

Mission Statement of the Regional Church		On the Way with Doug and Cathy		
Our mission is <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>To nurture members and congregations</li><li>To establish and receive new congregations</li></ul>	April 17-19	Iowa, College of Regional Ministers	Cathy	
	April 13-17	Iowa, General Board of Christian Church	Cathy	
	April 5-8	Scottsdale, AZ, Interregional Women’s Event	Cathy	
	April 4	Portland, New Church Committee	Doug	
	April 3	Future Story Implementation Team	Cathy	
	April 2	Portland, Clergywomen Group	Cathy	
	Mar. 30-Apr. 1	Portland, Chuukese Disciples Easter Rally	Doug	
	Mar. 27	Salem, Santiam District Pastor’s Breakfast	Cathy	
	Mar. 25	Salem, Escudo y Fortaleza, Worship	Doug	
	Mar. 25	Salem First, Worship	Doug	
While working together with the whole Church to do Christ’s ministry in the world.	Mar. 24	Salem, Pray and Play event for Women	Cathy	
	Mar. 22	Eugene area Ministers’ Lunch	Cathy	
	Mar. 21	Commission on Ministry	Doug	
	Mar. 19	Pendleton, Blue Mountain Ministers Lunch	Cathy	
	Mar. 18	LaGrande Worship	Cathy	
	Mar. 17	LaGrande, Pray and Play for Women	Cathy	
	Mar. 15	Regional Elders Orientation	Cathy	
	Mar. 13	Oregon Disciple Foundation Board	Doug	
	Mar. 11	Ontario, Worship, Elders Lunch	Cathy	
	Mar. 10	Boise, Red Rock, Pray and Play for Women	Cathy	
Doug and Cathy Myers Wirt Regional Ministers				
Audre Bratcher, Administrative Assistant				

### News from our Congregations

**Parkview:** The church has called Justin McMurdie as their new senior pastor, to start on April 16.

**Springfield:** FCC has moved back into their own building after completing the remodel and expansion. Glenwood CC welcomed FCC for shared worship services during the construction period.

**Christ Church:** Moving to the Rose City Park United Methodist Church in June.

**Albany:** Safeguarding God's Children, training for youth protection on May 13.

**Escudo y Forteleza Salem, Keizer, Rio de Dios Hillsboro, Portland FCC, and The View:** Hosted Global Ministries visitor in April from Colombia.

**Eugene FCC:** Took a group to Monterey, CA for a Blue Theology Mission Trip during spring break.

**Northwood, Springfield:** Led out on the annual mission trip to Mexico during spring break.

**Ione:** Michael Crouch called as new Interim Minister.

**Ontario:** Decided to enter into the Faithful Planning visioning process.

### Save these dates!


**May 17-18**  
*Children Worship and Wonder Training*  
hosted by Murray Hills Christian Church, Beaverton



**May 18-19**  
*Regional Assembly, Portland*

**June 2**  
*Regional Board Meeting, Portland*

**August 8-11**  
*North American/Pacific Asian Disciples Convocation, hosted by Portland First Christian Church*




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May 20-27

## Regional Assembly May 18-19

As of mid-April over 65 people are already registered for our upcoming regional assembly. By adding online registration, we hope that we have made the process more accessible and easy. For those of you not yet registered and wondering why you should come to this event, consider the following:

- Our guests represent long time global partner, Blanca Puma; an author of a recent book on assets based community/church organizing, Sandhya Jha; and the staff of the General Minister and President team, Timothy James.
- Our displays bring together leaders across the whole church highlighting resources and ministry ideas for congregations.
- Our workshops give opportunities to learn about children's ministry, use of technology, congregational administration, our Anti-Racism work, upcoming leadership for Spanish speaking pastors and more.
- Our worship, planned by pastors of the Columbia Gorge district, promises to be inspiring and joyful.
- A fair trade store with goods from around the globe will sell items with funds going directly to the artisans.

Learn more by going to our website. Every few days from now until assembly more information will be added, so keep on looking! We continue to be grateful to the local arrangements team at Portland First Christian, led by Vice Moderator of the Regional Church, Brenda Mikota. They are in full steam ahead mode getting ready for our visit.

Information on parking and local area restaurants will be posted before the end of April. Encourage your friends to register and attend.

