



Wind Across the Water

*May 20-21,
2016*

*Regional
Assembly*

*Springfield,
Oregon*

*Northwood
Christian Church*



Thank you Northwood

Thank you to the staff and membership of Northwood Christian Church for inviting us to hold our Regional Assembly 2016 here in Springfield. At every turn your upbeat, can do, attitude has blessed the Regional Church in the planning and the hosting of this gathering. Thank you for opening your doors, offering your energy and sharing your witness with your wider church community.



Our speakers

Dick Hamm, Friday afternoon — Dick has served as consultant to the Regional Vision Team that has been meeting since 2014 to craft a "Future Story" for our regional church. The team has listened, listened, listened to the wisdom of our membership in the whole region. Dick will help us to interpret and launch our future story at a pre-assembly event on Friday afternoon and through time in workshop on Saturday. Dick has served as our General Minister and President, Regional Minister of Tennessee, Pastor of congregations, taught in seminary, and worked with a variety of ecumenical agencies.



Vy Nguyen, Executive Director for Week of Compassion, Friday Night and Breakfast Saturday Morning — Vy holds a Master of Divinity from the Divinity School at the University of Chicago, and earned his B.A. in religious studies with a minor in environmental sciences from Texas Christian University. He joined Week of Compassion after serving more than 5 years with Church World Service for the Southwest Regional Office where he worked with congregations and donors to increase their fundraising portfolio. Prior to his work with Church World Service, Vy worked with the Lutheran Volunteer Corps office in Berkeley, CA where he strengthened relationships between volunteers, congregations, and non-profit agencies. Vy and his wife, Linh Bui, and their son live in Oakland, CA.

Blanca Isabel Puma Martinez, Director FEDICE, Saturday Morning—

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.



Doug Wirt and Cathy Myers Wirt, Regional Ministers, Saturday afternoon — Cathy and Doug have served together in four ministries in Oregon, California, and Arizona, and with wider church ministries separately, before starting their current ministry together with the Regional Church. They have served as our Co-Regional Ministers since June of 2001. They have two adult children.

How do Disciples financially support the Christian Church in Oregon and 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
- Christmas offering
- Capital gifts
- On-line giving
- Remembering the Regional Church or the Oregon Disciple Foundation in your will

Congregations who have given designated gifts to the Regional Church in 2014-15

2014

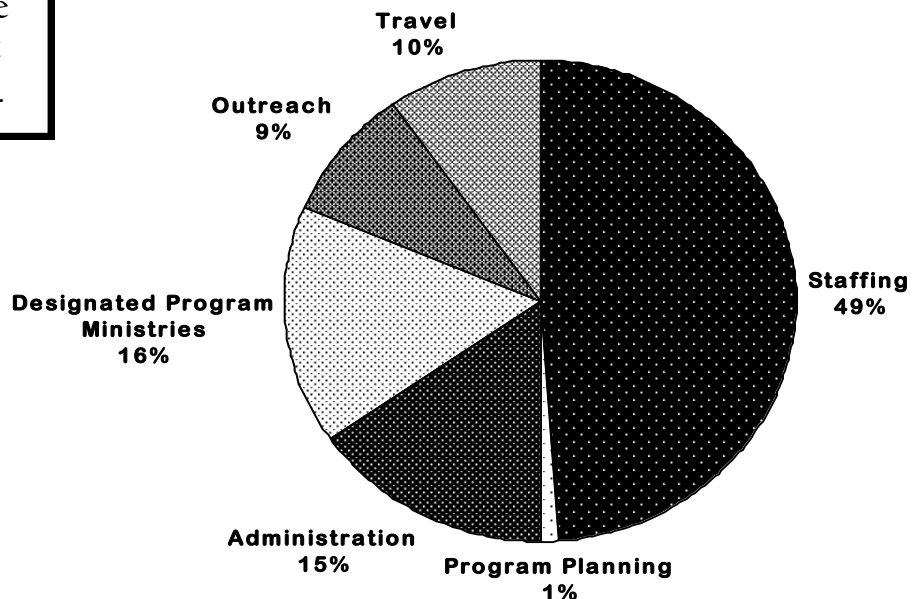
Salem First	\$8,666.71
Nampa First	5,220.00
Lynchwood	3,955.19
Forest Grove	2,286.84
Medford	1,200.00
John Day	845.18
Keizer	728.31
Hood River Valley	<u>150.00</u>
Total	\$23,052.23

