

# CIVIC REVIVAL RESOURCES



Transform Minnesota

*Select resources to assist with approaching political  
engagement from a biblical perspective*

# OUR APPROACH

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**Transform Minnesota** endorses the **National Association of Evangelicals' *For the Health of the Nation*** document.

These eight principle statements define our approach to public policy.

Look below for a clickable\* list of other resources that we've found informative and instructive for approaching political engagement from a biblical perspective.



\*when viewed online



# PODCASTS

## **THE CHURCH POLITICS PODCAST AND CAMPAIGN**

Hosted by **Justin Giboney** and pastor **Christopher Butler**, the Church Politics Podcast is where you can get in-depth political analysis from a Christian worldview.

## **FOOTNOTES**

### **DR. JEMAR TISBY**

**Dr. Jemar Tisby** curates the week's current events with a focus on issues related to black communities, justice, and politics. He'll also offer commentary from a black Christian perspective to help you think through complex issues.

## **KNOW IT. OWN IT. CHANGE IT.**

### **ONERACE MOVEMENT**

This podcast is designed to reimagine Christian responsibility related to loving others well. Their mission is to invite believers to lean in and explore injustices that impede human flourishing.

## **GOOD FAITH**

### **REDEEMING BABEL**

With expertise, thoughtfulness, and humor, the **Good Faith** podcast discusses how Christian faith intersects with culture, politics, work, entertainment, and other aspects of life.

## **THE HOLY POST** **HOLY POST MEDIA**

Join for a fast-paced and often funny conversation about pop culture, media, theology, and the fun, fun, fun of living a thoughtful Christian life in an increasingly post-Christian culture.

## **PASS THE MIC**

### **THE WITNESS**

**Pass The Mic** is the premier podcast of **The Witness – A Black Christian Collective**. Tune in every week for engaging discussions and high profile interviews addressing the core concerns of African Americans biblically.

## **THEOLOGY IN THE RAW**

### **DR. PRESTON SPRINKLE**

Hosted by **Dr. Preston Sprinkle**, **Theology in the Raw** offers a space to think Christianly about all areas of life. Here are a couple episodes featuring our speakers!

- [#1133 - Politics, The Bible, Christian Nationalism, and Hauerwas vs. O'Donovan: Kaitlyn Schiess](#)
- [#1142 - National vs. Local Politics, Trump, Healthy Civic Engagement, and why "Woke" is an Unhelpful Term: Chris Butler](#)
- [#1158 - Exiles: The Church in the Shadow of Empire: Preston Sprinkle and Ed Uszynski](#)

# VIDEO



## **THE AFTER PARTY**

### **REDEEMING BABEL**

The **After Party** is a free six-part video course designed to provide churches, small groups, and individuals with an on-the-ground, biblically based approach to navigating today's challenging political environment.

## **HOW I GOT OVER**

### **AND CAMPAIGN**

A powerful and thought-provoking look at orthodoxy in the Black church tradition and its impact on social engagement.

## **JUST MERCY**

### **WARNER BROS. PICTURES**

The film adaptation of **Bryan Stevenson's** book **Just Mercy**.

## **OUTRAGEOUS JUSTICE**

### **PRISON FELLOWSHIP**

The **Outrageous Justice** small-group curriculum is designed to awaken Christians to the need for justice that restores. Learn about the challenges in the American criminal justice system and explore how Christians can respond in hands-on ways to pursue justice and bring about true hope, restoration, and healing.

## **THE STRANGER**

### **EVANGELICAL IMMIGRATION TABLE**

The **Stranger** profiles three immigrant stories and includes interviews with local and national Christian leaders. Commissioned by the **Evangelical Immigration Table** and produced by Emmy-award winning producer **Linda Midgett**, **The Stranger** seeks to mobilize evangelical Christians to respond to immigrants and to immigration policy in ways that are consistent with biblical principles.

## **TRANSFORM TOPICS**

### **TRANSFORM MINNESOTA**

A series of videos from past **Transform Minnesota** speakers covering a variety of topics related to justice and reconciliation.

## **TRUE JUSTICE: BRYAN STEVENSON'S FIGHT FOR EQUALITY**

### **KUNHARDT FILM FOUNDATION/HBO FILMS**

This documentary follows **Bryan Stevenson's** struggle to create greater fairness in the system and shows how racial injustice emerged, evolved and continues to threaten the country, challenging viewers to confront it.

**THE BIBLE AND BORDERS:  
HEARING GOD'S WORD ON IMMIGRATION**

**M. DANIEL CARROLL R.**

"With so many people around the globe migrating, how should Christians and the church respond? Leading Latino-American biblical scholar **M. Daniel Carroll R. (Rodas)** helps readers understand what the Bible says about immigration, offering accessible, nuanced, and sympathetic guidance for the church."

**THE AFTER PARTY: TOWARD  
BETTER CHRISTIAN POLITICS**

**CURTIS CHANG AND NANCY FRENCH**

"In today's political environment, faithfulness to a biblical how of political engagement shines as a radical challenge to both the Right and the Left. If you worry about what politics is doing to your community, your family, and your own well-being, **The After Party** will transform your political imagination."

