

**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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**On the Way with Doug and Cathy**

- May 29-31 Regional Garden Build, Springfield Cathy
- June 1 Mountain Home Christian Baptist, Preaching Cathy/Doug
- June 1 Meridian, New Hope, Worship Doug/Cathy
- June 2 Mountain Home, Snake River District Ministers/Spouses Dinner Cathy/Doug
- June 7 Regional Board Meeting Doug/Cathy
- June 8 Junction City, Preaching Doug
- June 8 Albany Worship and committee meeting Cathy
- June 8 Wally Burman ordination Eugene First Doug
- June 8 No CA/NV Regional Minister Search Cte Cathy
- June 9 EMO Finance Committee Doug
- June 9 Vision Team for OR/SW ID regional church Cathy
- June 9 No CA/NV Regional Minister Search Cte Cathy
- June 10 Christian Church Homes, Twin Falls, ID Doug
- June 11 Silverton 100,000th meal celebration Doug/Cathy
- June 12 Interchurch Center Board Meeting Doug
- June 12 Bishops and Execs Lunch meeting Doug
- June 14 Specialized Ministries Picnic, Salem Cathy/Doug



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**Westside Regional Picnic**



This summer will mark the sixth annual regional picnic. We will meet at Willamette Mission State Park, north of Salem on **Saturday, August 9.**

This annual gathering has become a favorite summer tradition of many on the west side of our regional church. Mark your calendar now, and watch our website for details as the time approaches. We'll gather at 11:00 a.m. and eat at noon, followed by worship. We will provide the burgers and dogs, and you can bring desserts, salads, and smiles.

**Prayers for our Ecuador Travelers**

Eleven Oregon/SW Idaho Disciples from six congregations will be traveling from **July 10-22** to visit our partners with FEDICE ministries in Ecuador. While they travel, we will post news of their visits on our website and Facebook page. Seven of the travelers have been to Ecuador before, and four are new to this experience. A group from Texas was in Ecuador this week working on the day care center at Romerillos, site of our regional project. Pictures of that work project are posted on Facebook page: FEDICE Ecuador or Regional Page, and our web site.

**News from our Congregations**

**Albany..**getting ready for family camp.

**Burley..**starting a new young adult ministry.

**Eugene FCC..** hosted service of ordination for Wally Burman in June.

**Glenwood Eugene..** Planted an in ground as well as container garden on site for the Regional Community Garden Project.

**Lynchwood..**thank you for hosting the June Regional Board Meeting.

**Medford..**has new landscaping in front thanks to grants

from water district and lots of volunteer hours.

**Mountain Home..** has new front walkway.

**Murray Hills Beaverton..** presented David Arnold with the Honored Minister Pin.

**Northwood..**Associate Pastor, Richard Russell on a sabbatical leave.

**Red Rock, Boise..**breaking ground on remodeling project.

**Salem ..** Zane Ridings serving as summer intern.

**Silverton ..** held celebration recognizing 100,000 meals served at community dinner.

**Save these dates!**

**July 7-12** Camp Cascade  
*Chi Rho Camp*

**July 10-22** Ecuador  
*Trip to FEDICE ministries*

**July 27-August 1** Suttle Lake  
*High School/Middle School Camp*

**July 28-August 2** Camp Cascade  
*High School Camp*

**August 9** Willamette Mission  
*West Side Regional Picnic*

**August 10-15** Suttle Lake  
*Grade School Camp*

**August 15-17** Cascade, ID  
*Women's Retreat*

**September 19-21** Oregon/Idaho  
*Stewardship Events (see page 2)*

**Stewardship Events**

**September 19-20**

**Portland First**

**September 21**

**Nampa**



## My Turn

I hope that by now you have heard about the stewardship seminars planned for September. On September 19-21, Bruce Barkhauer and Jerry Lang will lead two events called “Creating a Culture of Generosity.”

The first event, September 19-20, will be Friday night and Saturday at First Christian in Portland. The second event will be Sunday afternoon at First Christian in Nampa.

