

**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.

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- Online with Doug and Cathy**
- Aug, 10 Online Pension Fund Webinar
 - Aug. 7 General Church Online Gathering
 - July 21 Eugene FCC, Pastoral Search Committee
 - July 17 Online Disciples Women Event
 - July 15 Silverton FCC, Pastoral Search Committee
 - July 13 Silverton FCC, Transition Committee
 - July 8 Silverton FCC, Pastoral Search Committee
 - July 7 Eugene FCC, Pastoral Search Committee
 - June 30 Eugene FCC, Pastoral Search Committee
 - June 26 Zoom with Week of Compassion Staff
 - June 26 Memorial for Allene Hays
 - June 25 Eugene FCC Personnel Committee
 - June 17 Silverton FCC, Pastoral Search Committee
 - June 16 Verne Catt McDowell Foundation Board Mtg
 - June 16 Blue Mountain Rivers District Clergy Zoom
 - June 15 Silverton FCC, Transition Committee
 - June 10 Scenic Rivers District Clergy Zoom
 - June 10 Interchurch Center Board
 - June 9 Columbia Gorge District Clergy Zoom
 - June 8 Raiza Spratt Event Murray Hills CC
 - June 5 Regional Board Meeting



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Summer Events for Women

July 17 Blanca Puma and Susan Gonzales Dewey
Online 2 hour zoom event for Women
10:00 a.m Pacific/11:00 a.m. Mountain

- This event will include:
- ◆ Bible Study with Susan
 - ◆ Update from Ecuador by Blanca
 - ◆ Time for prayer
 - ◆ Break out room conversations
 - ◆ An offering for FEDICE USA endowment in memory of Susanne Fernow
- Details about speakers and sign up at:
<https://www.oidisciples.org/on-line-women-s-events-sales>

August 27-29 In person retreat, Cascade, Idaho
This year's women's retreat in Cascade features Keynote Speaker Michelle Lind. Michelle is a pastor's wife and a mother to a blended group of 5 amazing kids. Michelle loves music, teaching, traveling, writing and playing games - especially when she wins. Michelle grew up in the church and is actively involved in her church (Northwood Christian Church). Michelle is a graduate of Northwest Christian University (B.A.) and the University of Oregon (M.S.) and currently resides in Springfield, Oregon

Participants can come for 1, 2, or 3 days of the event. For information about the retreat, go to:
<https://www.oidisciples.org/news-clmey> follow link to retreats.



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**Regional Assembly
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Thank you Salem
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News from Congregations

- Portsmouth:** Farewell for Co-Pastor Jules Nielsen on July 18.
- Nueva Vida:** Celebrated 13th Anniversary, June 19-20
- Chuukese Fellowship, Salem:** Youth Sports Rally, 4th of July weekend
- Hood River:** Hosting district camp event for youth in August.
- Red Rock:** Memorial on July 14 for Disciples leader Dean Buffington
- Portland FCC:** Rick Santos of Church World Service, guest speaker on June 26-27.
- Chaplains and Specialized Ministry Pastors** met at the home of Noel and Myrna Phillips for their annual BBQ.

Upcoming Events

- July 17:** Online Women's Event with Blanca Puma and Susan Gonzales-Dewey
- August 7:** Disciples of Christ Online Gathering
- August 10:** Pension Fund online webinar with Rod Witte
- August 14:** Hispanic Men's Retreat
- August 27-29** Women's retreat, Cascade, Idaho
- September 18:** Creative Building use event (online)
- September 26:** Billy Strehlow ordination, Salem

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Dear Friends,

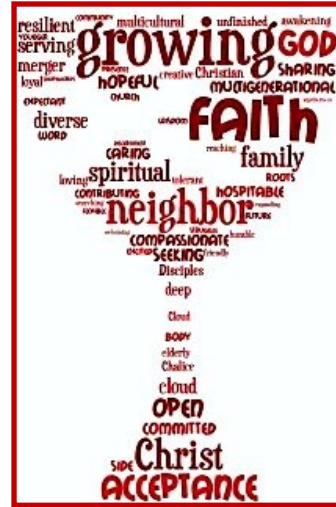
Reading through the Bible, you can find story after story of people trying to live faithfully in hard times. During famine or floods, migration, violence and illness, individuals and groups of people try to carry on in hope. Did you know that your congregation has a story like that, too?

