

## Mission Statement of the Regional Church

Our mission is

- To nurture members and congregations
- To establish and receive new congregations

While working together with the whole Church to do Christ's ministry in the world.

**Doug and Cathy Myers Wirt**  
Regional Ministers  
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## On the Way with Doug and Cathy

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| • June 23 | Beaverton, Murray Hills, Preaching          | Cathy      |
| • June 22 | Salem, Specialized Ministries BBQ           | Doug       |
| • June 19 | Albany, Verne Catt McDowell Board Mtg       | Doug       |
| • June 18 | John Day, Blue Mountain Rivers Pastors      | Doug       |
| • June 16 | Beaverton, Murray Hills, Pastor's Farewell  | Cathy      |
| • June 15 | Salem FCC, Regional Assembly Planning       | Cathy      |
| • June 9  | Corvallis, FCC, Preaching, Pentecost        | Cathy      |
| • June 2  | Portland, First Christian Worship           | Cathy/Doug |
| • June 1  | Regional Board Meeting                      | Doug/Cathy |
| • May 29  | Regional Finance Committee                  | Doug       |
| • May 28  | Anti-Racism/Pro Reconciliation Team         | Doug       |
| • May 28  | Salem, Santiam District Ministers Breakfast | Cathy      |
| • May 26  | Keizer, Iglesia Jehovah Nisi, Worship       | Doug       |
| • May 26  | Salem, First Christian                      | Doug       |
| • May 23  | WWOW Planning Group                         | Cathy      |
| • May 22  | Portland, Lynchwood, Committee Mtg.         | Cathy      |
| • May 22  | Oregon Camp Directors Meeting               | Cathy      |
| • May 21  | Fall Women's Retreat Planning               | Cathy      |
| • May 19  | Portland, Principe de Paz, Preaching        | Doug/Cathy |
| • May 19  | Murray Hills, Worship and Board Meeting     | Cathy      |
| • May 18  | Portland, Midway, Memorial, Bill Pifer      | Cathy      |

## News from our Congregations

**Murray Hills:** Pastor Larry Snow is retiring, Farewell Party on June 16.

**Burley:** Now has lights on the steeple at night so can be seen.

**Portland FCC:** Continues to offer showering and laundry services to houseless neighbors

**Corvallis:** Renee Windsor-White and Chuck Varner will provide pastoral coverage while Pastor Matt is on Sabbatical.

**Eugene FCC:** Annual Dining for Dollars in June.

**Medford:** Held car wash for church campers funds.

**Northwood/Springfield:** Has an updated app for the church.

**Salem:** First Christian is selling the Morgan Building next door to the church.

**Principe de Paz:** Cathy Myers Wirt guest preacher & Doug Wirt helping with baptism May 19. With homemade pozole!

**Peniel:** hosting a meeting for families with children who have disabilities.

**Nampa:** Installation of Assoc. Min. Tammy Anderson, May 5.

**Glenwood:** Raising funds to replace the roof.

**The View:** sponsoring the Ordination of Giuseppe Amato on June 29 at Cedar Hills UCC.

**Red Rock:** Continuing visioning process.

## Save these dates!



**June 2-9**  
*Pentecost Offering for New Church Ministries*

**June 14-16**  
*Kids' Camp, Parkview/ID*

**July 8-12**  
*Junior Camp, ID*

**July 20-24**  
*General Assembly Des Moines, Iowa*

**July 28-August 1**  
*Grade/Middle School, OR*

**July 29-August 3**  
*Chi Rho/CYF Camps, ID*

**August 2-6**  
*High School Camp, OR*



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# Pentecost Offering

The annual Pentecost Offering supports new church ministries here in Oregon and Idaho, and across North America.

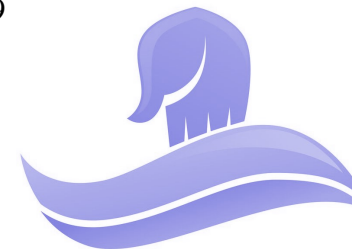
Disciples will receive this offering in churches on **June 2 and 9**. There is good news to share about new church ministries in our region:

- ◆ Pacific Outreach Christian Church in Boise has joined Disciples of Christ and meets at Red Rock Christian Church. They sent a good sized group to the Chuukese Disciples Easter Rally in Denver.
- ◆ The New Church Team has approved another new ministry for church in formation status. Iglesia Cristiana Jehova Nisi now meets at Keizer Christian Church. Their pastor, Jorge Lopez, has history with another Disciples ministry, Iglesia Cristiana Escudo y Fortaleza in Salem.
- ◆ Thirty-one students are now completing the second of four semesters in the Certificate of Ministry Studies program, taught in Spanish, with classes offered in Portland. Classes this spring included several days of preaching instruction led by Rev. Pablo Jimenez. The six participating congregations all started or came to Disciples of Christ through new church ministries.
- ◆ Portsmouth Union Church in North Portland was recently on Oregon Public Broadcasting talking about their affordable housing project being built on their site.
- ◆ Disciples leaders across North America, including Bernice Rivera of our regional staff, gather monthly on-line to share training, ideas, success stories and prayers led by New Church Director Terrell McTyer.

