**~~~ VIRTUAL & MINNEAPOLIS / ST PAUL AREA JOB TRANSITION GROUPS ~~~**

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Job Transition Groups vary in format, location and either in-person or virtually. They often host guest speakers, offer group discussions on topics related to job search, and allow opportunity to network with other job seekers. Please share this list with career transition organizations, recruiters, employment agencies, churches, CareerForce Centers and individuals seeking employment to allow job seekers to choose a group that meets their needs.

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Latest updates to this list can be found at: <https://www.nancyfraaschconsulting.com/strategies>, click on “Virtual & Mpls / St Paul Area Job Transition Groups”

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| **IN-PERSON MEETINGS** | **Location** | **Meeting Time** | **Format or Specialization** | **Contact Info** |

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| **AFTON, MN**JSPS (Job Search  Planning & Support) | Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church - 14107 Hudson Rd S. Afton, MN | Face-to-face meetings, Mondays,10am - noon | Human Resource perspective, providing job search tools / support to those unemployed / underemployed. Topics to support their short / long-term goals are discussed. | No registration is required. All services are FREE. Serving Eastern MN & Western WI.For info contact: vjguti@yahoo.com |

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| **EDEN PRAIRIE, MN**Wooddale Job Transition Support Group  | Wooddale Church6630 Shady Oak Rd Eden Prairie | Mondays7:15amIn-person | Will create a tailored plan for you to find the right job. Includes networking, accountability, encouragement, and prayer support.Job Search 6-step Process Workshop | Lonny J. Guldenlonny@chiefconnectionsofficer.comWooddale Church, 952-944-6300<https://jobtransition.net/>jtsg@wooddale.org |
| MN Crossroads Career Network – Networking with Grace | Grace Church9301 Eden Prairie Rd.Eden Prairie, MN 55347 | 9 – 11am,1st Thursday every month | Networking meeting to share contacts, leads, and encouragementNo Registration needed, just come! | Wes Tangwesleyltang@hotmail.com[www.mncrossroads.com/networking-with-grace](http://www.mncrossroads.com/networking-with-grace) |
| MN Crossroads Career Network – Eden Prairie | Grace Church9301 Eden Prairie Rd.Eden Prairie, MN | 7:30 - 9am,1st Thursday every month | Topical Job Search presentationConnecting with other job seekersCoaching & Online Classes available.No Registration needed, just come! | Harry Urschelharry@mncrossroads.com[www.mncrossroads.com](http://www.mncrossroads.com/) |
| **MEDINA, MN**Career Transition Group | Holy Name of JesusEmmaus Rooms155 County Road 24,Wayzata, MN 55391In Medina west of 101 | 7:30am,3rd Thursday of every month | Offering support to people in jobtransition or considering a career change. | <https://www.hnoj.org/career-transition-group>Mike Bangassercareertransitions@hnoj.org  Bill Corriganbillcorrigan50@gmail.com |
| **MINNEAPOLIS, MN**Basilica Employment Ministry | Basilica of St. Mary1600 Hennepin Ave,Minneapolis | Varies,Email Jill for more info | Workshops, individual meetings.One-on-one work with ministry leader / volunteer coaches; Networking, job postings, resumes, assessments, and managing career transitions. | Jill Severtson at jsevertson@mary.org |
| **ST LOUIS PARK, MN**Saturday Networking with Lenny and Lisa | West End Office Park 1660 Utica Ave S. Training Ctr St Louis Park 55416 | 1st Saturday of every month 8:30 - 10am | Sharing good newsSpeaker and smaller breakout groups of 8-10 per group. | Event registration is required at: <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/14274366/>Lisa Fraga [linkedin.com/in/lisafraga](https://www.linkedin.com/in/lisafraga?lipi=urn%3Ali%3Apage%3Ad_flagship3_profile_view_base_contact_details%3BHNool7%2BIQLaYWBzMa8lfUQ%3D%3D), Lenny Newman [linkedin.com/in/lennynewman](https://www.linkedin.com/in/lennynewman?lipi=urn%3Ali%3Apage%3Ad_flagship3_profile_view_base_contact_details%3Bwq%2BIV%2FdIRGeP6ugn1P1%2B4w%3D%3D) |
| **WOODBURY, MN**MN Crossroads Career Network – Woodbury | Woodbury Lutheran Church7380 Afton RoadWoodbury, MN 55125 | 7 – 8:30pm2nd Thursday monthly | Topical Job Search presentation,Connecting with other job seekers.Coaching & online classes available.No Registration needed, just come! | Tom Jacobsontjacobson9530@gmail.com[www.mncrossroads.com](http://www.mncrossroads.com/) |
