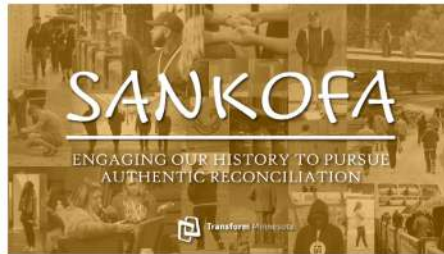


Transform Minnesota Connections Newsletter

Complex Issues. Biblical Perspective.

Coming this May: Sankofa 2025!



Sankofa: To return; to go; to fetch, seek, and take. From the Akan people of Ghana, Sankofa is the practice of looking back to move forward.

Sankofa 2025 is an intentionally multi-ethnic, experiential, and spiritual journey – a pilgrimage. 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 the link below for full trip details!

[Learn more](#)

The Sankofa Experience

Read more about the journey from some Sankofa alumni



Shani Johnson
Southwest Christian High School

"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](#)



Bishop David E. Johnson
Grace Apostolic Church

"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](#)



Carleigh McCormick
Westwood Community Church - Bush Lake

"To learn about our past in history books and be able to recite it is one thing, but going to the spots, spaces, places where tragedy and murder have happened was quite another. Suddenly, history steps out of the textbook and stands right in front of you, staring you in the eyes..."

[Read more](#)

The Trauma Healing Initiative is Growing in Rochester!



We want to invite pastors and ministry leaders in and around Rochester to learn more about how their churches and organizations can partner in Trauma Healing. Join us September 19 at Autumn Ridge Church for a free Convening session. Learn more and register today at the link below!

About Trauma Healing, Humans experience painful events throughout our lives. The Trauma Healing Initiative can help churches care for the wounds of people in their congregations and communities with biblical wisdom and solid principles from Christian mental health practitioners.

[Learn more](#)

Upcoming Healing Groups

Rochester



November 6 - 9
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Rochester
(specific location TBA)

A Healing Group + Initial Facilitator Training combines the small-group experience of a Healing Group with the training of an Initial Facilitator Training into one event. While this is a more intensive time commitment, participants have the benefit of experiencing a Healing Group and moving directly into Initial Facilitator Training.

[More information coming soon!](#)

Virtual



Thursdays
October 10 -
November 14

6:30-8:30 PM

via Zoom

Healing Groups are safe, multi-session small groups led by certified facilitators where people with heart wounds can come together to find healing, engage with scripture, learn to feel safe, and know they are valued. This small-group experience is also helpful for those who walk closely with others who must cope with trauma and losses, both big and small.

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

[Learn more](#)

Sankofa at Home



This month, Sankofa at Home visits the University of Minnesota to remember the Morrill Hall Takeover.

On January 14, 1969, Black students from the University's Afro-American Action Committee (AAAC) occupied the bursar's and records office in Morrill Hall, located on Northrup Mall. The overnight takeover served as the culmination of events on campus following the assassination of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on April 4, 1968.

Following the takeover, the University agreed to three demands which President Malcolm C. Moos described as "immanently reasonable." Click below to read how these demands shaped the University for years to come.

[Read more about the Morrill Hall Takeover](#)

New Resources from our Network

Check out some great new resources from past conference speakers and other friends from our network!



Rev. Dr. Dennis Edwards on Paul's Letters and Cultural Stereotypes

Rev. Dr. Dennis Edwards, Dean of North Park Theological Seminary and former pastor of Sanctuary Covenant Church in North Minneapolis, sat down with Nijay Gupta to discuss his entries in the Dictionary of Paul and His Letters (IVP 2023) and explore the lasting impact of Paul's letters and the nuances they bring to cultural stereotypes.

[Listen](#)

*Rev. Dr. Edwards was also recently interviewed on *Theology in the Raw*. Listen to that episode [here](#).*



Addressing the Pain of Trauma Through Healing Communities

Rebecca Taguma, Executive Director of the **Trauma Healing Institute**, discusses the effects of unresolved trauma on individuals and some practical steps that leaders can take to get help for those affected in their churches and on their teams.

[Listen](#)



Reckoning with the Past, Hope for the Future

On a recent episode of the NAE's Today's Conversation podcast, **Dr. Walter Kim** spoke with **Bryan Stevenson** and **Bishop Derek Grier** about the reason we must reckon with the past in order to experience racial healing and reconciliation, and why the aspiration for a society that's rooted in love, peace and joy is essential to the work of racial justice.

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Arrive Ministries is looking for a full time (40 hours/week) Case Manager at The Richfield Headquarters Office.

Director of Empowerment, Arrive Ministries

Arrive Ministries is looking for a full time (40 hours/week) Director of Empowerment at the Richfield Headquarters Office.

Matching Grant Coordinator, Arrive Ministries

Arrive Ministries is looking for a full time (40 hours/week) Matching Grant Coordinator at The Richfield Headquarters Office.

Employment Program Manager, Arrive Ministries

Arrive Ministries is looking for a full time (40 hours/week) Employment Program Manager at the Richfield Headquarters 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 Social Worker, New Life Family Services

New Life Family Services is looking for a full-time (40 hours per week) Client Care Social Worker at their University First Care office.

Shift Coordinator (Overnights), Damascus Way

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

On-Call Shift Coordinator, Damascus Way

Damascus Way is looking for an On-Call Shift Coordinator 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.

Executive Administrative Assistant, Damascus Way

Damascus Way is looking for a part-time (25 hours/week) Executive Administrative Assistant at their Golden Valley Reentry House.

External Positions

Music Minister, Faith Baptist Church

Faith Baptist Church is looking for a part-time (20 hours/week) Music Minister to lead the worship/music ministries of Faith Baptist Church.

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