2015

Salem First	\$7,333.37
Nampa First	5,422.56
Lynchwood	4,242.99
Medford	1,200.00
Keizer	914.45
La Grande First CWF	900.00
New Hope Meridian	800.00
John Day	776.11
Hood River Valley	400.00
Albany First	50.00
Springfield First	<u>50.00</u>
Total	\$22,089.48

Thank you to the twelve congregations who gave designated financial gifts to the Christian Church in Oregon & SW Idaho in 2014 and/or 2015.

Operating and Program Expenses



How are Oregon and SW Idaho Church Ministry Funds spent?

2014 34 of 44 congregations

Salem First	\$45,518.45
Murray Hills	27,222.30
Hood River	19,818.11
Northwood	17,042.32
Portland First	16,099.12
Eugene First	14,429.96
Red Rock Boise	12,498.00
Keizer	10,924.70
Nampa	10,452.00
Pendleton	9,972.21
La Grande	9,900.00
Forest Grove	9,005.48
Junction City	7,167.67
Albany	6,447.75
Grants Pass	6,200.00
Silverton	5,352.00
Lynchwood	4,055.19
Homedale	2,825.63
Ontario	2,192.90
Lebanon	2,178.13
Springfield	1,850.00
North Bend	1,719.96
Burley	1,492.08
New Hope	1,200.00
The View	1,100.00
John Day	845.19
Ione	794.00
Corvallis	776.34
Mountain Home	660.00
Allison Park	546.00
Treasure Valley	250.00
Twin Oaks	200.00
Parkview	105.00
Midway	88.00
Misc.	<u>1,048.00</u>

Total **\$251,976.49**

Disciples Mission Fund Givers

**2015 30 of 45 congregations**

Salem First	\$50,544.39
Hood River	20,649.53
Eugene First	16,125.00
Portland First	14,186.67
Keizer	13,716.75
Northwood	13,452.61
Red Rock Boise	12,386.00
Murray Hills	11,080.91
Nampa	10,822.75
Pendleton	10,449.29
La Grande	9,000.00
Albany	7,370.00
Junction City	6,556.42
Grants Pass	6,200.00
Silverton	4,906.00
Lynchwood	4,342.99
Homedale	2,092.43
Ontario	1,539.00
North Bend	1,385.69
Corvallis	1,304.00
The View	1,257.50
New Hope	1,100.00
Springfield	1,000.00
Lebanon	941.51
Ione	939.25
Allison Park	931.00
Burley	872.55
John Day	776.14
Mountain Home	760.00
Parkview	42.00
Misc.	<u>778.83</u>

Total **\$227,509.21**

Special Day Offerings



2014

Reconciliation	\$ 8,903.64
Easter	14,051.14
Pentecost	7,285.42
Thanksgiving	8,289.70

