

In 2021, the Minnesota Council of Churches

Was led by a **majority-BIPOC** board of directors with increased Black, Indigenous, Latinx and Asian representation

Raised nearly \$1,000,000 for racial justice work

Equipped denominational leaders with the best available information on COVID preparedness and mitigation through **6 cross-sector consultations** with public health professionals

Placed **72 refugees in jobs**, a **13% increase** over FY2020

Welcomed 82 refugees to Minnesota; and in the fall, 189 of an anticipated 400 Afghan arrivals.

Grew resettlement staff by 71% to meet increased refugee targets

Filed **134 citizenship, green card and work permits** in TC metro and Mankato

Launched Minnesota's Racial Legacy: Finally Telling the Truth event with **500 participants**

Initiated a Business and Financial Tapestry, helping Mankato area refugees and immigrants **build on their entrepreneurship plans**

Impacted specific audiences on Sacred Sites Tours including **120 pediatric physicians**

Explored national partnerships for Respectful Conversations in conversations with Centers for Disease Control, Carter Center, American University PERIL Institute, Princeton University Bridging Divides Initiative

Built peace with Respectful Conversations participants, of whom, **79% report more empathy**, **70% report improved relationships**, and **100% report more confidence** in future conversations

Witnessed to the good work of the body of Christ in **over 90 media articles**, including Daily Mail, Minnesota Public Radio, U.S. News & World Report, WCCO TV, KSTP TV, Sojourners Magazine, Christianity Today, Christian Century, Star Tribune, Presbyterian Outlook

Saw interfaith organizer Saran Sidime **selected for Aspen Institute** "Inclusive America Project"

Hired **two co-directors** for racial justice

REFUGEE SERVICES

RACIAL JUSTICE

INTERFAITH RELATIONSHIPS

RESPECTFUL CONVERSATIONS

ADVOCACY

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