

Mission Statement of the Region	On the Oregon Disciples Trail with Doug and Cathy
<p><i>Our mission is</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To nurture members and congregations To establish and receive new congregations <p><i>While working together with the whole Church to do Christ's ministry in the world.</i></p> <p>Doug and Cathy Myers Wirt <i>Regional Ministers</i></p> <p>Audre Bratcher, <i>Administrative Assistant</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> January 6-8 Visits with Idaho Congregations in Boise and Burley (Doug) January 9 Commission on Ministry (Doug) January 10 New Church Ministry Team (Doug) January 13 Murray Hills, Karyn Dix Ordination (Doug and Cathy) January 16 Eugene Ministers' Lunch (Doug) January 16 Portland FCC Global Mission Celebration (Cathy) January 17 College of Regional Ministers Executive Committee (Cathy) January 18 Women's Pray and Play Planning (Cathy) January 20 Terwilliger Plaza Vespers, Preaching (Doug) January 20 Murray Hills worship (Cathy) January 20 Portland First worship (Doug) January 24 Ecumenical Ministries Exec Cte (Doug) January 25-27 Hood River Valley Christian Church High School Snow Rally (Cathy) January 27 Dallas First Christian (Doug)

News from the Congregations

Keizer Seven baptisms on Jan.6!
Hood River Thank you for hosting the High School Snow Rally!
Dallas, Northwood, Grants Pass: using *The Story*, a Bible study and worship format going through the Bible in one year.
Ione: Pastor Stacy Shelton has returned after a period of family leave.
Nueva Vida: Celebrated 5th Anniversary, Jan. 4-6.
Eugene FCC: served as a warming shelter on multiple nights of sub-freezing temperatures.

Lebanon: Kris Moloney is youth director.
Murray Hills: Bonnie Vance has started classes at George Fox Evangelical Seminary.
Silverton: New record for meals served at Community Dinner: 471 on one night!
Springfield FCC: Praying for ten members of the church family serving in the military.
Peniel: Members returned from annual Christmas mission to Nogales.
Portland FCC: Kim and Erik Free spoke about China trip.

Save these dates!

February 2
Regional Board Meeting

February 8-10
Middle School Snow Retreat
Hosted by Lebanon FCC

February 16-17
High School Youth Prom at Silverton FCC

February 23
Women's Pray and Play Day hosted by Salem FCC

February 24
New Church Ministries Potluck in Portland area

April 12-13
Todd Adams at Northwood Christian in Springfield



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Disciples of Christ churches receive a special offering in February. The Week of Compassion Fund sends emergency relief in disaster situations and development funds for long term needs. These funds are used in North America and all across the earth.

The annual offering supports immediate responses and ongoing needs such as agriculture, preventive medicine and economic development in impoverished areas. Week of Compassion always has needs for a strong annual offering in February. In addition, there are designated causes, such as the recent response to Hurricane Sandy in the NE United States. Both the annual giving and the designated giving for immediate situations continue to have great importance. You can find resources at www.weekofcompassion.org.

Director of Week of Compassion, Amy Gopp, was our fall women's retreat speaker.



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Summer Camp
2013

High School & Middle School
July 28-August 2

Grade School
August 12-16

Suttle Lake Camp
near Sisters, OR

This new year promises to bring some new experiences for Oregon Disciples as well as many familiar events.

Among the new experiences will be the opportunity to meet our Associate General Minister for the Disciples of Christ, Dr. Todd Adams. Todd Adams will be with us for two days to lead regional events on Friday and Saturday, April 12-13. This includes a training on financial ethics for pastors on April 12 and best financial practices for congregations on April 13. We are grateful to Northwood Christian Church in Springfield for hosting these events.

Our general ministers Todd Adams and Sharon Watkins have assisted greatly in discussions about the future of Disciples ministries in South Idaho. The economics of regional ministry have led the South Idaho region, composed of thirteen Disciples churches, to consider new partnerships with neighboring regions. Several Idaho congregations have expressed interest in affiliating with the Christian Church in Oregon. Both regional boards will discuss the new possibilities on Saturday, on February 2. If you have questions, concerns or ideas about this, please talk to your Regional Board member.

Your regional ministries are moving toward more use of electronic communications, a trend that we may need more if we expand our regional boundaries. In November 2012, three regional board members participated from Medford with a meeting in Portland via Skype. The Commission on Ministry interviewed a seminary student from California this month using the same service. We could all see and hear each other fine. It doesn't take the place of being in the same room, but it is an added tool for decreasing the costs and distance a bit.

Three familiar events will happen in a new place this year. All three summer youth camps will be at Camp Suttle Lake, west of Sisters, Oregon. The high school and middle school camps will meet on the same days on different sides of the camp. We hope that this will make transportation easier for congregations.

Peniel Ministries of Portland, recently recognized at the Oregon Regional Assembly, has started a new ministry in Hillsboro. Cornelio Garcia is leading this outreach, working closely with Pastor Hector Curiel and the Peniel ministry of Portland, of which Cornelio was a founding member years ago. The new ministry, meeting now at Aloha Christian Church, is already reaching out to new people with the love of Jesus Christ and Christ's people.

Cathy and I give thanks to God for your support of Disciples ministries in the Pacific Northwest and worldwide.

Doug



Winter Youth Events

Middle School Youth — Midwinter Snow Retreat

Hosted by Lebanon First Christian

February 8-10

AND

High School Regional Prom

Hosted by Silverton First Christian Church

February 16-17 Theme: Catch a Falling Star

Registration materials on Regional Church Web Site

www.christianchurchinoregon.org

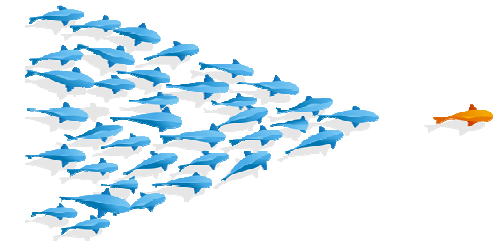


Women's Pray and Play Day

Oregon Disciple women and friends are invited to spend a 3 hour mini-retreat day together under the theme "*Who's Following You?*" Event includes a craft, getting a glimpse of our partner Christians in China, learning new ways of prayer, and living inside the Biblical Story of Esther. Each participant receives a Bible Study book about Esther and several other gifts. Cost for the day is \$15.00 per person — **this is down \$5 from last year!** **February 23, Salem First Christian** hosts from 9:30-12:30.

Registration materials are online at

www.christianchurchinoregon.org, the Christian Church in Oregon Facebook Page, and hard copies in church offices in the Salem area. Future dates include **May 18 in Medford** and **June 22 in Pendleton** with 2-3 more to be announced in the Willamette Valley.



Why Reinvent the Wheel Rides Again on April 13!

In the spring of 2011, 104 Oregon Disciples from 23 congregations gathered in Silverton to learn about 10 different ministries working and growing in Oregon congregations. Oregon Disciples learned from each other! Sharing ideas led to new ministries — in energy conversions, community meals, prayer shawls, and gardens. A chance conversation at a lunch table propelled Kim and Erik Free to a summer of mission work in China. Again on April 13 we will gather at Northwood Christian Church in Springfield and have the chance to tell each other stories and share resources about mission opportunities for Oregon Disciples.