

**Mission Statement  
of the Regional Church**

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*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.*

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*Regional Ministers*  
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***On the Way with Doug and Cathy***  
***All meetings were online or phone***

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| • June 25 | Verne Catt-McDowell Foundation Bd.         | Doug       |
| • June 17 | Anti-Racism/Pro-Reconciliation Call        | Doug/Cathy |
| • June 16 | Silverton Transition Team                  | Cathy      |
| • June 14 | Anti-Racism/Pro-Reconciliation Call        | Doug/Cathy |
| • June 13 | Wild Women of the West Mini Event          | Cathy      |
| • June 11 | Scenic Rivers District Clergy              | Cathy      |
| • June 10 | College of Regional Ministers              | Cathy      |
| • June 8  | Wild Women of the West Planning Group      | Cathy      |
| • June 7  | Burley FCC, Preaching via Facebook         | Cathy      |
| • June 6  | Regional Board Meeting                     | Doug/Cathy |
| • June 5  | Snake River District Clergy                | Cathy      |
| • June 4  | Anti-Racism/Pro-Reconciliation Team        | Doug       |
| • June 3  | College of Regional Ministers              | Cathy      |
| • June 3  | Blue Mountain Rivers District Clergy       | Cathy      |
| • June 2  | College of Regional Ministers Writing team | Cathy      |
| • May 31  | Burley FCC, Pastoral Farewell              | Cathy      |
| • May 29  | Disciples Seminary Graduation              | Doug       |
| • May 28  | Murray Hills Transition Committee          | Cathy      |
| • May 27  | College of Regional Ministers              | Cathy      |
| • May 27  | Week of Compassion Board of Stewards       | Cathy      |



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The regional Anti-Racism/Pro-Reconciliation Team has met by phone and Zoom several times this spring. The ARPR Team has invited all Disciples in the regional church to save these dates and participate in these upcoming activities:

***Conversations on Faithful Responses to Racism:***

- Sunday, June 14, 1 pm Pacific/ 2 pm Mountain time**
- Wednesday, June 17, 6 pm Pacific/ 7 pm Mountain time**

In these Zoom calls, the Anti-Racism/Pro-Reconciliation Team members will share briefly about how their life experiences and faith have shaped their understandings of racism. Participants will also share their own reflections on recent events and ideas for faithful responses to racism. To participate, send your name, congregation and email address to [office@oidisciples.org](mailto:office@oidisciples.org).

***Anti Racism Training, August 8:*** The format for this previously scheduled training day is being evaluated in light of possible restrictions on meeting together.

**TEMPORARY MAILING ADDRESS  
FOR REGIONAL OFFICE (through August 31)**

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**News from our Congregations**

**Burley:** Said farewell to Pastor Jarid McCool who has accepted a new ministry in Lubbock, TX. Chaplain Tracia Deal moved to become the lead Chaplain at a hospital in Kalispell, MT.

**Nueva Vida:** Online ministry reaching people in many new locations.

**Pacific Islands Family Church:** online worship with other Chuukese Ministries in multiple places.

**Lebanon:** Kennedy Bigham of Salem FCC has started an online summer ministerial internship at Lebanon FCC.

**Ione:** "Virtual Coffee Hour" once a week online

**Red Rock:** Ordered Swahili Bibles for study group, after local fundraising and support from The View CC and Oregon Disciple Foundation.

**Silverton:** Retirement of Pastor Steve Knox after 20 years of ministry in Silverton.

**Northwood:** Making plans to resume on site worship as Lane County enters Phase 2.

**Nampa:** Thank you to Disciples Women for a generous gift of \$1,000 to Covid-19 relief in Ecuador through FEDICE.

**Murray Hills and Nampa:** received grants from National Benevolent Association and Week of Compassion for feeding ministries.

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## My Turn.....

Since our last newsletter, we have held our first Online Regional Assembly and our first Online Regional Board Meeting. We have transitioned our camp program in the western part of the region to a “camp in a box” format and cancelled the camps to be held in Idaho.

In addition, we have cancelled the summer/fall women’s retreats and held online women’s events with the 6 western regions together.

