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for

Bethel University Students

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Abbey Way Covenant Church

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           Minneapolis, MN 55301
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Senior Pastor: Jan Bros
College Ministry Pastor: Laura Anderson
Service Times: Sunday 4:00 p.m.
Transportation: No transportation available.

What is your church’s understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?

At Abbey Way you will be challenged to develop and grow in a holistic way through commitment to spiritual practices and relationships with others. Check out our website for more information.
Andover Christian Church

Denomination: Non-denominational
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Andover, MN 55304
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Email: office@andoverchurch.com
Website: www.andoverchurch.com
Senior Pastor: Jim Conner
College Pastor/Leader: Andrew White
Service Times: Sunday 10:30 a.m.
Transportation: No transportation available

What is your church’s understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?
Helping Christian’s grow in their faith, grow in relationships with other Christian’s, and most importantly grow in their personal relationship with Christ. We develop disciples through our teaching in Sunday School and during our Wednesday Night programming for all ages. We also develop disciples through small groups and Bible studies, in which we have one specifically for young adults/families.

What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?
The fruit of your relationship with God should be evident through your prayer life, tithing, and service within the church and your community. We encourage those gifts to be used in our worship service as a lay member and many service opportunities available from ushering, to greeting, to leading a congregational prayer and many other types of service that are not as "visible."

What place does worship have in the life of your church?
Worship is at the heart of what we do here at Andover Christian Church. On Sunday Mornings, our worship time leads us right into the sermon for that day. We also encourage those who are musically gifted to join our worship band and use their God-given spiritual gifts for his glory and praise. As part of our worship, we offer the Lord’s Supper each Sunday.

What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?
So many college aged students either "shelf" their faith during the college years, or leave their faith completely. We try to get an early jump on this as High School Students are preparing for College. We specifically try to get college students plugged into helping with our children and youth programs on Sunday morning and especially Wednesday nights.

Tell us about your church’s experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?
We are accepting of all cultural and racial groups and currently have a few families that are non-Caucasian attending. We are in a middle class community. We are a multi-generational church and are working to make changes when they are God-led. We recently sharpened our focus on the direction and mission of our church.
Awaken Community

Denomination: Covenant  
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          Lilydale, MN 55118  
Phone: 763.458.3982  
Email: hello@awakencommunity.com  
Website: http://awakencommunity.com  
Senior Pastor: Micah Witham  
Service Times: Sunday 9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.  
Transportation: TBD

What is your church’s understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?
Life group are a big deal at Awaken. We believe that spiritual growth happens in intentional supportive relationships and challenging one another to live missionally walk daily with God—not just Sunday mornings. Whether you're in a stage of life where you need to rest and just "be" or you're looking for a place to invest and use your talents you're welcome here.

What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?
At Awaken we welcome anyone who affirms faith in Jesus to be a partner. Partners are committed to participation in the life of Awaken through attendance, sacrificial giving of talent and resources, missional living, and prayer for our vision and its leaders. Partners are "members" and go through various steps to be one, but we do not hold others accountable to something they haven't committed to.

What place does worship have in the life of your church?
Worship comes in many forms at Awaken: music, art, serving, reaching out to the community (living missionally), and using our gifts to love God and others in and outside our church.

What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?
One of the challenges we see them having is being connected to a community outside of school when there’s so many commitments on their plate. Despite this, we believe church is still a vital part of growth, support, and learning. While we don't have a specific college ministry, Life groups offer a consistent and stable place to grow and be cared for, as well as a growing discipleship network.

Tell us about your church’s experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?
Something we highly value is giving people permission to question. We've seen how significant this is because of the wide range of individuals who call Awaken home. Everyone is welcome. We understand we aren't always going to agree, but vulnerable and genuine relationships are vital to bear the weight of these conversations. In the end we share the common thread of Jesus as our Lord and Savior.
Beacon of Hope

Denomination: Non-Denominational
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          Saint Paul, MN 55106
Phone: 651.964.0775
Email: info@beaconforthecity.org
Website: www.beaconforthecity.org
Senior Pastor: Steve Lonetti
College Pastor/Leader: Jake Tromberg
Service Times: Sunday 10:30 a.m.
College Small Group: Sunday 9:00 a.m.
Transportation: No transportation available.

What is your church's understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?
The Bible says the Word of God understood and applied is the primary means of discipleship (1 Pet 2:2; 2 Tim 3:16). For this reason, our discipleship is centered around understanding and applying God's Word to every situation. We believe whenever a Christian is faced with any decision where a principle is involved, the most important question they can ask is "What does the Bible say?"

What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?
We expect them to learn and grow in Christ-likeness, be strengthened and equipped for the unique ministry God has for them, and use that ministry to build up the body of Christ according to His master design (Eph 4:7-16)

What place does worship have in the life of your church?
We believe worship is holistic and communal (Rom 12:1-2). Therefore, every act when done in faith becomes an act of worship. We also believe that God has created us as emotional beings that are refreshed, taught, exhorted, and encouraged through songs that exalt God and His work on our behalf (Col 3:16)

What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?
Two challenges come to mind: "How do I fit in God's plan for my life" and "how do I go about finding the right person to marry." The first concern is approached through relevant and theologicially rich Bible teaching, and the second issue is approached through accountability, and intentional discipleship concerning what the Bible says about dating, sexual immorality, and marriage.

Tell us about your church's experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?
By the grace of God, we are a diverse church that represents several ethnic backgrounds both in the congregation as a whole as well as the leadership. One way we would like to grow is in reaching out to the ethnic communities in our area.
Bethany Baptist Church

Denomination: Converge Worldwide/Baptist General Conference
Address: 2025 Skillman Ave West
         Roseville, MN 55113
Phone: 651.631.0211
Email: bethanyrosevilleoffice@gmail.com
Website: www.bethanyroseville.org
Senior Pastor: Kevin Walton
College Pastor/Leader: Mike Neumann
Service Times: Sunday 10 a.m.
College Small Group: Meets monthly
Transportation: No transportation available.

What is your church’s understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?
We primarily develop discipleship through small groups. We have a young adult group set up and are implementing small groups to help the attendees develop deep relationships with others and build off each other under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?
We have no particular expectations. We encourage them to get involved in volunteering and small groups for their benefit and to help them grow. We also encourage that so we can benefit from their stories and their giftedness. Volunteering and tithing is appreciated, but we leave that up to the person, in accordance to their faith and whether they feel called to our congregation.

What place does worship have in the life of your church?
Worship is not limited to the Sunday morning service, but a way of doing life. We encourage the members to worship in everything they do, seeking to praise God and share His gospel with their everyday life. This can be from the way they relate to co-workers/other students to the development of their devotional time.

What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?
One challenge is finding their place in the world, let alone the church setting. We offer a young adult group that meets at least once a month to give them a place to belong along with a church to connect to and call home. The young adult group has a once a month large group event with the implementation of small groups coming in the near future (fall/winter).

Tell us about your church’s experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?
We are a church with a multi-cultural focus and seek to demonstrate that in everything we do. We discuss the implications of our faith on a global level along with a local level. We seek to use different cultural backgrounds and traditions as we seek to reach out to others beyond our church and national borders.

Questions? Contact Office of Church Relations at 651.638.6301 or church-relations@bethel.edu
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Bethel Lutheran

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Senior Pastor: Brenda Froisland
College Pastor/Leader: Brenda Froisland
College Pastor/Leader #: 651.270.4960
Service Times: Sunday 10:30 a.m.
College Small Group: Sunday 9:15 a.m.
Transportation: Contact the church to arrange transportation

What is your church’s understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?
In gratitude, Bethel Lutheran amplifies God’s grace, nourishes all creation, reaches out, and builds community. In our faith formation ministry we bridge generations to model, equip, and encourage a foundation of trust in God’s story. We develop disciples by BEING the church: building relationships with God & others, reaching out, meeting the needs of our neighbors, and loving all people!

What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?
As the priesthood of all believers, we expect participants to “live a life worthy of their calling, to which they have been called.” (Eph 4:1) To listen to the Holy Spirit in their life and in the life of the church, and engage in the work of loving God and loving our neighbor. We trust one another to share our time, talent, money and stuff as we are able.

What place does worship have in the life of your church?
Worship includes all the ministries of our congregation and all our ministries include worship. That is, we worship God in all we do. Worship does not happen one hour a week on Sunday mornings. Worship happens 27/7.

What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?
College students need a sense of belonging, trusting relationships, a place to be themselves, and ways and places to live out their passions. We at Bethel are actively trying to initiate such a ministry with college students from throughout the Twin Cities. Join us in sharing our resources and shining our light!

Tell us about your church’s experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?
Bethel Lutheran believes in radical welcome! All are welcome in our community, without exception. Here is some of our statement of welcome: single married divorced partnered voter apolitical lazy lovable sarcastic happy pierced tattooed bored tall GLBT doubtful criminal straight geeky ... ... ...
We are currently investigating intentional ministry with people who are deaf and hard of hearing.

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Bethlehem Baptist Church

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Website: www.hopeingod.org
Senior Pastor: Jason Meyer
College Pastor/Leader: Paul Poteat
Service Times: Sunday 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.
College Small Group: Sunday 10 a.m.
Transportation: CLC Circle at 9:50 a.m.

What is your church’s understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?
We believe that discipleship is a call on every believer’s life (Matt. 28:18-20). We also believe that discipleship is a core means in how God grows and sanctifies His people. Discipleship is most effectively done through life on life relationships that grow deep enough to see below the surface issues and speak into these issues with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and His saving grace.

What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?
Students are encouraged to not only attend church but to be involved in the activities of the college ministry throughout the week. Throughout the week we strive to provide opportunities for students to learn more about the gospel and how to grow in a healthy community of God’s people. These opportunities are put on by Campus Outreach which is BBC’s college ministry that is on campus.

What place does worship have in the life of your church?
We believe that all of life is worship and in all things our ultimate goal is to bring God Glory (1 Cor. 10:31). Missions exist because worship of the one true God does not. We strive to glorify God by equipping ourselves to be laborers for the gospel and by living intentional lives that are focused on creating belief and worship in others.

What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?
College students have more free time and opportunity now than they will ever have. Our desire is for college students to capitalize on their freedom and potential by investing it in their spiritual growth and the growth of others. We want to mature students holistically and equip them to become laborers for Christ in the world with the gifts that God has given them.

Tell us about your church’s experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?
We want to be a community of believers that reflects the demographic of our surrounding areas and push to engage all peoples of all ages with the gospel of Jesus Christ!
Brazilian Church of Hope

Denomination: Converge Worldwide/Baptist General Conference
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Bloomington, MN 55418
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Email: office@ibetwincities.com
Website: www.ibetwincities.com
Senior Pastor: David Eby
College Pastor/Leader: Karen Sipes
Service Times: Saturday 6 p.m. & Sunday 6 p.m.
Transportation: No transportation available.

What is your church’s understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?
Is to help people come to know the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Savior, help them grow in their faith and help them get involved in ministry. This is done through good Bible preaching, our cell groups, Sunday School program, church retreats, men's retreats, women's retreat, prayer vigils, personal counseling, etc.

What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?
We encourage them to develop a personal devotional life, reading God's word and prayer. Women attend the women's ministry activities and getting together with each other for encouragement. We encourage them to give and tithe to the church they attend. We encourage attendees to get involved in some kind of church activity.

What place does worship have in the life of your church?
Worship is an important part of our church service. Worship shows our gratitude to God and helps us prepare to hear God's Word via Message.

What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?
We presently do not have a college program. We hope college students would want to help us in our Sunday School program.

Tell us about your church’s experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?
We are a cross-cultural, multi-ethnic, Bi-lingual church (Portuguese and English) Our goal is to reach out to Brazilians, their spouses and anyone whom chooses to worship with us. Our diversity is among Americans, Brazilians and Hispanics. I feel it is going very well.
## Bridgewood Community Church

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**Calvary Church**

Denomination: Converge Worldwide/Baptist General Conference  
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Roseville, MN 55113  

**White Bear Campus:**  
4604 Greenhaven Dr  
White Bear Township, MN 55127

Phone: 651.487.2855  
Email: info@calvarychurch.us  
Website: www.calvarychurch.us

Senior Pastor: Sean Winters  
College Pastor/Leader: Sarah Hasler  
Service Times: Saturday 5 p.m. & Sunday 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.  
Transportation: RC Steps 10:40 a.m.

