

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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- May 28 Regional Assm. 2022 Local Arrangements cte
- May 27 Week of Compassion Board of Stewards
- May 22 Meet the New Church Pastors Zoom Event
- May 20 EMO Bishops and Execs
- May 19 Commission on Ministry
- May 16 Giuseppe Amato/Lynchwood CC Installation
- May 13 Scenic Rivers District Clergy Zoom
- May 12 Blue Mountain Rivers District Clergy Zoom
- May 12 Columbia Gorge District Clergy Zoom
- May 10 Albany FCC Governing Documents Committee
- May 9 Pendleton FCC Congregational Meeting
- May 6-7 Disciples Seminary Foundation Board Meeting
- May 5 College of Regional Ministers Zoom Meeting
- May 4 New Church Team
- May 2 Anti Racism/Pro Reconciliation Team
- Apr. 29 Silverton FCC Pastoral Search Committee
- Apr. 29 Disciples Seminary Foundation Exec. Cte.
- Apr. 28 Regional Board Executive Committee
- Apr. 28 Commission on Ministry
- Apr. 27 Santiam River District Clergy Zoom
- Apr. 27 Webinar "A Response to Hate and Hate Groups"



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Pentecost Offering for New Church Ministry

Disciples support new church ministries through the Pentecost Offering each year. Half of each dollar given supports ministries within the regional church and half goes to Disciples New Church work across North America. Within the Oregon SW Idaho regional church, current new church ministries include:

- ◆ Boise, Pacific Outreach Christian Church
- ◆ Hillsboro, Rio de Dios
- ◆ Keizer, Iglesia Cristiana Jehova Nisi
- ◆ Portland, Iglesia Cristiana Principe de Paz
- ◆ Salem, Chuukese Fellowship Church of Christ

On Saturday, May 22, you can meet some of the new church pastors online at 10 am Pacific / 11 am Mountain time.

To register, send your name to office@oidisciples.org, or go online on our upcoming events section of our website:

www.oidisciples.org/news-clh8s

Special Pentecost Offering videos are also available at this same link. You can find a listing of **Pentecost Offering Resources** at: <https://conta.cc/3vPGtpk>

You can give to the Pentecost Offering at any time by going online to this link: www.disciplesmissionfund.org.

Many congregations also receive the special offering during worship.

This year the days for this special offering in worship will be **May 16 and 23.**



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**Regional
Assembly
May 2022**

**Thank you Salem
First Christian
Church for
offering to host
this event**

News from our Congregations

Pendleton: Called Karyn Dix to become Co-Pastor starting June 1.

Murray Hills: New Senior Pastor, Troy Sybrant, arrived May 5.

Lebanon: Soup Kitchen is opening back up at 25% capacity..

La Grande: New Pastor, Archie Hook, begins his ministry in May. Interim Pastor, Shari Eggleston completed her ministry on Mother's Day.

Homedale: Pastor Maurice Jones completed his ministry.

Glenwood: Erin Curtis completed her ministry as Pulpit Supply Preacher.

Upcoming Events

May 16: Installation of Giuseppe Amato, Pastor Lynchwood Christian

May 16-23: Pentecost Offering for New Church Ministries

May 22: Meet New Church Pastors Zoom Event

June 5: Regional Board

June 26: Week of Compassion Disaster Preparedness Asset Mapping Training Online

July 17: Online Women's Event with Global Ministry Guest

August 7: Disciples of Christ Online Gathering

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Dear Friends,

For over a year, churches across the United States have had to create different ways to “do church.” In a way, the coronavirus caused this. Really, it was the virus AND the people of God following Jesus’ commandment to love our neighbors and ourselves. The church found creative ways to share the gospel.

New church ministry finds new ways to share the gospel all the time. During the epidemic, long existing churches have had to do things differently. New churches do some things differently all the time. Almost all churches were doing new church ministry in some way during the pandemic.

Disciples of Christ will celebrate our new church ministries with the Pentecost offering, May 16 and 23. With the Covid-19 year of 2020, only about half of the congregations in our regional church actually gave to the new church offering. In 2021, let’s improve on that.

You can give personally by going to this link: www.disciplesmissionfund.org; or give through your congregation or by sending to the regional church office.

On May 22, please join us for an online hour to “meet the church planters.” As on Pentecost day, you’ll be amazed with what God is doing.

Doug



Global Ministries Partner with FEDICE

Your giving to Disciples Mission Fund (DMF) helps support our mission partner FEDICE. FEDICE in Spanish is Fe (faith) + Dice (says) or “faith says.” FEDICE ministers with indigenous communities in Ecuador to build up churches, communities and families.

Global Ministries, supported by DMF, has already given three grants to FEDICE in 2021. The three grants add up to \$10,000.

- ◆ One is for work in the coastal community of Sua.
- ◆ Another is for economic development to build a place for tourists to stay high in the mountains of Imbabura province. This will provide income in a rural area.
- ◆ The third grant is for the general operations of FEDICE, led by Executive Director Blanca Puma.

You can learn more about the work of FEDICE by visiting the website: www.fedice.org. Videos about work in the Ecuadoran communities are posted often on our Regional Church Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/CCOSWI> and the FEDICE Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/fedice.ecuador>. You can also view pictures on our website at: <https://www.oidisciples.org/fedice-updates> and see blog posts from the last time some of the members of our congregations visited in Ecuador at: <https://www.oidisciples.org/blog-posts-2019-fedice-trip>



Lynchwood Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

INVITES YOU TO JOIN US IN
CELEBRATING THE INSTALLATION
and
One Year Anniversary for

Pastor Giuseppe Amato

Sunday, May 16, 2021
at two in the afternoon

Via Zoom



Two Upcoming Online Training Opportunities

3 Hr. Children’s Worship and Wonder, July 9
CW&W uses a four-fold order of worship. 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, each in its special place, accessible to the children. The storyteller leads the children in a time of singing and praise. This coming together of the children follows the first order of worship which is the gathering of God’s people. Cost is \$75.
<https://discipleshomemissions.regfox.com/cww2021-july-virtual-training>

3 Hr. Disaster Preparedness Training
June 26 morning
Associate Director of Week of Compassion, Caroline Hamilton-Arnold will assist congregations to learn about how to prepare for disasters in their community and to make plans for their congregational response and response to their surrounding communities. Cost is \$10. Sign up and more details will be found shortly on the upcoming events section of our Website:
www.oidisciples.org/news-clh8s

Upcoming events for Disciples Women

The Snake River District
Disciples Women is holding its in person Women’s Retreat
August 27-29 at Trinity Pines Retreat in Cascade, Idaho.

Our next **Online Women’s Event** is planned for **July 17**.

Details on these events can be found connect to the calendar page of the regional church website:

www.oidisciples.org/news-clh8s

Update from the April 17 Event

Our April online women’s event drew around 100 people from five states and India. Keynoters Anita Grace Paul and Tracia Deal brought inspiration and hope. Five small groups shared faith, one of them led in Spanish. Our offering met the goal of \$1,500, with half going to the Family Village Farm in India and half going to Clergy Family Emergency Fund. An additional \$1,050 was sent to the FVF from special funds on hand for mission.