



Faith Communities Dialogue With Transform Rockford Teams

Welcome to SecondFirst Church Downtown
318 N Church Street Rockford IL
Wednesdays: February 17-March 30, 2016
6:30-7:45 PM in the Gordon Chapel (enter from Church St.)

Please Register: Send your name, organization & email address to debbie@secondfirst.org

What role will Faith Communities play in transforming Rockford into a Top 25 City by 2025? Representatives from faith communities all across Rockford are invited to come together for a conversation with leaders of the Transform Rockford (TR) initiative. Presentations and our discussions will strive to answer these questions during each class: What are the core issues in Rockford that need transformation? What strategies should be considered? What has already been accomplished? Will faith communities align with the changes under consideration and be part of the solutions? Please bring your ideas to as many sessions as you can.

February 17th - Transform Rockford Overview

Discussion Leaders: Mike Schablaske and Jake Wilson
Initiatives, Process, and Expected Outcomes

Vision Statement: *We are a top 25 community where our people are engaged, inspired and are leading successful and fulfilling lives. Our community is recognized as one of the very best regions in which to live. Our residents are thriving and enjoying a superior quality of life.*

February 24th - Healthy Lifestyles

Discussion Leaders: Ian Linnabary and Jim Schmitt

Impact Statement: *Residents live healthy lifestyles and make informed choices. They have access to excellent, comprehensive services for health, wellness, and recreation.*

March 2nd - Economy & Jobs

Discussion Leaders: Spitty Tata and Mark Williams

Impact Statement: *The region has a skilled and sought-after workforce - enabling all families to improve their standard of living. Our people are employed and per capita income is above the national average. As a hub of ideas and innovation, we nurture, grow, and attract world-class industries and employers. We are recognized for leadership in advanced manufacturing, logistics and agribusiness.*

March 9th - Education

Discussion Leader: Bob Guirl

Impact Statement: *Our pre-K through 12 schools and students are the pride of our community and are nationally recognized for excellence. All education and training programs are dynamic, provide accessible paths to fulfilling careers, and are highly valued by our citizens and employers.*

March 16th - Family & Neighborhoods

Discussion Leaders: Mike Brown and Anisha Grimmert

Impact Statement: *Strong, engaged individuals and families are the foundation of vibrant neighborhoods throughout the region. Neighborhoods are interconnected, adding to our sense of unity.*

March 23rd - Safety

Discussion Leaders: Jennifer Cacciapaglia, Jim Pirages, and John Bracey

Impact Statement: *All people are safe and feel safe regardless of address*

March 30th - Leadership & Youth

Discussion Leaders: Kathryn Pearce and Paul VonDriska

Impact Statement: *Our leaders are visionary, effective, respected, and supported. They engage our youth and actively develop next-generation leaders.*

