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- ◆ Regional Ministers are out visiting congregations in person and enjoying reconnecting with people in person.
- ◆ Women gathered in person for retreats in Idaho and Oregon and twice in online events with speakers from around the country.
- ◆ Our Anti-Racism/Pro-Reconciliation Team sponsored a series of “Tulsa Talks” to discuss a set of lectures about the multi-cultural streams of history of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).
- ◆ Our Pastors engaged in online training in Financial Ethics, and an online event around the concept of stewardship was offered through a partnership with the Center for Faith and Giving
- ◆ We celebrated ordinations, installations of new pastors and anniversaries this year together.

We found many ways to adapt our ministry over the past couple of years.....

AND, what we learned is that our regional church is resilient.

- ◆ We met racism with prayerful conversation and action.
- ◆ We met COVID with strategies for gathering and generosity with our partners in Ecuadorian rural communities.
- ◆ We met restrictions with ingenuity, war and disaster with compassion.
- ◆ We met distance with technological connection.
- ◆ We met isolation with community.

We remained a regional church and will do it again next year, meeting the challenges and opportunities we have for ministry together. In a season of Advent hope, we ask that you remember our regional church in your prayers and offerings, that we together meet the opportunities before us in 2023.

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