

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		
• July 22	Portland, Principe de Paz	Doug
• July 19-20	Birmingham, National Convocation	Cathy
• July 16-18	Birmingham, Regional Ministers/Moderators	Cathy
• July 15	Salem First, Worship	Doug
• July 14	Portland First, Women's Event, Speaker	Cathy
• July 10	Regional Reconciliation Team	Doug
• July 9	Salem, First Christian, Memorial Service	Cathy
• July 8	Meridian, Parkview, Installation of Pastor	Doug
• July 5	NAPAD Committee	Doug
• July 3	College of Regional Ministers Ex. Comm.	Cathy
• July 1	Keizer, Meeting	Cathy
• July 1	Albany, Worship	Cathy
• June 28	McKenzie Bridge, Eugene Area Ministers	Cathy
• June 26	Portland First, Reg. Assm Thankyou/Eval	Cathy
• June 24	Boise, Red Rock, Trinity Worship	Doug
• June 24	Mountain Home, Worship	Doug
• June 23	Salem, Chaplains/Specialized Ministry BBQ	Cathy
• June 21	Albany, Verne Catt McDowell Foundation	Doug
• June 19	Murray Hills Governing Document Team	Cathy
• June 18	New Church Team	Doug
• June 17	Junction City, Worship	Doug

News from our Congregations

- Mountain Home:** Providing church camp scholarships for Burley youth

Meridian, Parkview, new pastor installed July 8

Junction City, extended call to David Bondurant as permanent pastor.

Silverton, construction project has begun

Murray Hills, working on governing document revisions

Peniel: Youth retreat at Camp Rilea.

Lynchwood: Movie nights for the summer

The View: summer series on spiritual practices.

Principe de Paz: Celebrating a third anniversary on July 22 at 4 pm, Midway CC in Portland.

Salem FCC: Beautiful new banners made by Kris Rose of Portland FCC.

Albany: Monthly booth with children's activities at local Farmers' Market.

Corvallis: Car Show and Chili Cookoff

Grants Pass: Hosting a VBS with four denominations participating.

Northwood: Youth took a trip to Seattle for a Mariner's game.

Pendleton: Held Vacation Bible School with local Presbyterian congregation.

Save these dates!

August 8-11
North American/Pacific Asian Disciples Convocation, hosted by Portland First Christian Church

September 7-9
Women's Retreat, Trinity Pines, Cascade, ID

September 30-October 7
Reconciliation Offering

October 12-13
Women's Retreat, Murray Hills Beaverton OR

October 13
Snake River District Event, Transforming Conflict, hosted by Red Rock, Boise, ID

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Fall Women's Retreats

New Beginnings
Spiritual Renewal Retreat for Women
October 12-13, 2018

This fall women in our Regional Church plan to gather for renewal and connection. Both events have wonderful, inspiring speakers, times for reflection and conversation, and time to relax with long time friends and friends you can meet when you arrive.

Our Idaho retreat leader is Val Drahner, a motivational speaker and life coach who leads Bible study locally and speaks at women's retreats. Our Oregon retreat leader is Rev. Lori Tapia, Interim National Hispanic Ministries Pastor for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Some of us met Lori at the April WWOW event or during her visits to Oregon in 2017 and 2018.

Registration and brochures with more information are on our website at www.oidisciples.org/womens-fall-retreat-2018. Online registration and downloadable registration forms available for both.

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Regional Assembly
May 15-16, 2020
Salem FCC
Rev. Sotello Long
President of Disciples Home Missions

As I write this in July we have finished two camps and have five more to go. Youth in the Snake River District have enjoyed Kid's Camp, hosted by Ontario First Christian and have held a week of Junior Camp at Cascade Camp.

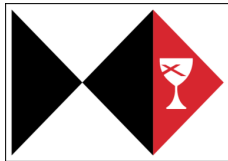
A few pictures on our Facebook page and website capture a bit of the fun. Campfires, service projects, hay rides, Bible study, and crafts just to name a few activities. The kids and youth are exploring the theme, "God's Love is Everywhere".

