



Through These Hands

*May 18-19,
2018*

*Regional
Assembly*

*First Christian
Church, Portland*



Our Regional Assembly Speakers 2018

Rev. Sandhya Jha

serves as founder and director of the Oakland Peace Center, a collective of 40 organizations creating access, equity and dignity for all in Oakland and the Bay Area. Rev. Jha's commitments to interfaith and interracial work were shaped by her Scottish (Presbyterian) mother and Indian (Hindu) father.

Former pastor of First Christian Church of Oakland and former Director of Interfaith Programs at East Bay Housing Organizations, Rev. Jha is the author of Room at the Table, the history of people of color in the Disciples of Christ, and Pre-Post-Racial America: Spiritual Stories from the Front Lines on the subject of race and spirituality in America



Rev. Dr. Timothy M. James

serves as the Associate General Minister and Administrative Secretary of the National Convocation of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada. Prior to serving in this post, Rev. James served as pastor at Fifth Christian Church Cleveland, Ohio for twenty-five years.

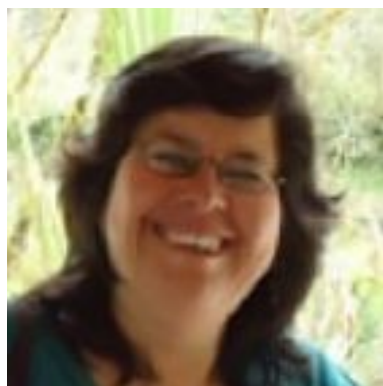


Rev. James is a graduate of United Theological Seminary in Dayton, OH Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis, Culver-Stockton-College in Canton, MO; and Alameda Community College in Alameda, CA. Rev. James is a third generation Disciples of Christ preacher. He will, however, be the first to say that he appreciates this family lineage and heritage, but he understands, this is not a criteria for salvation. He is glad to be able to say, "I know Jesus for myself."

Blanca Isabel Puma Martinez

Blanca is a native Quiteña and brings with her more than 13 years of experience at FEDICE, first as Project Coordinator and now as Executive Director. As the fearless leader of FEDICE's staff and volunteers, Blanca heads up community relations, donor relations, communications, program development and staff management — applying a healthy dose of creativity and determination to every task she takes on. Blanca has a degree in Medical Technology & Environmental Sanitation from the Central University of Ecuador. Recently FEDICE has been working with earthquake recovery efforts in Ecuador in partnership with Week of Compassion.

Blanca lives with her husband, Luis, in Quito, Ecuador.



How do Disciples financially support the Christian Church in Oregon & SW Idaho in our common mission?

Congregations

Disciples Mission Fund in church budget
Promoting Christmas offering
Giving a gift to the Oregon Disciple Foundation to increase our investments
Designated Regional giving
Sharing a percentage of bequest gifts

Individuals

Annual fund gifts
Remembering the Regional Church or the Oregon Disciple Foundation in your will
Christmas offering
Capital gifts
On-line giving

Congregations who have given designated gifts to the Regional Church in 2016-17



2017

Salem First	6,916
Nampa First	4,959
Lynchwood, Portland	3,952
Medford	1,500
New Hope Meridian	1,200
John Day	1,039
Keizer	835
La Grande, First CWF	375
The View, Portland	100
Hood River Valley CWF	75
Springfield First CWF	50
Corvallis, First	50