**What is your church’s understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?**  
The church is a community marked by its maturity. The process of spiritual maturity focuses on heart transformation, including the renovation of our inner thinking, character, and attitudes. The goal is to become more like Jesus Christ. We may have opportunities for college students to serve.

**What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?**  
Our hope is that college students will find Calvary a place where they can Belong, Become like Jesus, and be a Blessing to the world. Our desire is that those who are believers would engage in our five purposes: Establish People in Community, Encourage Christ-Like Maturity, Equip for Ministry, Extend God’s Kingdom, and Exalt God in Worship.

**What place does worship have in the life of your church?**  
Worship is central to the life of our church. We believe that true worship is a lifestyle, not a Sunday morning church service. Our hope is that those who make up Calvary Church would live lives that bring glory and honor to God.

**What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?**  
College students face a continuous amount of change, stress, and obstacles in their lives. Calvary acknowledges that students need a place where they are encouraged to grow in and apply their faith, as well as participate in a community driven to serve God. Calvary offers a variety of small groups, a mentoring program, service opportunities, and a monthly college lunch to encourage this growth.

**Tell us about your church’s experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?**  
We offer a Spanish service and are in the process of integrating these families into the life of our Church as a whole. We also have a strong Anuak Community at Calvary. Our hope is that the demographic of our church would more and more reflect the diversity around us. We are excited about this challenge.
Catalyst Covenant Church

Denomination: Covenant
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          St. Paul, MN 55108
Phone: 651.410.8975
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Website: www.catalystcovenant.org
Senior Pastor: Jeff Olson
College Pastor/Leader: Jeff Olson
Service Times: Sunday 10 a.m.
Transportation: No transportation available

What is your church’s understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?
Belong. Believe. Become. Many belong our community before even believing in Christ. Once they meet Christ they find a Lord who loves them too much to stay who and how they are. A God who calls us to partner with him in his redemption. To be a Christ follower is not just destination but journey in growing in knowledge and likeness. We have many ways, groups & avenues where we help each other grow.

What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?
Most times when we visit a church afterwards we ask this question. Did I like it? We want to help folks ask another question after we spend time together. Am I called here by Christ to deeply partner with this church to bring heaven to earth and share the good news of Christ? We not only think this is a more compelling question but also shapes how we see the value of investing in a church too.

What place does worship have in the life of your church?
All of life can be worship. Worship is a posture of orienting ourselves to God and being aware of him more then its a song. We want to create a community that takes every opportunity possible both inside and outside of church to worship God. To thank him, praise him and shape our lives after him. We want our practice and desire to worship and have others join us in worship inform all that we do.

What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?
College is a fantastic season in life and we have many in our church in that season. We want to be a community that helps young adults find fellowship, ask questions and ultimately flourish in their faith in word and deed. The college season often sets the trajectory for the rest of a lifetime and we find no better trajectory then a life that is built on and in the likeness of Christ.

Tell us about your church’s experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?
Catalyst is a young church, planted just last year and yet we have already begun to see the fruits and advantages of God forming a community that is diverse. We have parents, kids, and retired couples. College students from Crosby & Tehran. The picture in Revelation we see of heaven is a gathering of every tribe, tongue & nation and we wish to practice that as best we can in the here and now.
Centennial United Methodist Church

Denomination: United Methodist
Address: 1524 County Rd C2
         Roseville, MN 55113
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Email: cumc@centennialumc.org
Website: www.centennialumc.org
Senior Pastor: Brian Hacklander
College Pastor/Leader: Chip Small
College Pastor/Leader #: 651.219.0412
Service Times: Sunday 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 5 p.m.
College Small Group: Sunday 9:30 a.m.
Transportation: Contact Chip to coordinate ride-sharing

What is your church’s understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?
We provide many pathways for creating authentic, active, thinking followers of Jesus within the church and out in the world. Small groups of Christians caring for one another, praying, studying and serving together are a foundation of Methodism. We provide discipleship opportunities including Bible studies and book discussions, music groups, service and hands-on mission groups.

What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?
Members of our church make a commitment to support the church through their prayers, presence, gifts, and service. However, all are welcome to be part of our community of faith, at any stage of their lives or spiritual development.

What place does worship have in the life of your church?
Worship is central to our faith community, and we offer traditional, contemporary, and kid-centered worship services. While worship is an important time for spiritual renewal, even more important is going forth into our community to be the hands and feet of Christ in the world.

What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?
College students face many changes in their lives, from balancing new demands on their time to wrestling with spiritual questions. Centennial United Methodist Church is creating new programming for our college students, including fellowship, service, discipleship, and worship opportunities.

Tell us about your church’s experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?
Our congregation recently adopted a reconciling/welcoming statement, which includes the following language: "We believe God welcomes all people. We value diversity and recognize the sacred worth of each person, regardless of age, race, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, economic means, marital status, education, or faith history."
Center Church

Denomination: Converge Worldwide/Baptist General Conference
Address: 6401 Jackson St NE
                Fridley, MN 55432
Phone: 651.387.6972
Email: info@centerchurchmn.com
Website: www.centerchurchmn.com
Senior Pastor: Kevin Osell
College Pastor/Leader: Kevin Osell
Service Times: Sunday 10 a.m.
Transportation: No transportation available

What is your church’s understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?
Change occurs as we encounter the beauty and power of the gospel. We ferociously proclaim Jesus while wrestling with how the gospel creates community and compels mission.

What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?
This is contextual. Spiritually, people fall across a wide spectrum. We desire and call people to increasingly believe the gospel knowing Jesus shapes hearts, relationships and mission.

What place does worship have in the life of your church?
Music is a valued expression of art as it is a powerful way to remind ourselves of who Jesus is and what he has done. We sing 5-7 songs weekly exploring Jesus amidst our human experiences from struggle to joy.

What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?
Our greatest challenge is to believe the gospel: what it says about Jesus and us. So we relentlessly point to Jesus as the hero. We’ve found a gospel-centered perspective helps to simplify and give perspective. We de-emphasize programs while encouraging gospel-centered engagement in our respective contexts.

Tell us about your church’s experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?
Spiritually, we are extremely diverse: unchurched, de-churched, and seasoned Christians. We are a new church in an ethnically diverse city aiming to engage our neighbors, co-workers, and friends in meaningful ways.
Central Baptist Church

Denomination: Converge Worldwide/Baptist General Conference
Address: 420 Roy St N
          Saint Paul, MN 55104
Phone: 651.646.2751
Email: solson@centralbaptistchurch.com
Website: www.centralbaptistchurch.com
Senior Pastor: Joel Lawrence
College Pastor/Leader: Steve Nuessle
Service Times: Sunday 10:30 a.m.
College Small Group: Sunday 9:15 a.m.
Transportation: CLC Circle 8:50 a.m.

What is your church’s understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?
GPS groups are our main vehicle for discipleship and spiritual formation. These groups meet twice a month in homes to discuss topics related to the Sunday sermons, to pray and build community with others in the group, and to reach out in service to the community on a quarterly basis. Our young adults group also does monthly socials, an annual missions trip, and regular service projects together.

What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?
We encourage regular attendance on Sunday mornings, and the investment of time, talents, and treasure as each individual is led and gifted by God to participate.

What place does worship have in the life of your church?
Worship is the primary function of the church community at Central. It is through worship that we know God and are transformed by him to go out and make a difference in the world. Styles and forms of worship are secondary to the Object of our worship.

What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?
Central's Urban Ministry House invites six young adults live in intentional community in a house owned by Central. We also serve as a service learning site for Bethel students through the Bethel FSU Community Partnership. We employ student workers and paid tutors from Bethel, including internship opportunities. We also access TCO groups from Bethel in our youth and children's programs.

Tell us about your church’s experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?
Central Baptist is located in the Midway community of St. Paul. The Midway is an urban community located 10 miles straight south of Bethel. We are a predominantly white congregation that intentionally reaches out to our very diverse community. We have a separate nonprofit to do community outreach including after school tutoring, a food shelf, and many other supportive ministries.
Christ Temple Apostolic Church

Denomination: Apostolic
Address: 2651 Hamline Ave N
         Roseville, MN 55113
Phone: 651.628.9090
Email: ctachurch@yahoo.com
Website: www.ctacmn.org
Senior Pastor: Jeffery Smith
Service Times: Sunday 8:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.
College Small Group: Sunday 9:30 a.m.
Transportation: Call transportation line (651.628.9090) by Wednesday for Sunday

What is your church’s understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?
We believe discipleship starts with belief in Jesus and His sacrifice. We come into fellowship with Him through grace and faith. By faith, we submit to water baptism and we are filled with His spirit. At Christ Temple we adopt a continuous improvement approach to our spiritual life, constantly “pressing toward the mark of the high calling in Jesus Christ.”

What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?
Our motto is CTAC HELPS. We believe in Holiness, Excellence with enthusiasm, Loving one another, Praying for our community, and Serving God through singing, praising and worshiping. Always be willing to lend a HELPing hand.

What place does worship have in the life of your church?
Christ Temple worships and serves God with exuberant praise and thanksgiving. Here you will find a worship experience that is joyous, personal and Spirit-filled along with an emphasis on Bible teaching both to build disciples and provide direction to those who do not yet have a personal relationship with Christ.

What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?
College student face many issues. College students can enjoy small group fellowship in our Young Adult Christian Education class on Sunday mornings. College students can express their faith on the Young People’s praise and worship team, sing in the Youth choir, or dance with the Movements of Praise. College students can learn life skills by serving as mentors for children and teens.

Tell us about your church’s experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?
Here you will find a warm, welcoming, diverse and inclusive congregation of believers. Christ Temple is a place where everyone knows your name and ministry is dedicated to the whole person.
Church of the Open Door

Denomination: Non-denominational
Address: 9060 Zanzibar Lane N
         Maple Grove, MN 55311
Phone: 763.416.5846
Email: djosephson@thedoor.org
Website: www.thedoor.org
Senior Pastor: Dave Johnson
College Pastor/Leader: Dave Josephson
Service Times: Sunday 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.
Transportation: No transportation available.

What is your church’s understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?

What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?

What place does worship have in the life of your church?

What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?

Tell us about your church’s experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?
**Church of the Redeemer**

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Saint Paul, MN 55117 |
| Phone:              | 651.321.8012    |
| Email:              | paul@oftheredeemer.org |
| Website:            | www.oftheredeemer.org |
| Senior Pastor:      | Paul Calvin    |
| Service Times:      | Sunday 4:30 p.m. |
| Transportation:     | Call Calleigh McRaith at 320.310.6433 or email at cmcraith@gmail.com to arrange transportation |

**What is your church's understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?**

We want to be a congregation where all people are encouraged and equipped to become mature disciples of Jesus Christ. To foster discipleship, we place a priority on Biblical teaching, personal spiritual disciplines, and instruction in the essential doctrines of our faith. We also believe that true discipleship involves a life of rest, balance, and simplicity.

**What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?**

Although certainly not required, our church offers many opportunities to serve, including in prayer ministries, as part of our vibrant children's ministry, and in community outreach. In addition, we desire to be a community where people who have been fed by God in worship are sent out to “love and serve the Lord” in the places where they live and work.

**What place does worship have in the life of your church?**

We believe that as we come together to worship God, we are transformed—in the way we live, the way we think, and the way we view ourselves, and the world. In worship, we encounter the living God, who nurtures, renews, and heals our lives. Our hope is that anyone visiting our community will see firsthand God's desire to bring positive change in our lives through worship.

**What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?**

College is an important time of discovery, both about yourself and how you want to interact with the world around you. We invite students to join in the relationship-building ministries of our church, including small groups, mentoring relationships, and retreats, where people get to know one another, care for each other deeply, and have the freedom to share their struggles, dreams, and questions.

