

# Transform Minnesota Connections Newsletter

Complex Issues. Biblical Perspective.

## Conversations About Biblical Sexuality



Sexuality continues to be a relevant complex issue facing the church today. As the conversation evolves, Transform Minnesota recognizes the need to **equip leaders to apply a biblical sexual ethic to questions they navigate within their ministries**.

[Read more about how we're doing that this year.](#)

## Dialogue About God-Honoring Identity Language



There is a debate among Christians about what language used to describe LGBT+ experience and identity is **most God-honoring and biblically faithful**. Rachel Gilson (who we hosted in 2020) and Dr. Greg Coles (who will be with us in May) engaged their differences in this discussion through a series of blog posts.

Transform will **continue to help leaders engage in dialogue** about identity language within a biblical sexual ethic, particularly from mature Christians who experience same-sex attraction. [Read more about this ongoing commitment here.](#)

[Read the blog series debating sexual identity language](#) from The Center for Faith, Sexuality & Gender.

## Holy Sexuality Events



### Identity and Belonging

May 3, 2023  
1:30 - 3:30 PM

Calvary Church,  
Roseville

Join us for a conversation with **Dr. Greg Coles**, Senior Research Fellow for The Center for Faith, Sexuality & Gender and author of *Single, Gay, Christian and No Longer Strangers*.

Greg will explore the **definition and experience of Side B Christians**, as well as how the Church has historically interacted with and can create a healthy community that embraces the fullness and beauty of Side B Christians.

Those who are **Side B** believe **the goal for every person's life is to pursue holiness**, for LGBT+ believers that is **either celibacy or monogamous, opposite-sex marriage**.

[Click here to learn more about Identity and Belonging.](#)

## Posture Shift Intensive

November 2-3, 2023  
9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Location given to participants only



One of the greatest challenges facing the church today is **how to engage with and nourish faith in LGBT+ persons**. Against a backdrop of decades of perceived religious mistreatment of LGBT+ persons, the pressure to love people well is collapsing theological beliefs. **This is unbiblical: we can fully honor God and radically love people simultaneously**.

Through a biblically sound, missiological approach to LGBT+ outreach and care, Posture Shift presents a way forward for the conservative church.

"My number one go-to resource [*Posture Shift Ministries curriculum*] for Christian leaders, pastors, parents, and friends with LGBT+ loved ones"

— Dr. Priscilla Spiveille, President of  
The Center for Faith, Sexuality & Gender

This workshop is highly interactive, and discussion based. The Posture Shift team provides **practical, tangible guidance for real-life inclusion and care of LGBTQ+ individuals and their families in your ministry context while holding to a biblical sexual ethic.**

We encourage you to bring several people from your team!

[Click here to learn more about Posture Shift.](#)

## Building Up Leaders of Rural Churches



This March, 115 pastors and ministry leaders came together for the **Rural Impact Leadership Conference (RILC)**. The conference, which focused on nurturing thriving rural churches through **building up pastors and leaders**, centered on the contextual application of the rural church in faithfully living out the mission and message of Jesus.

[Learn more about this year's RILC here.](#)

## Additional Upcoming Events



### Trauma Healing Initial Facilitator Training

April 20 - 21  
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

hosted at  
Transform Minnesota

The Trauma Healing Initial Facilitator Training is for those who wish to be **trained and certified as facilitators**. Facilitators will be trained in biblical and mental health principles related to trauma care.

*Participants in the training must be 18 or older, must have completed participation in a Healing Group, and must be able to attend the entire training.*

[Click here to learn more about the Initial Facilitator Training.](#)



### Trauma Healing In-Person Healing Group

June 9 - 10  
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

hosted at  
Transform Minnesota

Healing Groups are safe, multi-session small groups led by certified facilitators. In these groups, people with heart wounds can come together to find healing, **engage with scripture, learn to feel safe, and know they are valued.**

*Adult healing groups are meant for those ages 18 and older and are not intended to be a replacement for professional mental health care.*

[Click here to learn more about the In-Person Healing Group.](#)



Save the date!

