




Transform Minnesota
 Connections eNewsletter



Thanks for joining us at the Exiles Conference!

Thanks to everyone who joined us last weekend at the **Exiles Conference!** We had a great time seeing some familiar faces and making some new friends. Stay tuned for more coverage from the weekend!

Nurturing Thriving Rural Congregations



Despite blizzard conditions in Alexandria, 85 leaders still joined us in-person for the **Rural Impact Leadership Conference (RILC)**!

Dr. Martin Giese and **Rev. Kara Stromberg** provided reflections on staying strong in our calling to the mission of the Church in what may be the most difficult and complex time in history, and an additional series of workshops and rich conversations rounded out a full day of equipping and encouraging rural church leaders. We're already looking forward to next year's RILC and to the growing ability to reach more church communities around the state with virtual watch parties of the conference.

Click below to read the **Northwest Conference's** write-up of the day!

[Read more](#)

Understanding a Christian Approach to Political Advocacy

"You need to continue to be faithful, to use your voice and use your conviction to work for the public good of others."



Last month, Transform Minnesota continued our **Beyond Voting** webinar series by exploring a Christian approach to political advocacy. **Michelle Ferrigno Warren**, President of **Virago Strategies** and adjunct faculty at **Denver Seminary**, expanded on the themes of the first webinar by explaining how Christian public engagement needs to emphasize leveraging public resources for the good of others.

[Read more](#)

Beyond Voting series concludes APRIL 22!

BEYOND VOTING

Part 3: Spiritual Formation that Informs Engagement

with Steve Eng



Beyond Voting
 Part 3: Spiritual Formation that Informs Engagement

April 22
 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 final webinar as **Steve Eng**, Advocacy Director for the National Association of Evangelicals, helps us develop a spiritual formation that informs our engagement.



During this webinar, you will learn more about:

- ways that Christian spiritual formation can inform political engagement rather than political formation informing Christian spirituality
- the difference between our spiritual identity and political identity

[Learn more about Part 3](#)

This is the final webinar in a 3-part series about Christian political engagement after the election. If you missed the previous webinars and want to purchase the recordings, select the "All 3 Webinars" option at checkout.

Save the Date!



**Juneteenth
Worship
Gathering**

June 19
St. Paul

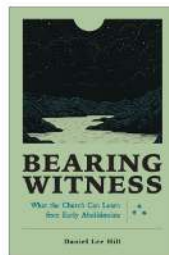
The Juneteenth Worship Gathering is headed to St. Paul! Join Transform Minnesota and churches from around Minnesota for a community worship night commemorating and celebrating Juneteenth!

Connect with a diverse group of believers as we honor the history of Juneteenth and the ongoing journey toward racial justice. Discover the promise and vision for what we can do together as Christians when we are equipped and mobilized to continue building a community of healing and reconciliation!

Stay tuned for more information about the service!

New Resources from our Network

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



Bearing Witness: What the Church Can Learn from Early Abolitionists

New this month from **Dr. Daniel Lee Hill**, *Bearing Witness* provides lessons for today's Church about what it looks like to live out the Gospel in public.

"Drawing on the rich legacy of nineteenth-century abolitionists David Ruggles, Maria W. Stewart, and William Still, Hill constructs a compelling evangelical framework for public witness, anchored in Scripture and the practice of lament and burden-bearing. Hill challenges evangelicals to rediscover their roots in a tradition that speaks powerfully to contemporary debates over church, culture, and the call to social justice."

[Learn more](#)

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

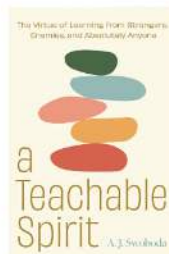


Nailing It: Why Successful Leadership Demands Suffering & Surrender

From **Rev. Dr. Nicole Massie Martin**, *Nailing It* offers leaders the chance to nail outdated leadership practices to the cross.

"In this transformative resource for leaders of all ages, Nicole Massie Martin inspires us to crucify our ministry idols and nail our outdated leadership practices to the cross. Sharing leadership principles and case studies wrapped in biblical precepts and pastoral wisdom, she leads us through seven areas of traditional leadership that need to be reframed."

[Learn more](#)



A Teachable Spirit: The Virtue of Learning from Strangers, Enemies, and Absolutely Anyone

From **Dr. A.J. Swoboda**, *A Teachable Spirit* helps Christians develop a teachable spirit by focusing on the question, "How do we love God with our mind?"

"By drawing on his experiences as a professor, theologian, and lay pastor, Swoboda explores the potency of seeing learning as a part of one's spiritual formation to Jesus. With the right posture, Christians can learn from even the most unexpected places."

[Learn more](#)

Also: Check out an [Dr. Swoboda's Substack](#)

Job Openings





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

CFL Executive Assistant & Administrator, Anselm House

The Center for Faith and Learning at Anselm House is seeking an Executive Assistant/Admin to support its growing team. The Executive Assistant will provide executive support to the Director of the CFL and administrative and event coordination support to the CFL team.

Director of Operations, Anselm House

Anselm House is seeking a Director of Operations to provide stewardship and oversight of the organization's internal operations and resources in order to advance the mission of helping students and faculty connect Christian faith & knowledge with all of life at the University of Minnesota.

Executive Assistant & Administrator, Anselm House

Anselm House is seeking an Executive Assistant/Administrator for the Executive and Advancement Directors to provide stewardship and oversight of the organization's internal operations and resources in order to advance the mission of helping students and faculty connect Christian faith & knowledge with all of life at the University of Minnesota.

Associate Director of Development, Anselm House

Anselm House is seeking an Associate Director of Development to provide central coordination and management of the organization's donor engagement and development functions.

Pastor of Worship Arts & Formation, City Church

City Church is currently seeking a full-time 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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