I preached with the Burley congregation on Facebook from our office, and Doug attended the celebration of the Disciples Seminary Foundation graduates by Zoom. I met with the Week of Compassion Board of Stewards to determine how WOC would respond to the COVID 19 pandemic domestically and globally. We have been meeting with the College of Regional Ministers weekly and our pastors monthly by zoom.

Doug and I have been amazed by your creativity in the many ways that our congregations have met for worship online by zoom/facebook/YouTube and FM radio. Your resilience and compassion as you served your neighbors food and gathered supplies for those who could not get out to do their own shopping has been wonderful to watch. You have definitely NOT stopped being you. You are still the Church of Jesus Christ, living and serving, worshiping and sharing good news.

Your newly elected regional board met by Zoom the first weekend in June. Thirty-five board members and two guests representing 31 congregations were present. The board received an orientation, reviewed financial reports, heard program and staff reports, and heard reflections from the regional Anti-Racism/Pro-Reconciliation Team members. You can see a summary of the board’s work as well as the Regional Ministers’ report to the board on our website:

<http://www.oidisciples.org/regional-board-updates>.

Starting a new board cycle is always exciting. This new board has people from both our newest and our longest serving congregation, representation from all three of the languages in which we worship, teenagers to people in their 70s, and has representation from 33 congregations representing all five of our districts. We look forward to a great two years of ministry together.

In Hope,  
*Cathy*

## Regional Church Office Mailing Address

The city of Portland has now changed the street address for the Interchurch Center, home of our regional church office. The long time address of 0245 SW Bancroft Street has been changed. The new address is **245 South Bancroft Street, Suite F, Portland, OR 97239.**

Because of the need to work from home during the spring, the Interchurch Center has often been closed and unable to receive mail deliveries. For a short time, we are using a post office box: Christian Church in Oregon SW Idaho, P.O. Box 19466, Portland, OR 97280. Mail that is addressed to either the new or old Bancroft street address is usually forwarded to the P.O. Box. This can add several days to the delivery time.

When more of the Interchurch Center staff return to working in the building, we will stop using the Post Office Box. During the summer months, the P.O. Box will be the best mailing address to use. Thank you for your patience during these changes.



## Camp in a Box

The western regional camps that would have taken place this summer at Suttle Lake have been transformed into a new format we are calling Camp in a Box.

Campers will receive a box in the mail the week before their scheduled camp. The box will have a camp water bottle, Bible exploration ideas for the whole family, a t-shirt, and a variety of craft supplies.

Each evening of the scheduled camp the directors and counselors will be offering a 60-90 minute zoom session where we will have time to check in, play games, sing songs, and pray together.

You can learn more about Camp in a Box on our Website — follow the tab to Camp 2020



**Junior Camp (Graduates of 3rd-6th grades) August 2-4**  
**Middle School Camp (Graduates of 7th-9th grades) August 2-5**  
**High School Camp (Graduates of 10th-12th grades) July 27-30**



## COVID 19 Minga with FEDICE Ecuador

We have come to look forward to hearing from Blanca Puma during the regional assemblies in Oregon SW Idaho. This year was no different. Although we could not gather as planned in May at Salem FCC, Blanca spoke to the online Regional Assembly by video conference on May 16. Blanca is the Executive Director of FEDICE, our global partner working in Ecuador with indigenous people in three different parts of the country.

Blanca Puma shared about the spread of the coronavirus and its economic effects in Ecuador. Together we had a virtual “minga,” a word that means community effort for the common good in Ecuador. The Assembly offering went to emergency food and sanitation supply relief, especially for seniors and others in Ecuador affected by the virus. As of this writing, the total received for Covid-19 related minga in Ecuador is \$6,215. Blanca has sent photos and a video of the deliveries. These are now posted on our regional church website and Facebook Page.

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## Regional Pastoral Relations Team

Appointed by the Regional Board, a Pastoral Relations Team meets every other month with the Regional Ministers. Steve Perotti of Nampa serves as Chair, working with Charles McBride, Julie Hanna, Bob Hanna, Robi Ingram-Rich and Noel Phillips. As in congregations, the Regional Pastoral Relations Team provides support and feedback to the Regional Ministers, discussing various issues in the pastoral relationship. At one recent meeting, the group discussed the decision of Disciples Regional Ministers to refrain from travel temporarily and how this has affected ministry in our region.

