

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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On the Way with Doug and Cathy

- Mar. 19-21 Portland, Western Regional Ministers Cathy/Doug
- Mar. 17 Springfield, Northwood CC Doug
- Mar. 16 Silverton, Sanctuary Opening Doug
- Mar. 16 Pendleton, Pray and Play Cathy
- Mar. 12 Oregon Disciples Foundation Board Doug
- Mar. 10 Beaverton, Murray Hills CC Cathy
- Mar. 9 Portland, Memorial Doug Rose Doug
- Mar. 9 Keizer, Pray and Play Cathy
- Mar. 7 Suttle Lake Camp Directors Meeting Cathy
- Mar. 3 Portland, Lynchwood Cathy
- Mar. 2 Hood River, Memorial Dan Armstrong Doug
- Mar. 2 Portland FCC, Pray and Play Cathy
- Feb. 28 College of Regional Ministers Finance Call Cathy
- Feb. 27 Portland FCC Doug
- Feb. 26 Salem, Santiam District Ministers' Breakfast Doug
- Feb. 24 Red Rock/ Parkview/ Pacific Outreach CC Doug
- Feb. 23 Boise, Snake River District Ministers Doug
- Feb. 22 Caldwell, Commission on Ministry Doug
- Feb. 17 Anti Racism Team Meeting Doug
- Feb. 17 McMinnville/Salem /Chuukese Fellowship Doug
- Feb. 10-11 College of Regional Ministers Cathy

News from our Congregations

Rio de Dios: hosted annual Valentine's Dinner with Peniel and Fuel and Flame churches
Guest speaker on marriage enrichment.

McMinnville: supply preacher through Easter is Myrna Phillips.

La Grande: Six week study on the Apostles' Creed.

Caldwell: Hosted regional Commission on Ministry meeting, February 22.

The View: met by Skype for Sunday worship due to ice and snow in east Portland.

Portsmouth: Six week sermon series on the songs we sing in worship and praise. Available as podcast

Junction City: Lenten Bible Study on the "I AM" sayings of Jesus.

Medford: Southern Oregon artists' Art Show, raising funds for the church.

Escudo y Fortaleza/Silverton/Keizer/Lebanon/Chuukese Fellowship/Dallas: Multi church Santiam youth activity at Silverton.

Lynchwood: Collecting cans and bottles to use deposit funds for Global Ministries.

Hood River: Hosted a Master Gardeners Class.

Northwood: One of over 200 hosts for multi-site volunteer youth leader training event in September.

Save these dates!

Pray and Play Days
Retreat Days for
Disciple Women,
March 2 through April 13

March 30
Week of Compassion
Disaster Preparedness
Training

May 18
Planned
Giving
Workshop
with
Jerry Lang of
Christian Church
Foundation, hosted by
Murray Hills, Beaverton



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Pray and Play

Pray and Play mini-retreat days for women are fun and joyful. Through playing together and praying together women discover new ideas about their lives and faith, learn new ways to pray, and deepen their understanding of the ways that women around the world are bound together in hope.

This year's theme invites women to think about the places where their faith is "rock solid" and aspects of their faith that are growing.

Where else can you paint rocks, eat rock candy and poprocks, do a play about rocks, talk about scripture that helps us to know our "rock solid" belief in God's presence in our lives, and squeeze stress rocks with our regional church logo for only \$15.00?

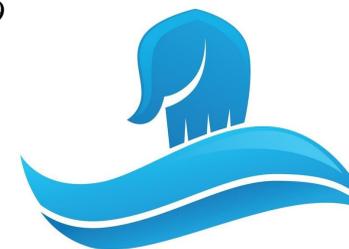
Sign up now on line or by sending in a retreat form. Information is on our website at: <http://www.oidisciples.org/pray-and-play-days>
Call our office line for more information 503.226.7648.

March 2 — Portland First Christian
March 9—Keizer Christian
March 16—Pendleton First Christian
April 6—Nampa First Christian
April 6—Springfield First Christian
April 13—Grants Pass First Christian



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**Regional
Assembly
May 15-16, 2020
Salem FCC
Rev. Sotello Long
President of Disciples
Home Missions**

My Turn

During the six week season of Lent we often study how Jesus met with people one on one. For the six weeks of Lent, I'd like to invite you to pray for some of those who extend our reach as Disciples of Christ in ways that go far beyond what you see in a church each weekend. I'm speaking about the 343 Disciples ministers serving in chaplaincy and in specialized ministries in the United States and Canada. This number includes 13 active chaplains in our regional church as well as a number of retired chaplains in Oregon and SW Idaho.