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

2015

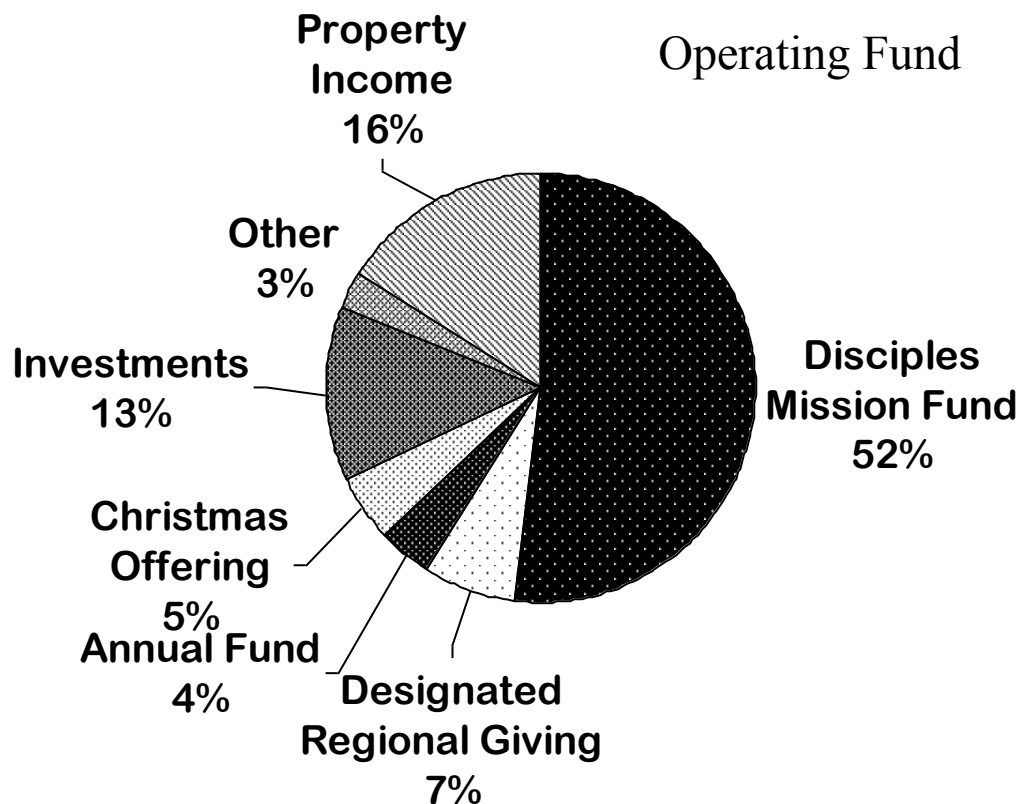
Reconciliation	\$ 8,481.14
Easter	11,174.43
Pentecost	8,291.49
Thanksgiving	8,401.00

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 2014-15

2014

Murray Hills	5,010.74
Lynchwood	1,807.30
Nampa	1,294.00
Salem First	988.00
Portland First	910.00
Pendleton	684.00
Eugene First	547.00
Silverton	545.00
Hood River Valley	540.00
La Grande	447.00
Medford	406.50
Albany	345.00
Springfield	252.00
Parkview	226.00
The View	200.00
Ione	177.00
Treasure Valley Caldwell	137.00
Trees of Righteousness	100.00
Corvallis	100.00
New Hope	100.00
Mountain Home	90.12
Keizer	88.00
Glenwood	81.30
Midway	26.00
Lebanon	20.00
Total	\$ 15,121.96

