## Transform Minnesota Connections Newsletter



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

## **Abundant Life from Conception to Natural Death**



This January, Transform
Minnesota remembers and grieves
those lives lost to unnatural
causes, including abortion and
physician-assisted suicide. We
believe that because God has
created each of us in His image,
that every life holds dignity and
purpose, regardless of life
stage. We also believe that the
Church is called to support those
facing unplanned pregnancies or
difficult end of life circumstances.

"The reality is that any person standing in front of us was once an unborn child that we sought to advocate for and protect, and if we saw the awesome truth then, that they were fearfully and wonderfully made in the womb, that never stops being true." - Holistic Pro-Life panelist, Elisia Kraemer

# Upcoming Events



#### Sexual Identity and Labels: A Testimony by Rachel Gilson

February 13 (two locations) Chapel Hill Church, 9-11am The Grove Church, 1-3pm

# A personal story of biblical ethics as a same sex attracted believer.

As the Church learns to better love the LGBT+ community while holding to a biblical sexual ethic, it's critical to listen. Join us as Rachel shares how meeting Jesus changed her understanding of same-sex attraction.

Journey Well Leadership Conference Crosspoint Church 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, and my church?

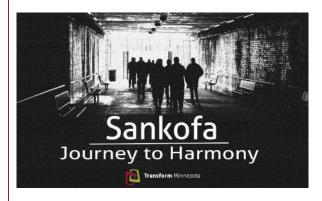


# **Employee Classification Simplified Transform Minnesota**

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. In recent years, the IRS has increased employee classification enforcement, creating a compelling incentive for employers to reexamine whether employees are properly classified.



#### **Sankofa Journey to Harmony**

Atlanta, Birmingham, Montgomery, Jackson, Memphis May 5th – May 8th, 2020

Transform Minnesota is planning our fourth Sankofa Journey to Harmony trip. This journey is strategically curated for pastors and ministry leaders. We need a confirmed number of interested individuals by February 1. If you are interested in attending the spring trip, please fill out the interest form.

### More Resources

## **Encouragement For 2020**

I know that God's hand is on the Twin Cities here in Minnesota. Jesus is changing lives! I met with hundreds of pastors from various evangelical denominations in 2019 and heard unique stories of the Gospel at work.

God's Word gives us eyes for the marginalized and vulnerable, grants us peace in uncertainty and anxiety, and heals the wounds of trauma and shame. Scriptural truths, biblical ethics, and the value of discipleship and community

remain **refreshing and compelling to each generation**. A particular level of generosity and engagement where social issues meet biblical values continues to expand among younger generations of believers.



#### I Left Same-Sex Romance for Love

Transform is looking forward to hosting **Rachel Gilson** this February for **two events**, one in the South Metro and one in the North Metro. We hope you can join us! Rachel has written for various publications including Christianity Today and Desiring God.

Check out one of her featured posts: I Left Same-Sex Romance for Love.

Rachel Gilson has been sharing her personal story of serving Jesus as a same sex attracted believer for over three years.

Rachel serves on the leadership team of Theological Development and Culture with Cru (formerly Campus Crusade for Christ) and Campus Staff for the Northeast Region specifically in LGBT+ engagement.



## **Become a Monthly Supporter!**

# **Community Calendar**

- January 25; Distinctions Seminar, North Heights Lutheran Church
- January 27; Midnight Traveler Film Screening, Urban Refuge Church
- February 12; Trauma Informed Care in Schools, Transform Minnesota
- February 20; Merge Pastors Prayer Breakfast, Allianz Field
- February 21; Midwest Conference on Missionary Care, Calvary Baptist Church
- February 27; Behind the Wall, Evergreen Church
- 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.

#### **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.

#### Resettlement Specialist & Cash Assistance Eligibility Coordinator

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

#### **House Staff, ESTHER Homes Inc.**

ESTHER Homes is seeking a house staff member for their St. Paul location. This position's role is to create and maintain a positive, safe, and supportive environment for families taking steps towards stability. Interested applicants please contact Amber Hornsby at amber@estherhomesmn.com.

#### **Communications Coordinator, National Christian Foundation**

The National Christian Foundation is looking for a Communications Coordinator to provide support in marketing, communications, event planning, and donor engagement at their Edina office. If interested please submit your resume to jcarver@ncgiving.com.

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