Total \$21,051

2016

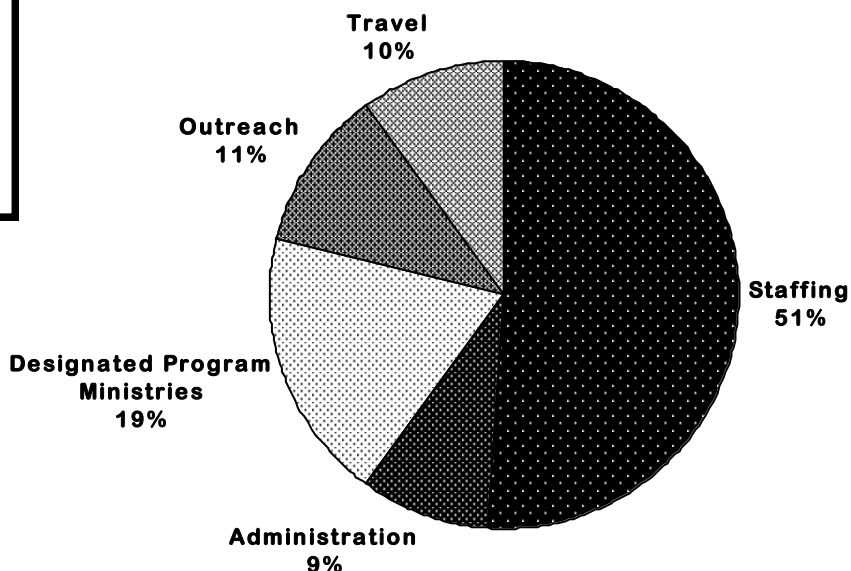
Salem First	15,941
Nampa First	5,432
Lynchwood, Portland	4,538
McMinnville, First	2,294
Medford, First	1,741
New Hope, Meridian	1,000
John Day, First	949
Keizer	889
LaGrande, First CWF	750
Hood River Valley CWF	75
Springfield, First	50

Total \$33,659

Operating and Program Expenses

Thank you to the 13
congregations who gave
designated financial gifts to the
Christian Church in Oregon &
SW Idaho in 2016 and/or 2017.

How are Oregon and SW Idaho Church Ministry Funds spent?



2016 32 of 45 congregations

Salem First	\$41,561
Murray Hills	20,730
Hood River	20,085
Eugene First	18,398
Keizer	13,338
Portland First	13,292
Northwood	12,951
Red Rock Boise	12,365
Nampa	10,863
Pendleton	8,613
La Grande	8,400
Albany	7,190
Grants Pass	6,600
Silverton	5,026
Lynchwood	4,638
Junction City	4,361
Burley	2,467
Lebanon	2,093
Ontario	1,666
Homedale	1,648
North Bend	1,584
New Hope	1,100
The View	1,100
Corvallis	1,056
Springfield	1,000
John Day	950
Ione	939
Mountain Home	720
St Johns/Portsmouth	500
Medford	384
Allison Park	309
McMinnville	<u>96</u>

Total **\$226,023**



Disciples Mission Fund Givers

**2017 30 of 45 congregations**

Salem First	\$28,397
Murray Hills	20,828
Hood River	18,626
Eugene First	15,870
Northwood	14,699
Red Rock Boise	12,536
Keizer	12,534
Pendleton	9,868
Portland First	9,566
La Grande	9,525
Nampa	8,857
Junction City	6,909
Grants Pass	6,550
Silverton	6,290
Albany	6,180
Lynchwood	4,052
Ontario	3,728
North Bend	1,750
Homedale	1,334
Allison Park	1,295
The View	1,200
New Hope	1,100
John Day	1,026
Springfield	1,000
Burley	966
Ione	939
Mountain Home	720
Lebanon	244
McMinnville	215
Corvallis	<u>50</u>

Total **\$206,854**

Special Day Offerings

2016

Reconciliation	\$ 9,111
Easter	\$10,884
Pentecost	\$ 7,524
Thanksgiving	\$ 6,551

Easter offering is given to the global mission and domestic mission arms of our church.