**KNOW. OWN. CHANGE.:**

**JOURNEYING TOWARD GOD'S  
HEART FOR RECONCILIATION**

**JOSH CLEMONS AND HAZEN STEVENS**

"*Know. Own. Change.* invites believers on a journey toward gospel centered reconciliation. Through employing a transformation model, **Josh** and **Hazen** help believers journey toward Knowing, Owning, and Changing the story for the next generation."

**EDUCATING ALL GOD'S CHILDREN:  
WHAT CHRISTIANS CAN--AND  
SHOULD--DO TO IMPROVE PUBLIC  
EDUCATION FOR LOW-INCOME KIDS**

**NICOLE BAKER FULGHAM**

"Education expert **Nicole Baker Fulgham** explores what Christians can--and should--do to champion urgently needed reform and help improve our public schools."

**COMPASSION AND CONVICTION:  
THE AND CAMPAIGN'S GUIDE TO  
FAITHFUL CIVIC ENGAGEMENT**

**JUSTIN GIBONEY, MICHAEL WEAR,  
AND CHRIS BUTLER**

"The authors insist that not only are we called to love our neighbors through the political process but also that doing so requires us to transcend the binary way the debates are usually framed."

**RETHINKING INCARCERATION:  
ADVOCATING FOR JUSTICE THAT  
RESTORES**

**DOMINIQUE GILLIARD**

"**Dominique Gilliard** explores the history and foundation of mass incarceration, examining Christianity's role in its evolution and expansion."

## **SUBVERSIVE WITNESS: SCRIPTURE'S CALL TO LEVERAGE PRIVILEGE**

**DOMINIQUE GILLIARD**

“*Subversive Witness* asks us to grapple with privilege, indifference, and systemic sin in new ways by using biblical examples to reveal the complex nature of privilege and Christians' responsibility in stewarding it well.”

## **FAITH-ROOTED ORGANIZING: MOBILIZING THE CHURCH IN SERVICE TO THE WORLD**

**ALEXIA SALVATIERRA AND PETER  
HELTZEL**

Alexia Salvatierra, with theologian Peter Heltzel, present a model of “faith-rooted organizing” that offers a path to meaningful social change and takes seriously the command to love God and to love our neighbor as ourself.

## **THE BALLOT AND THE BIBLE: HOW SCRIPTURE HAS BEEN USED AND ABUSED IN AMERICAN POLITICS AND WHERE WE GO FROM HERE**

**KAITLYN SCHIESS**

“Kaitlyn Schiess combines American political history and biblical interpretation to help readers faithfully read Scripture, talk with others about it, and apply it to contemporary political issues--and to their lives.”

## **THE LITURGY OF POLITICS: SPIRITUAL FORMATION FOR THE SAKE OF OUR NEIGHBOR**

**KAITLYN SCHIESS**

“In *The Liturgy of Politics*, Schiess shows that the church's politics are shaped by its habits and practices even when it's unaware of them. Schiess insists that the way out of our political morass is first to recognize the formative power of the political forces all around us, and then to recover historic Christian practices that shape us according to the truth of the gospel.”



**WELCOMING THE STRANGER:  
JUSTICE, COMPASSION & TRUTH  
IN THE IMMIGRATION DEBATE**

**MATTHEW SOERENS AND JENNY YANG**

With careful historical understanding and thoughtful policy analysis, **Matthew Soerens** and **Jenny Yang** debunk myths and misconceptions about immigration, show the limitations of the current immigration system, and point toward immigration reform that is compassionate, sensible, and just as they offer concrete ways for you and your church to welcome and minister to your immigrant neighbors.

**EXILES: THE CHURCH IN THE SHADOW  
OF EMPIRE**

**PRESTON SPRINKLE**

“A thoughtful exploration of the intersection of faith and politics, **Exiles** asks: What if we considered ourselves ‘exiles in Babylon’ and turned to Scripture, not political parties, to shape our most passionate values?”

**JUST MERCY**

**BRYAN STEVENSON**

“An unforgettable true story about the potential for mercy to redeem us, and a clarion call to end mass incarceration in America — from one of the most inspiring lawyers of our time.”

**UNTANGLING CRITICAL RACE THEORY:  
WHAT CHRISTIANS NEED TO KNOW  
AND WHY IT MATTERS**

**ED USZYNSKI**

“In its translation from the academic world to the general public, Critical Race Theory (CRT) has inaccurately become a catch-all term for anything related to race. But what does it actually mean, and how should Christians engage it?”

**JOIN THE RESISTANCE:  
STEP INTO THE GOOD WORK OF  
KINGDOM JUSTICE**

**MICHELLE FERRIGNO WARREN**

“Biblical, historical, and contemporary examples give us ways to walk in God’s righteousness, truth, and peace. We can better understand our shared solidarity, persevere in the midst of struggle, bring people along, and remain rooted in joy as we continue the good work of kingdom justice.”