Your congregation in ministry faced a worldwide pandemic in 2020-21. We still are not done. Through regional church ministries, you have also helped other congregations to find their way. During this time, ten congregations in our region have called new ministers or interim ministers. We have helped train pastors in three languages and sent support to our friends in Ecuador during Covid-19. Plus, Women's groups have gathered online for faith sharing and pastors have met online with each other many times.

Through the Annual Fund, individuals give financial gifts to the regional church. This helps us help each other as Disciples in the Oregon and SW Idaho regional church. Already in 2021, we have received a total of \$7,235 from 13 donors. This leaves just under \$10,000 toward our 2021 Annual Fund goal of \$17,000.

Annual Fund gifts may be sent by US mail to P.O. Box 19644, Portland, OR 97280, or may be given online as a one time gift or as a monthly recurring gift at www.oidisciples.org.

Thank you to all who support our shared ministries in this way.



Doug

The Disciples Virtual Gathering August 7. Time to Sign Up!!



For this one day event online, Disciples from across the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in United States and Canada will gather virtually to:

- ♦ engage in Bible lectures with TWO dynamic teachers
- ♦ worship together celebrating that NOTHING can separate us from the love of God
- ♦ attend interactive and engaging workshops on relevant leadership and ministry topics
- ♦ engage in a virtual exhibit hall that is informative and interactive
- ♦ plus a virtual lounge and chat to connect

with other participants

You can see the full line up of speakers and a schedule at....

<https://disciplesconnect2021.vfairs.com>

Interim President Named for Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon has called the Rev. Andrea Cano as Interim President, starting on July 11. Rev. Cano will follow Jan Elfers, who retired as EMO President in June.

Andrea Cano is a board certified Chaplain and has worked in Geneva with World Council of Churches and with non profits in Guadalajara, Mexico and in Quito, Ecuador. Originally from Los Angeles, she has lived in Portland since 1999 and is an ordained United Church of Christ minister.

Salem Disciple Receives Kagiwada Award

Congratulations to Geonyul Byeon of Salem First Christian Church. Disciples Home Missions has selected him to receive the prestigious David Kagiwada Scholarship. This scholarship is named for David Kagiwada, a Disciples leader who played an essential role in the advancement of Asian American Disciples ministries.

Geonyul Byeon is a Master of Divinity student at Claremont School of Theology. He is a member of Salem First Christian Church and of the regional New Church Ministries Team.

Portsmouth Union Church in North Portland Calls Interim Pastor

On July 11 Portsmouth Union Church called Rev. Shari Eggleston to be their Interim Pastor beginning in August. Shari will also continue as Pastor of The View Christian Church. She has recently finished an interim ministry in La Grande at the First Christian Church.

Shari is Chair of the Regional Commission on Ministry and currently a Doctor of Ministry Student with Phillips Seminary in Oklahoma.

Upcoming Webinars Save/Share the Dates!

Virtual Presentation by Pension Fund, August 10

Rod Witte, Area Director for the Pension Fund of the Christian Church, will lead a one hour session on Tuesday, August 10. We will start at 3 pm Pacific time, 4 pm Mountain time.

In this hour, pastors and other congregational leaders will hear current information about ways that the Pension Fund promotes the financial health of pastors and other church employees. This will include some new opportunities to support financial wellness.

Watch regional church Facebook page and website for information about how to attend.

Re-imagining Building Use, September 18, Webinar

After the pandemic closures, many congregations started to ask what to do with their buildings since they already learned how "to do church" without a building. Can we re-imagine the use of our buildings so they become a tool for ministry? In this workshop we will hear inspiring stories of how other congregations are re-imagining the use of their buildings to continue serving their communities.

Rosario Ibarra, Consultant for Disciples Church Extension Fund, will lead a one hour discussion on Saturday, September 18 at 10 am Pacific/ 11 am Mountain. Sign up on our website upcoming events.