGBT+ People with the Heart of Jesus

"You won't want to miss it (Journey Well Leadership Conference). Laurie is a delight to listen to. She is deeply connected to her Creator and Savior and draws gospel truth that will help you in your walk with Christ, as well as equip you to minister effectively to his people." - Rachel Gilson

"In a world seeking sexual wholeness yet experiencing sexual brokenness, Laurie is a breath of fresh air!"
- Preston Sprinkle



While holding to a historically biblical view on sexuality and marriage, the Church is called to walk alongside LGBT+ people with the heart of Jesus. Join us March 19 from 9am-4pm at CrossPoint Church. **Register soon, space is limited!**

Upcoming Events



Employee Classification Simplified

Transform Minnesota
February 27, 9-11am

Managing the critical differences between exempt, non-exempt, salaried, and hourly. Misclassifying employees is one of the most common errors made by churches and nonprofits and can lead to lawsuits, back pay, and substantial penalties.



Cultivating Diversity in the Workplace

The Urban Refuge Church
March 26, 1-3pm

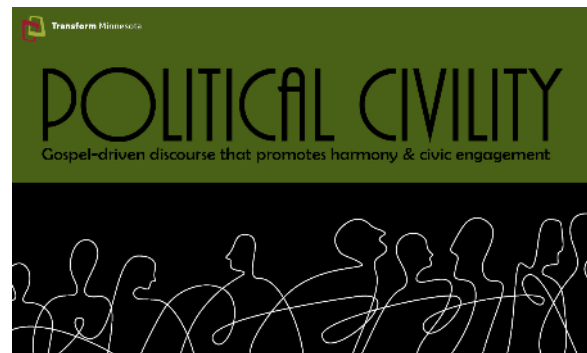
Fostering an environment of cultural inclusion and respect. Workplace diversity is critical to a healthy organization. Join us as we learn how to better foster a workplace where differences are recognized, celebrated, and valued.



Sankofa Journey to Harmony

May 5 – May 8, 2020

Exploring our troubled past so we can move forward and fulfill our calling to oneness. This intentionally multi-ethnic, experiential, and spiritual journey will allow us to hear the histories of slavery and racial segregation and take us to important places in the Civil Rights movement. Click [here](#) for more info.



Political Civility

Cedar Valley Church
May 20, 9am - 3pm

Regardless of the political climate, Christians are called to maintain a posture of the Church as the Body of Christ. Join us as we learn to identify the core of the Church's political dissonance, exercise civil discourse, and practically begin to implement change in our congregations.

More Resources

The Clayton, Jackson, McGhie Memorial is hosting a **series of events** leading up to a presentation by **keynote speaker Bryan Stevenson**, Director of EJI. Transform Minnesota hosted Bryan Stevenson in 2018 and is proud to partner with **this event** as a part of our Racial Harmony initiative. CJMM hopes to have at least 10,000 present to match those in attendance on the same corner 100 years ago at the Duluth lynchings.



Transform Minnesota believes there is significant value in the work organizations like CJMM and EJI are engaged in to **remember and dignify each life lost to lynching**. We also believe that in acknowledging and grieving the historical and present sin of racism in our nation, the Church can begin to serve as a place of racial harmony and justice. We hope you can join us this summer in Duluth.

'Tuko Pamoja': We are Together

I was reminded of how the relative ease we have in following Jesus in our own context does not necessarily equate to greater joy in him. I felt compelled to look at my own life and **wonder where I've made compromises for personal comfort** rather than sacrificially loving my neighbors—which is also at the expense of my own joy in the Lord. Pursuing koinonia means we are continually reminded that **our global mission engagement is just as much about the transformation that God desires to do in us as through us**.



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Community Calendar

- February 20; **Merge Pastors Prayer Breakfast**, Allianz Field
- February 20; **Peacemaking at the U.S. & Mexico Border**, Youth Works
- February 21; **Midwest Conference on Missionary Care**, Calvary Baptist Church
- February 27; **Behind the Wall**, Evergreen Church
- February 29; **Church Refugee Gardens Panel**
- April 22; **Trauma Informed Care in Schools**, Transform Minnesota

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

Job Openings

Accounting Associate, Transform Minnesota

Transform Minnesota is looking for a part-time Accounting Associate to help maintain accurate financial records.

Resettlement Specialist & Cash Assistance Eligibility Coordinator, Arrive Ministries

Arrive Ministries is looking for a full-time RRS and RCA Eligibility Coordinator at the Richfield Headquarters office.

Shift Leader, Damascus Way

Damascus Way is looking for a Shift Leader at their Golden Valley location to supervise residents in and away from the facility and assist with administrative and program duties.

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