

**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

- July 8 Keizer, Council Meeting Cathy
- July 7 Lynchwood, Kathi Allen Memorial Cathy
- July 7 Portland, Commission on Ministry Doug
- July 6 Salem, Zane Ridings Ordination Meeting Doug
- July 3 Portland, Lynchwood, Worship Cathy
- July 3 Salem, Escudo y Fortaleza, Worship Doug
- July 3 Eugene, Glenwood, Worship/Board Meeting Doug
- June 30 McMinnville, Meeting Doug
- June 29 Albany, Verne Catt McDowell Board Doug
- June 28 Eugene, Olive Plaza Board Meeting Doug
- June 26 Portland FCC, Betty Hesketh Memorial Doug
- June 25 Lynchwood, Columbia Gorge Men's Breakfast Doug
- June 16-18 St. Louis, National Benevolent Assn Board Cathy
- June 14 Keizer, Council Meeting Cathy
- June 12 Salem FCC, Worship Services, Preaching Cathy
- June 9-20 Ecuador FEDICE Trip Doug
- June 5 Beaverton, Murray Hills, Worship/Meeting Doug
- June 5 Keizer, Worship and Info Meeting Cathy
- June 4 Regional Board Meeting Cathy/Doug
- June 2 Interchurch Center Board, Chair Doug
- May 29 McMinnville, Worship Doug/Cathy

News from our Congregations

Murray Hills, Peniel, The View, Trees of Righteousness, Caldwell, Corvallis — Sent members to the FEDICE Ecuador trip in June.

Glenwood: Taylor Lind has completed his service as supply preacher and will join the staff of Salem FCC.

Eugene FCC: Welcomed as new members Glenn and Lea McKerrow, retired Disciples minister and spouse from Great Falls, Montana.

Red Rock: The Mid America Center for Ministry of Jefferson City, MO, featured Tammy Anderson in a recent newsletter

Parkview: Will host Bethany Waggoner, sharing her work with Global Ministries in Chile and Ecuador on Aug. 13-14.

Mountain Home: Leaders went to a seminar on the many aspects of church security.

Principe de Paz: Celebration of their first year of ministry at Midway CC, Portland, July 17.

Portland FCC: has called Rev. Adam Phillips, to serve at FCC as part-time Assistant Minister while continuing his ministry at Christ Church.

Ione: Hosted the Snake River District Ministers for Lunch.

Save these dates!

- August 19-21 Cascade Women's Retreat**
- September 17, 18, 24, 25 Mission First Events**
Visit of Jim and Jayanthi Wilson
17—Eugene
18 — Portland
24—Boise
25—Pendleton
- October 14-15 Beaverton Women's Retreat**



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Snake River District Women's Retreat

The Snake River District Disciples Women invite women throughout the regional church to attend a three day retreat in Cascade, Idaho. The August women's retreat is a tradition with Idaho Disciple Women, for many years. Last year women from LaGrande FCC joined in the fun, as well as a couple more women from Oregon. Fifty women last year enjoyed the beautiful setting, wonderful food, and inspirational program.

This year promises to once again be a great event. Rev. Erin Donnell, Associate Pastor at Red Rock Christian Church in Boise, will be sharing stories and what she learned while traveling in the Middle East last fall with the Woman to Woman Worldwide program of Disciples Women.



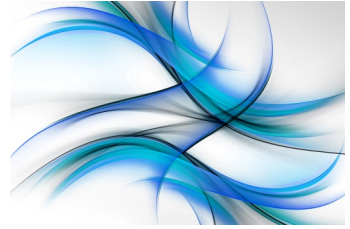
There will be time for rest, prayer, crafts, and renewing and starting friendships with Sisters in Christ. The hotel is lovely and the setting in a quiet lake town not too far from Boise. Consider coming and bringing a friend.

A brochure and registration form can be found on the regional website: www.oidisciples.org by following the link for women's retreats on the pull down menu labeled "Women".

Regional Office Email Changed
New email address for the regional office
office.oidisciples@gmail.com



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

Future Story Update

At the May Regional Assembly in Springfield, our Vision Team introduced a Future Story with a video, a powerpoint slide show and with a time for discussion. Conversation triads at a pre-assembly gathering and workshop participants during the Saturday morning sessions reviewed and discussed this vision forward. On Saturday afternoon, the future story of the regional church was highlighted in the sermon given by Doug and myself.