At our 2016 Regional Assembly in Springfield, the regional church launched a process known as the “Future Story.” An Implementation Team of 6 people reviews our progress. You can learn more about the Future Story on our website. We are 1.5 years into a 3 year vision. The overarching hopes for our region include:



- ♦ Enhancing our use of technology to create networks of support and training to build capacity in our mission as a regional church and to assist congregations in upgrading technology in local settings
- ♦ Energize our five regional geographic districts to support each other as congregations and work in shared support and outreach through partnerships of mission
- ♦ Try new ways of support for ministry such as regional elders and clergy support networks
- ♦ Change the shape of our staffing by reducing regional minister hours and adding program staff in part time positions
- ♦ Create a robust Anti-Racism/Pro-Reconciling ministry by offering training in Anti-Racism through a committed community of trained Anti-Racism trainers and an Anti-Racism team, and by assisting congregations in growing in understanding of how to dismantle the structures that continue to support racism in our church and society.

Movement forward has happened on these priorities and on Saturday morning of Regional Assembly we will hear more about this together. Plan to come to assembly or stream portions of the program on line. Stay tuned for streaming information by going to our website Regional Assembly page and Facebook page. Written information will also be sent by postal service to congregations closer to the event. In hope, *Cathy*

## Chuukese Disciples Gathering in Portland for Easter

Over two hundred people from ten congregations met in Gresham, Oregon over Easter weekend 2018 for the annual Chuukese Easter Rally. Pacific Islands Family Church of Portland hosted the event which was held at Mount Hood Community College. Chuukese churches from Salem, OR and Lacey, WA participated along with congregations from Hawaii to Florida, Texas, Missouri, and Colorado. Oregon Disciple Foundation had a part in supporting expenses of the weekend. Activities included worship, lots of good music and meals, teaching and a day of basketball and volleyball tournaments in the gymnasium. Congratulations to PIFC and the national leadership for a successful weekend!



## Children Worship and Wonder Training May 17-18 Murray Hills

If your congregation currently has a CW&W program or is considering starting one, please take advantage of the upcoming training in our regional church. Linda Presley, our leader, has worked with CW&W for almost a decade and is trained to train others to access this way of worshiping with children. Children Worship & Wonder can be used during the congregation's worship service or during Sunday School. To begin, the children come into a special worship space, to a storyteller waiting to greet them. They sit in a circle, surrounded by bible stories made just for them, with all materials at their height. Everything in this special place is accessible to the children.



You can also learn about CW&W during the regional assembly workshop time when Linda will presenting a short info session.

## Pentecost Offering 2018 for New Church Ministries



**Q:** What do these Oregon SW Idaho churches all share in common? Red Rock, Treasure Valley, Mountain Home, Nampa, Albany, Murray Hills, Corvallis, Eugene FCC, Grants Pass, Junction City, La Grande, Keizer, Pendleton, Portland FCC, Lynchwood, Salem FCC, Silverton and The View.

**A:** All supported the 2017 Pentecost Offering for Disciples new church ministries. Thank you! Thank you also if you or your congregation gave to the regional church or Disciples Mission Fund because these also support new church ministries. Aloha Christian Church supports new churches through a legacy fund.

Starting new churches in Oregon and South Idaho is not an easy calling. Even so, in the Oregon SW Idaho regional church, eight new and affiliating ministries meet every week, worshipping in three languages. In the first three months of 2018, new churches in the region have created two large gatherings with ten different congregations at each. In February, 100 youth and adults met for a weekend youth conference. Then the Chuukese Easter Rally brought 200 people together from multiple states.

Since November 2017, Bernice Rivera has joined the regional church staff as Leader Development Associate. She visits new and affiliating and Spanish speaking ministries. The connections between Disciples within the regional church have grown wider and deeper. Our emerging study program with the Disciples Seminary Foundation will be a great blessing. More than this, new church ministries extends the reach of Disciples of Christ, and of Christ to new communities and new people. You can be part of this wherever you live through gifts to the Pentecost Offering.

Visit [www.disciplesmissionfund.org](http://www.disciplesmissionfund.org) to give online.

## Church Camp — “God’s Love is Everywhere!”

Kids’ Camp at Ontario FCC, June 15-17

Grade School Camp at Cascade, June 25-29

High School Camp at Suttle Lake, July 25-29

Grade School & Middle School Suttle Lake, July 30-August 3

Middle School and High School at Cascade, July 30-August 4



## Two Women’s Fall Retreats 2018

### New Beginnings

Spiritual  
Renewal  
Retreat  
for  
Women



October 12-13, 2018



Snake River  
District  
Trinity Pines,  
Cascade, ID

“MY REFLECTION IN GOD’S MIRROR”

Presented by Snake River District  
Disciples Women’s Ministries

Fall Retreat  
Trinity Pines Conference Center  
Cascade, Idaho  
September 7-9, 2018

Western Districts  
Murray Hills  
Christian Church  
Beaverton, OR