

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.

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Regional Ministers

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Online and In Person with Doug and Cathy

- ◆ June 4 Regional Board Meeting
- ◆ May 26 New Church Ministries Team
- ◆ May 20-21 Regional Assembly in Salem
- ◆ May 13 Regional Board Executive Committee
- ◆ May 11 College of Regional Ministers
- ◆ May 5 Albany FCC Interim Minister Search Team
- ◆ May 4-6 Disciples Seminary Foundation Board Meeting
- ◆ May 2 Lebanon FCC Pastoral Search Committee
- ◆ May 1 Anti-Racism/Pro-Reconciliation Team Zoom
- ◆ May 1 Pacific Islands Family Church Event in Vancouver
- ◆ Apr. 25 Silverton FCC Board Meeting
- ◆ Apr. 24 Albany FCC Congregational Meeting
- ◆ Apr. 21 New Church Ministries Team
- ◆ Apr. 21 Disciples Women WWOW Capacity Meeting
- ◆ Apr. 21 Albany FCC Interim Minister Search Team
- ◆ Apr. 19 Blue Mountain Rivers District Pastors
- ◆ Apr. 14 Grants Pass Pastoral Search Committee
- ◆ Apr. 13 College of Regional Ministers Holy Week Worship
- ◆ Apr. 12 College of Regional Ministers Nominating Cte.
- ◆ Apr. 12 Scenic Rivers District Pastors' Zoom
- ◆ Apr. 11 Red Rock Christian Church Board Meeting
- ◆ Apr. 5 Commission on Ministry



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News from our Congregations

Northwood Springfield:

Holding a 60th birthday recognition for pastor Barry Lind.

Salem FCC:

Presenting Joyce Frame with Honored Minister Pin during worship on May 22.

Murray Hills Beaverton:

held an intergenerational drum circle to enjoy being together on May 1.

Nampa:

Doing a drive thru food distribution 2 Fridays a month.

Portland FCC:

Homebase for feeding ministry serving over 1,000 meals weekly plus an additional 500-800 meals via food pantry boxes for those in need.

Albany:

Pastor Tim Graves completes his Ministry in late May.

Pacific Islands Family Church Portland

helping to launch new DOC ministry with Chuukese community in Vancouver.

McMinnville:

Neil Allen has started in May to provide Sunday morning pulpit supply.

Eugene FCC:

Helping Hands room open twice a week to provide clothing, light bedding, hygiene items for outdoor gear.

Pendleton: Crafting group meeting on Fridays.

Upcoming Events

May 20-21

Regional Assembly

June 18

Online Women's Event

August 26-28

Snake River District Women's Retreat

Check Out

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and

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Hosted by
Salem First Christian Church

**Required
Boundary
Training for
Pastors
September 23
See page 2
Watch email
and Website for
Details**



Regional Assembly Information

Thanks to our hosts, Salem First Christian Church, the assembly planning is moving forward quickly. Current registration as of May 1 is 123.

Our twice a week email updates on the assembly are posting large numbers, so we know over 300 of you open them each time they are sent. We hope you are following the run up to the assembly whether you can attend in person, watch portions on line, or watch

recordings of some of the session at a later date. Planning a hybrid assembly is a new challenge for us, and we are hoping we hit a happy medium on serving the needs of in person and online participants. Highlights of the assembly include:

- ◆ Speakers from Week of Compassion, Disciples Church Extension Fund, Christian Church Foundation, Pension Fund, FEDICE Ecuador, Disciples Seminary Foundation, and the Moderator of our Disciples of Christ whole church.
- ◆ Workshops, worship, and meals together
- ◆ Honoring of seminary students, retired ministers, new congregations
- ◆ Receiving an offering for mission
- ◆ A service project of building hygiene kits for ministries nearby
- ◆ Election of a new Regional Board for 2022-24
- ◆ Hearing about the current and future life of our regional church

Details of our regional assembly and registration links can be found at:

www.oidisciples.org/regional-assembly-2022

Required Boundary Training for Ministers on Sept 23

Bruce A. Barkhauer was called as the first “Minister for Faith and Giving for Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)” in 2010. Since that time he has engaged the whole church in conversations about generosity and offered transformative ways for congregations to think about stewardship. His ministry includes teaching in seminaries, producing web-based resources, leading workshops and retreats, itinerate preaching, consulting, writing for publication, and mentoring pastors and lay persons around the topic of personal and congregational financial wellness as well as financial best practices and ethics.

For 25 years he led congregations in Ohio and Indiana in achieving high levels of financial support for local and global missions. He discovered early in his ministry that stewardship was his passion, and has had a career-long love affair with researching this important topic in the life of the church.

This training is offered by our Commission on Ministry and is mandatory for all ordained and commissioned ministers. Other persons are also welcome to come to the training.

Watch our emails, webpage and facebook page for details as they develop. For now, save the date.

Learn more at <https://centerforfaithandgiving.org/>

Center for
faith & giving

Pentecost Offering for New Church Ministry May 29—June 4

The annual Pentecost offering received in our congregations funds the new congregation efforts of the whole church. Fifty percent of the funds stay in our region and fifty percent go to the denomination wide new church ministry.



On Saturday afternoon of Regional Assembly we will celebrate our newest fully recognized congregations.

- ◆ Portsmouth Union Church in Portland, currently launching a new affordable housing structure on their property where their fellowship hall used to stand.
- ◆ Pacific Islands Family Church, that helped to launch a new Chuukese Ministry in Vancouver on May 1. Regional Minister, Doug Wirt, brought a word.
- ◆ Nueva Vida Gresham, that hosted a recent Hispanic Men’s retreat and is working to purchase a building.

Learn more by attending New Church Ministries Team online workshop during Regional Assembly, *see page 2*.



Silverton FCC Calls Eric Eide as Pastor

At a congregational meeting on May 1, the Silverton FCC voted to call Rev. Eric Eide as their Pastor beginning on July 1. Eric currently serves as the Associate Pastor at

Albany FCC and also as a Regional Board Vice-Moderator. Pastor Eide has served congregations in Oregon, California and Virginia. He is well known to the church camp community as a counselor every summer at camp. Eric was ordained at the Corvallis FCC following seminary training at Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley and is a graduate of Northwest Christian College, now Bushnell University, in Eugene.

Regional Women’s Ministries Update



- ◆ **JUNE 18** online event for Disciples Women in our region. Speakers Christal Williams, Regional Minister of Christian Church in Tennessee and Susan Gonzales-Dewey from Pacific Southwest Region will be our keynoters. Watch website for details
- ◆ **AUGUST 26-28** Snake River District Disciples Women plan an in person retreat in Cascade, Idaho, Trinity Pines Conference center. Keynoter Michelle Harris-Gloyer, is new to the region, serving as Associate Pastor for Salem First Christian Church. She spoke at the January online regional women’s event, and you can see the video of that event here...

<https://www.oidisciples.org/upcoming-online-events>

- ◆ **OCTOBER 7-8** Western Districts Disciples Women plan an in person retreat hosted by Murray Hills Christian Church. Keynote Speaker, LaTaunya Bynum, Regional Minister of Christian Church in Northern California/Nevada will be with us for this event.