| **MINNEAPOLIS /** **ST PAUL IN-PERSON LOCATIONS**The White Box Club® | Various Hennepin County Public Libraries<https://www.meetup.com/the-white-box-club-twin-cities-meetup/> | 9:30-11:30am 2nd or 3rd Wednesday monthly | Free live coaching sessions offer encouragement, and resources to anyone laid off, unemployed, or in a career transition.  | More info on the Meetup site: <https://www.meetup.com/the-white-box-club-twin-cities-meetup/>Questions: Michael Thomas Sunnarborg,michael@michaelcreative.com |
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| **VIRTUAL MEETINGS** | **Virtual Connection** | **Meeting Time** | Virtual meetings require computer or smart phone, and email address to attend | **Contact Info** |
| **CONNECT Face2Face** | Virtual meetings,Register to attend | Mondays,1:30 – 3:30pm CST | Professionals in job transition meet to interactively develop tools / skills to compete in today's rapidly evolving workplace, for both job seekers and those starting micro-business. Facilitator: Kimaileen White | <https://tinyurl.com/3dauwdou> Pre-register:<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcvc-CurjwvHdJ5ry1DSai-IGp67xMPdP-_>kimaileen.white@whitestonepersonalmarketing.com |
| **Holy Name of Jesus Career Transitions Group** – Career Transition Accountability Group | To join virtual meetings: <https://link.besttechnologyinc.com/Accountability-Group> | Every Tuesday 8:30 - 9:30am.Networking and job search support after. | Faith-based group dedicated to supporting job seekers with accountability / structure in their search. “Check-in” format to review activities / progress, discuss accountability for following week. Members are encouraged to stay and complete their action plan as part of a working session with others. | Info: <https://link.besttechnologyinc.com/Accountability-Group> OR<https://www.hnoj.org/career-transition-group> Questions, contact Mike Bangasser at careertransitions@hnoj.org or mike@besttechnologyinc.com |
| **Lord of Life Job****Transition Group** | Virtual Zoom meetings.Email or join LinkedIn Group for Zoom link | 1st and 3rd Wednesdaysmonthly7:30 – 8:30am | 1st Wednesday - speakers on job search related topics. 3rd Wednesday - informal networking /discussion of various job search topics. No pre-registration needed, see website for speaker schedule. | Nancy Fraaschnancy@nancyfraaschconsulting.com<https://www.lordoflife.org/jobtransition>Request to join LinkedIn Group:<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/11900175/> |
| **MN Crossroads Career Network** – Arden Hills | North Heights ChurchVirtual onlySee website for details and registration | 7:30 – 9am, 3rd Thurs monthly | Topical presentation on Job Search.1-to-1 Coaching & Online classes available. | Harry Urschelharry@mncrossroads.com<https://www.mncrossroads.com/> |
| **MN Crossroads Career****Network** – Eden Prairie | VirtuallySee website for details and registration | 7:30 - 9:30am 1st Thursday monthly | Webinar with topical job search presentation. 1-to-1 Coaching & Online classes available. Quarterly Full-Day in-person Workshops | Harry Urschelharry@mncrossroads.com<https://www.mncrossroads.com/> |
| **MN Crossroads Career****Network** – Networking with Grace | VirtuallySee website for details and registration | 9 – 10:30am every Thursday | Online Networking MeetingGain (and offer) contacts, job leads, and support. | Wes Tangwesleyltang@hotmail.com<https://www.mncrossroads.com/> |
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| **The White Box Club®** | To join meeting via Zoom at:<http://thewhiteboxclub.com/> | Tuesdays, 10-11am CST | Group coaching sessions for encouragement / career transition resources. Webinars feature coaches / industry experts sharing their best insider tips / wisdom / inspiration in optimistic / encouraging environment. | [http://thewhiteboxclub.com](http://thewhiteboxclub.com/)Questions: Michael Thomas Sunnarborgmichael@michaelcreative.com |
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| **MN STATE CAREERFORCE CENTERS** (In-person & virtual) | **Location** | **Meeting Time** | **Format / Specialization** | **Contact / Registration Info** |
| **Carver County / Chaska Career Force** Get Back to Work Job Club | In-person[CareerForce602 East 4th StreetChaska, MN](http://maps.google.com/?q=602+E+4th+St%2c+Chaska%2c+MN+55318) | Mondays, 10am-noon | On-Site Job Club - opportunity to ask Entegris Recruiter, Doug Muller questions on all aspects of Job Search! Attendees drive the agenda! We welcome all job seekers in all stages of an employment search. | [www.co.carver.mn.us…](https://www.co.carver.mn.us/home/showpublisheddocument/24180)To register, call (952) 361-1711jkennedy@co.carver.mn.us |