2017

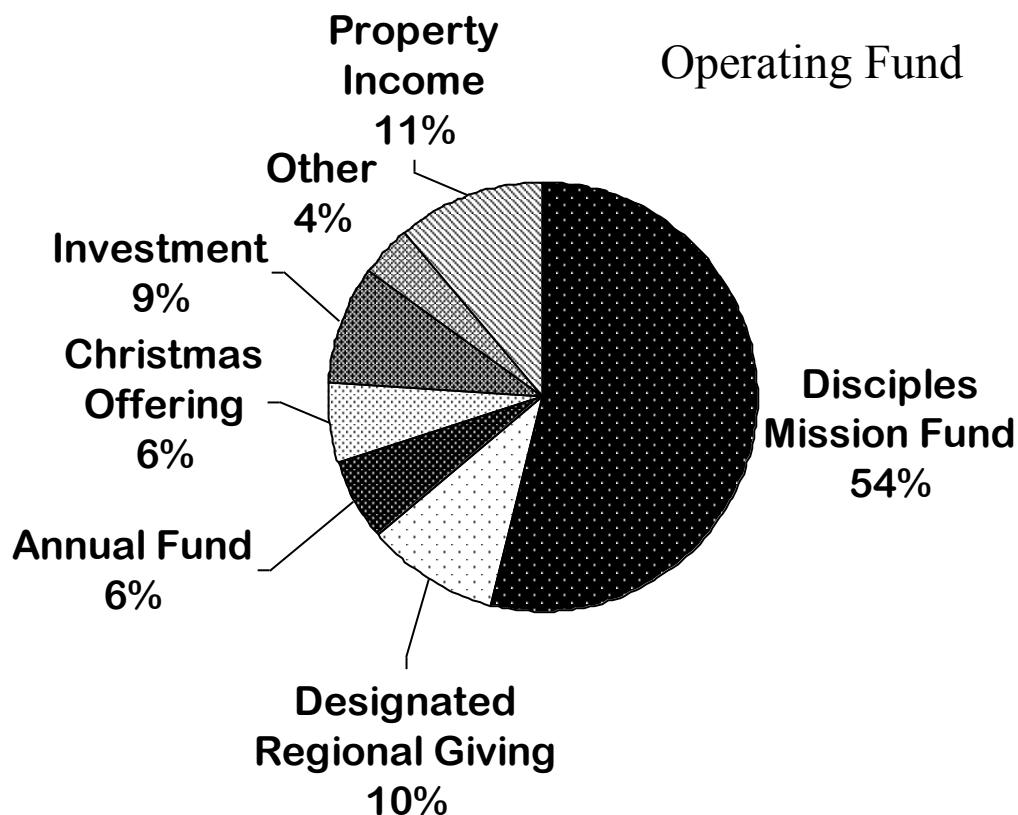
Reconciliation	\$9,851
Easter	\$8,808
Pentecost	\$4,642
Thanksgiving	\$6,134

Pentecost offering is given to support new congregations in training leaders and beginning their ministries. 50% of these gifts remain in our regional church supporting new congregation starts here.

Reconciliation is the fund for programs and projects moving the church and community toward racial justice. 50% of these gifts remain in our Regional Church for racial justice ministries.

Thanksgiving offering is used to support our colleges and seminaries as they train leaders for the church and the world.

How is the Regional Church Funded?



Christmas Offering 2016-17

2016

Springfield
Murray Hills
Salem First
Boise, Red Rock
Eugene First
Nampa
Parkview, Meridian
Portland First
Medford
Pendleton
Albany
The View
Lynchwood
Junction City
Treasure Valley Caldwell
Corvallis
Keizer
New Hope
La Grande
Homedale
Lebanon
Mountain Home

Total

2017

3,610 Murray Hills
1,805 Silverton
1,467 Salem, First
1,231 Red Rock, Boixe
1,095 Pendleton
827 Medford
673 Hood River
545 Portland First
466 Parkview
359 Caldwell, Treasure Valley
330 Springfield First
275 Lynchwood
264 Albany
185 LaGrande
178 Junction City
125 Keizer
123 New Hope
100 The View
60 Homedale
50 Mountain Home
50 Corvallis
10

Total

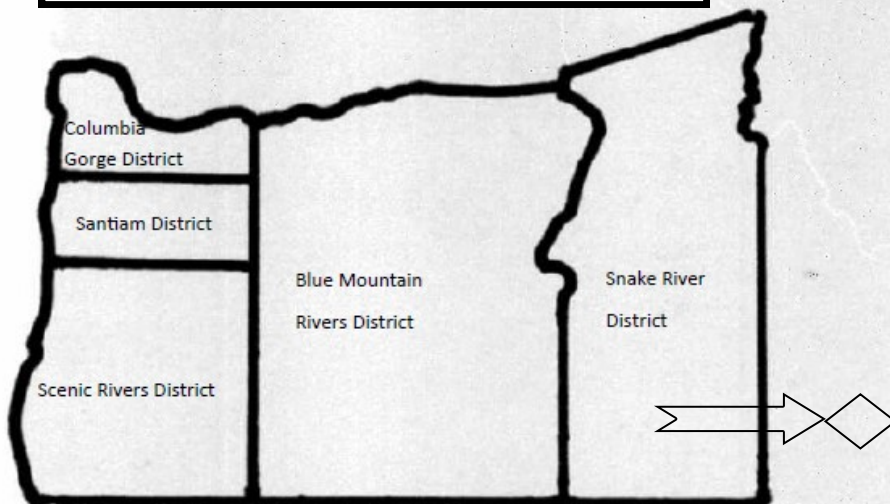
2,382
1,635
1,455
1,045
625
573
550
410
387
302
270
256
237
175
150
110
100
100
75
25
20

Total

22 of 45 congregations participating

21 of 45 congregations participating

Thank you to the 24 Christian Church congregations that gave Christmas offerings in 2016 and/or 2017.



