

**Mission Statement
of the Region**

Our mission is

- To nurture members and congregations
- To establish and receive new congregations

While working together with the whole Church to do Christ's ministry in the world.

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On the Way with Doug and Cathy

- ◆ June 20 Boise University Christian Church Doug
- ◆ June 22 Pendleton Women's Pray and Play Cathy
- ◆ June 23 John Day FCC Pastor's Installation/Preach Doug
- ◆ June 23 Pendleton FCC worship/preaching Cathy
- ◆ June 23 Pendleton FCC Long Range Planning Team Cathy
- ◆ June 26-28 Regional Youth Council Beach Trip Cathy
- ◆ June 24 LaGrande FCC Board Meeting Doug
- ◆ June 25 Santiam Ministers' Breakfast Cathy
- ◆ June 25 Lynchwood Trustees and Faithful Planning Cathy
- ◆ June 26-28 Regional Youth Council Beach Trip Cathy
- ◆ June 27 New Church Team Doug
- ◆ June 29 Specialized Ministries Picnic Salem Cathy/Doug
- ◆ June 30 Portland FCC Worship Doug/Cathy
- ◆ July 3 Hood River Valley Meeting Cathy
- ◆ July 7 Boise University Christian, Preaching Doug
- ◆ July 7 Hood River Valley Worship Cathy
- ◆ July 13-18 General Assembly, Orlando, Florida Cathy/Doug
- ◆ July 20 Regional Picnic at Champoeg Doug/Cathy
- ◆ July 21 Dallas FCC preaching Doug
- ◆ July 21 Albany FCC worship Cathy
- ◆ July 22 Lebanon FCC camp supply sorting Party Cathy



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Fall Women's Retreat

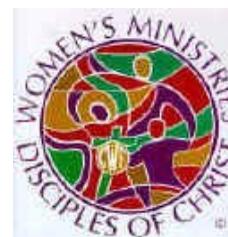
Keynote Speaker, Mary Jacobs

"Speak More Slowly" October 4-5

Thanks to the Murray Hills Christian Church who will once again host the annual women's spiritual renewal retreat. International Disciples Women President, **Rev. Mary Jacobs**, will bring the keynote message on learning to live and speak more slowly.

Friday night women will enjoy a slow paced evening of creating pots for growing flowers and herbs and celebrate the fall harvest season of the regional community garden. Come bring your artistic side and your joy of seeing long time friends and/or making new friends. **All ages welcome — from middle school to 90 plus.**

Saturday Mary will speak in the morning and **workshops** will follow. Workshops include the annual regional book group, this year reading **Hotel at the Corner of Bitter and Sweet**, a wonderful novel of 1940s Seattle. A few more copies are available for \$5.00 each by calling the regional church office. Other **workshops** will explore topics of interest for personal growth, justice issues, prayer and creativity.



In the afternoon we will celebrate in worship together and enjoy another round of workshops. The listing of workshops will be on the web site as soon as we receive final confirmation from the leaders. Cindy Pick, music director at Lynchwood Christian, will be our pianist, and she **can** play that piano!!

A free Italian **Soda bar** and the One Fair World **fair trade sale** will be going on all day. Women are encouraged to bring items for the Murray Hills food pantry to thank the congregation for hosting our event. More information to follow. Stay tuned. Registration on website.

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News from the Congregations

Albany: Celebrated 7 year ministry with children by Chrystee Houser.

Dallas: Enjoyed a trumpet concert in worship on July 28.

Glenwood: Called Giovanna Arnold as Pastor beginning in July.

Grants Pass: Home Depot put down a new floor in the food warehouse called The ROC. This ministry, launched by FCC using funds from a bequest gift, feeds thousands of southern Oregonians every month.

Lynchwood: Planning a Sunday "church leaves the building"

8/25 at the local grade school. Creating baskets of school supplies for teachers and giving books to early grade students

Iglesia Cristiana Escudo y Fortaleza: Pastor Agustin Martinez on Sabbatical. See pictures on global mission link of regional web site.

Portland FCC: Holding a series of Justice Forums on Sunday mornings with guests such as Police Chief Mike Reese and Sojourners leader, Jim Wallis by Skype.

Save these dates!

