

CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN OREGON SOUTHWEST IDAHO  
REGIONAL MINISTERS' REPORT  
November 2, 2019

After the June 1 Regional Board meeting, regional church life had a very busy summer season. This included seven camps for youth and children in Idaho and Oregon. We also had a dinner for chaplains and specialized ministries, an ordination, General Assembly, the Ecuador trip, a new roof at the Glenwood church, and the Cascade women's retreat all before Labor Day. Also, congratulations to Bernice Rivera who completed her certificate of ministry studies program at Lexington Theological Seminary on June 7. So far, fall events have included the 130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at La Grande FCC, the We Are One Conference and the western regional women's retreat. The McMinnville roofing project is in progress.

We have visited the following congregations during the past five months. Due to the number of search processes and pastoral sabbaticals at various stages, our visits have concentrated in Columbia Gorge and Santiam districts, with several visits in each of the other three districts, too.

Blue Mountain: La Grande (2), Pendleton;  
Columbia Gorge: Portland FCC (7), Lynchwood (4), Murray Hills (10), Portsmouth;  
Santiam: Salem (2), Silverton (4), Escudo y Fortaleza, Corvallis (2), McMinnville (3), Albany  
Scenic Rivers: Eugene FCC, Allison Park  
Snake River: Red Rock, Homedale, Burley

Cathy attended the farewell for Pastor Larry Snow at Murray Hills, the La Grande Anniversary, Lynchwood CWF, meetings with leaders at Red Rock, Burley, Lynchwood and Eugene FCC, and numerous meetings with transition and search committees at La Grande, Pendleton, Murray Hills and Lynchwood. She worked with pastoral sabbatical processes at Silverton and Corvallis and preached at Silverton, Corvallis, Portland FCC and Homedale. Cathy also attended ministers' meetings in Boise, John Day, Pendleton, Salem and Portland. She has had meetings for the 2020 Regional Assembly, 2019 camp directors, and planning for regional and interregional women's ministry events.

Doug preached at Portland FCC, Portsmouth and Allison Park. He attended the farewell for interim pastors Bill and Mary Jacobs at Portland FCC, and the first Sunday for new Salem FCC pastor James Brooks. He worked with the signing of contracts with Oregon Department of Transportation, and with replacement of roofing at Glenwood and McMinnville. He had two meetings with the Commission on Ministry, one with the Property Committee, one with the Finance Commission and two with the Regional Executive Committee. He presented a recognition of ordination certificate for Lisa Barnes at Salem FCC and with Cathy participated in the ordination of Giuseppe Amato at Cedar Hills UCC, sponsored by The View.

Both Regional Ministers have participated actively in general church ministries. Cathy attended the General Assembly in Des Moines and the Week of Compassion Governance Committee, Executive Committee and Board of Stewards in Fort Worth, Texas. She attended the farewell celebration for Co-Regional Ministers Don and Susan Gonzales Dewey in the Pacific SW Region. Doug has had intensive involvement with Disciples Seminary Foundation, with numerous meetings of the Executive Committee, Finance Committee and Nominating Committee. From October 2-4, he chaired the DSF Executive Committee and Board Meetings while the Board Chair participated in the Woman to Woman tour in Morocco. He also attended the North American Pacific Asian Disciples board meeting by teleconference in October.

We appreciate your prayers for our family, for our sons Rollie and Jacob, and our extended family. Thank you for your support of us personally and for the ministries that we share together.

Sincerely,

Doug and Cathy Myers Wirt, Regional Minister