

New Church Report - February 4, 2023

Out of the forty-five congregations in the region, over one quarter have come into the life of Disciples during the twenty-first century. The love of Jesus Christ calls out through languages and to generations in more and greater ways than if Disciples had no vision for new congregations. Starting new churches in Oregon and South Idaho is not an easy calling. Even so, in the Oregon SW Idaho regional church, six new and affiliating ministries meet every week, worshipping in three languages. Without these ministries, the Oregon-SW Idaho region would number fewer than three dozen congregations. More importantly, with these ministries Disciples help to reach more people and places in a wider variety of languages, cultures and generations than would otherwise be possible. **Do what we say, we are a anti-racism and reconciled church.**

New Church Team Meeting – The New Church Team met via Zoom on Jan. 18.

- We began discussing strategies for adding to our team membership.
- Started a review of Affiliation Process Document.
- Allocate fund review – New Church Team met with 5/6 new congregations to know from them their needs:
 1. One of the biggest needs is the lack of equipment such as musical instruments, **computer and sound for worship. - Fund were allocated for 4 of the new congregations** to buy sound equipment.
 2. Need in ministry education – Support Hispanic pastor in the registration process and tuition to attend Western Theology Seminary.
 3. Collected supplies and funds and sent container of needed supplies to Chuuk Islands. Thank you to different ministries who joined in this initiative.

On another hand, some initiatives are currently involving **new church**.

- **Columbia River district - Combined Youth group** held a bowling event with 3 churches together. Rio de Dios, Murray Hills and The View.
- Murray Hills Christain Church and **Rio de Dios**: Coordinated with Pastor Troy Sybrant the shared joint worship and baptismal participation in May. Shared baptism classes.
- **In Santiam District – Iglesia Jehova Nisi**, Keizer Christian Church and **Chuukese Fellowship Church of Christ joined worship's service** during Christmas .

I would encourage you to visit New Church and worship together. Also invite them to any event that you have.

Water the Plants- The month of January was featuring New Churches from Oregon SW Idaho Region. Water the Plants, an intercessory prayer team group meet by phone to praying for new churches local and national. We pray on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 6:00 AM PST.

Within the Oregon SW Idaho regional church, current new church ministries include: ♦ Boise, Pacific Outreach Christian Church ♦ Hillsboro, Rio de Dios ♦ Keizer, Iglesia Cristiana Jehova Nisi ♦ Portland, Iglesia Cristiana Principe de Paz ♦ Salem, Chuukese Fellowship Church of Christ ♦ Pacific Island Family Church in Vancouver