Bruce says that “You will be invited to listen to scripture, think theologically, and consider practical ideas that will encourage generosity in your church. Before leaving, you will have the opportunity to develop a plan of action for your congregation. A ‘doggie bag’ take home set of resources will be provided.”

Registration information will be sent out later this summer. The costs will be low so that you can bring as many people as possible from your congregation. Start planning now, so that you can bring as many folks as possible. Whatever the dreams and mission of your congregation may be, teaching about stewardship is an important part of turning these possibilities into reality.

Bruce Barkhauer is the Director of the Center for Faith and Giving in Indianapolis. Jerry Lang is the Vice President for Christian Church Foundation in the Mountain West Zone. We are grateful for their leadership.

*Doug*



## Regional Garden Growing — Weeding Wednesdays

The Regional Garden is up and growing. We have almost 50 barrels out there growing food, and the in ground garden in Springfield is planted. We have one bed left to plant, and it will be done in potatoes!! If you would like to come and work, phone Lisa at 503.956.4720 to set up the time and get directions. Right now we are planning Weeding on Wednesday parties. **Come join us! Lots of fun!**

If you would like to be part of the garden by planting a bed, a row, or a plot for food to give away and be part of the on line garden build, let us know at 503.226.7648, and we will send you a sign to put up in your area to show you are part of the regional garden. Watch our website and see the garden grow before your eyes. We got a great shout out from Disciples News Service!



## Women’s Retreats, Mark your calendar now!

**August 15-17, Cascade Idaho**, “Dance of Diversity”, with Retreat Speaker, Pat Donahoo, Executive Director for Disciples Women

**October 17-18, Murray Hills Christian, Beaverton, Oregon**, “Up the River”, with Susan McNeely, newly returned from three months teaching English with our partners in Congo. **Watch our website for details!!**

## Update on Vision Team



On June 9 your Regional Vision Team met to review the report they received from our regional consultant, Dick Hamm. Dr. Hamm had compiled information from our 3 hour vision session on May 2 which included approximately 125 of you. The team was interested in what they learned from your comments, and they are currently working in sub groups to find ways to continue the listening process with pastors, established congregations of all sizes, new congregations, youth and young adults, and moderators of our congregations. Stay tuned!!

## News from Kim and Erik in Mozambique

From Erik’s blog post: “We recently met with the head of the clinic and talked about how we might be able to help, Kim with her healthcare skills and myself using my chaplain training. We have also been meeting a lot of new people, both other missionaries and local Mozambicans who have been helping us learn the culture and how best to weave ourselves into the fabric of life here. Conversations with the President of the United Church of Christ in Mozambique, Pastor Lucas Amosse, have been happening as we envision our work with the church here in Beira for the next year or so. Some exciting ideas are coming up such as multiple women’s group projects, church elder training, English language classes, etc. Global Ministries will let you know when we have more details on how you and your churches can be a part of these worthwhile ventures.

I can’t say enough how much Kim and I and the church here appreciate the support you offer us through prayer and resources. We are truly blessed to be working with such good partners on both sides of the world. The churches we visit here are eager to here about you and I am sure you are curious about them as well. If you aren’t already following our blog and Facebook posts I encourage you to do so because we hope to begin highlighting some of our local partners on those forums soon!”



## Remember to Watch Web Site for Upcoming Events

Our web site and Facebook pages continue to improve. We hope you will visit them for calendar, registration information, mission updates and regional news. We update several times per week, so there is always something new to see. Our Constant Contact email mailing will begin in the next weeks as the templates for them are finished, and the first issue is drafted. We hope our email newsletter will be sent 1-2 times a month at first and then move to being a more frequently published item. Help us with your feedback about what is working and how we can improve. We intend to continue with this format of newsletter as well for people who prefer non-digital communications.

## Camps, Camps, Camps

Camp season has begun! Kids camp is being hosted at Red Rock in Boise. Three age graded camps are being held at Camp Cascade in Idaho, and three camps over two weeks at Suttle Lake Camp near Sisters. This fall we will open conversation on the future of our regional camp strategy.