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Regional Board of Directors



Moderator
Moderator-Elect
1st Vice Moderator
2nd Vice Moderator
Treasurer
Commission on Finance
Commission on Ministry
New Church Committee
Blue Mountain Rivers Dist.

Geoff Speidel
Erik Free
Robi Ingram-Rich
Judy Meneghin
Donna Culley
Craig Johnson
Shari Eggleston
David Eggleston
Position unfilled

Hood River Valley Christian
Keizer Christian
Portland First Christian
Murray Hills Christian
Ontario First Christian
Salem First Christian
The View
The View

Columbia Gorge Dist.

Joe Culley
Al Altnow
Alissa Blair

Ontario First Christian
John Day First Christian
Lynchwood, Portland

Scenic Rivers Dist.

Tom Harry
Brenda Mikota
Pamela Dye
Lee Ferguson
Sharon Warner

The View
Portland First Christian
Medford First Christian
Medford First Christian
Eugene First Christian

Santiam River Dist.

Marcus Clark
Agustin Martinez
Donna Lewelling
Roy Johnson

Silverton First Christian
Escudo y Fortaleza, Salem
Lebanon First Christian
Meridian, Parkview Christian

Snake River Dist.

Melissa Painter
Lena Webb
Brian Ponzar
Renee Windsor-White
Position Unfilled

Boise, Red Rock Christian
Nampa First Christian
Medford First Christian
Albany First Christian

Men's Ministries
Women's Ministries
Youth Ministries
Congregational Reps.

Gary Allen, New Hope, Meridian
Susi McCall, Burley First Christian
Darren Anderson, Dallas First Christian
Jon Pifer, Midway Christian, Portland

Barbara Utt, Northwood, Springfield
Jani DeMond, Treasure Valley, Caldwell
Karen Glass, Grants Pass First Christian
Bill Bamber, Mountain Home

General Board Representatives

Bernice Rivera, Beaverton, Murray Hills

Rebecca Smith, Medford First Christian

Names in bold typeface are nominees for election at the 2018 Regional Assembly Business Session



Hebrews 4:10

¹⁰ For those who receive that rest which God promised will rest from their own work, just as God rested from God's own work."

Russell Myers, July 2016
Cornelio Garcia, October 2016
Herb Whitaker, September 2016
Milele Hobbs, January 2017
Frank Betzer, May 2017
David Perry, July 2017
George Kendall, April 2018

Ministers or their spouses who have died since May 2016

Ginny Busic, October 2016
Doris Stanley, November 2016
Royal Ewing, January 2017
Lois Pifer, March 2017
Don Jarman, May 2017
Lynn Evans, March 2018
Dale Sawyer, April 2018

Ministers called to congregations and
Currently in service since the last Regional Assembly

Albany, First	Tim Graves, Lead Pastor
Boise, Red Rock	Kevin Arnesman, Senior Pastor
Eugene, Glenwood	Erin Curtis, Yoked Pastorate
Grants Pass, First	Greg Widener, Senior Pastor
Hillsboro, Rio de Dios	Noelia Garcia
Ione Community Church	Michael Crouch, Interim
Junction City, First	David Bonderant, Pastor
Keizer	Erik Free, Pastor
Lebanon, First	Zane Ridings, Pastor
Medford, First	Stacy Shelton, Pastor
Meridian, Parkview	Justin McMurdie
Portland, First	Bill and Mary Jacobs, Interims
Salem, First	Taylor Lind, Youth Pastor
Salem, First	David Decker, Pastor of Administration/Visitation

New and Affiliating Congregations in the 21st Century

Fully Recognized Congregations

The View Christian Church, Portland
Iglesia Cristiana Escudo y Fortaleza, Salem
Ione Community Church, Ione
Peniel Ministries, Portland
Trees of Righteousness, Portland

Congregations in Formation

Iglesia Cristiana Principe de Paz, Portland
Portsmouth Union Church, Portland
Rio de Dios, Hillsboro

Affiliating Congregations

Christ Church, Portland
Chuukese Fellowship, Salem
Iglesia Nueva Vida, Gresham
La Viña, Troutdale
Pacific Islands Family Church, Portland



This docket is published on our website under the Regional Assembly Link.

