

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

- ◆ Nov. 19 FEDICE USA Board Meeting
- ◆ Nov. 15 Blue Mountain Rivers District Pastors zoom
- ◆ Nov. 13 Albany FCC, Preach in person
- ◆ Nov. 10 Scenic Rivers District Pastors zoom
- ◆ Nov. 9 Tulsa Talks 3
- ◆ Nov. 9 College of Regional Ministers zoom
- ◆ Nov. 8 Disciples Home Mission Leadership Team zoom
- ◆ Nov. 5 Regional Board Meeting
- ◆ Oct. 30 Corvallis FCC Ordination of Chuck Varner
- ◆ Oct. 29 Commission on Finance and Administration
- ◆ Oct. 28 Albany FCC Interim Support Team
- ◆ Oct. 26 Western Regional Ministers Zoom
- ◆ Oct. 25 New Church Team
- ◆ Oct. 21 Commission on Ministry
- ◆ Oct. 18 Blue Mountain Rivers District Pastors zoom
- ◆ Oct. 16 Silverton FCC Installation of Pastor Eric Eide
- ◆ Oct. 13 Scenic River District Pastors zoom
- ◆ Oct. 14 Columbia Gorge District Pastors in person gathering
- ◆ Oct. 13 Albany FCC, Orientation of Pastoral Search Team
- ◆ Oct. 12 College of Regional Ministers zoom
- ◆ Oct. 12 Tulsa Talks 2 zoom
- ◆ Oct. 11 Lynchwood CC Governing Documents committee



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Tulsa Talks

In August we held our first of four "Tulsa Talks." These Zoom sessions reflect on the presentations from the March 2022 Kirkpatrick Conference that explored the many strands of history and narrative that make up our common Disciples of Christ story.

At the first Tulsa Talks people from nine Disciples of Christ congregations met to reflect on the history and current life of North American/Pacific Asian Disciples.

Our website has some helpful resources at www.oidisciples.org/anti-racism-pro-reconciliation-reso and <https://conta.cc/3BT4IJG>

On October 12, 6:30-8:00 Pacific and 7:30-9:00 Mountain, we will have the opportunity to learn about Hispanic ministries in the whole church and in our regional church.

As an introduction, you can view a youtube video by Rev. Lori Tapia, the National Hispanic Pastor for Disciples, and find a sign up link to let us know that you plan to attend. www.oidisciples.org/news-c1h8s



The third Tulsa Talk session will be on Wednesday November 9.

David Bell will lead a conversation on Disciples of Christ and Native American history.

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News from our Congregations

Treasure Valley Caldwell: Celebrated 50 year anniversary of sharing building with a Lutheran Congregation.

La Grande FCC: Recognized more than three decades of service of Administrative Assistant, Carolyn Vaughn.

Pacific Island Family Church: Pastor and Regional Board Member, Kikuo Yerem elected to leadership position in the North American/Pacific Asian Disciples during September NAPAD Convocation online..

Eugene FCC: Co-Pastor April Oristano begins 6 week sabbath leave on October 10.

Corvallis FCC: Hosting ordination of Chuck Varner Oct. 30.

Murray Hills and Rio de Dios: Shared joint worship on a Sunday in September.

Salem FCC: Preparing for a remodel to make building more accessible.

McMinnville FCC: Celebrating 175 years as a congregation.

Peniel Ministries: Installed Anselmo Barragon-Garcia as Pastor and recognized the ministry of Founding Pastor and wife, Hector and Elia Curiel.

Chuukese Fellowship Salem: Gathering Pacific Islanders in La Grande to explore ministry opportunity

Upcoming Events

October 7-8

Women's Spiritual Renewal Retreat hosted by Murray Hills

October 12

Tulsa Talks 2 (see front page)

Check Out

www.oidisciples.org
and
facebook.com/CCOSWI

Tulsa Talks
October 12
November 9
February 8

Thanksgiving Offering, November 13-20

Disciples will receive the Thanksgiving special offering on November 13 and 20. This offering supports Disciples related colleges, universities and theological institutions.