| **Central Minnesota Jobs & Training - Professional Job Search Group** | Meets virtually, serving job seekers throughout MN.  | Tuesdays,10am - noon | Interactive platform that focuses on the job-search strategies and tactics including local job seeker resources, DEED, grants, LinkedIn, and other social media techniques.  | More info and to pre-register:<https://tinyurl.com/rbtzsw3>Facilitators: Rob Stark and Kimaileen White |
| **Ramsey County** CareerForce Virtual Job Club | Meets virtually | 3rd Monday of the month, 1-2pm CST | Join to learn job networking methods. | To register, call 651-266-9890 or email: askworkforcesolutions@ramseycounty.us |
| **South Minneapolis CareerForce**  | Meets in-person at South Mpls WorkForce Center, 777 E Lake St, Minneapolis, MN and virtually | VIRTUALLY:1st, 2nd, 4th Mon and Tues1-4pm CSTIN-PERSON:3rd Tues, 1-4pm.Thurs, 9-11am | Job club for job seekers. Meet other job seekers, get advice, referrals, and more. Facilitated by Job Service staff. | Pre-register for both virtual / in-person meetings at: <https://www.careerforcemn.com/minneapolissouth> OR [www.Minnesotaworks.net](http://www.Minnesotaworks.net) |
| **South Minneapolis**Job Club Activity Group | In-person / online at Hosmer Library, Rm 104347 East 36th StreetMinneapolis, MN | Mondays and Tuesdays, 1-4pm | Work alongside other job seekers in small group. Research and contact employers, problem solve, exchange job leads, and get individual attention from staff and group. All are welcome! | Confirm dates and pre-register at <https://www.careerforcemn.com/minneapolissouth> |
| **Washington Co.**CareerForce Job Talk | Meets virtually | Two Mondays monthly, 10 – 11am | Facilitated online by a CareerForce trainer. Structured and forward-focused topics and discussion roundtable for job seekers. | Cindy Hinderks,cindy.hinderks@co.washington.mn.usRegister at:[www.Minnesotaworks.net](http://www.minnesotaworks.net/) |
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| **SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS** | **Location** | **Meeting Time** | **Format Or Specialization** | **Contact Info** |
| **Eagle Group of MN** Veterans - Career Track Group Meetings | Meets virtually via Zoom.Join meeting:<https://www.eaglegroupmn.org/career-track/> | Every Tuesday, 5 – 7pm CT | P**rovides** one-on-one / small-group coaching, search tips / strategies, networking contacts / communication skills, mock interviews / financial literacy and other job search support for veterans, spouses or service members in transition. | See website to register for meetings:<https://www.eaglegroupmn.org/career-track/>LinkedIn Group:Eagle Group of Minnesota VeteranFor info, email Alan Hill: alan\_hill@optum.com |
| **Manufacturing Executives in Transition** **(MEIT)** | In-person meetingsHopkins Pavilion, 11000 Excelsior Blvd, Hopkins, MN 55343 | 9-11amThird Tuesday of each month,$10 entrance fee | If you are looking for your next manufacturing-related employment opportunity and have held a Director level or above position with a manufacturing company or supplier, including Executive, Operations, HR, Finance, LEAN, Quality, Marketing, etc.  Meeting includes networking time and topic presentation or open forum for discussion. | Contact InfoGordon Bentley - gbentley57@yahoo.comPaul Turek - turekrp@outlook.comGreg Hanson - greghansonsales@gmail.com |
| **Project Management Institute (PMI-MN)** - Career NetworkingGroup  | See website for in-person location | **5 - 6pm CT** before Chapter dinner meetings (unless otherwise noted for specific programs) | Provide environment to meet other chapter members, exchange career related info, and provide support for career enhancement / job search efforts. Informal discussions on career enhancement, job search strategies and related topics. Meeting formats include outside expert / member presentations, round table discussions, and article / web reviews. Open to PMI members and non-member project mgmt professionals at no cost. | <https://pmi-mn.org/content/career-networking> |
| **Twin Cities Medical Device Networking** | Varies by month - Twin Cities metro area In-person | 3rd Thursday monthly, 4:30-6:30pm CT. Some months change due to conflicts. | Casual / friendly in-person networking at local breweries for those interested in medical device industry. Most events have 2-3 recruiting companies in attendance. Group leaders and many members are open to meet outside of events to support those in transition. | Contact Mark Oreschnick, marko@evolve-engr.comLinkedIn Group: Twin Cities Medical Device Networking Group<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/14248328/> |