August 12-16

Grade School Camp
Suttle Lake Camp



September 27-29

Children Worship and Wonder Training event hosted by Hood River Valley Christian

October 4-5

Women's Spiritual Renewal Retreat hosted by Murray Hills

October 11-12

South Idaho Regional Assembly

November 2

Regional Board Meeting
Interchurch Center Portland

**Regional Assembly
Hosted by
Hood River Valley
Christian
May 2-3, 2014**

July 20 Oregon Disciples from eight congregations gathered at Champoege State Park to enjoy a picnic together. On a sunny Oregon day people ate burgers and hotdogs, a potluck lunch including cobbler and large bowls of fruit. (See Facebook Page for pictures.) After a great meal and lively conversation, we circled up five picnic tables and folding chairs.

Some of us had been to Orlando, Florida for the General Assembly (see article below), and at that event had learned a chorus written for the assembly theme, "Teach us to Pray,"



Teach us to Pray, Teach us to Pray

Speak the Words that we should say

Help us find your will today.

Teach us to Pray

The easy lyrical melody was quickly caught by the group, and we sang it several rounds until it was planted deep. Picnic goes young and old formed small groups and spent time in prayer for the family of Pastor Fred Evans, who was living in his final hours that day, and for the family of Blanca Puma, our mission partner in Ecuador, whose mother died earlier in the month.

We moved into new prayer groups and shared prayer about decisions and opportunities in our own local congregations. While these prayers were being said, I prayer walked in a circle around the whole group praying for each of our congregations by name, trusting in God's work in each place we gather as Oregon Disciples. I heard snatches of prayers as I walked in voices familiar and new to me after a dozen years as one of your regional pastors.

Finally, we gathered into new groups one last time praying for concerns for congregations, not our own, for joys and concerns we knew about from our last small group prayers or items we knew because of friendships between congregations. As I walked around the circle, I once again heard voices praying that I recognized and this time the words were in petition for a congregation where they were not members. I had a flash of understanding again — We are ONE church, always, not only when we notice it, but ALWAYS. Teach us to pray. In Hope, **Cathy**

General Assembly



Over 4,000 Disciples of Christ members and friends registered and attended the General Assembly in Orlando, Florida in mid-July. Participants worshiped together each evening, received instruction from highly regarded Bible Scholars and Church leaders from around the world, and engaged in service projects in the local community. Over one quarter of the attenders were under the age of 40 years, making this the "youngest" assembly ever.

Oregon, Idaho, Washington and Montana Disciples gathered for an aftersession one evening and enjoyed renewing friendships and meeting new friends. You can learn more at www.Disciples.org.

News About our Mission Partners in Ecuador



Oregon Disciples extend our deep sympathy, prayers and love to FEDICE Executive Director Blanca Puma. Blanca's mother, Fabiola Martinez de Puma, died recently in Quito. Many of our Ecuador travelers had the pleasure of meeting her and seeing what a wonderful person she was.

As a result of Blanca's spring visits in the United States, FEDICE has received enough funds to complete the Victor Vaca Child Development Center in San Francisco, Ecuador. Bev Ikeda, member at Salem First Christian, has created a beautiful new quilt to raffle for the benefit of the new Victor Vaca center. Tickets are 1 ticket for \$5, 3 tickets for \$10, 6 tickets for \$15 or 10 tickets for \$20. You can contact Bev through First Christian Church in Salem to participate. You can see pictures of the quilt at the Regional Facebook Page picture collection from the Regional Picnic.

FEDICE has received a special grant from Week of Compassion through Global Ministries for the special project at Maca Atapulo. Combined with gifts to date from Oregon Disciples, the project has already reached its goal. The Oregon regional board will discuss options for a new project this fall.

Children Worship and Wonder Training September 27-29

Hood River Valley Christian Church plans to host a Children Worship and Wonder Storytellers Training. CWW is a method of being with young children in a form of worship that is geared to them developmentally. Based on the church year, CWW begins with the first Sunday of Advent and teaches the stories of the Bible using play, ritual, storytelling in a particular way that emphasizes wonder, and music. At least ten Oregon Disciple congregations have used or are using this process with children. You can learn more about it at <https://www.discipleshomemissions.org/dhm/dhm-ministries/family-and-childrens-ministries/children-worship-wonder/children-worship-wonder-what-why/> More about the Oregon training will be on our web site and sent to you by postal service to congregations after church camp season.



Regional Community Garden



The Oregon Regional Garden, a project of the Women's Circle of the Regional Church, got a shout out from the podium during the reports of the work of the General Church at the Orlando, Florida General Assembly. We have over 25 barrels in multiple locations growing food to be given away. Watch the regional garden grow at: <http://www.christianchurchinoregon.org/#!/news/c1h8s>