**Tell us about your church's experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?**

We desire to be a diverse community, where people of all ages and backgrounds can build relationships and worship together regularly. We thank for God for the diversity currently present in our church, but we also continue to pray for increased diversity and that Church of the Redeemer would be a place where all would feel welcome.
Cityview Church

Denomination: Converge Worldwide/Baptist General Conference
Address: 2647 Bloomington Ave Ste 130
          Minneapolis, MN 55407
Phone: 612.722.5040
Email: jacobvaltierra@cvcmpls.org
Website: http://cvcmpls.org
Senior Pastor: Walt McFadden
College Pastor/Leader: Jacob Valtierra
Service Times:
  Sunday 10:30 a.m.
College Small Group:
  Sunday 9 a.m.
Transportation:
  CLC Circle at 8:30 a.m.

What is your church’s understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?
Our church has a personal approach to discipleship. We have men's and women's groups designed to create a relational atmosphere. Men and women are encouraged to take a biblical approach to adulthood.

What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?
We expect consistency in church attendance and community service.

What place does worship have in the life of your church?
Participation in worship is vital to the spiritual atmosphere of the church.

What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?
A major challenge college students face is leading while being led. We allow you to be led, but expect that you also lead by serving in a ministry regularly. We have mentor groups that focus on leadership.

Tell us about your church’s experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?
We have a diverse staff and serve the most diverse community in the country. We have been able to reach young men through mentor groups and have a strong influence among the youth. We need more laborers and the purchase of our own building in order to continue growing.
Colonial Church

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| Address:     | 6200 Colonial Way  
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| Phone:       | 952.925.2711     |
| Email:       | alynch@colonialchurch.org |
| Website:     | www.colonialchurch.org |
| Senior Pastor: | Daniel Harrell |
| College Pastor/Leader: | Aaron Lynch |
| Service Times: | Sunday 9 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. |
| Transportation: | No transportation available |

**What is your church’s understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?**

Our church is intergenerational. We have grandparents, young families, teenagers and little ones all growing in faith together through our worship and programs. Some programs include: Wednesday night dinners, youth group for middle and high school students, elementary and pre-school programs on Sunday and Wednesdays for kids, mission outreach, small groups and Bible studies for adults.

**What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?**

We care deeply about a thoughtful faith life, intergenerational community, worship arts and mission.

**What place does worship have in the life of your church?**

We have warm hearts toward God! Here is what our worship looks like: traditional worship with organ and a choir at 9 am, contemporary with a band at 10:45.

**What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?**

We partner with another church, The Upper Room, as a means to live out our desire for unity in the church. We engage in supporting young social entrepreneurs in mission, check out our Innove project for more. We care deeply about Middle and High School aged kids and have leadership and fellowship opportunities for college-aged students interested in pouring into the next generation.

**Tell us about your church’s experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?**

We’re a medium sized church in an affluent community. We are predominately Caucasian which is representative of our surrounding community. We seek to model the Kingdom of God in all its diversity.
Corpus Christi Catholic Church

Denomination: Roman Catholic
Address: 2131 Fairview Ave N
Roseville, MN 55113
Phone: 651.639.8888
Email: office@churchofcorpuschristi.org
Website: www.churchofcorpuschristi.org
Senior Pastor: Robert Fitzpatrick
College Pastor/Leader: Robert Fitzpatrick
Service Times: Saturday 5 p.m.
Sunday 9:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Transportation: No transportation available

What is your church’s understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?
We believe we are all called to discipleship and that spiritual formation is a life-long process. We encourage Faith Formation for all ages, including adults. We offer numerous Adult Faith Formation programs throughout the year, including RCIA, Just Faith, Scripture Study, and retreats.

What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?
We welcome all to come and share what they can with our community. We realize that everyone is in a different place in their Faith journey and encourage all to share the gifts which God has given them with the community.

What place does worship have in the life of your church?
The Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith life. We also strongly believe that we are called to "Go in peace to Love and Serve the Lord." We thus provide numerous opportunities to serve others and work for justice in our world.

What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?
College means a wide range of new choices and adventures. Our community hopes to be a "Home away from Home" for young adults who wish to stay grounded in their faith and to connect with caring Christians who will help accompany them on their faith journey. This year we are offering a program on Wednesday nights from 7 to 8:30 for college students and other adults called Good News People.

Tell us about your church’s experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?
With our close proximity to the University of Minnesota, we have been blessed by many international students who have come here to study and remained as parishioners. We have many different nationalities represented and appreciate the gifts they bring to our community.
The Crux

Denomination: LCMC (Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ)
Address: 3100 Arthur St
           Roseville, MN 55113
Phone: 651.206.3222
Email: kurt@thecruxlife.org
Website: www.thecruxlife.org
Senior Pastor: Kurt Linn
College Pastor/Leader: Kurt Linn
Service Times: Monday 6:30 p.m.
Transportation: Call Pastor Kurt to arrange transportation (651.206.3222)

What is your church’s understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?
Discipleship is the heart of who we are - being disciples and making disciples. We desire to be INTENTIONAL in what it looks like to be disciples of Jesus. Every individual can expect an opportunity to be engaged in discipleship. The absolute grounding and foundation of this discipleship focus is solely upon God's Word.

What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?
We expect broken vessels to be a part of "life together" - worship, prayer, Scripture reading, tithing, outreach as a missional community.

What place does worship have in the life of your church?
Worship plays a central role in our life together.

What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?
We don't have a target audience. And we love college students being a part of "The Crux"! We seek to meet and befriend any person (young or old) to be loved and encouraged in faith in Christ. It is a true gift to see young adults interacting with older adults, being a blessing to one another!

Tell us about your church’s experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?
We are a brand new church plant :>) A house/cell church expression. We begin our experience in Sept. 2014! Come join the adventure...
Elim Baptist Church

Denomination:  Converge Worldwide/Baptist General Conference
Address:  503 Polk Street
          Anoka, MN 55303
Phone:  763.421.8124
Email:  rgamer@elimanoka.org
Website:  www.elimanoka.org
Senior Pastor:  Randy Gamer
College Pastor/Leader:  Randy Gamer
Service Times:  Sunday 10:15 a.m.
Transportation:  CLC Circle at 9:20 a.m.

What is your church’s understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?
Discipleship is critical in the life of a believer. It is difficult to be transformed if we do not put new information into our lives. We disciple through Age based study groups and teaching from the pulpit.

What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?
We are a church committed to New Beginnings, Deeper Discipleship and Outreach in our community. We desire all who attend to participate in the life of the church body. God calls us to be all in... to be a part of the work that God is doing.

What place does worship have in the life of your church?
Worship is central to all we do at Elim. We understand that we were created to glorify God. Worship is more than a service or a song. It is in all we do and in who we are that we give God worship. We strive to passionately worship God with everything we do, but especially as join together in corporate worship.

What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?
We understand that college students face a wide variety of unique issues and we also understand that Jesus has an answer for all of life issues. We strive to create a personal identity with Christ and work to develop personal faith formation for students.

Tell us about your church’s experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?
God has blessed us with a racially diverse neighborhood. While our church was founded as a Swedish Baptist church, we welcome and embrace diversity within our church.
Emmanuel Covenant Church

Denomination:  Evangelical Covenant Church
Address:  Shoreview Community Center (Upper Level)
          4580 Victoria Street North
          Shoreview, MN 55126
Phone:  651.757.3471
Email:  info@emmanuelcovenant.com
Website:  www.emmanuelcovenant.com
Senior Pastor:  Chris Studenski
Service Times:  Sunday 9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.
Transportation:  No transportation available.

What is your church’s understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?
We envision a worshipping community where everyone is growing in their relationship with God. We inspire curiosity among those who aren't deliberately following Jesus, we help those who are curious to place their trust in God's Word & His Salvation and we coach devoted believers towards full maturity in Christ.

What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?
As a guest we encourage you to come, worship and experience God with us. We do invite our church family to participate in our five I's: In Christ, In Community, Involved, Investing, and Inviting.

What place does worship have in the life of your church?
In the broader sense of the word, everything we do (if done in a God-honoring way) is a form of worship.

Worship ascribes to God the honor and praise that is rightfully His alone and brings our lives into righteous alignment with His will. We express worship through our singing and through our care for the community around us.

What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?
We know that during the college years, students are discovering their faith as their own. We also understand the balancing act between church involvement, studies, and campus activities. We provide monthly gatherings and service opportunities that allow students to connect with other young adults and the ECC church family.

Tell us about your church’s experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?
We desire to be a church family that allows people from all ages, backgrounds and stories to worship and serve together.
Emmanuel Mennonite Church

Denomination: Mennonite
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725 25th St E
Minneapolis, MN 55407
Phone: 651.766.9759
Email: emc@emmanuelmennonitechurch.com
Website: www.emmanuelmennonitechurch.com
Senior Pastor: Robert Yutzy
College Pastor/Leader: Marcos Stoltzfus
Service Times: Sunday 9:30 a.m.
College Small Group: Sunday 11:15 a.m.
Transportation: Please contact the church during the week to arrange transportation.

What is your church’s understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?
We hold closely to Anabaptist beliefs that value the centrality of Christ, faith demonstrated in action through service. We believe that learning to follow Christ comes through the study of God's word along with action as a way to learn more about Jesus, ourselves, and what God is doing in the world.

What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?
We would wish for all regular attenders to participate by giving their gifts whether that be by money in the offering plate or more importantly to give gifts of worship leading, singing, playing musical instruments, doing drama, art work, teaching Sunday School, leading youth or jr. youth events.

What place does worship have in the life of your church?
We are a commuting church and the worship service links our community of faith. A few people live within walking distance. Most live 20-30 minutes away and are scattered around the outskirts of Minneapolis. Many work in ministries that serve the Philips neighborhood or the Somali community. There are many international ministry connections from serving in overseas missions.

What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?
Emmanuel's biggest strength is the inter-generational care for one another. We are not a big congregation but one that is committed to welcoming our guests and valuing them as part of our faith community. I am interim pastor and many have told me they keep coming back to Emmanuel for the fellowship and worship. It can be a home away from home on Sunday morning.

Tell us about your church’s experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?
We are quite a diverse congregation with only about 50% who grew up Mennonite. We also have members from Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Cameroon, Democratic Republic of Congo, Germany, and Brazil. We value the variety of perspective, food, culture, and need to learn how to get more people involved in key leadership positions such as Church Council.
Faith Alliance Church

Denomination: Christian & Missionary Alliance
Address: 520 Howard St N
          St Paul, MN 55119
Phone: 651.738.0433
Email: pastormike@facma.org
Website: www.facma.org
Senior Pastor: Kevin Hercula
College Pastor/Leader: Michael Stinson
Service Times:
  Sunday 10:30 a.m.
College Small Group: Sunday 9:30 a.m.
Transportation: No transportation available

What is your church’s understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?
As a church, we are committed to making committed followers of Jesus Christ. Discipleship begins at the start of relationships and it’s a journey that experiences life together, but ultimately points someone towards Jesus Christ. Our goal is to not only lead them towards Jesus, but to equip them to lead others into a committed relationship with Jesus Christ.

What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?
We challenge our congregation to not just settle for Sunday mornings, but to be committed to having a personal relationship with Jesus Christ on a daily basis. As leaders, we encourage our congregation to be faithful in their time, and tithing. We call them to step up and participate in reaching our community for Jesus Christ. We are committed to reaching the community of St.Paul for Jesus!

What place does worship have in the life of your church?
We believe that worship is a way of life and is intertwined into everything that we do in life. We believe that Paul, in Romans 12:1, is challenging the body of believers to live life committed to God's will; This is not just on Sundays, but in ministry during the week, in their personal lives both at home and work, with their friends and family. It is about living life to glorify God!

What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?
The challenges that college students are facing are the uncertainty of their future, marriage, family, finances, and job opportunities. Unfortunately, we currently do not offer anything for college students.

