

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

- August 18 New Church Ministries Team
- August 10 Anti-Racism Tulsa Talks Conversation on Zoom
- August 7 Hood River Valley CC, Preaching guest
- July 21-23 College of Regional Ministers
- June 29 Verne Catt McDowell Foundation Board
- June 26 Anti-Racism/Pro-Reconciliation Team
- June 23 New Church Ministries Team
- June 19 Salem FCC, Recognition of Ordination, Geonyul Byeon
- June 18 Online Women's Event
- June 15 Silverton FCC Governing Documents Committee
- June 14 Blue Mountain Rivers District Pastors' Zoom
- June 9 Interchurch Center Board
- June 8 Commission on Ministry
- June 6 Lebanon FCC Pastoral Search Committee
- June 5 Murray Hills CC, Baptism of Sophia Berger
- June 4 Regional Board Meeting Online
- May 31 Commission on Finance and Administration
- May 31 Silverton FCC Governing Documents Committee
- May 26 New Church Ministries Team
- May 22 Worship, Salem FCC in Person, presentation of Honored Minister Pin, Joyce Frame



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Tulsa Talks: Getting to Know Your Church

Over the next several months, the regional church will hold four online conversations called *Tulsa Talks*. Each will follow up on a major conference held by the Disciples of Christ Historical Society this spring at Phillips Theological Seminary in Tulsa, OK. This event brought together scholars and other church leaders to teach about the diverse heritage of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

The Oregon SW Idaho Anti-Racism/ Pro-Reconciliation Team will host these online talks to focus on the Tulsa Conference presentations. We will also look at our own local history and present ministries. You do not have to attend every session to participate.



These will be held on:

- August 10 (Asian American and Pacific Disciples)
- October 12 (Hispanic Disciples)
- November 9 (Disciples and Native American Boarding Schools)
- February 8 (African American Disciples History)

For each session, there will be a video and/or reading as optional preparation, a brief summary of the resource, and a discussion, first about a particular racial/ethnic ministry in Disciples history, and then about how the ministry relates to past and/or present Disciples ministry in the Pacific Northwest.

Watch our website upcoming events page for sign up information for the events:

<https://www.oidisciples.org/news-clh8s>

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News from our Congregations

Murray Hills celebrated their first Sunday worship back in their sanctuary since beginning of the pandemic. A baptism and special musical numbers made the day even more special.

Northwood: participating in a grounds cleanup for elementary school across the street from their church building.

Rio de Dios: Bernice Rivera providing leadership during time of pastoral transition.

Nampa: Pastor Perotti serving as volunteer hospital Chaplain during Covid surge.

Ione: Hosted Baccalaureate for Ione Community School grads.

Peniel: Three day church retreat in July.

Salem: Chung Seong Kim, NAPAD Executive Pastor, preached on 6/19 for the Recognition of Ordination for Geonyul Byeon.

Springfield Ebbert UMC: On July 1, Liv Gibbons began a ministry as a DOC Pastor in a Methodist pulpit.

Mountain Home Christian Baptist: Disciples Air Force Chaplain Trent Lockhart as guest preacher.

Mountain Home UCC: Deral Schrom is Interim Pastor.

Pendleton: Group making quilts to give to kids identified by School Counselors to receive them.

Upcoming Events

August 1-4
Multi-District Church Camp
Hosted by Keizer Christian

August 10
Zoom about Asian American and Pacific Island Disciples History



**Required
Boundary
Training for
Pastors
September 23
See page 2.
Watch email
and Website for
Details.**

September 23 & 24 Stewardship and Financial Ethics Events



By the time 2023 arrives, our congregations will have had three years of challenging, pandemic affected finances. These topsy turvy years have affected how we give and receive offerings, who is keeping track of it and how, staff costs during the “Great Resignation” and now inflation, too.

We always have to think about the expense side of ministry. It is also important to think about our giving as Christians to the church. Bruce Barkhauer has a special calling to teach Disciples about Christian stewardship. During the weekend of September 23-25, Bruce will lead events for ministers and other leaders in the Oregon SW Idaho regional church.

Mark your calendar for special events online on Friday and Saturday, September 23 and 24.

