

**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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Regional Ministers
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On the Way with Doug and Cathy

• Sept. 16	Eugene, Olive Plaza Board Meeting	Doug
• Sept. 16	Lebanon, Board Meeting	Doug
• Sept. 17	EMO Board Meeting, Chair	Doug
• Sept. 17	Regional Garden Bean Picking	Cathy
• Sept. 17	Caddisfly Resort, Eugene Ministers Lunch	Cathy
• Sept 19-20	Portland First, Stewardship Workshop	Cathy/Doug
• Sept. 21	Homedale, Preaching	Doug/Cathy
• Sept. 21	Nampa, Stewardship Workshop	Cathy/Doug
• Sept. 22	Ione Board Meeting	Doug
• Sept. 22	Hood River, Cte Meeting	Cathy
• Sept. 23	Regional Executive Cte.	Cathy/Doug
• Sept. 24	Lebanon, Meeting	Doug
• Sept. 25	Regional Vision Team	Cathy
• Sept. 25	Aloha, Meeting	Doug
• Sept. 27	Salem Elders Retreat	Cathy
• Sept. 28	Pendleton, Preaching	Doug
• Sept. 28	LaGrande, Pastor Farewell	Doug
• Sept. 28	Lynchwood, Worship, Congregation Mtg.	Cathy
• Sept. 28	The View, Worship	Cathy

News from our Congregations

- Trees of Righteousness:** Back to school drive gave supplies to 52 children/youth and gave 14 free haircuts.
- John Day:** All church camp out
- Eugene FCC:** Congo dinner raised \$1300+ for hospital at Wema, a project of the Congo Initiative of Global Ministries.
- Salem FCC:** Zane Ridings has started classes at Brite Divinity School
- Peniel Hillsboro:** Held spiritual retreat in October
- Dallas:** Family Game Night
- Allison Park:** Exceeded goal for parking lot repair fund

- Junction City:** Loss support group meeting regularly
- Grants Pass:** Missions Fair in September
- Burley:** Young adult ministry meeting
- Northwood:** Outdoor worship service for 75 children
- Homedale:** Soup and salad luncheon on Sept. 21 to meet the Regional Ministers.
- Springfield:** Pastor Erin Curtis is back from sabbatical
- Portland FCC:** Carol McHugh new Children's Ministry Director
- Nampa:** Nick Carpenter is ministerial intern

Save these dates!

October 5 Parkview, Boise
Installation of Pastor Gene Hill

October 17-18 Beaverton
*West Side Women's Retreat
Hosted by Murray Hills Christian
(see front page)*

November 1 Portland
Regional Board Meeting

May 20-21, 2016 Northwood
Regional Assembly

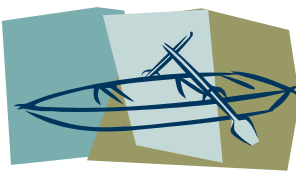



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Women's Retreat What do you do when you find yourself "Up the River" in your life with situations you find hard to bear alone? You lean into your sisters, and you lean into prayer. This fall, the Western Regional Women's Circle will explore how we live into life's changes together.

Our keynote speaker is **Susan McNeely**, an Indiana Disciple, who, after retirement from the Eli Lilly Company, went to teach English with Global Ministries in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Besides time with Susan, we will be celebrating our Regional Community Garden harvest with a fun Friday evening **bean shelling** party and games after sharing a baked potato bar. The usual free trade **craft sale** will be ready for you, an **Italian Soda bar**, a **book sale** as well as **workshops**, worship and times to hang out and see long time friends and meet new ones. We will once again be **collecting food** for the Murray Hills Food Pantry — this year we are asking people to bring **canned and dried beans** — a great source of protein and easy to cook.

Women are invited to come for Friday and Saturday or one day only. **Newcomers receive discounted prices**, and if you bring a group, there are even more savings. Participants stay in area hotels, and a list of close by options are on our web page at **www.oidisciples.org**. Registration materials can also be found at the same link.



Come Hear our FEDICE Volunteers, October 25, at Eugene FCC

Two young women from Oregon, Bethany Waggoner and Kelsey Hertel, have given generously of their time and talents with the FEDICE programs in Ecuador. Kelsey worked at the child care center in Romerillos, in the town where our regional project is located. Bethany has worked with the FEDICE office in Quito and is now based in Otavalo, working with projects in the community. Both will speak and share photos on Oct. 25 at Eugene FCC, 1166 Oak Street, from 3-5 pm. We will have handmade items from Ecuador for raffle and auction and dessert will be served.



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**Regional Assembly
May 20-21, 2016
Hosted by
Northwood Christian
in
Springfield, Oregon**



My Turn

Your Vision Team has been at work!

Following the beginning of our visioning process at the Hood River Regional Assembly in May, the vision team has met twice by telephone and has had sub groups working on several aspects of the process with our *Coach/Consultant, Dick Hamm*.