Tell us about your church’s experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?
We need to grow in the area of diversity! We are learning how to be the hands and feet of Jesus in a community that is vastly diverse. The question we are trying to answer is how do we get them into our faith community? God has provided us with a great mission field and we are providing opportunities for harvest to happen!
First Covenant Church

Denomination: Evangelical Covenant Church
Address: 810 South 7th St
          Minneapolis MN 55415
Phone: 612.332.8093
Email: info@1stcov.org
Website: www.1stcov.org
Senior Pastor: Daniel Collison
College Pastor/Leader: Todd Bratulich
Service Times: Sunday 9:30 a.m.
Transportation: CLC Circle 9:10 a.m.

What is your church’s understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?
We focus on both the inward and outward journey as we desire to grow deeper in relation and reliance upon God and one another. We want to ask hard questions and not settle for overly-simplistic answers. We seek to develop relationships across the barriers of age, race, and gender, through which we can nurture one another and participate in the life and mission of God together.

What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?
We expect that our community be authentic, engaged, open to relationships, and willing to serve our community and world. We expect to move beyond consumer Christianity, joining in God’s restorative work in the world. We look beyond our own preferences and perspectives, opening ourselves to new and diverging voices that might shape our journey and provide a more robust expression of faith.

What place does worship have in the life of your church?
Worship goes beyond Sunday morning. As the Body of Christ we are called to reflect and draw attention to God’s truth, goodness and beauty with our whole lives and in every relationship. In corporate worship, we reflect the diversity of our city and God’s Kingdom by engaging in a variety of worship styles from modern expressions to black gospel, classical, and liturgical.

What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?
College students face numerous challenges requiring grace, wisdom, community, and a deep sense of our beloved identity. To facilitate this, we offer regular opportunities to connect across barriers of age, race, and socio-economics through life groups, monthly all-church meals, occasional retreats and ongoing service opportunities through our Homeless Shelter and other partnering ministries.

Tell us about your church’s experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?
As a downtown church, our context requires diversity! We are deeply engaged in issues of racial justice and are committed to diverse voices in our leadership, worship, preaching and teaching. We’re thankful to have mentors like Robert Robinson leading our multi-racial gospel choir, and Dr. Nekima Levy-Pounds leading our Committee on Racial & Economic Justice as we seek to learn and heal together.
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**What is your church’s understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?**

Discipleship happens through what we call the Five G's: Grace, Growth, Gathering, Gifts, and Generous Living. Through grace we receive God's free gift of forgiveness. We experience Growth through integrating spiritual practices into our lives. We Gather with one another in worship. Through all of this we discover our own Gifts and then use them to serve God. Finally we live Generously and freely.

**What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?**

There are many opportunities for students to get involved. Life Groups, Retreats, Spiritual Growth Hour, Discipleship Class, Men's Ministry, Women's Bible Study, singing in the Choir (or Gospel Choir!), and volunteering with Youth and Children's ministries (Musicals, Sunday Schools, Youth Group, After School Programs) are all ways in which students can participate in the life of the church.

**What place does worship have in the life of your church?**

The primary focus of worship in our community is to focus on the grace and goodness of God. The experience of worship at First Covenant reflects the varied ages, ethnicities, and worship styles of our church family. Worship is a time where we can bring ourselves to connect with one another, receive God’s word, and seek God’s blessing together.

**What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?**

College students are seeking to understand their identity as they move towards independence. We do not have programming just for college students. Instead, we offer an inter-generational and inter-cultural experience that they can be a part of. There are enough bible studies, small groups, and other opportunities for them to be around their peers. We are offering them something different.

**Tell us about your church’s experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?**

Our church has experienced a tremendous growth in the area of diversity, both in age as well in cultural heritage. The neighborhoods around First Covenant of Saint Paul are filled with people from all walks of life and cultural backgrounds. We do well in showing diversity in our worship, but a growing area is fostering diversity among our staff and lay leadership.
First Evangelical Free Church

Denomination: Evangelical Free Church
Address: 2696 Hazelwood Street
Maplewood MN 55109
Phone: 651.777.5180
Email: info@firstefc.org
Website: www.firstefc.org
Senior Pastor: Todd Olson
College Pastor/Leader: Sam Olson
Service Times: Sunday 8:30 a.m., 10 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.
Transportation: RC Steps 9:20 a.m.

What is your church’s understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?
As we interact with each other and worship as a church family, that lays the foundation to learn together, serve together and grow together. So our discipleship includes Sunday school classes, expository preaching, local and global missions, and fellowship in homes. All of this is done with sovereignty of the Father, the love of Christ and the empowerment of the Spirit.

What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?
We expect those in our church family use their gifts according to how God gifted them. Tithing is a form of worship by our church family and we encourage all to give joyfully and generously back to the Lord. We also expect that our church family is growing in their relationship with the Lord. This happens by studying God’s word together and growing in relationship with each other.

What place does worship have in the life of your church?
Worship is a lifestyle of joyful submission and obedience to God that takes many different forms. Worship is our way of giving God the glory for His grace and kindness in our lives. In the church, you can see worship in the music we play, in the words that are taught, and relationships being made, all to the glory of God.

What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?
College is a time to transition out of adolescence and into adulthood. Students begin forming core values and continue to develop their worldview. We desire to come along side college students and walk with them during their college years. We have small groups that meet during the week for students to develop valuable friendships and study the Bible together over a meal in the context of a home.

Tell us about your church’s experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?
Our church has people from a number of different ethnic backgrounds. Communication has been a huge help in relating among people groups. Being willing to communicate in open dialogue what we stand for as a church and welcome all who understand and desire Christian fellowship.
Fridley Covenant Church

Denomination: Evangelical Covenant Church
Address: 6390 University Ave NE
Fridley, MN 55432
Phone: 763.571.1657
Email: office@fridleycov.org
Website: www.getrestored.org
Senior Pastor: Mark Ellingson
Service Times: Sunday 10:30 a.m.
Transportation: Please contact the church during the week to arrange transportation.

What is your church’s understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?
"Put up or shut up". We have plenty of opportunities to serve others and the Lord on a regular basis. Our Manna Market, for example, serves the hungry right here in Fridley by providing a meal and a weeks’ worth of groceries to pick out and take home.

What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?
We embrace people where they are. Some may need to take the next step of obedience in giving up something that impedes their relationship with God. Another may need to discover that God loves them and wants a first-time relationship with them.

What place does worship have in the life of your church?
Worship is central to everything the believer does and is. We worship God in daily activities and then corporately once a week on Sundays.

What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?
In light of the Manna Market mentioned above, we find that college students really sense the need to roll up their sleeves and get to work.

Tell us about your church’s experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?
Diversity is what it is. Although we have people from lots of different countries at our church, we don't pat ourselves on the back thinking we are better than others.
GraceLife Church

Denomination: Non-denominational
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          Anoka, MN 55303
Phone: 763.422.1488
Email: pastor.chickering@gmail.com
Website: www.glcanoka.org
Senior Pastor: Shannon Chickering
College Pastor/Leader: Shannon Chickering
College Pastor/Leader #: 763.242.1363
Service Times: Sunday 10:30 a.m.
College Small Group: Sunday at 9:30 a.m.
Transportation: Call to arrange transportation

What is your church’s understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?
We seek to disciple believers as Jesus did in one on one and small group relationships. We see discipleship as living eternal life out in front of and alongside of those with whom we have discipleship relationships. As we learn the Scriptures, we learn to apply them in context.

What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?
We expect those who attend our church regularly to participate as a member of the family, some are able to serve more and some less. We realize the burden that students are already carrying. We have many opportunities for students to serve if they are led to do so.

What place does worship have in the life of your church?
Worship is central to the ministry of the church. While we promote discipleship among believers outside the church, when we meet together our purpose is worship. Even our Children’s Church is set up so that children have opportunity to respond in worship in a context they understand.

What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?
One of the larger problems college students face is assimilation. They often do not have a place, feel empowered to serve and lead, or can take ownership in their church. While we currently do not have college specific programs available at our church we treat college students as viable members of our family. We can offer places to serve as well as personal discipleship from church leaders.

Tell us about your church’s experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?
Our church is somewhat diverse in that we have several people from varied theological backgrounds. We currently reach out to racially diverse neighborhoods.
GracePoint Church

Denomination: Converge Worldwide/Baptist General Conference
Address: 2351 Rice Creek Rd
New Brighton, MN 55112
Phone: 651.633.7515
Email: Office@ExploreGracePoint.com
Website: www.ExploreGracePoint.com
Senior Pastor: Jared Carlson
College Pastor/Leader: Matt Himple
Service Times: Sunday 8:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.
College Small Group: Sunday 9:45 a.m.
Transportation: CLC Circle 9:25 a.m. & 10:40 a.m.
Return shuttle 15 minutes after service.

What is your church's understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?
Discipleship is a primary value at GracePoint Church. We strive to build disciples through three main venues: the preaching of God’s Word (teaching), small group ministries (community building), and service and outreach opportunities.

What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?
Commitment – We believe that the form of participation will take many (and varied) forms for each individual. We want people to be committed to actively seeking where God wants them to be plugged into our community… and then do something.

What place does worship have in the life of your church?
Worship is at the heart of GracePoint. We have a vibrant and dynamic worship team that leads our service in a time of glorifying God, but we also have a desire to worship in our everyday lives. We believe worship is what we present to God through our lives each and every day.

What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?
College is a unique and wonderful time for personal formation. At GracePoint, we’re seeking to be intentional about the spiritual formation of college students. CAYAC (College Age and Young Adult Community) is our new and growing college group. We’ve seen tremendous growth in this ministry over the last two years, with well over 60 students attending weekly.

Tell us about your church’s experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?
GracePoint is not unlike many other churches. We have a wide spectrum of people, races, and cultures. We are proud to welcome all walks of life into our church and enter into meaningful worship and community.
Grace Fellowship

Denomination: Converge Worldwide
Address: 8601 101st Avenue N
Brooklyn Park, MN 55445
Phone: 763.425.2246
Email: info@gracefellowshipmn.org
Website: www.gracefellowshipmn.org
Senior Pastor: Dave Reno
College Pastor/Leader: Nate Kemper
Service Times: Saturday 5 p.m.
Sunday 9 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Transportation: No transportation is available.

What is your church’s understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?
Our purpose is to honor God by making and growing followers of Jesus. We attempt to fulfill this purpose by committing ourselves to the acrostic: G.R.A.C.E. Generosity, Reaching Out, Active in Serving, Connecting with others, and Encountering God through worship, prayer, and the Word.

What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?
We encourage our church attenders to be generous. We leave it up to them to determine the amount.

What place does worship have in the life of your church?
Worship at Grace may be the center point of all that we do. Our goal is to begin the connection process through our worship services. From there, we attract people to a variety of ministries.

What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?
College students today are excited about making a difference in their lives and the lives of others. Although this may be true in past generations, this generation of college student is seeking for meaning in all that they do. We attempt to help students find their gifting and help them find their purpose in life. We seek to help them with the transition of parental input to peer influence input.

Tell us about your church’s experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?
Our church is still very white in attendance. To balance the demographics, our church reaches out to the community by offering seasonal gardens, which is mostly other ethnic groups. Our compassion ministries feeds 100 people downtown each morning, 365 days a week.
Greater Grace International Ministries

Denomination: Interdenominational/Converge Worldwide Affiliation
Address: 2200 Hillside Ave
         Saint Paul, MN 55108
Phone: 651.207.9518
Email: pastorcdennis@yahoo.com
Website: www.greatergraceinternationalchurch.com
Senior Pastor: Coolidge Dennis
Service Times: Sunday 11:30 a.m.
Transportation: CLC Circle at 11 a.m. Call during the week for Sunday

What is your church’s understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?
Greater Grace understands that discipleship is a mandate from God to all His children: first, we are to be disciples and second, we are to make disciples. At Greater Grace we encourage believers to reproduce themselves by offering them tools to do such. Disciples coming to us are added to our fisherman club or community, a community gear toward reaching the community from a small group setting.

