

**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 and In Person with Doug and Cathy**
- Apr. 21 New Church Ministries Team
 - Apr. 21 Disciples Women Capacity Meeting
 - Apr. 19 Blue Mountain Rivers District Pastors
 - Apr. 14 Grants Pass Pastoral Search Committee
 - Apr. 13 College of Regional Ministers Holy Week Worship
 - Apr. 12 College of Regional Ministers Nominating Cte.
 - Apr. 11 Red Rock Christian Church Board Meeting
 - Apr. 5 Commission on Ministry
 - Apr. 4 Pastoral Relations Committee
 - Mar. 31 Grants Pass Pastoral Search Committee
 - Mar. 30 Week of Compassion Staff/Regional Ministers Zoom
 - Mar. 30 Commission on Ministry
 - Mar. 29 Silverton Pastoral Search Committee
 - Mar. 27 McMinnville First Christian Church
 - Mar. 26 Wild Women of the West Online Event
 - Mar. 23 College of Regional Ministers Gov. Docs. Comm
 - 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



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News from our Congregations

- Christian & Baptist Church** Mountain Home installed their new Pastor, Terry Barnett on April 3.
- La Grande:** Sent box of items for the Regional Assembly service project
- Northwood Springfield:** Will hold sunrise service on Easter on their new property.
- Hood River Valley:** Brass musicians special music April 3
- Peniel Ministries Portland and Iglesia Jehova Nisi Keizer:** have students in the Diploma of Ministries Studies program with Disciples Seminary Foundation.

- Salem:** Will present Joyce Frame with her honored minister pin on May 22.
- Grants Pass:** Aaron Larson called as Interim Pastor as of April 1.
- Medford:** Organizing a viewing event for Regional Assembly.
- Ione:** Gathering midweek for a meal, youth groups, and adult social time.
- Red Rock Boise:** Held a food collection Sunday on April 3.
- Albany:** Zoom gathering Wednesday evenings for Bible Study and communion

Upcoming Events

- May 20-21** Regional Assembly
- August 26-28** Snake River District Women's Retreat
- September 23** Pastors' Boundary Training



Let us know you are coming

**Regional Assembly
May 20-21, 2022**



Hosted by Salem First Christian Church

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For details about Regional Assembly go to:

www.oidisciples.org/regional-assembly-2022

facebook.com/CCOSWI

Time to Register!



Regional Assembly Information

We are grateful to Salem First Christian Church as they prepare for the regional church to come in person and online to our May 20-21 Regional Assembly. As of the date of this newsletter, we have approximately 40 people registered. We hope you will register early this year, because we know that people encounter gatherings in new ways since our last in person event in 2018.

Highlights of this year's assembly include:

- ◆ Visit from **Belva Brown Jordan**, Interim President of Disciples Seminary Foundation and Moderator of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) on Friday.
- ◆ Visit from Week of Compassion Executive Director, **Vy Nguyen**, on Friday.
- ◆ Visit from **Dean Phelps**, Office of General Minister Staff and Mission Partner from Ecuador, **Blanca Puma** on Saturday
- ◆ Visits from **Rosario Ibarra** of Disciples Church Extension, **Monica Myers Greenburg** of Christian Church Foundation and **Rod Witte** of Pension Fund
- ◆ **Fair Trade Sale** with profits going to FEDICE USA.
- ◆ **Workshops** from whole church leaders (watch our website for the times/workshop)
- ◆ **Worship** Friday night and Saturday afternoon including a **regional choir** led by Gary Frame (watch our website for rehearsal times and music)
- ◆ Time to hear from our **Regional Ministers** about state of the Regional Church and a conversation about the continuing ministry of the Regional Church
- ◆ **Election of officers** for the regional church for 2022-24
- ◆ **Service project** of building hygiene kits (see list online of items needed)
- ◆ **Dinner** for pastor families Friday evening
- ◆ **Lunches** shared in district groupings
- ◆ **Youth and Children activities** and nursery care provide for not cost

New details posted twice a week, and you can sign up for twice a week emails.

www.oidisciples.org/regional-assembly-2022

Required Boundary Training for Ministers on Sept 23

This year's Boundary Training for Ordained and Commissioned Ministers will be held on **Friday, September 23**. The topic will be Financial Ethics and Best Practices. **Bruce Burkauer**, Director of the Disciples Office of Faith and Giving will lead the event. The in person location is to be announced and a hybrid option is being explored.

Bruce Barkhauer will also present stewardship workshops while he is in the area on **Saturday and Sunday, September 24-25**.

Save the date and watch your regional church newsletter for more information

Easter Offering for Disciples Ministry



During the Easter season, the Disciples of Christ church receives an offering for our whole church ministries. Whereas our all year offerings to Disciples Mission Fund are divided between whole church and regional church ministries, the Easter offering is used solely for whole church ministries. These ministries include:

- ◆ **Global Ministries** partnerships and virtual pilgrimages
- ◆ Financial ministries of **Pension Fund, Disciples Church Extension, Christian Church Foundation**
- ◆ **Office of General Minister** and President and **Stewardship** ministries
- ◆ **Homeland Ministries** and **National Benevolent Association**
- ◆ **National Convocation, Obra Hispana, North American Pacific Asian Disciples**And many more of our whole church shared ministry.

Learn more about the Disciples of Christ ministries at

www.disciples.org

FEDICE Ecuador project update

Check out the progress on the house being build for Juanita, the grandmother of one of the children from a FEDICE day care center.

<https://www.facebook.com/fedice.ecuador/videos/825318128873341>

Check out the progress on the solar panel project

<https://www.facebook.com/fedice.ecuador/videos/396967781761038>



Regional Women's Ministries Update



◆ Thanks to those that attended the **Wild Women of the West** online event on March 26 gathering women from the 6 western regional churches.. 26 of the 73 in attendance were from our region.. Way to show up Oregon/Idaho Disciples Women!! You can see the videos from the event on our website

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

◆ **SAVE JUNE 18** for another online event for Disciples Women in our region. Watch your email and this newsletter for details.

◆ **SAVE AUGUST 26-28** Snake River District Disciples Women plan an in person retreat in Cascade, Idaho, Trinity Pines Conference center. Keynoter Michelle Harris-Gloyer, is new to the region, serving as Associate Pastor for Salem First Christian Church. She spoke at the January online women's event, and you can see the video of that event here...

<https://www.oidisciples.org/on-line-women-s-events-sales>

◆ **SAVE OCTOBER 7-8** Western Districts Disciples Women plan an in person retreat hosted by Murray Hills Christian Church.