25 of 44 congregations participating

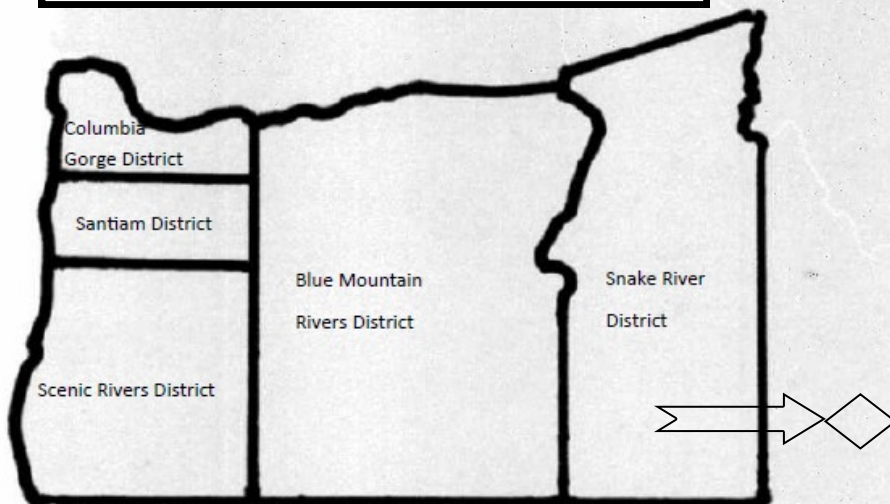
2015

Murray Hills	3,561.92
Salem	2,416.00
Eugene First	2,363.20
Parkview	1,687.00
Silverton	1,357.00
Pendleton	901.14
Red Rock	804.00
Lynchwood	755.00
Hood River	471.00
Albany	425.00
Medford	413.00
LaGrande	297.00
Corvallis	265.00
Junction City	240.00
Portland First	228.00
Burley	200.00
New Hope	200.00
Homedale	110.00
Lebanon	95.00
Keizer	61.00
Trees of Righteousness	50.00
Mountain Home	47.50

Total \$16,947.76

22 of 45 congregations participating

Thank you to the 28 Christian Church congregations that gave Christmas offerings in 2014 and/or 2015.



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Regional Board of Directors

Moderator	Gary Allen	Mountain Home/New Hope Meridian
Moderator-Elect	<i>Geoff Speidel</i>	<i>Hood River Valley</i>
1st Vice Moderator	<i>Neil Allen</i>	<i>The View, Portland</i>
2nd Vice Moderator	<i>Brenda Mikota</i>	<i>Portland First Christian</i>
Treasurer	<i>Donna Culley</i>	<i>Ontario First Christian</i>
Commission on Finance	<i>Craig Johnson</i>	<i>Salem First Christian</i>
Commission on Ministry	Bob Arnold	Salem First Christian
Blue Mountain Rivers Dist.	Penny Gavette	Pendleton First Christian
	Joe Culley	Ontario First Christian
	<i>Al Altnow</i>	<i>John Day First Christian</i>
Columbia Gorge Dist.	<i>Alissa Blair</i>	<i>Lynchwood, Portland</i>
	Judy Meneghin	Murray Hills, Beaverton
	<i>Linda Tolston</i>	<i>Trees of Righteousness</i>
Scenic Rivers Dist.	<i>Barbara Utt</i>	<i>Northwood, Springfield</i>
	<i>Lee Ferguson</i>	<i>Medford First Christian</i>
	<i>Sharon Warner</i>	<i>Eugene First Christian</i>
Santiam River Dist.	Cherry Hoffman	Silverton First Christian
	<i>Agustin Martinez</i>	<i>Escudo y Fortaleza, Salem</i>
	<i>Donna Lewelling</i>	<i>Lebanon First Christian</i>
Snake River Dist.	Bill Logsdon	Boise, Parkview Christian
	Brian Nicholas	Boise, Red Rock Christian
	Lena Webb	Nampa First Christian
Men's Ministries	James Hobbs	Trees of Righteousness
Women's Ministries	Renee Windsor-White	Albany First Christian
Youth Ministries	Alyssa Tanksley	Silverton First Christian
Congregational Reps.	Susi McCall	Burley, First Christian
	Jani DeMond	Caldwell, Treasure Valley
	Darren Anderson	Dallas First Christian
	Karen Glass	Grants Pass First Christian

*Names in bold typeface are
nominees for election at the 2016
Regional Assembly Business Session*



Ministers and their spouses who have died since May 2014

Alger Fitch	June 6, 2014
Billie Watkins	August 14, 2014
Roy Helms	January 4, 2015
Marie Soward Green	September 6, 2015
Carol Dewey	October 4, 2015
Joyce Sawyer	February 26, 2016
Gwen Hershisier	April 23, 2016
Ray Lindley	April 25, 2016