All five of the remaining camps will happen between July 25—August 4, with four of the camps running at the same time.

Thanks go to Stacy Shelton for providing staff coverage for the Suttle Lake camps and to Tammy Anderson for staffing the Kid's Camp and the Cascade camps. They recruited, trained, and resourced camp volunteers; helped to create schedules and activities, provided on site supervision and handled the many details of a successful and safe camp. We are GRATEFUL.



With hope! Cathy



North American Pacific Asian Disciples August 8-11

This summer is the best chance for Oregon and Idaho Disciples to learn about the vibrant ministries of the North American Pacific Asian Disciples. So what happens at a NAPAD Convocation?

- ◆ Speakers and workshops, like at Regional and General Assemblies
- ◆ A pre-session for NAPAD Youth
- ◆ This time only, an afternoon trip to Multnomah Falls!
- ◆ Meeting other Disciples from across the continent and beyond, sharing good food
- ◆ A special Cultural Night, featuring music and arts from the cultures of NAPAD.
- ◆ Inspiring worship each day.

You can register for the NAPAD Convocation at www.napad.net. Talk to Doug Wirt at the Regional church office if you have questions.

FEDICE Project Update

FEDICE Executive Director Blanca Puma and her husband Luis Jara have now returned to Ecuador from their visits in the United States. They write, "From the bottom of our hearts we want to say thank you once again. We have no words to express our gratitude. On behalf of the Fedice family, of the people in the communities DIOS LE PAGUE! (*"God will repay you."*)

Our new project with FEDICE seeks to raise \$22,000 for microloans to 24 families. This will allow the families to start their own businesses raising sheep, cattle and onions. Already, we have received over \$3,000, 15% of the goal!



Church Leaders and Ministry Studies

Your giving to Disciples Mission Fund and the regional church helps to prepare leaders for the church. This happens as ministers and prospective ministers meet with the Commission on Ministry and as many attend programs of ministry education.

The Commission on Ministry is currently overseeing six persons who are preparing to become ordained Disciples of Christ ministers. They also work with twenty commissioned ministers who serve in local congregations and chaplaincy positions. Occasionally, the Commission also works with a minister ordained in another denomination who wants ministerial standing with the Disciples.

By September, the Oregon SW Idaho regional church will have about three dozen church leaders enrolled in various programs of ministry education. These include five in Master of Divinity programs, more than two dozen Certificate of Ministry students with our Disciples Seminary Foundation, Doctor of Ministry students attending Disciples seminaries while serving churches in the region, and people travelling out of the region for intensive programs in other states.

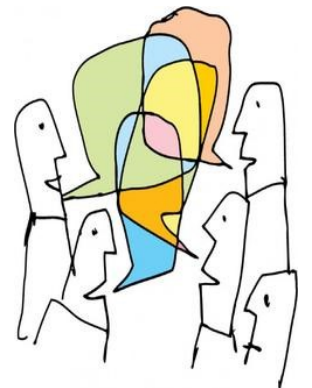
Local congregations and two local foundations support our ministry students financially. The Oregon Disciple Foundation and the Verne Catt McDowell Corporation of Albany, OR, both offer scholarships to church leaders in several different programs.



Transforming Conflict: Workshop in Boise on October 13

You are invited to a half day workshop on conflict transformation on Saturday, October 13 at Red Rock Christian Church in Boise. This event will discuss healthy ways to face differences of opinions in the church, placing our confidence in Christ and our faith to find a way forward.

The title is "Peace is Always Possible: Growing a Conflict Transforming Culture in Your Congregation." Leader will be Josh Johnsen, Parish Life Coordinator at First Christian Church in Grants Pass, Oregon. Josh earned an MA in Spiritual Formation from George Fox Evangelical Seminary. He also completed a week long training in Mediation Skills Training with the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center. He believes that God equips us to live each moment of our lives as an act of worship. You need not be in the midst of conflict to attend! This is a chance for church leaders to learn skills that can help in the future should difficult issues arise in the church. More details to follow.



Wild Women of the West 2020

June 12-14, 2020

Las Vegas, Nevada

"Seeking Grace in the Desert"