What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?
We expect to see people at different levels of faith because that's who we really are in the body of Christ. We have a regular weekly prayer meeting and beyond that we hope people will be prayerful, obedient tither, and committed to serving the community we served. we are a young ministry and are expecting to encounter people who God will lead to becoming a part of our church community.

What place does worship have in the life of your church?
At Greater Grace, worship is paramount to the fabric of why we exist as a church. Worship is relational and affects our vertical and horizontal relationships: with God and man. I cannot really claim to love or worship God when I hate or am not walking in right relationship with my brothers. A right or wrong approach to worship affects every other ministry of a church: i.e. reconcile before giving.

What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?
As of now, we do not have a particular program for college students. However, as a young ministry we have regular Bible study, Prayer meetings and Sunday school that are all gear toward developing people at every faith level. We are hoping that students coming in will serve as teachers, students and helpers in what areas they are called to serve.

Tell us about your church’s experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?
At Grace we like to say, we are a church where everybody is somebody and Jesus Christ is Lord. We make it a priority to teach about the kind of church Christ is coming for. In Revelation 7:9, the author suggests that Christ is coming for a community made up of people from every nation, tribe, language, color, etc. At GGIM our worship and everything we do reflect diversity in the Lord.
Hope Christian Church

Denomination: Non-denominational
Address: 4911 Hodgson Road
Shoreview, MN 55126
Phone: 651.486.6243
Email: hello@cogrowhope.com
Website: www.cogrowhope.com
Senior Pastor: Trent Johnson
College Pastor/Leader: Brennen Johnson
Service Times: Sunday 10:30 a.m.
Transportation: RC Stairs at 9:15 a.m.

What is your church’s understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?
Discipleship is the process of becoming more like Jesus for the purpose of mirroring Christ to the world. Our church helps its members mirror Christ through the programs that we offer. We offer a Sunday morning service and Wednesday night Bible Study and Youth Group, as well as different and varied mid-week group get-togethers.

What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?
The question isn't so much what do we expect from you, but what do you expect from us? While prayer, worship, tithing and service are large parts of our church, we strive to meet our members where they are at and help encourage them to take their interest and use it to God's glory. Whatever your interests are, we'd love to help find its place in our church.

What place does worship have in the life of your church?
Worship is an integral part of our church services and it is our belief that worship is an integral part of our relationship with Christ. We are supporters of giving the congregation a chance to participate with worship at their level, whether that means kneeling at the altar, singing in the congregation or joining the worship team on stage. There is room for everyone to worship God their way.

What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?
They are facing an array of challenges such as how to navigate through the lies of the world and our church equips them by giving them truth and love and by giving them the chance to partake and lead in the areas that interest them. Members can join worship team, take a leadership role in youth group, participate in the young adult groups or start their own group with the support of the church.

Tell us about your church’s experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?
Our church has a wide range of ages, from nursery, to children church, junior high, senior high, college, young adult and older in attendance. We hope to expand upon our college age members by creating more programs for them and even created by them for the sake of helping them grow and mature themselves and help spark a refreshing new life into our church body.
Hosanna! Church

Denomination: Lutheran (loosely LCMC)
Address: 9600 163rd Street West
          Lakeville, MN 55044
Phone: 952.898.9676
Email: jaredv@hosannalc.org
Website: www.hosannalc.org
Senior Pastor: Bill Bohline
Service Times: Saturday 5 p.m.
              Sunday 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.
Transportation: No transportation is available.

What is your church’s understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?
Worship. Grow. Impact. We invite individuals into a life in Christ where they can experience God through worship/teaching. We encourage all attenders to get involved in a course and/or small group for growth. Finally, we encourage all attenders to make an impact by discipling others either within the church, locally or globally.

What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?
To get involved in a ministry where they can grow and/or make an impact.

What place does worship have in the life of your church?
Worship is a key component in virtually every ministry represented within the church.

What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?
I believe college students are asking tough questions about faith, the church, Jesus, and the bible (as a document). We don't have a "young adult" program; instead we have many college students serving as small group leaders in our youth ministries. and out of that, natural community is built.

Tell us about your church’s experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?
We live in a predominantly caucasian suburb; however we experience some diversity at the weekend services. We have a second campus in Shakopee where we are seeing a lot of diversity regularly simply because of the makeup of the community. Also, on Tuesdays, we do a community meal and clothes closet and see a majority of people from Hispanic and African-American backgrounds.
Iglesia Centro Cristiano de Minneapolis

Denomination: Converge Worldwide/Baptist General Conference
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          Minneapolis, MN 55404
Phone: 612.250.9059
Email: plantando.iglesias@gmail.com
Website: www.plantando-iglesias.com
Senior Pastor: Joel Ramirez
Service Times: Sunday at 2 p.m.
Transportation: No transportation available

What is your church’s understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?
Bible Studies at different homes.

What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?
Become a disciple: engage with our community in order to serve.

What place does worship have in the life of your church?
We are a family oriented church, so the church becomes family.

What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?
We become a family for those who become part of the church.

Tell us about your church’s experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?
WE ARE A HISPANIC CHURCH and part of a net of 10 Hispanic congregations in twin cities area.
Immanuel Church

Denomination: Orthodox Presbyterian
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Andover, MN 55304
Phone: 763.210.5846
Email: jamesthoekstra@gmail.com
Website: www.immanuelchurchopc.org
Senior Pastor: Jim Hoekstra
Service Times: Sunday 10:15 a.m.
Transportation: Call or email church to arrange transportation

What is your church’s understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?
Everything we do is about discipleship. Our services are designed to help us grow as followers of Christ. Our fellowship times have some low-key discipleship aspects to them.

What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?
We do not try to place too many burdens on college students. However, we want to encourage them to serve the Lord on a regular basis. Their regular prayers and the utilization of their gifts would be coveted.

What place does worship have in the life of your church?
Worship is one very important thing that we will be doing for all eternity. Ascribing worth to God is what we want to aim for everyday but especially in our Sunday worship. We have a blended style of worship.

What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?
Although we don't have programs especially designed for college students, we love them. Our messages are practically focused while not missing the "big story" of the Bible.

Tell us about your church’s experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?
The area we are located in is not very diverse and this does affect our church. However, our people are very loving and accepting. We have great life! We would warmly receive people from a variety of backgrounds and experiences!
Jesus Celebration Center, Intl

Denomination: Non-denominational
Address: 1512 Woodhill Drive
          Burnsville, MN 55337
Phone: 612.978.1476
Email: powerofkingdomconnection@yahoo.com
Website: facebook.com/jcctwincities
Senior Pastor: Steve Ibabu
College Pastor/Leader: Mark Olson
Service Times: Sunday at 10 a.m.
Transportation: Contact church to arrange transportation

What is your church’s understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?
One-on-one is key.

What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?
Regular attendance, tithing, discovering and using ones gifts.

What place does worship have in the life of your church?
Praise and Worship is a big focus of the service lasting from 30-45 minutes. Time of prayer and praise before service is important in setting the atmosphere.

What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?
The Word is meat, not milk. The presence and power of God is the center of our service by the grace!
**Lake Vadnais Church**

Denomination:  Non-denominational  
Address:  208 Twin Lakes Blvd  
          St. Paul, MN 55127  
Phone:  612.444.1661  
Email:  peterberthelsen@outlook.com  
Website:  www.lakevadnaischurch.org  
Senior Pastor:  Peter Berthelsen  
College Pastor/Leader:  Peter Berthelsen  
Service Times:  Sunday at 10:30 a.m.  
Transportation:  No transportation available.

**What is your church’s understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?**
Disciples are created through the proclamation of the Gospel and the exposition of Scripture. As a church community, we keep each other accountable, pray for one another, convict one another, and fellowship together.

**What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?**
Formal members are expected to give prayerful and financial support of the church, however, those expectations are not applied to guests or visitors. Prayer time is a regular part of the service, and guests are welcome to share their requests.

**What place does worship have in the life of your church?**
The corporate worship at Lake Vadnais Church is traditional in style. We employ the use of a hymnal, and the only instrumentation we currently have is a piano. Our worship reflects the teaching each Sunday.

**What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?**
College students, even at a Christian university will face a number of challenges to their faith. Our Pastor has advanced training in apologetics, and prior to pastoral ministry was deeply involved in apologetics ministry. Additionally, the preaching and teaching at Lake Vadnais Church is both deeply theological, and applicable to life. The church is available for the needs a student may have.

**Tell us about your church’s experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?**
Our church is currently in restart mode. Membership has been very low lately, and we are looking to expand into a younger direction. We have just called a new pastor, and are looking to reach out to college-aged students as a way to diversify and grow our congregation.
Living Faith Church

Denomination: Converge Worldwide/ Baptist General Conference
Address: 10101 Lexington Ave. N.

Circle Pines, MN 55014
Phone: 763.784.1760
Email: info@livingfaithmn.org
Website: www.livingfaithmn.org
Senior Pastor: Robert Permenter
College Pastor/Leader: Eric Resler
Service Times: Sunday at 10 a.m.
College Small Group: Sunday at 9 a.m.
Transportation: No transportation available.

What is your church’s understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?

Living Faith's mission is to love well and lower barriers. We strive to transfer our faith from our heads to our hearts and place a strong emphasis on active faith in daily life. We are a small church and we are currently growing our ministries in discipleship and small groups. Living Faith is great church to attend if you want to have a voice and serve actively. There are many opportunities!

What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?

We expect those who join our community to serve in their area of gifting as they feel led by the Lord. There are different seasons in our attendees lives when they are able to give more and other seasons when they need us to give to them. We seek to be sensitive to the Spirit and allow Him to lead us.

What place does worship have in the life of your church?

Our worship service is the cornerstone gathering for our church family. We worship in a contemporary style and strive to make our services biblical, relevant and inspiring. All we do in all our ministries is an act of worship.

What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?

College students face the unique challenges of their season of life: balancing competing demands of both necessary work and fun, learning who they are and who they want to become, making life direction decisions, growing their faith. We are just starting the college ministry at Living Faith, but multiple members of our staff have college ministry experience and a love for college students.

Tell us about your church’s experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?

Our church is located in the northern suburbs, so diversity is a challenge. We are diverse in age, but not as much in other ways--though many of us have adopted domestically and internationally, and we support and send missionaries all around the world.
Living Word Christian Center

Denomination: Non-Denominational/Christian
Address: 9201 75th Ave N
          Brooklyn Park, MN 55445
Phone: 763.315.7162
Email: info@lwcc.org
Website: www.lwcc.org
Senior Pastor: Mac Hammond
Young Adult Pastor: Jeff Burquest
College Pastor/Leader: Ryan Watkins
Service Times: Friday at 7 p.m. (The Fifth Service)
               Saturday at 5 p.m.
               Sunday at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.
College Small Group: Wednesday at 7 p.m.
Transportation: Call Ryan at 612.741.4712

What is your church’s understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?
We believe that Discipleship is vital to the plan of God and we are all called to make disciples of Jesus. Here are two ways we develop Disciples: 1. We have a Young Adult Bible Study that meets every Wednesday night. Here our Young Adult Pastors lead talks on Biblical principles. 2. We also have the Disciple Internship, a ministry to develop Disciples to be fully function followers of Jesus.

What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?
We expect those in our community to enjoy and realize how much we genuinely care for them and want to connect with them personally. We believe that by the grace of God we can live lives consistent to the Word of God and teachings of Jesus. The Fifth Service is a great place for passionate people to serve and use their gifts. Our vision is to ‘reach people, touch lives, and make a difference.’

What place does worship have in the life of your church?
We love to worship! We believe in giving God the room to flow in all of our services. We invest a lot of prayer, preparation and resources into our worship experiences. We have worship bands specifically designed for each area of our ministry, including our Main Service, Spanish Church, Fifth Service, Senior & Junior High Youth Ministry, and Children’s Ministry.

What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?
Most college students are challenged to find their God given calling in life while living in an environment growing increasingly numb to the things of God. The Fifth Service is a movement of people passionate to experience Jesus thru a relevant service consistent to the culture of young people. We also have a Young Adult Ministry with multiple weekly events for people to come enjoy life together.

