

Summited by: Bernice Rivera

General

- I have been interim pastor for the Iglesia Rio de Dios due to the pastor Noelia Garcia relocating to California **and I'm also supporting them to search for a new pastor.**
- Supported **Iglesia Nueva Vida** during the planning of Capital Campaign **for \$100,000** toward the potential purchase of a building, a UCC church building, located in Gresham. Also direct them to available resources throughout the Church Extension. Met with Doug Wirt and Rosario Ibarra from Disciple Church Extension to discuss a loan agreement.
- Attended the **Wild Women of the West** online event on March 26 gathering of women from the 6 western regional churches.
- I met with the *Commission on Ministry* monthly.

Diploma of Ministry Studied

- **3 Disciples students** have now completed the graduation requirement for DSM in May.

Regional Assembly

- In our region, we have **three recently fully recognized congregations:**
 - ♦ Iglesia Nueva Vida in Gresham
 - ♦ Pacific Islands Family Church in Portland
 - ♦ Portsmouth Union Church in Portland
- Assist RA by **encouraging the participation** of the New churches congregations. Represented by our all-Hispanic Congregations attending the Regional assembly. New church pastors attended and led in our closing worship service, representing **7/9 of our new congregations.**
- We held a successful New Church **online workshop**, was a conversation with new church pastors. Stay tune for the recording. The link to this workshop will be posted soon.

New Church Ministry

- We have six congregations in formation:
 - ♦ Chuukese Fellowship Church of Christ in Salem
 - ♦ Iglesia Cristiana Principe de Paz in Clackamas
 - ♦ Iglesia Cristiana Jehova Nisi in Keizer
 - ♦ Pacific Outreach Christian Church in Boise
 - ♦ Iglesia Cristiana Rio de Dios in Hillsboro
 - Pacific Island Family Church in Vancouver
- Pacific Islands Family Church, helped to launch a **new Chuukese Ministry** in Vancouver on May 1
- “The **20-unit affordable housing apartments** on PUC’s property which are scheduled to open this summer.
- Active participated in the church-wide prayer initiative called **Water the Plants**, an intercessory prayer team of 1000 Disciples. People from the entire denomination spectrum were holding prayer for us.
- See more detail from New Churches in the **New Church report.**

Special offering- Pentecost Offering

You can learn more about the newest congregations in our regional church by:

- reading this [summary](#) created by our New Church Ministries Team for Regional Assembly
- watching a [video](#) made to invite participation in the Pentecost offering
- reading a Pentecost [offering invitation](#) for the New Church Ministries Team
- Watching these video clips from our newest congregations, [Iglesia Cristiana Nueva Vida](#), [Pacific Islands Family Church](#), [Iglesia Cristiana Rio de Dios](#), [Iglesia Cristiana Principe de Paz](#), [Iglesia Cristiana Jehova Nisi](#)
- watching [Saturday worship](#) from our Regional Assembly, seeing our new congregation pastors leading worship, bulletin [HERE](#)

We actively promoted Special Pentecost Offering by visiting, preaching, stewardship moment, newsletter and answering questions to existing congregation. The annual **Pentecost Offering** supports new church ministries here in Oregon and Idaho, and across North America. Half of the funds remains in our regional church and half is shared by the New Church Ministry to train and equip church planters and leaders. By participating in this Special Day Offering, you ensure sustainability of unique new church plants in our region. You still are able to participate **during June month.**

Anti -Racism

- **Living Justice Anti-Racist Practicum 2022– Finished in May**
The practicum started in October. This practicum is meeting every Wednesday via Zoom. It is supported by Disciples Divinity House and led by Rev. Yvonne Gilmore and Rev. Sandhya Rani Jha. It is being held in three cycles; autumn, winter and spring. As the practicum was finalized, I was invited to be a part of the **National Anti-racism trainer group** for Disciple Christian Church. Working now with Rev. Pedro Goycolea to **update the one-day** antiracism training in Spanish.
- On March 18-19, Disciples of Christ Historical Society and Phillips Theological Seminary presented an academic conference open to the public. The topic is “**Systemic Racism, Anti-Racism and Reconciliation in Our Shared History and Tradition.**”
- Met with our *Anti-Racism/Pro-Reconciliation Team* to help craft next steps in this work area

Global Ministry Board - Attended Global Ministry Board meeting in April via Zoom served in a finance committee.

Obra Hispana

- I will represent the Northwest Convention at the **2022 National Hispanic & Bilingual Fellowship Assembly in Fort Worth, Texas in July 20-23.**
- Attended **Obra Hispana Board** meeting held in April via Zoom

What are some of the things the Hispanic churches are doing?

- Iglesia Peniel Ministries are working with NBA in a young adult initiative.

Upcoming Events

- National Hispanic Assembly Meeting in July 20-23 in Dallas, Texas
- Start planning a New Church picnic event in August -September
- We are One event in October – young adult event