



**One Week Away:
Trauma Healing Convening 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!](#)

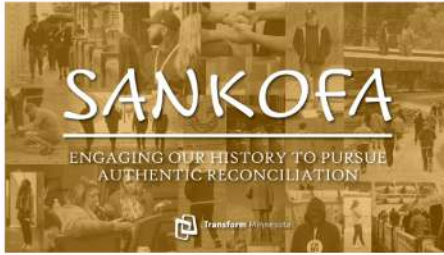
About Trauma Healing: Humans experience painful events throughout our lives. The Trauma Healing Initiative can help churches care for the wounds of people in their congregations and communities with biblical wisdom and solid principles from Christian mental health practitioners.

[Learn more](#)

Upcoming Healing Groups

Rochester	Virtual
 <p>November 6 - 9 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Autumn Ridge Church, Rochester</p> <p>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.</p> <p><i>*Adult healing groups are meant for those ages 18 and older and are not intended to be a replacement for professional mental health care.</i></p> <p><i>**Individuals seeking to enter an Initial Facilitator Training must first have completed participation in a Healing Group.</i></p> <p>Learn more</p>	 <p>Thursdays October 10 - November 14 6:30-8:30 PM via Zoom</p> <p>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.</p> <p><i>*Adult healing groups are meant for those ages 18 and older and are not intended to be a replacement for professional mental health care.</i></p> <p>Learn more</p>

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

What is a Sankofa journey? Click the link to hear a description from one of last year's participants!

[Watch on Instagram](#)

Sankofa at Home



This month marks the end of our first year of Sankofa at Home!

We hope you've been able to use this series to visit sites around Minnesota and gain a better understanding of the ways race and racism have shaped our state.

We're preparing to take a break from regular Sankofa at Home production to complete more research for future articles. Even though we'll be off for several months, there are plenty of ways to continue the Sankofa @ Home journey! Click the link below to learn about ways you can continue exploring the history of race and racism in Minnesota.

[Continue the Sankofa @ Home journey!](#)

New Resources from our Network

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

Pastor's Political Playbook

- Videos on each Discipline:**
 - 1. Small groups 5-7 minutes
 - 2. Sermon 10-15 minutes
- Town Hall Presentation:**
 - Preparation time including 100 slides
 - Slide to guide the congregation through the 100+ slides of the election process and share the role that Christians can play
- Do's & Don't's:**
 - Action questions on grasping the legal requirements of what this can and can't do, and what to do about the election.
- Get access to Playbook:**
 - QR code
- CIVIC REVIVAL:**
 - How to be a Christian During the Election
- Sermon Outlines:**
 - Resources addressing the role and responsibilities of Christians in the election process
- Graphics Provided:**
 - Language and media to capture election moments, including graphics for use
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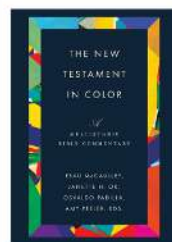
Pastor's Political Playbook

Our friends at **AND Campaign** have put together a set of resources to help pastors navigate the election year. Click below to get access to small group videos, pastoral do's and don'ts, sermon and presentation resources, and more!

[Access Resources](#)

Looking for more from **AND Campaign**? Check out the **Church Politics** podcast and the **Compassion & Conviction** book.

Want to see Justin Gioanny in person? *River City Church* in Northeast Minneapolis is hosting him September 27 for a forum on Christianity and Politics! [Learn more here](#)



The New Testament in Color: A Multiethnic Bible Commentary

This new, one-volume commentary from **InterVarsity Press** features writings and perspectives on New Testament books by a multiethnic team of scholars, including entries on the letter to the Colossians and the letter to Philemon from **Rev. Dr. Dennis Edwards**, Dean of North Park Theological Seminary and former pastor of Sanctuary Covenant Church in North Minneapolis.

[Read more](#)

Want to know more about this book? Read an introduction from **Esau McCauley** [here](#)



'The Most Important Election of Our Lifetime'

Kaitlyn Schless, doctoral student at Duke Divinity School and co-host of *The Holy Post* Podcast, provides thoughts on ways Christians can offer a productive counterpart to extreme political rhetoric.

[Read more](#)

Also: Check out Kaitlyn's books *The Liturgy of Politics* and *The Ballot and the Bible*

Job Openings



Affiliate Ministries

Case Manager, Arrive Ministries

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

Refugee Cash Assistance Program Coordinator, Arrive Ministries

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

Employment Program Manager, Arrive Ministries

Arrive Ministries is looking for a full time (40 hours/week) Matching Grant Coordinator 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.

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.

External Positions

Human Resources Specialist, Westwood Community Church

Westwood Community Church is looking for a part-time (24 hours/week) Human Resources Specialist to focus on recruiting and onboarding new employees.

Let us post your job openings!

Click here and scroll to Job Opening Submission Form



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