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Superintendent Tammy says, “Pastor Amber has been a tremendous gift to the Midwest Conference. In addition to applying her excellent pastoral leadership skills to revitalizing a young struggling church that has had a profound turnaround, she has also coached pastors, led multi-church workshops with MWC staff, and participated in our national church planting movement. She is a strategic leader with great passion for seeing people come to Christ through expanding our church planting movement.”

From the Superintendent

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To God be the glory!

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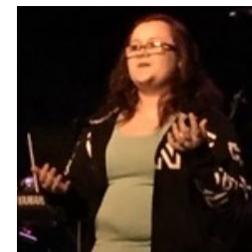
#fourmore in the Pulpit

Many of our pastors are embracing #fourmore and inviting four more women to share the pulpit through preaching. Here is what two of our pastors have to say about their #fourmore experience.

Casey Franklin, Pastor of Inversion Community Covenant, Littleton, CO
I jumped on the #fourmore challenge not only because of my theology about women in ministry, but because as a church planter I feel it is vital to creating a culture where women ministering and preaching the Gospel is natural and normal . . . When we make women preachers a normal part of our rhythm, routine, and culture, regardless of people’s pre-conceived notions, we help people see that not only is it biblical, it’s more free, and it’s more fun! We can all relax and let the Spirit of God move freely among us. Not only that, but our congregation benefits greatly from hearing different voices proclaim the Word of God. A woman’s voice brings fresh perspective, key insights, and communicates to our people that women are able to preach God’s Word with great meaning, insight, and power.

Jim Eaton, Pastor of Student Ministries, First Covenant, Salina, KS
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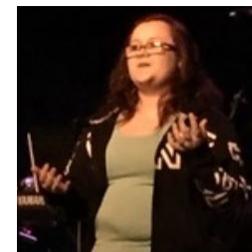
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