## **THE POWER OF PROXIMITY: MOVING BEYOND AWARENESS TO ACTION**

**MICHELLE FERRIGNO WARREN**

“We can see evidence of injustice all around us, whether in continuing incidents of racial inequality or in the systemic forces that disenfranchise people and perpetuate poverty. Proximity changes our perspective, compels our response, and keeps us committed to the journey of pursuing justice for all. Move beyond awareness and experience the power of proximity.”

## **THE SPIRIT OF OUR POLITICS: SPIRITUAL FORMATION AND THE RENOVATION OF PUBLIC LIFE**

**MICHAEL WEAR**

“Michael Wear, President and CEO of the **Center for Christianity and Public Life**, argues for a new paradigm of political involvement rooted in the teachings of Jesus and drawing insights from **Dallas Willard’s** approach to spiritual formation.”

## **JESUS AND THE POWERS: CHRISTIAN POLITICAL WITNESS IN AN AGE OF TOTALITARIAN TERROR AND DYSFUNCTIONAL DEMOCRACIES**

**N.T. WRIGHT AND MICHAEL F. BIRD**

“In **Jesus and the Powers**, **N. T. Wright** and **Michael F. Bird** call Christians everywhere to discern the nature of Christian witness in fractured political environments. In an age of ascending autocracies, in a time of fear and fragmentation, amid carnage and crises, Jesus is king, and Jesus’s kingdom remains the object of the church’s witness and work.”



## **10 DISCIPLINES AND CAMPAIGN**

### **BEYOND DIVERSITY**

**BARNA, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE RACIAL  
JUSTICE AND UNITY CENTER**

### **FOR THE HEALTH OF THE NATION**

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF EVANGELICALS**

### **ELECTION STATEMENT FROM ELDERS**

**NEW HOPE CHURCH**

### **CCDA WHITE PAPER - IMMIGRATION - 2016**

**CCDA BIBLICAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE  
W/MATTHEW SORENS**

### **IMMIGRATION PRIMER**

**EVANGELICAL IMMIGRATION TABLE**

### **THINKING BIBLICALLY ABOUT IMMIGRANTS AND IMMIGRATION REFORM**

**EVANGELICAL IMMIGRATION TABLE**

### **CCDA WHITE PAPER - MASS INCARCERATION - 2015**

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### **JUSTICE DECLARATION**

**PRISON FELLOWSHIP**

### **CHRISTIAN PERCEPTIONS OF POLICING, SENTENCING, AND OTHER CRIMINAL**

#### **JUSTICE ISSUES**

**PRISON FELLOWSHIP, BARNA**

### **CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRENDS**

**PRISON FELLOWSHIP**

### **INCARCERATION TRENDS IN MINNESOTA**

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### **CCDA WHITE PAPER - EDUCATION EQUITY - 2017**

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# MINISTRIES/ORGANIZATIONS

## **AND CAMPAIGN**

The **AND Campaign** exists to educate and organize Christians for civic and cultural engagement that results in better representation, more just and compassionate policies, and a healthier political culture.

## **BRAVER ANGELS**

**Braver Angels** mission is to bring Americans together to bridge the partisan divide and strengthen our democratic republic.

## **THE CENTER FOR CHRISTIANITY AND PUBLIC LIFE**

The **Center for Christianity and Public Life** is a nonpartisan nonprofit civic organization with the mission to contend for the credibility of Christian resources in public life, for the good of the public.

## **CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

### **ASSOCIATION (CCDA)**

The vision of the **CCDA** is to see flourishing communities with Christians (w)holistically engaged. The CCDA strengthens and inspires Christian Community Development practitioners for community transformation through equipping and connecting.

## **THE COLOSSIAN FORUM**

The Colossian Forum equips Christians to transform conflict into opportunities for spiritual growth.

## **EQUAL JUSTICE INITIATIVE (EJI)**

The **Equal Justice Initiative** is committed to ending mass incarceration and excessive punishment in the United States, to challenging racial and economic injustice, and to protecting basic human rights for the most vulnerable people in American society.





## **EVANGELICAL IMMIGRATION TABLE**

In the Bible, the table represents hospitality and a place where believers come together. In the same spirit, the **Evangelical Immigration Table** is a place where evangelical Christians of various denominations, theological traditions, ethnicities, and political perspectives can gather together, united by Christ.

## **ONERACE MOVEMENT**

**OneRace Movement's** mission is to teach cities to love across color, class, and culture. They do this by confronting racism through their four pillars of Prayer, Relationship, Equipping, and Mercy & Justice.

## **PRISON FELLOWSHIP**

**Prison Fellowship** works to restore America's criminal justice system and those it affects while calling the Church to lead the way in caring for those impacted by the criminal justice system.

## **PRO-BLACK PRO-LIFE**

**Pro-Black Pro-Life** reaches the Black community with life-affirming truths and hope. Th empower the Black community to have influence from within and provide a 360 degree view around whole-life issues in the Black community.



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COMPLEX ISSUES. BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE.

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stated beliefs