



YOU Can BE the Difference in a Child's Life

MORE² Launches 2 x 2 Education Initiative

Co-Chaired by our own Dr. Bob Hill and Dr. Rodney Williams, Senior Minister of Swope Parkway United Christian Church, **2 X 2** is an education initiative of **MORE²** that calls upon congregations and congregants across our metropolitan area to live out our faith through dedicated mentorship to children and families connected to public and private elementary and secondary schools in our communities.

The **2 x 2** program believes that education is the essential element for success for all of our children. Education is the key stepping stone on the pathway out of poverty toward a successful life.

Here in the Greater Kansas City area, education challenges span geographic and cultural boundaries. From the beleaguered Kansas City Public Schools to the challenged outlying suburban districts, from North Kansas City to Belton, from Independence to Olathe, our young people are struggling.

Now is the time to take a stand. This is the time to say that education is the most important element on the road to success. Today is the time to commit to joining the **2 X 2** initiative to make a defining difference in the life of our students.

A student in need will be assigned to each qualifying mentor. Mentors are asked to engage with their student and his/her family on a weekly basis to provide tutoring, encouragement and overall support. To build positive and trusting relationships and provide continuity in the student's life, mentors are asked to commit to mentoring the same student for one year.

Mentors will be required to pass a background check before being assigned a student and to attend periodic training sessions.

The first **2 X 2** training will be held on Saturday, April 6, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and repeated on Sunday, April 7 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Both sessions will be conducted by staff from LINC and held at their headquarters at 3100 Broadway, Kansas City, Missouri.

Please complete the form below to indicate your interest in the **2 X 2** initiative. Return the completed form in the collection plate or to the church office. For additional information, contact Clergy or a **MORE²** representative.

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
MAIL: _____

Please circle the date you will attend training:
Saturday, April 6, 2013 or **Sunday April 7, 2013**