



## Building an Intentional Political Theology

*"Political theology is thinking about our common life in light of divine revelation. It's situating our common life with respect to God and God's works." - Dr. Daniel Lee Hill*

In February, Transform Minnesota hosted Part One of our *Beyond Voting* webinar series. Dr. Daniel Lee Hill, associate professor of theology at **Truett Theological Seminary**, laid a foundation for understanding how political theology shapes Christian political engagement.

Click below to learn more about the definition and importance of political theology, different biblical and theological approaches to political theology, and how this influences our engagement.

[Read the Write-up](#)

### Why Do We Need Political Theology?

"The question you might be asking...is why on earth do we need political theology?" This was the question Dr. Daniel Lee Hill posed to participants during our first *Beyond Voting* webinar. Why would this topic that sounds like a niche academic discipline matter to Christians?

The answers show why understanding political theology is not only beneficial, but essential, to Christian life.



[Read more](#)

**Beyond Voting series continues NEXT TUESDAY!**

# BEYOND VOTING

## Part 2: A Christian Approach to Political Advocacy

with Michelle Ferrigno Warren



### Beyond Voting

Part 2: How Theology Shapes Political Engagement

March 18

1:00 PM

Cost: \$15

(or \$30 for the full series!)

*\*Each webinar will be recorded and distributed to attendees following the webinar.*

[Register today!](#)

Political engagement doesn't stop after an election. As politicians settle into the role of governing, **how should Christians remain politically engaged and advocate for their ideals?**

Join us for this second webinar as **Michelle Ferrigno Warren**, President of Virago Strategies and adjunct professor at Denver Seminary, helps us build a Christian approach to political advocacy.



**During this webinar, you will learn more about:**

- The definition and purpose of political advocacy
- Ways and reasons Christians can interact with government and the political system
- Practical steps to advocate for Christian beliefs and ideals

[Learn more about Part 2](#)

*This is the 2nd in a 3-part series about Christian political engagement after the election. Check out part 3 below.*

### Upcoming Webinar

**Part 3: Spiritual**

**BEYOND** 

## Formation that Informs Engagement

April 22 | 1:00 PM

[Learn more about Part 3](#)



**VOTING**  
SPIRITUAL FORMATION THAT INFORMS ENGAGEMENT

Learn more about:  
• How spiritual formation can inform political engagement  
• The difference between spiritual and political activity  
• Resources available for this and other elections

## Registration deadline extended!



### Rural Impact Leadership Conference

March 15  
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Alexandria Covenant Church

Cost: \$69 in person | \$39 virtual | \$99 watch parties

*NEW registration deadline: Wednesday, March 12*

[Register today!](#)

The Rural Impact Leadership Conference is being held **THIS SATURDAY!** And we just heard: **you can still register!**

Register by Wednesday night to join us in person at Alexandria Covenant Church or virtually from your computer. We can't wait to see you for this daylong training designed to equip rural and small-town leaders and pastors in the nurture of thriving rural congregations!

The RILC is facilitated by the Northwest Conference of the Evangelical Covenant Church in partnership with the Covenant Church Commission on Town and Country Ministries, Oak Hills Christian College, and Transform Minnesota.

[Learn more about the RILC](#)

## Transform Breakout at the Exiles Conference!



**LUNCH BREAKOUT**  
Kingdom Allegiance in a World of Political Loyalties

Moderator: Carl Melton, Augsburg Minnesota  
Panelist: Bob Thompson, Auburn Ridge Church  
Panelist: Rebecca Johnson, Elk City Church  
Panelist: Nathan Swanson, Park Community Church

We're excited to announce our lunchtime breakout session at the Exiles Conference, **Kingdom Allegiance in a World of Political Loyalties!**

This breakout will feature a pastoral discussion exploring how we lead Christians to place their hope and allegiance in God's Kingdom in a world that beckons us to trust the political realm for a better world.

Join us to learn how three Minnesota pastors are casting vision for a Kingdom mindset in a world that emphasizes political means, navigating politicized issues by teaching biblical principles, and preaching to and shepherding politically divided congregations.

[Learn more about Exiles](#)

### 2025 Exiles in Babylon Conference

April 3-5  
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Church of the Open Door  
Maple Grove

Cost: \$259 (Use promo code "Transform" to get \$80 off your registration!)

[Register today!](#)

## Virtual Trauma Healing Group



**Trauma Healing**  
Virtual Healing Groups

## Join us for our first Virtual Trauma Healing Group of 2025!

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.** 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.

### In this group, you'll learn:

- What the Bible says about suffering
- Explore any trauma or loss you may be carrying
- Help you get unstuck, reconnected, and ready to move on in life
- and more!

*Adult healing groups are meant for those ages 19 and older and are not intended to be a replacement for professional mental health care. After participating, an individual may determine with their trainer if they are ready to lead others through a healing group.*

## Trauma Healing Virtual Healing Group

March 27 - May 1  
Thursdays 6:00-8:30 PM

Cost: \$45

[Register today!](#)

## New Resources from our Network

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

### Exiles Spotlight



### Apologetics for an Ever-Changing Culture: A Biblically and Culturally Relevant Approach to Talking About God

This month's Exiles spotlight is *Apologetics for an Ever-Changing Culture*, edited by Dr. Sean McDowell! With contributions from 23 leading voices in Christian apologetics and six in-depth expert interviews, this empowering resource is a practical how-to guide for conveying and upholding the Christian faith in our contemporary cultural context.

[Learn more](#)

*Also: Check out an excerpt from the book [here](#)*



### Trauma Healing Reading Plan: 1 Kings 19

From the **Trauma Healing Institute**, A five-day devotional reading plan, "With Elijah on the Mountain."

Follow Elijah's journey to the mountain of God as you explore God's great care for pastors and ministry leaders in times of trial and transition.

[Learn more](#)

*Also: Check out the Trauma Healing Institute's [free resources](#)*



### World Relief Prayer Guide

**World Relief** has released a free downloadable prayer guide, "For Such a Time as This."

"This prayer guide is an invitation. An invitation to lament, to intercede, to stand in the gap for immigrants, refugees and those who walk alongside them."

[Learn more](#)

*Also: Check out World Relief's [resource hub](#) and [Arise Ministries' Call and Response Prayers](#)*

## Job Openings

**NOW HIRING!**

JOIN ONE OF OUR AFFILIATE MINISTRIES!

[transformmn.org/employment](https://transformmn.org/employment)



Affiliate Ministries

Adoption and Foster Care Social Worker, New Life Family Services

New Life Family Services is looking for a full-time (32 hours per week) Adoption and Foster Care Social Worker at their Richfield First Care office.

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

New Life Family Services is looking for a part-time (24 hours per week) Client Care Nurse at their Rochester First Care office.

**Office Manager, New Life Family Services**

New Life Family Services is looking for a full-time (40 hours per week) Office Manager at their Richfield 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.

**Youth and Family Services Coordinator, Damascus Way**

Damascus Way is looking for a full-time (40 hours/week) Youth and Family Services Coordinator.

**External Positions**

**Pastor of Worship Arts and Formation, City Church**

City Church is currently seeking a full-time (40 hours/week) Pastor of Worship Arts & Formation to provide overall leadership, design, and implementation of all worship services, and to foster connection with God and formation into Christ likeness.

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