- ◆ **Friday, September 23: Financial Ethics and Best Practices.** This workshop will be required for all active ordained and commissioned ministers in the Oregon SW Idaho region. Lay leaders from congregations will also be welcome to attend. 10-1 Pacific, 11-2 Mountain
- ◆ **Saturday, September 24: Growing a Culture of Stewardship.** This event will examine ways to teach, preach and practice Christian financial stewardship with the Disciples’ leading voice on this topic. 10-1 Pacific, 11-2 Mountain
- ◆ **BONUS:** Bruce will provide a recorded stewardship sermon video for any congregations who would like to show this in worship in the Oregon SW Idaho regional church. The sermon may be shared at times chosen by each congregation at a worship service of your choosing.

Watch our website calendar link and our online newsletter articles for sign up info <https://www.oidisciples.org/news-clh8s>

Summer Camps!!

Congregations of the western districts are sponsoring an in person camping program hosted by Keizer Christian Church.

Snake River District congregations are planning to participate in the United Church of Christ Camping Program

PEACE * PEACE * PEACE

 **SUMMER CAMP**
AUG 1-4, 2022

6TH-12TH GRADES
KEIZER CHRISTIAN CHURCH
BEACH TRIP * SERVICE PROJECTS
WORSHIP * SMALL & LARGE GROUPS
\$200 PER YOUTH
SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE
A MULTI DISTRICT EVENT

 

Register @
<https://forms.gle/npMtnnNZmaCPX2ct7>

Women’s Events Fall of 2022



- ◆ **AUGUST 26-28** Snake River District Disciples Women plan an in person retreat in Cascade, Idaho, Trinity Pines Conference center. Keynote Michelle Harris-Gloyer, is new to the region, serving as Associate Pastor for Salem First Christian Church. She spoke at the January online regional women’s event, and you can see the video of that event here...www.oidisciples.org, follow link under women’s menu tab.
- ◆ **OCTOBER 7-8** Western Districts Disciples Women plan an in person retreat hosted by Murray Hills Christian Church. Keynote Speaker, LaTaunya Bynum, Regional Minister of Christian Church in Northern California/Nevada will be with us for this event.



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Northern Lights RM Called to Florida

Florida Disciples have called Rev. Sandy Messick as their next Regional Minister. She will begin her new duties in July 2022. Sandy has served as Regional Minister in our neighboring Disciples regional church since 2009. In 2009, she accepted a call to serve as the Regional Minister for the Northwest Region. In 2020, Disciples in the Northwest Region and in the Montana Region joined together to create the Northern Lights Region.

The Northern Lights regional church celebrated Rev. Messick’s ministry and introduced a Regional Minister Search Committee at their Regional Assembly on May 21. Rev. Dr. La Taunya Bynum, Regional Minister of the Northern California/Nevada region, will advise the committee. The Northern Lights regional search process will begin with a series of Zoom conversations to hear from as many Disciples in the region as possible. An Interim Regional Minister will serve while the Search Committee does its work. Prayers lifted for our neighbors.

Claremont School of Theology Revises Plans for Salem Campus

Claremont School of Theology (CST) has decided not to relocate to the Willamette University campus in Salem, OR. CST has announced plans to continue with its main campus location in California, with the Willamette location becoming a branch campus site. Unforeseen legal problems prevented the seminary from making a complete move to Oregon.

In recent years, several CST students from this region have completed their Master of Divinity degrees. At the 2022 Regional Assembly, Rev. Dr. Belva Brown Jordan, Interim President of the Disciples Seminary Foundation, recognized two students, Geonyul Byeon and Chuck Varner, who graduated in May 2022. Other graduates in recent years include Giuseppe Amato, Rob Tulloch and Billy Strehlow. Future Oregon SW Idaho seminary students will have the option of hybrid studies through CST, at Phillips Theological Seminary (in Tulsa, OK) or at Lexington Theological (KY).

For a list of Disciples theological institutions, see www.Helmdisciples.org.



IRS Raises Auto Reimbursement Effective July 1

The Internal Revenue Service has changed the standard mileage reimbursement rate starting on July 1, 2022. To reflect the rising cost of gas, the rate will increase to \$.625 per mile. Pastors often receive a per mile reimbursement from congregations for ministry related driving in their personal cars.