



RECOGNIZED MINISTRIES

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Certain ministries exist separately from the Christian Church in Oregon and Southwest Idaho and work closely as partners. Like the regional church, these partners work to support congregations, pastors and/or programs that affect multiple congregations in Oregon and Southwest Idaho. Each has its own separate board and its own 501c(3) exemption with the IRS. The Regional Board may designate close partner ministries as “*Recognized Ministries*,” authorizing the ministry to be listed with the Oregon Southwest Idaho region in the annual denominational Yearbook

Three ministries currently have approval for listing as “*Recognized Ministries*.” These ministries are:

Cascade Christian Church Camp: This campground has a board made up of people from Disciples congregations in SW Idaho. Cascade Christian Church Camp is located in Cascade, Idaho and for decades has provided a place for Disciples camps and retreats, and for also other groups to rent the facility for their events.

Oregon Disciple Foundation: ODF has a board of directors with ten people from across the regional church. ODF holds investments with Christian Church Foundation of Indianapolis. Some are named funds and for supporting specific purposes while others are general purpose funds. Annual small grants from ODF go to new church ministries, ministry training and seminary scholarships, congregational projects, regional church initiatives and events designed to increase Disciples of Christ identity and fellowship.

Verne Catt McDowell Corporation: Based at First Christian Church, Albany, Oregon, the Verne Catt McDowell Corporation gives scholarship support to seminary students, especially from within the Oregon and Southwest Idaho region. Scholarship support also goes to those studying for certificates of ministry. Many of the active and retired pastors in the region received their ministry education with support from VCMC.

These recognized ministries are not to be confused with “recognized congregations,” which describes congregations that have completed their introductory period of affiliation with Disciples.

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