We encourage you to share the information in the docket with your congregational boards and other leadership.

The following web sites can help you to learn more about the Christian Church in Oregon and SW Idaho and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada.



www.oidisciples.org Christian Church in Oregon and SW Idaho

www.disciples.org Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

www.globalministries.org Our global partnerships

www.weekofcompassion.org Our disaster and development fund

www.fedice.org Our partners in Ecuador

Our Facebook Page Christian Church in Oregon and SW Idaho

For updated information by email, sign up for the on-line news services of

Common Current sign up on www.oidisciples.org

A regular update of regional church news

Disciples News Service sign up on www.disciples.org

A weekly update of whole church news

Week of Compassion Updates sign up on www.weekofcompassion.org

A semi-regular update of disaster and development response

Dates to remember!!

- ♦ *Regional Board Meeting* June 2, 2018
- ♦ *Kid's Camp Snake River District, Ontario First Christian* June 15-17, 2018
- ♦ *Cascade Camps* June 25-29, Juniors, July 30, = August 4 Chi Rho and CYF
- ♦ *Suttle Lake Camps* July 25-29, High School July 30-August 3, Grade School/Middle School
- ♦ *North American/Pacific Asian Disciples, Convocation, Portland, FCC* August 8-11, 2018
- ♦ *Women's Retreat, Trinity Pines, Cascade, Idaho* September 7-9, 2018
- ♦ *Women's Retreat, Murray Hills Christian, Beaverton* October 12-13, 2018

AND.....Mark your Calendars now!!!!

Regional Assembly, May 15-16, 2020
Salem First Christian

Featured Speaker Rev. Sotello Long, President of Disciples Home Missions
Watch our website, Facebook Page and Email Blasts as plans develop.





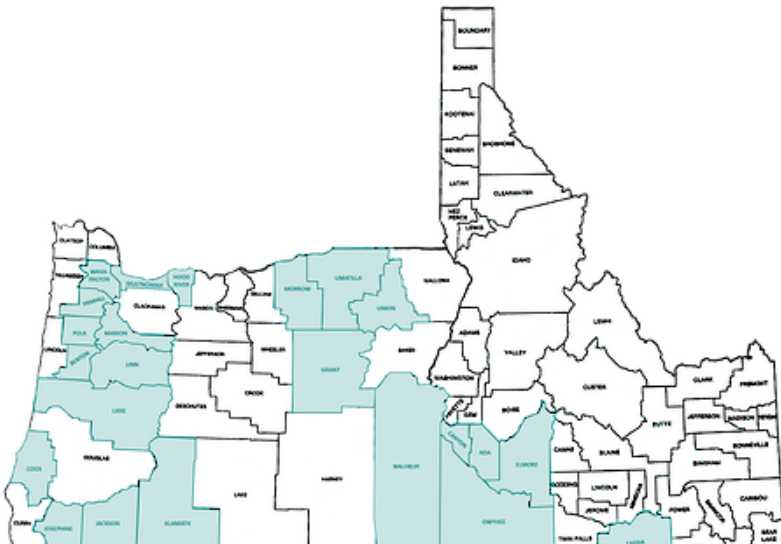
The Christian Church in Oregon & SW Idaho is a community of 45 congregations, speaking 3 languages and witnessing to the love of God in 17 Oregon counties and 5 Idaho counties.

We belong to a worldwide network of Christians in 70 countries and enjoy partnerships in ministries such as hospitals, schools, development projects, disaster relief and training of church leaders.

Our congregations have a long term mission partnership with the FEDICE ministry headquartered in Quito, Ecuador, sending and receiving guests for almost 20 years.

We are governed by a representative Board of Directors which meets three times a year and an Executive Committee which handles business matters between the board meetings. The regional church gathers every two years in assembly with Disciples from across our geography in attendance.

Next Regional Assembly is...



May 15-16, 2020
Hosted by
First Christian
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Salem,
Oregon