Tell us about your church’s experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?
Living Word is a place that focuses on the love of God. God loves each of us and Jesus died for all of us. Thus, we embrace anyone and everyone who comes thru our door. Being a minority, I stepped into Living Word wondering if my differences would make me stand out. The truth is it did, but not in the way that I was afraid of. Here we celebrate the beautiful and unique qualities of each person.
Maple Grove Evangelical Free Church

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Address: 8585 Rice Lake Rd
          Maple Grove, MN 55369
Phone: 763.420.6485
Email: lynn@mgefc.org
Website: www.mgefc.org
Senior Pastor: Russ Berg
College Pastor/Leader: Paul Stewart
Service Times: Sunday 9:30 a.m., & 11 a.m.
Transportation: No transportation available.

What is your church’s understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?
It starts with someone placing their trust in Christ and choosing to live according to God’s standards. Then it is being engaged in accountable relationships and responsibility in ministry while being committed to a regular study of God’s word, worship and prayer, both in the individual and corporate setting.

What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?
They have an evident love for God that shows in their love for others. They believe the local church is the hope of the world and invest in being a part of a local expression of God’s church by sharing their time and resources in service and in the tithe. They find a place of responsibility in ministry as a part of the collective mission of the church to share hope with our world.

What place does worship have in the life of your church?
Worship is part of every ministry at our church. In regards to worship through music, we offer two different service styles on Sundays. One being a "KTIS-like" service and the other being a service mostly defined by worship artists such as Hillsong, Starfield, etc. We have also have worship teams for Sr. High and Jr. High Ministries and are in process of forming Children's ministry worship teams.

What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?
They really want their lives to count for something significant but are often caught in the ambiguity of what that looks like. As a result you often have very passionate and gifted students who are stuck in apathy because they don't want to engage in anything that would be considered mildly-insignificant. Aside from weekly services, we actively engage in community outreaches and have partnerships with organizations such as Robbinsdale Women's Center, Cross Food Shelf, etc.

Tell us about your church’s experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?
As a church located in the Maple Grove area, we represent our community’s diversity very well. I am a staff member who is not your typical Minnesotan Swede, due to the fact that I was born to two Filipino parents. We also have very strong ministries across a huge range of generations - everything from a healthy children's ministry, to hugely populated young married to our large groups of Seniors.
North Heights Lutheran Church

Denomination: Lutheran (Alliance of Renewal Churches)
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Arden Hills, MN 55112
Phone: 651.797.7800
Email: gina.mueller@nhlc.org
Website: www.nhlc.org
Senior Pastor: Per Nilsen
College Pastor/Leader: Gina Mueller (651.797.7847)
Service Times: Sunday 9 a.m., 10:45 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Transportation: No transportation available.

What is your church’s understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?
We are people who powerfully and intimately EXPERIENCE relationship with God, then are EMPOWERED by the Holy Spirit, become EQUIPPED for ministry, and ENGAGE the world with the love of the Triune God. God alone can birth, nurture, grow, prune, and bring to maturity a true expression of his Body on earth. The Holy Spirit creates a common unity in our church that cannot be naturally explained.

Tell us about your church’s experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?
"Unity In Diversity"

North Heights is a Spirit-filled/Evangelical/Lutheran church. The synthesis of these elements in our church makes us a unique and complicated congregation. It is little wonder people sometimes ask, "What kind of church is North Heights?"

The answer: We desire to be "The Body at Work-Taking God's Power to the World."
North Springs Church

Denomination: Assemblies of God
Address: 7868 Lake Dr.
Lino Lakes, MN 55112
Phone: 651.426.2088
Email: office@northspringschurch.org
Website: http://www.northspringschurch.org
Senior Pastor: Edward Shawa
Service Times: Sunday 10 a.m.
Transportation: CLC Circle 9 a.m.

What is your church’s understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?
Discipleship is a process in which a person grows from being a convert to a fully devoted follower of Christ. We develop disciples by modeling it, mentoring, and by offering discipleship classes.

What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?
We expect the regular attenders to not only learn the grace of prayer, tithing and service, but for the believers to be regularly engaged in these graces.

What place does worship have in the life of your church?
Worship is the central part of the church. It should really run through every fiber of the church. We worship God in song but also with our very lives.

What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?
We currently do not have a college ministry. We would love to start one as soon as we get the students coming. We have a pastor ready to take on this very important ministry of the church.

Tell us about your church’s experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?
Our church is diverse. Our senior pastor is a minority. Most of the congregation is Anglo. We feel this has somewhat affected our growth in numbers, but we are called to this and will keep on plugging away. We want our church to reflect as many cultures as possible.
Oak Grove Church

Denomination: Non-denominational with a Baptist heritage
Address: 5920 Golden Valley Rd
Golden Valley, MN 55422
Phone: 763.544.1141
Email: office@oakgrovechurch.org
Website: http://oakgrovechurch.org
Senior Pastor: Brad Little
College Pastor/Leader: Grant Willett
Service Times: Saturday 9:30 a.m. & Sunday 9:30 a.m.
College Small Group: Sunday 11 a.m.
Transportation: CLC Circle at 9a.m.

What is your church’s understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?
We at Oak Grove exist to be a Great Commandment (Matt 22:37-40), Great Commission Church (Matt 28:18-20). We do this by living in a loving relationship with God and others. We intentionally love those near to God and those far from God.

What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?
We do have a full complement of activities for all age groups. Where we like people to start is to discover their spiritual gifts and serve using those gifts as God leads. There are always opportunities for people to serve: Sunday morning in worship, or second hour in children's, youth events or adult Bible Fellowship and "Experience" on Wednesday evenings. Experience is outreach on all levels!

What place does worship have in the life of your church?
Worship is the rally point of Sunday Mornings and our Lead Pastor Brad Little is fantastic. A highly skilled excellent communicator he leaves no stone unturned and can really bring a message home as he trains and challenge us. Coming together as the body we enjoy a live P&W band and other interactive elements during our worship, it is contemporary, spiritually uplifting and practical.

What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?
OGC is a friendly inviting place. We are a multigenerational church that fosters a real family feel. Our practice is to come alongside individuals for the purpose of truly making disciples so the people we invest in are equipped to do the same. We have College and Career class on Sunday Mornings but also invest intentionally with Bible study each week, personal mentoring meetings and activities.

Tell us about your church’s experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?
OGC, from it's inception in 1975, has been predominantly a white congregation but you will notice a blend of ethnicities here at OGC today. Everyone seeking the Lord is welcomed here and I believe we reflect the makeup of Golden Valley as we are simply reaching out to love God, love those near to God and those far from God.
Oak Haven Church

Denomination: Converge Worldwide/ Baptist General Conference
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              Ham Lake, MN 55304
Phone: 763.434.6013
Email: trin@oakhavenchurch.org
Website: www.oakhavenchurch.org
Senior Pastor: Andy Kumpel
College Pastor/Leader: Trin Peterson
Service Times: Sunday 10:30 a.m.
College Small Group: Sunday 9 a.m.
Transportation: CLC Circle 9:45 a.m.

What is your church’s understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?
Oak Haven Church believes that discipleship happens through relationships - relationships with Jesus Christ and fellow disciples. We encourage discussion on a variety of life topics, theology and social issues. We value the ability as Christ-followers to respectfully engage in a variety of biblical perspectives.

What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?
We highly encourage people to get involved at Oak Haven by attending Sunday Services regularly in order to build relationships and to get involved through serving in one area of ministry at the church. We desire for you to find a church home here at Oak Haven Church.

What place does worship have in the life of your church?
Our Sunday service centers around worship through music. Worship for us means giving God honor by how we engage Him with our lives. Therefore, worship becomes a lifestyle of seeking to honor God with our entire lives.

What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?
College students are wrestling with a variety of issues. Who am I? What are my strengths? Who is God calling me to be? What is God calling me to do with my life? Dating relationship? What do I believe about God? We address such issues in our weekly bible study programs and relationship-building events.

Tell us about your church’s experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?
We embrace the fact that God has made us uniquely different in a variety of ways, including culturally and racially. We celebrate the cultural differences that God has blessed us with.
Oak Hill Baptist Church

Denomination: Converge Worldwide / Baptist General Conference
Address: 4141 University Ave NE
Columbia Heights, MN
Phone: 763.789.4337
Email: stacys123email@gmail.com
Website: www.OakHillBaptistChurch.org
Senior Pastor: Paul Widen
College Pastor/Leader: Stacy Baden (763.331.1836)
Service Times: Sunday 10 a.m.
Transportation: Contact Tim Collins to arrange transportation.
   Email: gamerboy1000@gmail.com
   Cell: 763.228.8778.

What is your church’s understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?
Oak Hill is a relational community. We believe that spiritual disciplines of prayer, Bible reading, and church attendance assist in spiritual formation. We also believe that some of the greatest lessons are "caught," not "taught." We believe in life-on-life relationships as we worship, service, struggle, and rejoice side-by-side.

What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?
We seek to glorify God as we pray for one another (often via email), fellowship in homes and our church building, and serve through midweek dinners for the neighborhood, an Awana club with over 50% non-church kids, a food distribution ministry called Angel Food, and a clothing closet called Lydia's Closet. Oak Hill is a loving, serving, accepting place where we expect one another to use their skills/gifts/talents to enrich the team.

What place does worship have in the life of your church?
At Oak Hill, we choose to set aside times (services) for specific worship to God -- because he alone is worthy of our praise. At the same time, we believe that a life lived to show God's greatness is also worship. We talk a lot about bearing the fruit of the kingdom -- living a life that is evidence of God's incredible renewal! THAT is worship!

What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?
Our congregation is in an established church in a rapidly changing first-ring suburb of Minneapolis. We have been intentionally seeking to expand our relevance to young adults and are currently planning a Saturday evening worship service that we intend to launch in October. This will include theological training applied to life situations as well as a contemporary worship band to lead young people to the heart of God.

Tell us about your church's experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?
Because Oak Hill is in Columbia Heights, our community is diverse. We have experienced the struggle of cultural differences -- and we welcome that struggle! We recognize that we must continue to develop leaders of different cultural backgrounds that is different than the traditional white church that Oak Hill was 10-15 years ago and we're excited that many families with different stories have chosen to become a faith-community under the banner of Jesus Christ!
Real Life Church

Denomination: Assemblies of God
Address: 2353 Chatsworth St N
          Roseville, MN 55113
Phone: 651.490.5433
Email: office@reallifechurch.net
Website: www.reallifechurch.net
Senior Pastor: Pete Drake
College Pastor/Leader: Michele Smith
Service Times: Sunday 10 a.m.
Transportation: No transportation available.

What is your church’s understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?
We believe God created people for relationship with Himself and with others, and that His kingdom grows primarily through relationships. We are dedicated to fostering relationships that positively promote spiritual growth into the likeness of Jesus Christ (discipleship) through these five avenues: fellowship, Biblical teaching, lifestyle worship, service to others, and Spirit-filled witness.

What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?
Our Sunday Morning CONNECT Service is about bringing people into an atmosphere that is understandable, yet also inspiring and challenging. Our goal is to see people move from Sunday attendance to regular participation in a community with others. With the hopes of seeing people move from being a "spectator" to being an active part of the life change that happens at Real Life Church!

What place does worship have in the life of your church?
Worship is a very important part of our church culture. We incorporate some sort of worship into every ministry at our church.

What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?
Because we are a smaller church, it is a benefit to those college students to come in and find a community that is multi-generational to call family. We do offer a young adult small group and give many options for people of all ages to come in and "belong."

Tell us about your church’s experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?
Real Life Church is an inclusive community. Although we have many "diverse" people (different backgrounds, race, socio-economic status), we need to be more intentional when it comes to what we offer for events and curriculum.
Risen Life

Denomination: Non-denominational
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          New Brighton, MN 55112
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Email: info@risenlife.net
Website: www.risenlife.net
Senior Pastor: Justin Hayslett
College Pastor/Leader: Grant Hedges
Service Times: Sunday 10:30 a.m.
Transportation: CLC Circle at 10:10 a.m.

