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- They are mentoring the congregation of the Pass Creek Church into what it means to be a fully functioning, self-sustaining church with the vision that one day indigenous leadership will be at the helm of this church.

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Kim's ministry among the Lakota people began with a church summer mission trip in 2009 to the Pass Creek Church. From that first week among the children and families on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, her heart remained in this place and every summer she returned, building ongoing relationships with several families. Each time she asked God, "When do I get to come and stay?"

In 2014, 10 days after their wedding, Tim and Kim were part of the annual summer mission trip to Allen and it was on that trip that God answered that question. Kim says, "God had intersected our paths and our lives and he confirmed that Allen, South Dakota, was the destination he had for us."

After completing the ordination process and four months of fundraising, the Wardells landed in Allen in September 2016. Their first year was spent working with the couple that was retiring from the ministry and establishing a healthy transition period for the church and the community. By August 2017 they celebrated the retirement of the Bentleys and began full leadership of the Pass Creek Church and the ministry to the community.

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