

Transform Minnesota Connections Newsletter

Complex Issues. Biblical Perspective.

Posture Shift Brings Model of Inclusion



Earlier this month, Transform Minnesota partnered with Posture Shift to host two separate 2-day Intensive Courses in the Twin Cities. Bill Honson, President of Posture Shift, and Aaron Meissner, Advisory Committee Director for Posture Shift, spoke to 200 ministry leaders about building a model within their ministries for inclusion and care of LGBT+ individuals.

Thanks to everyone who joined us for Posture Shift! We can't wait to see how the inclusion models that are built in your ministries help reach people where they are with the Gospel of Jesus!

[Read more about Posture Shift](#)

Sankofa at Home



It is one of the most important sites in Minnesota and one of the most complicated stories that we could possibly tell.

- Bill Convery, Head of Research, Minnesota Historical Society

Our second installment of Sankofa at Home takes us to Fort Snelling. Completed in 1825 and named for its first commandant, Col. Josiah Snelling, this site has a multi-faceted history and serves as an entry point into numerous stories that warrant broader discussion.

[Read more](#)

Sankofa 2023 Reflections

Since 2017, more than 125 leaders have experienced the transformative impact of reflecting on historical and contemporary issues related to race and racism in America through a Sankofa journey with Transform Minnesota.

Over the next few months, several participants from the 2023 Sankofa journey will offer reflections on their experiences and the impact of Sankofa on their lives.

Following the Thread



As we follow the thread of race and racism through history, we can experience a lot of darkness before we find our way to hope. Our Sankofa 2023 participants experienced this reality firsthand. One of our participants, Shani Johnson, reflected on the lasting impact of following the thread of history through the Sankofa journey.

"As we 'followed the thread' from the beginning of slavery, through the civil rights movement and mass incarceration I could sense a level of experiential knowledge in me that I was not fully prepared for..."

[Read more about following the thread](#)

Learning From the Past



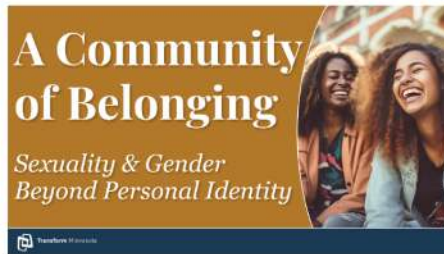
Bishop David E. Johnson continued the series of reflections on Sankofa 2023 by discussing how the Sankofa journey provides a platform to confront painful historical truths and work toward a more just future.

"This initiative has both challenged and transformed the way pastors and faith leaders in Minnesota work together in harmony. It encourages individuals to reflect on both historical and contemporary issues, especially the painful and troubling aspects of American history..."

[Read more about learning from the past](#)

Upcoming Events

**Announcing:
A Community of Belonging!**



February 22, 2023

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Calvary Lutheran Church

Cost: \$95 (through December 31)
group rates available

**Can we as a church have a new conversation
about sexuality and gender?**

To discover the truths about sexuality and gender and to heal our communities, we need to rediscover the longings for connection with God and each other that are embedded not just in our souls, but in our very bodies.

At this one-day conference, explore the meaning of sexuality and gender in the life of the church and experience a diverse set of practical workshops by local leaders.

Come reimagine and revive the Church's witness as a healthy and flourishing family that looks increasingly like Jesus!

[Learn more about A Community of Belonging](#)



**Trauma Healing
Advanced
Facilitator Training**

November 16 - 18, 2023
9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Transform Minnesota

**For individuals who have completed the Initial Facilitator
Training and led at least two Healing Groups:**

**Come build upon your skills as a facilitator and learn new ways to
solve program issues as you lead Healing Groups!**

"The combination of Biblical understanding and mental health best practices really made the Trauma Healing Institute training stand out as unique." -Anonymous

Job Openings



Affiliate Ministries

Client Support Coordinator, Arrive Ministries

Arrive Ministries is looking for a full-time (40 hours/week) Client Support Coordinator 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.

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 Advocate/Social Worker - Bilingual/Spanish, New Life Family Services

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

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.

Every Family Social Worker, New Life Family Services

New Life Family Services is looking for a full-time (40 hours/week) Every Family Social Worker for their St. Paul First Care office.

Expectant Parent Social Worker, New Life Family Services

New Life Family Services is looking for a full-time (32-40 hours/week) Expectant Parent

Social Worker for their St. Paul First Care 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.

Shift Coordinator, Damascus Way

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

External Positions

Technology User Support, Hope Academy

Hope Academy is looking to fill a full-time Technology User Support position. The Technology User Support role focuses on the intersection of technology, curriculum, and the classroom to ensure student learning occurs and business operations can be efficiently accomplished.

Let us post your job openings!

[Click here and scroll to Job Opening Submission Form](#)



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