What is your church’s understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?
After trusting Jesus Christ as Savior our salvation enables us to have a personal relationship with God. Discipleship is the process of becoming more like Jesus through an ongoing relationship. God shapes our lives as disciples by His Spirit, His Word, prayer, church community, worship, and serving others. As disciples we are called to go and replicate this in other people.

What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?
We want our people to be involved in the life of the church and not just Sunday mornings. Church begins when the service has ended, and there are people all throughout the week that need different areas of ministry and care. We want our people to be involved as much as each one feels led to be part of what God is doing in our church. We encourage everyone to find a place to serve and grow.

What place does worship have in the life of your church?
Worship is expressed in many ways, but ultimately it is a life fully surrendered to God. Our worship music is passionate and engaging, and we encourage people to draw near to God and encounter His presence through worship. We are passionate about serving God and people as another form of servant worship that glorifies God.

What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?
We want our students to be grounded in absolute truth, so we preach relevant message from the Bible that help them understand Gods Word and how to apply it to their lives. We want them to find their identity and security in who God is, and who they are in Christ. And ultimately we want to help them grow in their purpose and calling, to see them rise in their God-given potential and make and impact.

Tell us about your church’s experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?
We are a diverse church, but as a church with a young and passionate heart we have the tendency to attract young adults. We want to grow in reaching people of all age groups and ethnicities, but people from different ethnic backgrounds and stages of life have found a place to belong at our church.
River of Life Church

Denomination: Christian and Missionary Alliance
Address: 4294 Hodgson Rd
           Shoreview, MN 55126
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Email: info@riveroflifemn.org
Website: www.riveroflifemn.org
Senior Pastor: Jim Medin
College Pastor: Nick Ruport
Service Times: Sunday 10:30 a.m.
Transportation: CLC Circle at 10 a.m.

What is your church’s understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?
River of Life’s understanding of discipleship is that it is meant to be an intentional part of the church. We are striving to provide our college-age community with small groups to dig deeper into Scripture and prayer, and opportunities to serve Shoreview and the surrounding areas through our RiverCrew. We also seek to integrate students into the larger ministry & fellowship of the church.

What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?
God is real, and it is our desire, as a passionate but imperfect people, to love Him and help others love Him on such a deeply personal level that this intimacy transforms our lives. We expect that each attender use the various gifts and blessings they have received from God for His glory.

What place does worship have in the life of your church?
Worship is in everything we do. From our morning worship service to our other various ministries (college, youth, children, etc...), we hope that all we do is worship to God (our Savior, Sanctifier, Healer, and Coming King)!

What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?
College students face numerous challenges such as struggling to find where they belong, what they believe, but also WHY they believe? Those struggles and questions are difficult, but through our social events, prayer & small groups, & opportunities to serve and reach out, the challenges can be resolved!

Tell us about your church’s experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?
As part of the Christian & Missionary Alliance we seek to "Be Light" to our local and global neighbors as we partner with missionaries, Union Gospel Mission, & The Great Commission Fund. We are diverse economically and inter-generationally and desire to grow in all areas of diversity.
Rockpoint Church

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Website: www.rockpoint.church
Senior Pastor: Roy Fruits
College Pastor/Leader: Luke Garvey
Service Times: Sunday 9 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.
Transportation: No transportation available

What is your church's understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?
At Rockpoint, we believe that discipleship is a lifestyle of following Jesus. Actively living out God's plan and purposes in your personal relationship and walk with Jesus is high priority. Being a disciple also means that you are making disciples. Whether you are serving in the body of Christ, reaching out to the lost outside the Church or discipling a new believer, are all ways to grow!

What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?
The expectation is that we are obedient to the Word of God as we function as the body of Christ! As we grow in our faith and love for Jesus and the Church, we become more connected and involved in participating. So come as you are to worship and allow God to speak in to your life. It is the work of the Holy Spirit that moves us to give and invest in Kingdom work.

What place does worship have in the life of your church?
Worshiping Jesus is a lifestyle! Our relationship with Christ reflects our worship of Him. So worship is not just the gatherings we have here on our campus, it is a daily walk in how we SHINE Jesus to others!

What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?
Having an active relationship with Jesus Christ and making time for Him in worship, serving and discipleship can be very challenging. MERGE is a ministry for college-age young adults (age 18-29) at Rockpoint Church. The mission of MERGE is to reach, grow and merge college aged adults into an active relationship with Jesus Christ and the Church.
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Rose Hill Alliance Church

Denomination: Christian and Missionary Alliance
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Senior Pastor: Phil Petersen
College Pastor/Leader: Rev. Rick Wallace
Service Times: Sunday 10:30 a.m.
College Small Group: Sunday 9:15 a.m.
Transportation: CLC Circle 9:55 a.m.

What is your church’s understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?
Our purpose is to bring people to Jesus and into membership in His family, build them into maturity, train them for ministry and send them out in mission, in order to glorify God. We intentionally guide people from community into congregation and into the core. We aim for life transformation in three key areas: Live in Christ, Love like Christ, Serve with Christ.

What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?
Protect the unity of the church - Share the responsibility of the church - Serve the ministry of the church - support the testimony of the church.

What place does worship have in the life of your church?
We offer two Sunday worship services that express the different worship voices of our congregation and engage us to be more missional in inviting others to join us. Daybreak at 8:30 a.m. is blended. Wellspring at 11 a.m. is progressive. In all we seek to engage the mind, will, emotion, and body in worship.

What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?
College students are often separated from their families and their home churches. We try to provide a home away from home for college students. We offer a monthly meal, provide transportation and give opportunities for students to use their gifts to serve God and others. College students often question their beliefs as they strive to own their faith. We provide a discussion oriented Bible Study on Sunday Mornings at 9:45 a.m.

Tell us about your church’s experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?
Our church is intergenerational. Age doesn't matter. Everyone is important. Our church has an international flavor. We are one. Our church partners with Christian Student Fellowship from the University of Minnesota. In partnership with CSF we host quarterly International Family Nights. Our church family desires to grow in our ability to reach international students and their families.
Roseville Baptist Church

Denomination: Southern Baptist
Address: 211 County Rd. B2 W
          Roseville, MN 55113
Phone: 651.484.9604
Email: jackie@rosevillebaptist.com
Website: www.rosevillebaptist.com
Senior Pastor: Michael “Jackie” Hill
College Pastor/Leader: Jim Peterson
Service Times: Sunday 8:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6:30 p.m.
Transportation: University of Northwestern-St. Paul at 10:40 a.m.

What is your church’s understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?
We believe that date someone has trusted in Jesus as Lord and Savior discipleship must begin. Every member is connected to a pastor or deacon who plays an active role in discipleship. We want every member to be equipped to disciple new believers and new members. We are constantly growing in our faith and everyone needs to be discipled by someone.

What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?
We believe that any member of our church should participate in prayer, service, and tithing. We do understand that these disciplines are a process. For a college student and non members we want to minister to and equip them to step into a member role in the future. We actively educate on what healthy church membership looks like.

What place does worship have in the life of your church?
We believe that worship is much more than singing. Every aspect of the ministry the church does is revolved around worship. When preach or do bible studies it is to make much of Jesus. When we have youth and children gather it is to worship and praise God. We want to glorify Jesus in all that we do.

What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?
I believe that college students are going through many issues. They are trying to find their identity as they are trying to plan out their life. They go through tough breakups or the loss of a love one. Our church focuses on the Jesus is the only solution to these issues. We have a young adults service on Sunday nights that goes through the bible together. The bible will help in tough times.

Tell us about your church’s experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?
We have always been a church that is economically diverse. We have successful executives to chronically jobless. This has helped us have a great compassion on all people regardless of income or background. Over the past 5 years we have become more diverse in age which has been great. We are always improving on making all ages feel welcomes and loved when they are with us.
The Sanctuary

Denomination: Pentecostal
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           Shoreview, MN 55112
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Email: info@jointhesanctuary.com
Website: www.jointhesanctuary.com
Senior Pastor: Don Siple
College Pastor/Leader: Jeff Marchand
Service Times: Sunday: 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.
College Small Group: Sunday 10 a.m.
Transportation: Please call 651.315.7732 at least 24 hours before service time to arrange transportation. Pick up time is at 9:40 a.m.

What is your church’s understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?

Know. Love. Serve. To KNOW is learning who God is. To LOVE is learning to obediently express the ways of Jesus Christ. To SERVE is learning to live beyond ourselves in service to others.

What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?

Attendance to meetings, with an expectation to both receive and also to contribute in service to others. A pursuit to consistently live after the teachings of Jesus Christ, and then to replicate that in the lives of others.

What place does worship have in the life of your church?

The scriptures, and therefore The Sanctuary as well, places a vital importance on worship. This is displayed through heartfelt music, singing, prayer, teaching, preaching, operation of the gifts of the Spirit, etc...

What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?

Authentic identity is a common pursuit of college students. Through genuine relationships with others and the word of God as an unchanging guide, anyone can discover who the Lord has created them to be. At The Sanctuary we place a high priority on both the Bible as well as godly relationships that help foster a college student to discovering their life's calling.

Tell us about your church’s experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?

The Sanctuary desires to have a church that will mirror the diversity found in heaven. As a newer church in the community we continue to reach out to all of God’s created people, regardless of the diversity of others.
St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Denomination: Roman Catholic
Address: 835 2nd Ave NW
New Brighton, MN 55112
Phone: 651.633.8333
Email: frjaspers@stjohnnyb.org
Website: www.stjohnnb.com
Senior Pastor: Father Michael Skluzacek
College Pastor/Leader: Father Andrew Jaspers
Service Times: Saturday 4:30 p.m.
Sunday 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 5:30 p.m.
Transportation: No transportation available.
The church is located across the street from Fountain Terrace

What is your church’s understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?
A disciple is one who knows and loves our Lord. An apostle is one who seeks to bring Christ to others in this world. Foremost in this process is an encounter with Jesus Christ, and it is from this that the disciple is able to bring Christ to others. A disciple is formed through a daily prayer life, as well as learning about Christ and his teachings, especially through study of the Scriptures.

What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?
All are invited to grow in stewardship of time, charity, finances, prayer, and study.

What place does worship have in the life of your church?
The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian faith. Thus, we are fed by the Eucharist and led by it to acts of charity.

What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?
Like all people in modernity, college students need the guidance and wisdom that only the Eucharist and the Scriptures can effectively offer. We offer the sacrament of reconciliation for where they have failed. And we have regular young adult and Theology on Tap programming for college students.

Tell us about your church’s experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?
Having been established in the first decade of the 1900s, our parish has served people of every background and condition. We serve people who have been in the parish for five generations, and families in their first generation at the parish. Although our parishioners come from many lands, they do not necessarily integrate outside of Mass as well as they could.
Southtown Baptist Church

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Email: southtown@southtownbaptist.com
Website: www.southtownbaptist.com
Senior Pastor: Chris Reinertson
College Pastor/Leader: Marjorie Howell
Service Times: Sunday 10:30 a.m.
College Small Group: Sunday 9:15 a.m.
Transportation: No transportation available

What is your church’s understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?
We have identified the following marks of a disciple of Jesus Christ: loving Jesus, Christians, the lost, and building God's kingdom. Practically, we seek to do this discipleship by following Jesus' example of providing opportunities to grow in Biblical knowledge and application, in serving, and in evangelism. We do this through large groups, small groups, and one on one.

What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?
Our expectations are for people to regularly participate and engage in our discipleship opportunities as outlined above. These opportunities are provided on a weekly, bi-monthly, and monthly basis. We also encourage and instruct people to engage daily in their daily personal devotions and prayers.

What place does worship have in the life of your church?
Worship is everything we do. Our vision statement starts with "We seek to honor God..." Everything we do, individually, as families, and as a congregation (which also includes tasks, responsibilities, and relationships) we do with Jesus and to reflect Jesus.

