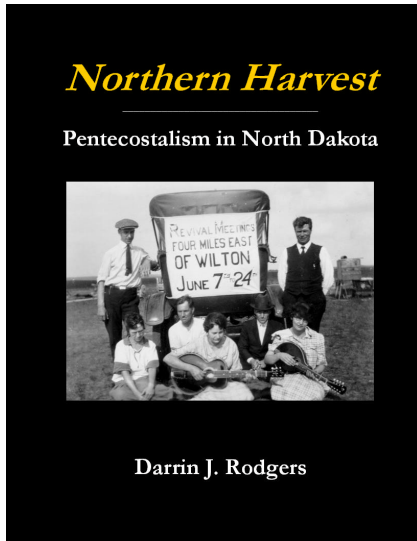


# Northern Harvest: Pentecostalism in North Dakota

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- Significant Pentecostal revivals among Scandinavians in Minnesota and the Dakotas occurred in the 1890s and early 1900s, before the Topeka and Azusa Street revivals.
- Mary Johnson, a young Swedish woman from Fargo-Moorhead, became the earliest-known Pentecostal missionary from America to venture overseas when she set sail for South Africa in 1904.
- Women pioneered a significant number of Pentecostal congregations in North Dakota through 1940: 29% of Assemblies of God churches and outstations, and 24% of all Pentecostal churches and outstations.

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*Northern Harvest* is well-documented (containing 1,732 footnotes), its indices tally 497 cities and 2,843 personal names, and nineteen pages of tables and charts contain extensive statistical data regarding Pentecostalism’s development across North Dakota.

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