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- **30/15% FEMALE LEADERSHIP** - In 2017, **16.4%** of MWC credentialed ministers were female. In 2019, women make up **22.6%** of our ministerium! And in 2017, only **7.7%** of lead or co-lead pastors were female. Currently, **11.3%** of our lead or co-lead pastors are women!
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