Some of those in the regional church who have studied recently with Disciples related programs:

Disciples Seminary Foundation Diploma of Ministry:

- ◆ Jorge Lopez, Cristiana Iglesia Jehova Nisi, Keizer
- ◆ Kukys de la Torre, Peniel Ministries, Portland
- ◆ Anselmo Barragon-Garcia, Peniel Ministries, Portland

Claremont School of Theology, Master of Divinity:

- ◆ Geonyul Byeon, First Christian Church, Salem
- ◆ Chuck Varner, First Christian Church, Corvallis

Phillips Theological Seminary:

- ◆ Shari Eggleston, Doctor of Ministry, The View Christian Church, Portsmouth Union Church, Portland
- ◆ Jeff Clabaugh, Ministry Training Program, Ione Community Church
- ◆ Deb Lamp, Master of Arts, First Christian Church, Salem
- ◆ Aaron Larson, History and Polity Course, First Christian Church, Grants Pass

In addition to theological institutions, the Thanksgiving offering also helps to support undergraduate colleges and universities across the country.

Thank you for your support of the Thanksgiving offering, November 13 and 30.



Installation and Ordination in October

You are welcome to come to in person or celebrate in prayer in two special worship experiences in October with two of our congregations:

Silverton First Christian Church will install **Rev. Eric Eide** as their Pastor, October 16 at 3:00 p.m., 402 N First Street.

Corvallis First Christian Church and the **Commission on Ministry of the Regional Church** will celebrate the Ordination to Christian Ministry of **Chuck Varner**, October 30 at 10:00 a.m., 602 SW Madison.



Higher Education &
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of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

**WEEK OF MINISTRY
IS IN TWO WEEKS!**

**OCTOBER
10 - 16**

We are offering up prayers for you. Follow our social media and check your email!

- Pension Fund of the Christian Church
- PensionFundCC
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Week of the Ministry

The Pension Fund of the Christian Church has designated October 10-16 as the annual “Week of the Ministry.”

Really, you can show appreciation to an ordained or commissioned minister in your life anytime you like.

Pension Fund social media will offer messages of encouragement and prayers on this theme during the week of October 10-16.

You can also send a card or another message of appreciation to some of the ministers in your life.

Pension Fund suggests giving a gift to their Ministerial Relief and Assistance Fund in honor of one or more ministers.

This fund gives emergency support to Disciples ministers who have a critical need causing financial and other distress. Your gift for Ministerial Relief and Assistance can go by mail to P.O. Box 6251 Indianapolis, IN 46206-6251 or [via www.pensionfund.org](http://www.pensionfund.org).

Pacific Islands Family Church Project

One of the four Chuukese congregations that are part of our Regional Church has launched a project to send goods to the Chuuk Islands of Ta, Oneop, Satawan, and Chukianu.

Pastor Kikuo Yerem, of Pacific Islands Family Church in Portland, is a member of our Regional Church Board, and he says about this effort:

As we all know how climate change affects the world. The islands in the Pacific are already feeling the full effect of this phenomenon. I would start with my home island Oneop. Oneop is one of the islands in the Mortlock region in Chuuk, Micronesia that is brutally impacted by Climate change. My island's highest elevation is about 6 feet high. They have been experiencing this rising sea level firsthand. The water often and literally comes in from one side to the other side and kills our main crops like taros and breadfruit. This is an ongoing problem that we are dealing with and it is hard to even imagine when it will go away or back to normal. Our ministry is to answer the crying for help as our quick reaction to mitigate this ongoing problem by lending our God-given hands in whatever ways we can offer. We are planning to send a container to some islands in that region loaded with sacks of rice, all-purpose flour, canned goods, and personal hygiene. We also need help or welcome any help from individuals, families, groups, Churches, or organizations. Please help your brothers and sisters in this part of this World in whatever ways you can. Matthew 25: 35.

Women at the October Retreat will be collecting goods for this shipment and learning about the Chuuk Islands from members of this congregation.