Take a look at these Scriptures and compare them to what these ministries do today:

- ◆ Hospital chaplains: Mark 6:53-56. Jesus goes to those with physical ailments, in town after town. He finds large numbers of people in each place, urban and rural, who need healing.
- ◆ Hospice chaplains: John 11:33-35. Coming to Mary and Martha in their grief, Jesus feels deeply moved.
- ◆ Military chaplains: Matthew 8:5-13. A foreign military man tells Jesus of his family distress.
- ◆ Spiritual Directors: Luke 11:1-13. The disciples ask Jesus to teach them the ways of prayer.
- ◆ Mental Health Ministries: Mark 5:1-20. Jesus cares for someone given to self harm in spite of the lack of community resources.
- ◆ Prison Chaplains: Luke 23:42-43. Jesus blesses a fellow Death Row prisoner.

Such ministries continue even today in Jesus' name. Let's give thanks and support for those Disciples and others who answer a call to chaplaincy and specialized ministries.

Doug



Is Your Congregation's Yearbook Report Complete?

The Annual yearbook of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) tells the church, the public, and the IRS about all of our ministries. General and regional ministries report to the General Board and the General Assembly. The report from each congregation may be submitted online or hard copy and is due on March 15, 2019. If you have not received the instructions, please contact regional church office.

Seeking Ecuador Travelers!

Neil Allen is contacting congregations and individuals to create a regional mission team for a trip to Ecuador. Each group that goes to visit our partners at FEDICE finds great joy and love in work and worship side by side with God's people in indigenous churches. Contact Neil Allen neilwallen@frontier.com for more information.

Have you taken the FEDICE challenge yet? A friend of FEDICE will match gifts to FEDICE dollar for dollar up to a total of \$20,000. You can double your gift to support the microloan project at Maca Atápulo, helping 24 families start their own business.

You can give on line <http://www.oidisciples.org/fedice-updates> or by check sent to the regional church office, marked for FEDICE.



March 30 Disaster Preparedness Event Corvallis

In October 2018 a group of over 20 members from 8 of our congregations met with Week of Compassion staff at a gathering in Portland to start our conversation about disaster preparedness and recovery efforts after disasters in our regional church and beyond.

March 30 in Corvallis we will move to the next step of this process. In the morning our Week of Compassion Staff will again be available, this time by zoom video, to recap the material in an abbreviated form for those who were not at the first meeting.

After lunch, new material will be introduced that moves us to creating plans for local recovery efforts after disaster events and also planning trips to assist in other places in clean up and recovery after a disaster.

A part of the event will help congregations to make emergency plans for their own community context. The regional church will hold copies of these plans to facilitate help quickly if/when it is required. Please consider sending members of your congregation to this informative and helpful event.

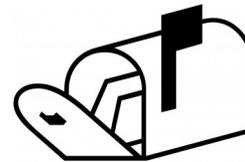


Details will be posted on our website in the next two weeks.

For now **SAVE THE DATE.**

No, We're Not Moving — Just Getting a New Address

The City of Portland has notified the Interchurch Center that we will have a new mailing address for the building in 2020. In May 2020, our address will be on South Bancroft, rather than on Southwest Bancroft.



At that time, a section of Southwest Portland, nearest the Willamette River, will become a sixth section of the city. All addresses in the area whose street address begins with a zero, such as ours at "0245," will drop the zero from the front of the street address and drop the "west" from the "Southwest" street designation. After May 2020 then, the new address for the Interchurch Center will be "**245 S. Bancroft.**" The post office will continue to deliver mail to our current address until May 2021. For right now, there is no change that you need to make. We'll send out notice of the change when the time comes next year.

Planned Giving Workshop with Christian Church Foundation

Jerry Lang, Vice President for the Mountain West Zone of Christian Church Foundation, will lead a planned giving workshop in Beaverton on **Saturday, May 18.** This half day event hosted by the Murray Hills Christian Church will look at Christian stewardship that lasts a lifetime and then some! By "planned" giving, Christians may dedicate a portion of their resources to be used for ministry after their earthly life concludes. The planned gifts of those who have gone before us continue to bless the Church now. With prayerful and thoughtful planning, our decisions now can bless the Church and the world tomorrow. Watch your regional church news for more details.



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