

**Mission Statement  
of the Regional Church**

*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.*

**Doug and Cathy Myers Wirt**  
*Regional Ministers*

**Liz Cronin**, *Bookkeeper*

**Bernice Rivera**, *Leadership Dev.*

**Stacy Shelton**, *Communications*

- Online and In Person with Doug and Cathy**
- Apr. 13 College of Regional Ministers Holy Week Worship
  - Apr. 11 Red Rock Christian Church Board Meeting
  - Apr. 5 Commission on Ministry
  - Mar. 30 Week of Compassion Staff/Regional Ministers Zoom
  - Mar. 30 Commission on Ministry
  - Mar. 27 McMinnville First Christian Church
  - Mar. 26 Wild Women of the West Online Event
  - Mar. 18-19 Kirkpatrick Conference, Disciples Historical Society
  - Mar. 17 New Church Ministry Team
  - Mar. 15 Blue Mountain Rivers District Pastors Zoom
  - Mar. 13 Online gathering with Blanca Puma, FEDICE
  - Mar. 10 Scenic Rivers District Pastors Zoom
  - Mar. 10 Interchurch Center Board
  - Mar. 9 FEDICE USA Governing Documents Committee
  - Mar. 9 College of Regional Ministers Business Meeting
  - Mar. 8 Oregon Disciples Foundation Annual Meeting
  - Mar. 7 Columbia Gorge District Pastors Zoom
  - Mar. 7 Regional Assembly Planning Team
  - Mar. 3 Disciples Seminary Foundation Finance Committee
  - Feb. 28 College of Regional Ministers By-Laws Edit Cte.
  - Feb. 26 Eugene FCC, Installation of Co-Pastor, Zane Ridings
  - Feb. 24 Western Districts Summer Camp Planning



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## News from our Congregations

**Silverton FCC:** Sandy Berry has completed her Interim ministry and Renee Windsor-White is providing Pulpit Supply.

**Eugene FCC:** Celebrated the installation of Co-Pastor Zane Ridings in February.

**Salem Chuukese Fellowship Church of Christ:** Hosting Chuukese Youth Rally. Thank you to Northwood CC and Oregon Disciple Foundation for financial support.

**Portland FCC, Lynchwood CC and Murray Hills CC:** Preparing to jointly sponsor a refugee family

**Lebanon FCC:** Greg Widener serving as Interim Pastor.

**Pacific Outreach Church Boise:** hosting Easter Rally for multiple Chuukese congregations.

**Nampa FCC:** Holding a Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser to benefit Veterans' families in Nampa/Caldwell area.

**Portsmouth Union:** Affordable housing built on their property almost ready to receive residents.

**Salem FCC:** Preparing to host Regional Assembly.

**Grants Pass FCC:** Search committee appointed to seek new Pastor.

**Keizer CC:** Hosting summer church camp for western districts.

## Upcoming Events

- March 26**  
Wild Women of the West (page 3)
- May 20-21**  
Regional Assembly (pages 1-2)
- September 23**  
Pastors Boundary Training/Financial Ethics with Bruce Barkhauer



**For details about Regional Assembly go to:**

[www.oidisciples.org/regional-assembly-2022](http://www.oidisciples.org/regional-assembly-2022)

[facebook.com/CCOSWI](https://facebook.com/CCOSWI)



## Regional Assembly May 20-21 at Salem FCC

Salem First Christian Church looks forward to hosting our Regional Assembly this spring. Our last in person assembly was in 2018 at Portland First Christian Church. In 2020 we held an online regional assembly—the first regional church to do so, with two months to pivot from in person event to online event.

Now in 2022, we are holding our first hybrid Regional Assembly. Since the 2012 assembly, we have been simulcasting our worship services. This time we will use technology to connect us in several ways. Watch this newsletter, our Facebook account, our website, and our emails for details.

For now, we are excited to tell you about several special guests that will speak with us.

