

**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.

Doug and Cathy Myers Wirt
Regional Ministers

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On the Way with Doug and Cathy

- Mar. 19 Ione, Preaching Cathy
- Mar. 18 Pendleton, Pray and Play for Women Cathy
- Mar. 15 Eugene, Ministers' Lunch Cathy
- Mar. 12 Eugene, Glenwood Preaching Doug
- Mar. 10 Insurance Board Training Doug
- Mar. 10 Portland FCC, Meeting Doug
- Mar. 9 New Church Team Doug
- Mar. 9 Bishops and Execs. Lunch Doug
- Mar. 9 Interchurch Center Board Doug
- Mar. 9 Columbia Gorge Ministers Cathy
- Mar. 7 Oregon Disciple Foundation Comm. Doug
- Mar. 5 Nampa, Worship and Board Meeting Cathy
- Mar. 5 Homedale, Preaching Doug
- Mar. 4 Meridian, Women's Pray and Play Cathy
- Mar. 2-4 Indianapolis, Reconciliation Commission Doug
- Feb. 28-Mar. 2 Indianapolis, College Regional Min. Cathy
- Feb. 25-28 Indianapolis, General Board Meeting Cathy
- Feb. 26 Meridian, Parkview Committee Meeting Doug
- Feb. 25 Boise, Snake River Dist. Ministers Doug
- Feb. 24 Boise, Red Rock Committee Meeting Doug



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Camp Plans Underway

Church Camp Directors are planning and getting ready for your youth and children to attend one of seven camps offered this summer. Directors come from six different congregations and four different districts this year.

Registration materials are on our website: www.oidisciples.org.

Please pray for our camp directors as they prepare.

Kids Camp in Burley, Idaho: *Tammy Anderson, Red Rock*

Junior Camp Cascade: *Jarid and Bethany McCool, Burley*

Chi Rho Camp Cascade: *Sue Perotti/Terry Colon, Nampa*

CYF Camp Cascade: *Greg and Tammy Anderson, Red Rock*

Junior Camp Suttle Lake:

Stacy Shelton, Ione

Chi Rho Camp Suttle Lake:

Erik Free, Keizer

CYF Camp Suttle Lake:

Alicia Speidel, Hood River



Regional Ministry Emails Change

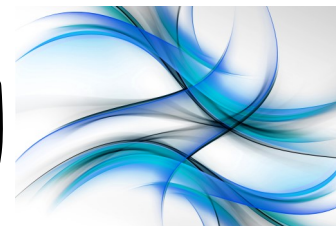
New email addresses for the Regional Ministers

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News from our Congregations

Nampa: Board adopted mission priority for ministries to and with youth, children and young adults.

Keizer: Erik Free began ministry March 15.

Albany: Tim Graves began ministry March 1.

Medford: Preparing to call a new pastor to start in June.

Lebanon: Myrna Phillips is finishing her time as Interim Pastor.

Parkview: Women hosted Jani DeMond to share her stories of last year's trip to Ecuador to visit FEDICE partners.

Eugene FCC: Youth took a trip to Yakama Mission for spring break.

Silverton, Northwood, Salem: Mission to Mexico Trip with over 100 people during spring break.

Murray Hills: Has paid their mortgage and had a mortgage burning.

Pendleton: Hosts the local bird watching community group.

Ione: Continues to host local afterschool programming.

Salem: Rebuilders class taking a trip to the Hulda Klager Lilac Gardens in Washington.

Save these dates!

May 27, 2017
Installation of Tim Graves, New Pastor, Albany First Christian

May 28-June 4, 2017
Pentecost Offering for New Church Ministries

June 3, 2017
Regional Board Meeting

June 4, 2017
Installation of Erik Free, new Pastor, Keizer Christian Church



**Regional Assembly
May 18-19, 2018
Portland FCC
Rev. Sandhya Jha
&
Dr. Timothy James**

During the spring season, Disciples receive two special offerings. The Easter offering supports our general church ministries, which reach out and serve across North America, and around the world through Global Ministries. The Pentecost offering, later in the spring, supports local and general church outreach through new church ministries. This year Disciples will focus on the Pentecost offering on May 28 and June 4.

In 2001, Disciples launched our 2020 Vision. We accepted a goal of 1,000 new congregations over the next twenty years. It seemed out of reach at the time, but I believe we will surpass the goal even before 2020. Your giving to the Pentecost Offering will help to make that happen. Half of each gifts stays in the region and half supports the general church ministries that support church planting here and across the continent. Out of the forty-five congregations in the region, over one quarter have come into the life of Disciples during the twenty-first century. From this ministry, 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.

