

**Summited by: Bernice Rivera**

My goal, through my participation in different regional committees and national level ministry, is that we would make it possible **to develop and integrate more of the new congregations to the regional church life**. By having a **mutuality relationship** with the community and with other disciple congregations that we serve, **we became a relevant church**.

Thank you, Cathy and Doug for have the vision of a **diverse and inclusive church**. I would like to take the opportunity to **express my gratitude** to Rev. Dr. Cathy Myers and Rev. Dr. Doug Wirt for the honor of working together and learning from them. I will miss them.

Doug and I are working with this transition, with Bernice serving in some interim roles.

- **Master in Pastoral Ministry**  
3 Hispanic Disciples pastors are currently studied a second semester of Master in Pastoral Ministry at Western Seminary.
- **Hispanic Congregations**
  - Doug Wirt and I supported Iglesia Nueva Vida with the **capital campaign** for purchasing a building in Gresham by coordinated work with **Disciple Church Extension** and UCC.
  - I have been interim pastor for Iglesia Rio de Dios. Peniel Church Band was playing at Rio de Dios on April 22. People from **6 Disciple congregations attended**.
- **Baptism day** - Murray Hills Christin Church and Rio de Dios held a **joint baptismal service for 6 people** on May 21. **Shared baptism classes**. Thank you to our Co-Regional Minister Rev. Dr. Doug Wirt for his presiding and Rev. Dr. Troy Sybrant.
- **Hispanic Men retreat**- 33 men attended from 4 churches on May 19-20 at Twin Rocks Camp. Helped in the planning
- **Hispanic couple marriage** - Attended event on February
- **Chuukese Easter Rally** – attended Chuukese Rally in Salem on March 18. Very well attended event around 250 people.

**Commissioned Ministry** - attended monthly meeting. Facilitate translation with Hispanic's pastor

**Anti -Racism Regional Team**

- Attended Regional Anti-Racism monthly meeting.
- Living Justice Anti-Racist Practicum 2023– This practicum is meeting every Monday 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.
- Delivered an anti-racism training to Northern Lights Regional board and Hispanic pastor in Arizona.

**New Church Ministry- see more information in New Church Ministry report**

- New Church leadership Gathering- attended the New Church Leadership gathering quarterly.
- Chair New Church Team Ministry

**Global Ministry-** Attended board meeting in person on March 28- 1 April. in Cleveland  
**Obra Hispana – revised personnel manual**

**FEDICE Ecuador (Global Ministry Partner) - Our next Mission trip. We are looking at the dates of June 17-27. Will be a join trip with Kansas Region youth group. We are planning to make a blog.**

Projects Working on a day care center – construction of bathroom, painting, building a closet Teaching child – 50 children ages 1-3 how to do general hygiene tasks like washing hands. Women workshop in first aide. Connecting with churches in two different areas Visiting Samana Satcha – a retreat center sponsored by Fedice for Spiritual.

**We will be 28 this year – as we meet up with 17 members of the Youth Group from Country Club Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Kansas City, MO.**

Our 10 Trip Participants:

Linda Brown, Abbey Sybrant and Carol Cure from Murray Hills Christian Church;  
Bernice Rivera, Tiffany Rubio, Rio de Dios,  
Neil & Nora Allen, The View Christian,  
Cynthia McBride, Duane Hance, First Christian Portland First Christian Portland,  
Lauri Morris, First Christian Corvallis  
and Doran B. –Formally with First Christian Portland partner ministry with Fedice Ecuador.

This is our biggest area of need for prayer.