**Know.  
Own.  
Change.**

June 22, 2023

Transform Minnesota is partnering with the **OneRace Movement** for a Know. Own. Change. leadership training. Through this Gospel-centered reconciliation training, participants will engage with the scriptures, history, and personal experience with race, ethnicity, and culture to be equipped to serve as a reconciler in their community.

[More information about the Know. Own. Change. leadership training coming soon!](#)

## Sankofa 2023

Dates:  
October 10-13, 2023

[Click here for more details and registration information](#)



Sankofa 2023 is an intentionally multi-ethnic, experiential, and spiritual journey - a pilgrimage. Join us and a group of local pastors and ministry leaders as we travel across the Southeastern United States. We will engage our history by visiting sites important to the Civil Rights movement, along with exploring the history of slavery and legalized segregation in the U.S.

[Click here to learn more about Sankofa.](#)

## Job Openings

AMilate Ministries

### Case Manager, Refugee Reception & Placement, Arrive Ministries

Arrive Ministries is looking for a full-time (40 hours/week) Case Manager, Refugee Reception & Placement at the Richfield Headquarters Office.

### Immigration Counselor or Immigration Attorney, Arrive Ministries

Arrive Ministries is looking for a full-time (40 hours/week) Immigration Counselor or Immigration Attorney at the Richfield Headquarters Office.

### Immigration Case Aide, Arrive Ministries

Arrive Ministries is looking for a full-time (32-40 hours/week) Immigration Case Aide at the Richfield Headquarters Office.

### Good Neighbor Program Manager, Arrive Ministries

Arrive Ministries is looking for a full-time (40 hours/week) Good Neighbor Program Manager at the Richfield Headquarters Office.

### Refugee Cash Assistance Program Coordinator, Arrive Ministries

Arrive Ministries is looking for a full-time (40 hours/week) Refugee Cash Assistance Program Coordinator at the Richfield Headquarters Office.

### Every Family Social Worker, New Life Family Services

New Life Family Services is looking for a part-time (20 hours per week) Every Family Social Worker at their University First Care office.

**Adoption and Foster Care Social Worker, New Life Family Services**

New Life Family Services is looking for a part-time (20-24 hours per week) Adoption and Foster Care Social Worker at their Richfield First Care office.

**Client Care Nurse Float, New Life Family Services**

New Life Family Services is looking for a Client Care Nurse Float for their Metro offices.

**Client Care Nurse, New Life Family Services**

New Life Family Services is looking for a full-time (40 hours/week) Client Care Nurse for their St. Paul and University First Care offices.

**Client Care Social Worker/Client Advocate, New Life Family Services**

New Life Family Services is looking for a full-time (40 hours/week) Client Care Social Worker/Client Advocate at their University & St. Paul First Care offices.

**Client Advocate- Bilingual/Spanish, New Life Family Services**

New Life Family Services is looking for a full time (40 hours/week) Client Advocate- Bilingual/Spanish to float between the First Care office locations.

**Administrative Assistant, New Life Family Services**

New Life Family Services is looking for a full-time (40 hours/week) Administrative Assistant at the Minneapolis First Care Office.

**Vice President of Advancement, New Life Family Services**

New Life Family Services is looking for a full-time (40 hours per week) Vice President of Advancement at their Richfield Administrative office.

**Registered Diagnostic Medical Sonographer Float, New Life Family Services**

New Life Family Services is looking for a Registered Diagnostic Medical Sonographer Float for their Metro offices.

**Shift Coordinator (Overnights), Damascus Way**

Damascus Way is looking for a part-time (24 hours/week) Shift Coordinator (Overnights) for their Rochester Reentry House.

**Weekend Overnight Shift Coordinator - Damascus Way**

Damascus Way is looking for a part-time (16 hours/week) Weekend Overnight Shift Coordinator for their Golden Valley Reentry House.

**Shift Coordinator (Prior Lake House), Damascus Way**

Damascus Way is looking for a part-time (25 hours/week) Shift Coordinator for their Prior Lake House.

**Director of Reentry Services, Damascus Way**

Damascus Way is looking for a full-time (40 hours/week) Director of Reentry Services for their Golden Valley Reentry House.

**Shift Coordinator, Damascus Way**

Damascus Way is looking for a part-time (16 hours/week) Shift Coordinator for their Rochester Reentry House.

**Let us post your job openings!**

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