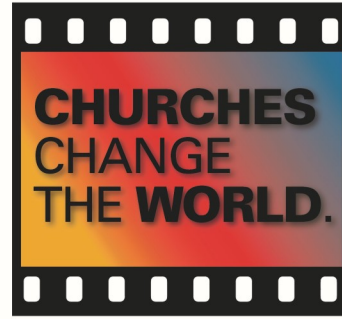
Within about a year and a half, the Oregon-Southwest Idaho region will have had three visits from our Indianapolis based partners who focus upon specific racial and ethnical communities. Last fall, Pastor Chung Seong Kim came, representing the North American Pacific and Asian Disciples. Just recently, Pastor Loria Tapia visited from the Central Pastoral Office for Hispanic Ministries. One year from now, Timothy James of the National Convocation will speak to our Regional Assembly. Each of these three general ministers has a strong involvement with new church ministries. Churches relating to NAPAD, CPOHM and the Convocation include some of the fastest growing ministries of the Disciples of Christ, often within new church ministries.

Please remember to support Disciples new church ministries through the Pentecost offering. You may give through you congregation or online at www.disciplesmissionfund.org.

Lori Tapia, Central Pastoral Office for Hispanic Ministries Visits

The Oregon-SW Idaho region recently had the blessing of a visit from Rev. Lori Tapia, general church pastor for the Central Pastoral Office for Hispanic Ministries. She visited with five congregations and also with two pastors' meetings, preaching in four congregations. Congregational visits included Iglesia Cristiana Principe de Paz (Portland), Iglesia Cristiana Escudo y Fortaleza (Salem), Rio de Dios (Hillsboro), Iglesia Nueva Vida (Portland), and Peniel Ministries (Portland).

Rev. Tapia also came to First Christian Church in Portland and to Murray Hills Christian Church in Beaverton, which hosted the meetings for pastors. We are grateful to each of the seven congregations for their hospitality and to Bernice Rivera for organizing the visits. The Central Pastoral Office for Hispanic Ministries serves 200 congregations spread across most of the regions of the Disciples of Christ. Support comes from Disciples Mission Fund and from the Easter offering.



2017 Pentecost Offering

FEDICE Update on post earthquake rebuilding efforts

Our partnership with FEDICE in Ecuador is almost 20 years old! We have received visitors from Ecuador, sent travelers to Ecuador and formed long and lasting friendships between people from two continents.

Almost a year ago a strong earthquake rocked parts of Ecuador. This happened shortly before our group from this regional church went to visit in the summer of 2016. Since that time Week of Compassion, our regional church, and many other partners have been working to assist people in the Sua area of Ecuador to rebuild and remake lives.

A new slide show from FEDICE has been posted on our regional website with some of the story about that work, and there is a nice shout out to our regional church.

Check it out! <http://www.oidisciples.org/fedice-updates>

Pastoral Installations this Spring in Albany and Keizer

Two congregations will be installing new pastors this spring. **Rev. Tim Graves** has served most recently as Pastor of Condon United Church of Christ. An ordained Disciples of Christ pastor, Tim joins Pastor Rev. Douglass Anne Cartwright on the staff of Albany First Christian Church. Installation is scheduled for May 27, 2:00 p.m.

Rev. Erik Free has served most recently on staff in Mozambique with Global Ministries of the Christian Church. Erik will be installed on as Pastor of Keizer Christian Church on June 4, at 3:00 p.m.

You are invited to these installation services!!



Women's Retreats....Not too Soon to Plan to Come

The Snake River District women will host its annual retreat in Cascade, Idaho on August 18-20 at the Ashley Inn. This year's speaker is Rev. Marci Rau, Chaplain and Interplay Leader.

The western districts of our regional church host a women's retreat to be held at Murray Hills Christian Church on October 13-14. This year's speaker is Rev. Dr. Katy Valentine, member of the staff in Northern California/Nevada region and pastor in a congregation in that region.

Both of these retreats offer times of inspiration, fun, creativity, community building, outreach and learning. Watch the web page for more information.

Both groups are reading the book, *"Before we were Free"* for our annual women's book club read. Copies of the book can be found at libraries, used on line, or purchased from the regional church office for \$5.00.

Registration materials are posted on our website at:

<http://www.oidisciples.org/womens-fall-retreat-2014>