Thank you for your gifts to the Pentecost offering and prayers for new church ministries. You can give to Pentecost and all of the special offerings anytime online by going to [www.disciplesmissionfund.org](http://www.disciplesmissionfund.org).

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**Church Camp Registration!!**

**FEDICE Ecuador Information**

**Upcoming Dates to Note**

**News from Congregations**

**Regional Assembly**  
**May 15-16, 2020**  
**Salem FCC**  
**Rev. Sotello Long**  
**President of Disciples Home Missions**

In 2016 our Regional Church launched a “Future Story” to guide our ministry together for 3-4 years. After 1.5 years of listening and praying together, a team of leaders introduced the three transitions we believed we were called to make together:

- ◆ **Moving from living in a shared history to living into a shared future**
- ◆ **Moving from indirect institutional connections to individual/congregational relationships**
- ◆ **Moving from a Co-Ministry style to a Team Ministry style of leadership**



Over the past three years we have found many avenues to explore these transitions.

- ◆ Living into our shared future we trained a team of Anti-Racism Trainers and held five trainings, formed an Anti-Racism Team, received five congregations into our affiliation process (speaking 3 languages), began a program for training pastors taught in Spanish for 31 students, held two disaster preparedness trainings with Week of Compassion and began the process of developing named endowment funds for future ministry.
- ◆ Encouraging more individual and congregational relationships, we formed several groups on line, increased our online presence in several ways, encouraged district projects and groups, started to create networks between congregations with similar ministries. In addition, we launched a Regional Elder program to care for retired ministers and those in specialized ministries and deepened our relationship with FEDICE Ecuador.
- ◆ Expanding our staff, we added summer church camp staff east and west, communications staff and new church support staff.

June through August you will have the opportunity to help us evaluate our Future Story. Learn more on the website: <http://www.oidisciples.org/about1-cv5v>



## General Assembly July 20-24

Disciples of Christ church members are gathering in Des Moines, Iowa this summer for worship, conversation, and skill building workshops. You can go to the GA website for information about Bible Studies for the event, the docket for the business session, and soon simulcast information so that you can participate in the worship experiences remotely if you are not going to be attending the event in person.....stay tuned!

<https://ga.disciples.org/worship/>

## Camp Registration Time

To register for camps, go to your church office or the regional website for registration forms and brochures.

If you are registering for Snake River District camps, send your forms to the attention of Tammy Anderson at First Christian Church, Nampa, Idaho, 619 12th Ave S., Nampa, ID 83651.

If you are registering for Suttle Lake Camps, send your forms to the regional church office, 0245 SW Bancroft, Suite F, Portland, OR 97239.

For posters, FYI sheets and directions to the camps, please consult our regional website:

<http://www.oidisciples.org/blank-c12dp>



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you... and  
others, too



## FEDICE 25th Anniversary!

This year's regional Ecuador trip will help to celebrate the *25th Anniversary of the FEDICE* ministry in Ecuador. Some funds are needed to help with the cost of the trip and for purchasing items to be bought in Ecuador and sold in the region for the Maca Atapulo project. You can plan now to host a FEDICE traveler and/or display in your church this fall.

**Maca Atapulo Microloans project:** We continue to make progress toward the goal of \$22,000 for Maca Atapulo. This project helps families to start their own small businesses geared toward raising animals or growing onions. More than \$1800 has been sent in 2019 and will be eligible for the special matching grant. When you send your gift to the regional church for the Maca Atapulo project, another donor will double your contribution.

**Sua: Earthquake recovery** work in the community continues in Sua, the most recent new area of FEDICE ministry. Gloria Valencia is President of Nueva Esperanza de Sua, (New Hope of Sua), a women's group working with microloans. She says "Thanks to God who has worked in you to change our lives with your good hearts." Sua, located near the coast in Ecuador, was recovering from a flood when the earthquake struck three years ago.

Please send your gifts for Maca Atapulo to the regional church office, and double your money! You can learn more about the Maca Atapulo project and give on line by visiting the FEDICE link on our regional church webpage: <http://www.oidisciples.org/fedice-updates>

## Fall Women's Retreats 2019 & Wild Women of the West 2020

**August 23-25, 2019**, Trinity Pines Camp, Cascade, Idaho  
Rev. Erin Curtis, Pastor, Springfield FCC & Glenwood CC

**October 11-12, 2019**, Murray Hills Christian, Beaverton, Oregon  
Cindy Kim-Hengst, Chair, Week of Compassion Board of Stewards

**June 12-14, 2020**, First Christian Church, Las Vegas  
Wild Women of the West Interregional Event:  
[www.discipleswow.com](http://www.discipleswow.com) ... for more information



## Chaplains & Specialized Ministers Meet

Disciples in chaplaincy and specialized ministries will meet for a **BBQ on Saturday, June 22**. Noel and Myrna Phillips have invited the group to their home as they've graciously done many times in the past.

In Oregon and Idaho, Disciples serve in hospitals, prisons, hospice ministries and in spiritual direction. Some have served as military chaplains and pastoral counselors. They minister from Twin Falls to Grants Pass, from Sherwood to Umatilla. Tom Yates oversees endorsement of our chaplains through Disciples Home Missions.

<https://www.discipleshomeissions.org/clergy/chaplains-specialized-ministries/>