



# Minnesota Council of Churches



## *A Tradition of Innovation*

### Community Engagement

Respectful Conversations

Taking Heart Ramadan Dinners

#BlessedRamadan

Black Clergy Speakers Bureau

Native American Relationships

### Refugee Services

Case Management

Education

Employment

Immigration

### Advocating Justice

Joint Religious Legislative Coalition

Minnesota FoodShare

Racial Justice

### Supporting the Faith Community

Minnesota Church Center

Congregational Partnerships

Volunteer Opportunities

News for the Common Good

**25 denominations** are members of Minnesota Council of Churches. Over the last year, we...

Gathered bishops and executives of **almost one million constituents** for prayer and discernment in retreat, prayer breakfasts, and board meetings.

Reached a cumulative **2,531 Minnesotans** participating in **87 Respectful Conversations** on topics ranging from “race” relations to guns to processing the election.

**Welcomed 459 refugees** from **17 countries**

Organized Bishops and executives from Mainline Protestant, Evangelical, Roman Catholic, Jewish and Muslim communities for **historic press conference** in support of refugees

Brought **1,100 Christians and Muslims together in relationship** at **20 cross-cultural Ramadan Iftars**.

**Helped 192 uninsured Mankato Community Residents** apply for state health insurance programs.

Witnessed to the good work of the body of Christ in **93 media articles**

**Promoted peace with over 3,000 #BlessedRamadan lawn signs**

Coordinated a cycle of **54 ‘Mother’ Emanuel AME preayer vigils** hosted by congregations from **16 different traditions** each week

Helped **94 refugees secure employment**

Joined Minnesota FoodShare to raise **\$7.9 million for food shelves** and **5.2 million pounds of food** in the March Campaign

**Partnered with 11 congregations that co-sponsored** Refugee Families

Successfully advocated for **\$1.5 million to train law enforcement and health care in human trafficking awareness**

News for the Common Good reached **over 3,500 congregational decision-maker subscribers** every other week