What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?
Challenges include: academics, relationships, the responsibility that comes with the freedom of living on their own, subtle and blatant lies from the culture, and the invisible and silent yet powerful attack of the Evil One and teammates on their identity. We invite college students to be full participating members and regular attenders in the adventurous ministry opportunities we provide.

Tell us about your church’s experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?
The second part of our vision statement says "by creating God's multi-ethnic group of believers..." God has given us a vision of the Acts 11 multi-ethnic Antioch church. We are growing more and more in this. The successes we found are in the following three areas: sharing our stories, serving together, and worshipping side by side. We need to grow in our willingness to worship in diverse styles.
Substance Church

Denomination: Non-denominational
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Roseville MN 55113

Spring Lake Park High School:
1100 81st Ave NE
Spring Lake Park, MN 55432

Operation Site:
2776 Cleveland Ave N
Roseville, MN 55113

Phone: 651.340.5511
Email: contact@substancechurch.com
Website: www.substancechurch.com
Senior Pastor: Peter Haas
College Pastor/Leader: Jeff Zaugg
Service Times: Saturday 4:30 p.m. (Operation Site)
Sunday 9:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. (Northwestern College Campus)
Sunday 9 a.m. & 11 a.m. (Spring Lake Park Campus)

Transportation: No transportation available.

What is your church’s understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?
We believe that the two most significant factors in spiritual formation is the amount of intimate Christian friends you have and whether or not you have ownership in a ministry.

What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?
We expect the people that attend our church to be involved in the church community outside of Sunday morning service. We also expect that once they have made Substance their home church, that they would serve the church in some capacity with either time, volunteerism, or with financial generosity.

What place does worship have in the life of your church?
Worship is one of the distinctive driving ministries of Substance Church. The progressive nature of our worship makes it very attractive as well as passionate.

What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?
We believe that college students desire community. They can either find it at Church or somewhere else. We have 210 small groups that meet during the week and a large portion of those participating are college age students. We also give a chance for college students to take ownership in their church.

Tell us about your church’s experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?
70% of our church is under the age of 30. We have a very young congregation as a whole. We are very effective at reaching college kids and young families. We could grow in the area of reaching older generations.
**Trinity Baptist Church**

**Denomination:** Converge Worldwide/Baptist General Conference  
**Address:** 2220 Edgerton St  
Maplewood, MN 55117  
**Phone:** 651.774.8609  
**Email:** trinity@tbcmn.org  
**Website:** http://tbcmn.org  
**Senior Pastor:** Peter Vogt  
**College Pastor/Leader:** Micah Anderson  
**Service Times:** Sunday 9 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  
**College Small Group:** Sunday 9 a.m.  
**Transportation:** Freshman Hill at 10 a.m.

**What is your church’s understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?**

We understand discipleship as a call of Christ on all believers (Matthew 28:19-20) it is a part of the believer's life to spur one another on towards maturity in our relationship with Christ. We do this through Sunday school programs, Sunday services, and mid-week activities (Awana, Youth Group, Bible studies).

**What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?**

Our vision statement is “Giving honor to God through Equipping, Encouraging, Evangelizing, and Exalting.” These are the things we expect from our regular attendees.

**What place does worship have in the life of your church?**

We believe that worship is more than music. Worship is ascribing worth to God through all avenues of life. With that understanding, all of our activities are for worship and may include worship through song.

**What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?**

College students face a variety of challenges including but not limited to finding their identity as adults, balancing the load of school and faith, and many others. **We strive to encourage them** through these things by pointing them to the scriptures and an understanding of how they apply to all of life. Currently we provide Sunday school and opportunities for them to serve in our ministries.

**Tell us about your church’s experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?**

Our church has a substantial Karén ministry. We have partnered with them in many aspects of our ministry. They are directly involved with our Children and Youth ministries, as well as providing ministry opportunities done in a way that engages their culture and language. We have a Thai church which also uses our building. Several times a year we have an International service with all the congregations worshiping the Lord together. Our challenges have included overcoming the language barrier. We offer an **English Learners** class to help adults learn enough to use English in their daily activities.
The Urban Refuge

Denomination: Non-denominational
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          Minneapolis, MN 55417
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Website: www.theurbanrefuge.com
Senior Pastor: Andy Gray
College Pastor/Leader: Chad Oltman
Service Times: Sunday 9:15 & 11 a.m. starting September 28
Transportation: No transportation available.

What is your church’s understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?
Discipleship is a journey where followers of Christ gather together and exchange life. It’s a two way street and a one way ethic. Discipleship happens when understanding, wisdom, perspective, and revelation flow between followers of Christ, we all need to learn. The Word is our guide and Christ-like humility and honesty is our ethic.

What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?
Our calling is to build compassion-filled churches with and for future generations. As such, we encourage everyone at The Urban Refuge to engage in this vision by stepping into the areas where God would have them pray, serve, and give as He leads.

What place does worship have in the life of your church?
Our whole life is intended to lived out as an act of worship to Our Lord and Savior. Honoring and lifting up God’s name in song, deed, and word aligns our heart’s focus to hear from Him and follow his voice more closely. Music and singing is an important part of our worship service. We strive to have increasingly diverse expressions of music styles that help all peoples to worship God.

What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?
College students are in many ways braving the unknown – setting out in unfamiliar places as young adults, developing and owning their faith and convictions, discovering their passions, and embracing their callings in life. We have a newly established city college group for students attending various campuses in the Twin Cities.

Tell us about your church’s experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?
Our church is passionately committed to being a multi-ethnic church that reflects the Kingdom of God. We seek to develop “cultural humility” where there is a genuine exchange culture so that we might broaden and deepen our perspective of the Gospel and its impact in life. To live out this commitment is to hear the heartbeat of God.
Waite Park Church

Denomination: Wesleyan
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Website: www.waiteparkchurch.org
Senior Pastor: Kory Kleinsasser
College Pastor/Leader: Dan Slye
Service Times: Sunday 10 a.m.
College Small Group: Sunday 11:15 a.m.
Transportation: CLC Circle at 9:30 a.m.

What is your church’s understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?
Discipleship is about teaching people to listen to and obey Jesus. Beyond our worship service our primary means of discipleship is Community Groups which are medium sized groups that are intended to be "family on mission." They’ll have learning components as well as outreach components. Has historically met on Tuesday evenings. We’ll update as the details solidify.

What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?
We expect attendance, giving, service and ministry.

What place does worship have in the life of your church?
Our whole lives are worship. Discipleship is the process of getting over myself and learning to give God glory in everything I do--not to earn something, but out of gratitude for what God has already given us.

What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?
Community; wrestling with societal issues, looking at the world Biblically, together with the church. Students wrestle together with who they are and what the future holds for them.

Tell us about your church’s experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?
Our primary diversity at Waite Park is generational. We have all ages along the spectrum and we’re committed to facilitating interaction among the age-groups. We are still working toward more diversity of other types as well, particularly ethnic. We are working very closely with an Ethiopian (Amharic) congregation who meets in our building. Our children are together for Sunday School.
Woodcrest Church

Denomination: Converge Worldwide/ Baptist General Conference
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Website: www.woodcrestchurch.org
Senior Pastor: Jerry Schommer
Service Times: Sunday 9:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.
Transportation: No transportation available.

What is your church’s understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?
We believe kingdom advancement is a direct command of Jesus Christ. Hearts are connected to God through faithful outreach on a regular basis, compassionate deeds to relieve suffering in our broken world, supporting Biblical justice among the oppressed, personal evangelism in authentic relationship, church planting through the local church and investing in an effective world mission’s ministry.

What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?
We believe spiritual disciplines catalyze spiritual growth. Although we don’t force participation in tithing and communion, we encourage those who have a saving faith in Jesus Christ to join in communion or those who feel the desire to tithe to contribute. Prayer is encouraged both privately and with others, such as in small groups or during worship time.

What place does worship have in the life of your church?
We believe relevant worship experiences magnify God in a community. Hearts are connected to God as we obey the word of God preached, sings songs of praise, give generously to the cause of Jesus Christ, share our faith story in the worship setting. As we fully participate in the corporate worship gathering, we declare the worship gathering to be a significant discipleship priority.

What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?
As college students grow out of the umbrella of their parents’ faith, they are beginning to seek out their own spiritual development and beliefs. In our church, we have small groups for 20+ year olds, as well as young women’s and men’s groups to further their development and faith. While large church gatherings are important, gathering with a small group of believers is crucial to growing deeper.

Tell us about your church’s experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?
Our church outreaches to our entire community and we welcome anyone. We also encourage our students and congregation to attend missions trips to several different places in US as well as globally. We are continually seeking to learn and grow in this area, just as we desire to grow and learn in all areas of our church.
Wooddale Church

Denomination: Interdenominational/Converge Worldwide Affiliation
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Website: www.wooddale.org
Senior Pastor: Dale Hummel
College Pastor/Leader: Jill Fox
Service Times: Saturday 5:15 p.m.
Sunday 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Transportation: No transportation available.

What is your church’s understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?
We believe discipleship happens in multiple ways. One of the ways is through the use of small groups. We are passionate about small groups as they are a great way for a Wooddaler to be a part of a community that wants to learn and grow together. Another way is through our one on one mentorship program. We also offer many Bible studies and programming for all age groups.

What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?
It depends on where the person is at. If they are coming for the first time, we expect nothing from them. We want them to feel welcomed, be served, and meet others. If they have been coming for a while we would love to help get them connected. If they are a member we expect them to be praying for the church, tithing, and serving in other areas at Wooddale and outside of Wooddale.

What place does worship have in the life of your church?
We believe worship can be done in multiple ways. We love creativity and use things like music, art, teaching, and giving as forms of worship. We believe all ministry areas are worshiping and that it is not limited to singing.

What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?
We want college students to understand they are a part of the bigger church and we don't want to segregate them from everyone else. If we do segregate them, we are setting them up to not want to integrate back into the "big church" after graduation. We offer College Ministry programming in the summer, small groups throughout the school year and our Sunday night service The Gathering at 6 P.M.

Tell us about your church's experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?
In terms of racial diversity, our church is in the suburbs and we attract a lot of middle class white people. It's a result of where our church happens to located. Diversity is always something we can be working on, but it's bigger than race. Something Wooddale prides itself in is that we are a mulch-generational church and it's so great because we can learn from those who are different than us.
Woodland Hills Church

Denomination: Converge Worldwide/ Baptist General Conference
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Website: http://whchurch.org
Senior Pastor: Greg Boyd
College Pastor/Leader: Erica Hunt
Service Times: Saturday 5 p.m.
Sunday 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.
Transportation: No transportation available.

What is your church’s understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?
We understand discipleship to be a life-long process of being with Jesus, in order to become like Jesus, in order to carry on the mission of Jesus, in small house-church scale communities that organize their life together around the intentional pursuit and practice of the things Jesus taught.

What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?
We use our weekend events to inspire and invite people into exploring Jesus and his Kingdom more deeply by taking classes, joining discussion groups, and serving as volunteers or serving in their communities, and then considering becoming part of a "missional discipleship community" where members have made mutual commitments regarding intentional discipleship and service.

What place does worship have in the life of your church?
We have a high value on expressing worship and praise to God through music and song. We don't see this as just the "warm up" for the sermon, but as a powerful way of declaring and experiencing the truth of who God is together. Worship is not just singing but a life devoted to expressing God's worth by seeking to be more surrendered to His loving will and to serving the world in His name.

What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?
College students are in transition towards living on their own and towards deciding for themselves what their adult faith will be. Our Resonate ministry, for 18-24 year old young adults, is designed to help them shape their lives around the Kingdom of God. In addition to weekly mentoring there are weekly house groups and regular gatherings focused on worship, outreach, and hanging out.

Tell us about your church’s experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?
We are roughly 20% non-white in our congregation's make up and have grown more divers in this area. We have made intentional decisions around worship, seeking to weave in more diverse styles and more diverse teams of worship leaders up front. We brought our church through some initiatives on issues of diversity, reconciliation, and poverty.