You can see the slide show about the Future Story and the slides from the pre-assembly with Dick Hamm, Regional Consultant, as well as videos of Dick Hamm's presentation and our sermon on our regional webpage on a special link for future story news: Go to the pull-down menu, "About Us", and the bottom option on the pull down is "Future Story." The page will be updated about once a month to show the progress we are making in our new ventures together.



The Future Story invites us to make three key transitions:

- ❖ Moving from living in a shared history to living into a shared future
 - ❖ Moving from indirect institutional connections to individual/congregational relationships
 - ❖ Moving from Co-Ministry style of staff leadership to Team Ministry style of leadership
- The Future Story proposed that we use three strategies to make these significant changes:

Uniting our efforts Supporting each other in new ways Equipping leaders

Over the next four months, we will:

- ❖ Form a technology committee to launch us into learning new ways to maximize tech usage
- ❖ Seek to assist our five districts to identify at least one way to connect in 2017
- ❖ Create a beginning list of affinity groups of those doing similar ministry for the purpose of supporting and resourcing each other
- ❖ Begin to frame a Regional Elders Network for congregational/pastoral care
- ❖ Hold Mission First Events to strengthen our relationship with the Whole Church (see article to the right)
- ❖ Begin the process of reshaping staff roles, functions
- ❖ Engage in training regional church leaders to be Anti-Racism/Pro-Reconciliation Trainers

Stay tuned and watch our website and the changes continue.

In Hope, *Cathy*



FEDICE Travelers Trip Information Available

Thirteen Disciples from six Oregon and Idaho congregations enjoyed a great time of friendship, service, worship and learning in Ecuador, June 9-20. The group worked on improvements at Tocagon for a children's center next to the church and visited two other centers. They also met with women from Romerillos, where the regional church microloan project is located. The women told stories and gave

thanks for our support in response to the volcanic ash in 2015. Our group packed hygiene and food supplies delivered by our mission partner FEDICE to a church in the coastal area affected by the earthquakes. We also met with leaders of the savings and credit program started by FEDICE in Pijal. The travelers will be happy to come and share about this ministry in your congregation. Thanks to Bernice Cintron, Carol Cure and Murray Hills CC for organizing us and to FEDICE for outstanding planning and leadership.

Anti-Racism/Pro-Reconciliation Trainers in Training Soon

The Disciples of Christ general church Reconciliation Ministry will assist Oregon-SW Idaho Disciples with trainings this fall. The trainings will come in two parts. First, visiting leaders will train a small number of Oregon-SW Idaho Disciples to become Anti-Racism/Pro-Reconciliation trainers themselves within the region. Secondly, **ordained and commissioned ministers in the Oregon-SW Idaho region will attend a day of Anti-Racism/Pro-Reconciliation training in Portland on Friday, November 4.** Further details will be forthcoming.

The November training will coincide with the 2016 Collins Lecture of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon. The Collins Lecture will feature Rev. Dr. Otis Moss III, speaking on the theme, "Redeeming the Soul of America: Race, Justice and Reconciliation." The event on November 3 will include an afternoon seminar and a lecture at 7:00 p.m. at Concordia University in NE Portland. Registration for the November 3 event will be done directly through EMO at www.emoregon.org.

Reconciliation Offering in September

Disciples churches will receive a special offering for our Reconciliation ministries on September 25 and October 2. These gifts go to ministries designed to counter racism and to build reconciliation in North America. Half of these gifts stay within the Oregon-SW Idaho region for local ministries.

These ministries include Gomer's House, the Peniel border ministry in Sonora, Yakama Christian Mission and Anti-Racism training for ministers and other church leaders.



Mission First Gatherings in September

Mission First is an effort of our whole Disciples of Christ church in North America to have some time to reflect on the direction we believe we are being led in this specific time in history. Through a series of gatherings spread across the U.S. and Canada, Disciples are gathering in groups large and small to spend some focused time in prayer and discussion around targeted questions about the future of the Disciples movement.

In our own regional church these Mission First gatherings will happen in four places this September.

September 17	Eugene First
September 18	Portland Area (location to be announced)
September 24	Boise, Red Rock
September 25	Pendleton

At each of these events we will be joined by Jim and Jayanthi Wilson. The Wilsons have served with global ministries in Lesotho, Botswana and most recently in South Africa. They are retiring and returning to live in the United States. We will hear about the church in Africa and how they are trying to be faithful in their context, and then we will turn our attention to our own

North American context and listen for guidance in prayer and conversation. The results of over 60 of these gatherings will be brought together at a meeting in December and the General Board of our whole church will receive their report in February in Indianapolis.