- ◆ **Vy Nguyen**, Executive Director for Week of Compassion to preach Friday evening
- ◆ **Dean Phelps**, has served on regional church staff in KY, IN, Central Rocky, OK and now on the staff of the Office of General Minister and President to lead us on Saturday morning
- ◆ **Blanca Puma**, Executive Director for FEDICE Ecuador to address us Saturday afternoon
- ◆ **Rod Witte**, Area Representative from Pension Fund
- ◆ **Monica Myers Greenburg**, Area Representative from Christian Church Foundation
- ◆ **Rosario Ibarra**, Area Representative from Disciple Church Extension Fund

.....more names to come.

Cost for in person participation in the event is **\$25** per person and includes a boxed lunch on Saturday. Cost for the Pastors' family dinner is **\$15** per person and will be held Friday night. Youth and children's activities are **free**, but we need to know who to expect, so please register.

Much more information and registration links are or will be available on our webpage at:

<https://www.oidisciples.org/regional-assembly-2022>

## Regional Staff Adds Part Time Administrative Assistant

We are very pleased to welcome Rev. Renee Windsor-White to the regional staff. Renee will begin her duties as a part-time Administrative Assistant February 15, 2022. Renee already has an active role in the regional church as leader for regional women's ministry and has provided interim pastoral leadership at Silverton, Murray Hills, Corvallis, and Lebanon. She has done guest preaching for pulpit supply at other congregations. Years ago, she also served as Associate Regional Minister for the Christian Church in Oregon. Renee also has ten years of experience as Executive Assistant to the President at Linn-Benton Community college, four years as Office Manager at a local church and six years in administration at Oregon State University.

For 2022, the regional church budget has the Administrative Assistant position funded at one quarter time. Priorities for the position in 2022 will include communications, meeting notices, registrations and reorganizing both paper and electronic files. A regional church email address will be posted for Renee. We are grateful for the experience with both administration and regional ministry that she now brings to the Christian Church in Oregon SW Idaho Regional church staff in this new role.



## Wild Women of the West on March 26

**9:30 am – noon Pacific Time**

**10:30 – 1pm Mountain  
FREE of CHARGE**

Translation in Spanish and Korean

*Theme: Developing the Faith to move mountains....  
Because God Makes the Impossible Possible!*

**Bible Study, Maria Bakalian** - Union of Armenian Evangelical Churches in Beirut, Lebanon.

**Sermon by: LaDonna Harris** Mills Grove Christian Church (DOC) in Oakland, CA.

### Panel and groups led by Global Ministries Partners

**Joyce Larko Steiner** - Christian Council of Ghana (CCG)

**Xiomara Cintron Garcia** - Peace and Nonviolent Action (Justapaz), Bogota

**Abigail Hernandez** - Asian Rural Institute in Japan

**Emmanuela Loccident** -Evangelical Church of Morocco

To see bios of the speakers, information about the gathering and register go to:

<https://www.oidisciples.org/wild-women-of-the-west>

WWOW is a ministry of 6 regional churches covering 12 states:

*Arizona, Central Rocky Mountain, Northern Lights,*

*Pacific Southwest, Northern California/Nevada, & Oregon and SW Idaho.*

## Disciples of Christ Historical Society Event, March 18-19

On March 18-19, Disciples of Christ Historical Society and Phillips Theological Seminary will present an academic conference open to the public. The topic is **“Systemic Racism, Anti-Racism and Reconciliation in Our Shared History and Tradition.”** Registrations for the conference is now open for livestreaming at <https://discipleshistory.org/about/register>. The cost is \$70. A \$35 scholarship is available to the first 20 people to contact regional office.

Presenters will talk about race, racism and resistance to racism in the context of some important events in Campbell Stone tradition, which is the tradition from which today's Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) was born.



Rev. Dr. William Barber II, will present the keynote address on Friday evening of the conference. Rev. Dr. Frank Thomas will be the preacher for the closing worship on Saturday, and Rev. Terri Hord Owens will give the charge as the conference closes. Rev. Sandhya Jha will open the

conference on Friday morning.

This special conference is made possible by the Kirkpatrick Lecture Endowment of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society.