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

Albany, First	Douglass Anne Cartwright, Associate Pastor
Albany, First	Eric Dale, Interim Minister
Boise, Red Rock	René Jensen, Interim Minister
Eugene, Glenwood	Taylor Lind, Supply Preacher
Grants Pass, First	Wayne Bell, Interim Minister
Hood River Valley	Alicia Speidel, Pastor
Junction City, First	Gary Ivey, Interim Minister
Keizer	Patty Evans, Short Term Interim Pastor
La Grande, First	Ray Smith, Pastor
Lebanon, First	Myrna Phillips, Interim Minister
Medford, First	Bill and Mary Jacobs, Co-Interim Ministers
Meridian, Parkview	Gene Hill, Senior Pastor
Meridian, Parkview	Nathan Lacy, Family Minister
Portland, Christ Church	Adam Phillips, Pastor
Portland, La Viña	Cesar Delgado Avalos
Portland, Lynchwood	Andrew Shepherd, Pastor
Portland, Pacific Islands	Alson Rokulong, Pastor
Family Church	Kikuo Yerem, Associate Pastor
Portland, Peniel	Anselmo Barragan-Garcia, Associate Minister
Portland, St. Johns	Andy Goebel, Pastor
Silverton, First	Cherry Hoffman, Commissioned Minister

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 Christian Church, Portland

Churches in Formation and Affiliating Churches

Christ Church, Portland
Iglesia Cristiana Peniel, Hillsboro
La Viña, Troutdale
Pacific Islands Family Church, Portland
Saint John's Community Church, Portland

In application process:

Chuukese Ministry, Salem;
Iglesia Cristiana Principe de Paz, 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 4, 2016
- ♦ *FEDICE Ecuador Mission Trip* June 9-20, 2016
- ♦ *Kid's Camp Snake River District, Boise Red Rock* June 24-26, 2016
- ♦ *Cascade Camps* June 6-10, Grade School, July 25-30, Middle School, August 1-6, High School
- ♦ *Suttle Lake Camps* July 31-August 1, Middle and High School, August 8-12 Grade School
- ♦ *Women's Retreat, Ashley Inn, Cascade, Idaho* August 19-21, 2016
- ♦ *Mission First Gatherings with Jim and Jayanthi Wilson* September 17, 18, 24, 25, 2016
- ♦ *Anti Racism Training for Trainers begins* October 1, 2016
- ♦ *Women's Retreat, Murray Hills Christian, Beaverton* October 14-15, 2016

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

- ♦ *Regional Assembly, Portland First Christian* May 18-19, 2018

Featured Speakers include Rev. Sandhya Jha and other whole church leaders and global guests. Plan to come and invite your friends to join you. The event will be planned by a committee representing all of the Columbia Gorge District Congregations., Watch our website, Facebook Page and Email Blasts as plans develop.



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

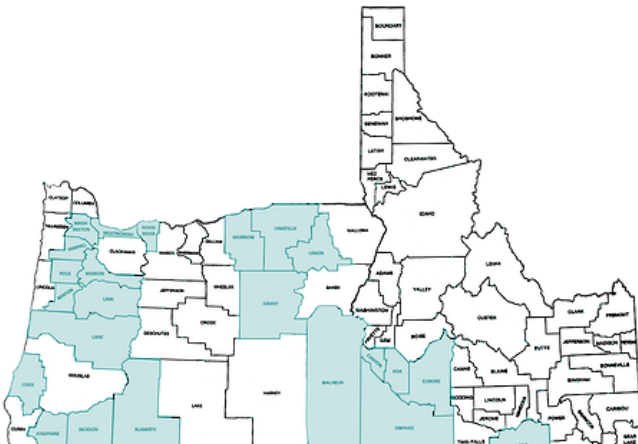
17 Oregon counties and 5 Idaho counties.

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 also enjoy a missionary partnership in **Mozambique** through Erik and Kim Free, members of Portland First Christian Church, who are serving with the United Church of Christ in Mozambique.

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 Assembly is...

May 18-19, 2018

Hosted by

**First Christian Church
Portland, Oregon**