At the September meeting the discussion centered on:

- ◆ Report from Dick about his conversations with ten pastors in the region;
- ◆ A list of observations about youth/young adult regional participation;
- ◆ Decision to invite the prayer triads formed at Regional Assembly and leaders in congregations to enter a time of reflection using the book *Whole: A Call to Unity in our Fragmented World* by Sharon Watkins;
- ◆ Conversation about the beginning of the new Regional Youth Council season with youth from both Oregon and Idaho together;
- ◆ A process for congregations to begin working in pairs and triads in prayer and mission.
- ◆ Setting dates in May to host three locations for gatherings to check in about mid course reflections on our vision process.

Please pray for your Vision Team and answer their invitations for conversation.



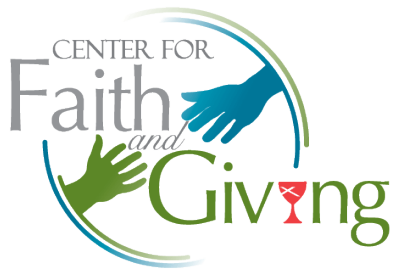
In hope,

Cathy



Camp Dates 2015 are on our Website

The 2015 dates for camps at Suttle Lake and Camp Cascade can be found on the youth link of our web site: www.oidisciples.org. We had a great summer experience at camp, and we are already gearing up to do it again in 2015!!! *Stay tuned.*



Stewardship Event Follow Up

Approximately 110 Oregon, Idaho and Washington Disciples attended two stewardship events in September at FCC Portland and FCC Nampa. Thank you to these host congregations for their great welcome and hospitality.

Bruce Barkhauer, of the Office of Faith and Giving, and Jerry Lang of Christian Church Foundation, led these sessions on “Creating a Culture of Generosity.” We heard from them that these events were among the best attended that they have led. In Portland, about **50 people from 14** congregations came on September 19 and 20. On September 21, **61 people came from 9** congregations came to Nampa, meaning that 23 congregations in all participated.

If you missed these events, you can plan to attend a similar seminar in Spokane, **April 17-18, 2105 at Country Homes Christian Church.**



New Staff for Congregations and Week of Compassion

Three congregations have voted to call new leadership during the past month, and the new Week of Compassion Director has begun his ministry!

- ◆ **Rev. Douglass Anne Cartwright** has been called as Associate Pastor to **Albany** First Christian, to begin in October. Douglass Anne is a recently ordained minister and graduate of Brite Divinity School.
- ◆ **Rev. Ray Smith** has been called to be Pastor of the **LaGrande** First Christian Church, to begin in November. Ray’s most recent call was as Pastor in Richland, Washington. Ray holds degrees from Northwest Christian University and Phillips Seminary.
- ◆ **Rev. Andrew Shepherd** has been called to be Pastor of **Lynchwood** Christian Church in Portland, to begin in November. Andrew recently completed a Ministerial Residency at Foothills Christian Church in Phoenix, Arizona following his graduation from Vanderbilt Divinity School and his ordination into ministry.
- ◆ **Rev. Vy Nguyen** has been begun his work as the Director for Week of Compassion. Vy served for five years as Director for the SW Office of Church World Service in Oakland, California. As a former refugee who came to the United States through the work of Church World Service, Vy has witnessed first hand the vital work of these ministries. He is a graduate of Texas Christian University and University of Chicago Divinity School.

News from Kim and Erik Free in Mozambique

Kim and Erik have been on the move attending a women’s conference in Chimoio Bairro and working to prepare a farm project in Gogoi for increased development. You can read about their work on their blog posts at: <http://thefreesinmoz.wordpress.com/>.



Community Garden Harvest Abundant

The beans are all harvested!!

THANK YOU to the crew from Northwood Christian and to Thomas Curtis, Susan Latham and Patty Weller for bringing in the beans, drying them and preparing them to be shelled and donated. **HUGE** thanks to Lisa Landers for donating her front yard for this project and for hours and hours and days of tending the garden. Folks from Eugene FCC, Springfield FCC, Northwood, Junction City, The View and Salem have shelled beans.

Beans have been delivered to Boise Red Rock for their community meal, Salem for their culinary arts program teaching cooking skills to young adults for employment preparation, as well as to The View and Eugene First to be sold to benefit local feeding programs and our global partner project through Week of Compassion. In addition, Northwood will distribute beans through their food pantry. The beans will continue to be distributed in the next few weeks to DOC congregations involved in feeding their neighbors.

The final shelling party will take place at the fall women’s retreat, and these beans will be donated to the Murray Hills food box program that donates food to local migrant worker housing. Each of the 13 beds produced approximately 8 quarts of Flambo and Tiger’s Eye beans. Thanks to the *Disciples Women Endowment Fund and Week of Compassion* for the “seed” money for this venture.