

# Regional Assembly May 20-21, 2022



Hosted by  
Salem First Christian Church

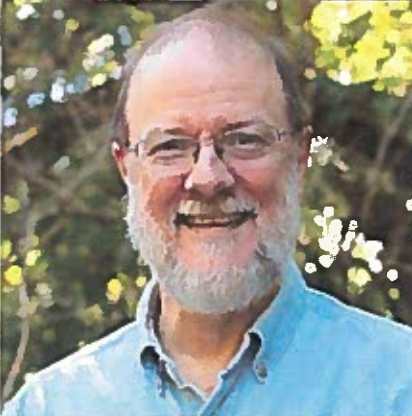
# Our Regional Assembly Guests 2022



**Belva Brown Jordan** serves as the Interim President of the Disciples Seminary Foundation in Claremont, CA and as Associate Professor of the Practice of Ministry at the Claremont School of Theology. She has worked with the Disciples Home Missions Staff, Lancaster Theological Seminary, Harvard University Divinity School, and Phillips Theological Seminary in Tulsa. In addition to her work in higher education, she is currently serving as the Moderator of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) General Assembly. Belva received an honorary doctorate degree this week from the Claremont School of Theology in recognition of her long term service in seminary education and ministry. She lives in Southern California with her family.



**Vy Nguyen** joined Week of Compassion as Executive Director in 2014, and continues leading the ministry in responding to the unique challenges of this time. With a Master of Divinity from the University of Chicago, and a B.A. in religious studies and environmental sciences from Texas Christian University, Vy served on the staff of Church World Service for more than five years before accepting the call to serve on staff with Week of Compassion. Vy and his wife, Linh Bui--along with their son--enjoy gardening, cooking and sharing meals with friends and family. They live in the Bay Area of Northern California.



**Dean Phelps** has served in regional ministry with six regions, most recently serving as the Interim Regional Minister with the Oklahoma, Central Rocky Mountain, and Kentucky Regions. He earned the Master of Divinity degree from Emory University's Candler School of Theology and holds an M.S. in organization development from Georgia State. Prior to following his ministry vocation, he worked in information technology as a systems programmer and technical manager. Phelps is also an accomplished musician with seven albums to his credit, and he performs regularly around central Kentucky.



## **Blanca Isabel Puma Martinez**

Blanca is a native Quiteña and brings with her more than 17 years of experience at FEDICE, first as Project Coordinator and now as Executive Director. As the fearless leader of FEDICE's staff and volunteers, Blanca heads up community relations, donor relations, communications, program development and staff management — applying a healthy dose of creativity and determination to every task she takes on. Blanca has a degree in Medical Technology & Environmental Sanitation from the Central University of Ecuador. Recently FEDICE has been working to build a home for a family and

also an eco-tourism site. Blanca lives with her husband, Luis, in Quito, Ecuador.

## Regional Board of Directors for 2022-24 for election

*Names in bold typeface are nominees for election at our 2022 Business Session*

*Names with \* are re-elections. Names in plain type without \* are continuing to serve an unexpired term.*

Moderator	Pam Knight	Lynchwood Christian Church
Moderator-Elect	<b>Sandy Berry</b>	<b>Portland First Christian Church</b>
1st Vice Moderator	<b>Eric Eide</b>	<b>Albany First Christian Church *</b>
2nd Vice Moderator	<b>VACANT</b>	
Treasurer	<b>Sandra Vincent</b>	<b>Lynchwood Christian Church</b>
Commission on Finance	Gary Smith	Red Rock Christian Church
Commission on Ministry	<b>Shari Eggleston</b>	<b>The View/Portsmouth *</b>
Commission on Ministry	<b>Erik Free</b>	<b>Keizer Christian Church</b>
New Church Committee	<b>Bernice Rivera</b>	<b>Murray Hills Christian Church *</b>
Anti-Racism Committee	<b>Brenda Mikota</b>	<b>Portland First Christian Church</b>
<b>Pastoral Relations Committee</b>	<b>Robi Ingram-Rich</b>	<b>Portland First Christian Church *</b>
Blue Mountain Rivers Dist.	<b>Dean Groshong</b>	<b>Pendleton First Christian Church</b>
	Cheryl Hudson	La Grande First Christian Church
	Jeff Clabaugh	Ione Community Church
Columbia Gorge Dist.	Kikuo Yerem	Pacific Islands Family Church
	Leticia Oregel	Principe de Paz Christian Church
	<b>Mary Anne Parrott</b>	<b>Hood River Valley Christian Church</b>
Scenic Rivers Dist.	Erin Curtis	Springfield First Christian Church
	Bradley Helms	Junction City First Christian Church
	<b>Jamie McCornack</b>	<b>Eugene First Christian</b>
Santiam River Dist.	<b>Mark Ridings</b>	<b>Salem First Christian Church</b>
	Jorge Lopez	Iglesia Cristiana Jehova Nisi
	Laura Herring	McMinnville First Christian Church
Snake River Dist.	<b>Lena Webb</b>	<b>Nampa First Christian *</b>
	<b>Gary Allen</b>	<b>New Hope Christian Church</b>
	<b>Jani DeMond</b>	<b>Treasure Valley Christian Church</b>
Congregational Representatives		
Debra Irish, Parkview Christian Church		Darren Anderson, Dallas First
Jon Pifer, Midway Christian, Portland		Elizabeth Seamans, Ontario First
General Board Representative		
	Steve Perotti	Nampa First Christian Church

### **Hebrews 4:10**

“<sup>10</sup> For those who receive that rest which God promised will rest from their own work, just as God rested from God’s own work.”

### **Ministers or their spouses who have died since May 2020**

Lois Brandenfels	Dorothy May Bryant
Francis Wayne Bryant	Mildred Evans
Robert James Hempfling	James LeRoy Hershiser
Norma Jeffries	Maurice Jones
Gilbert Knox	Gary Rose
Gary Shoemaker	Whitfield Smith
Mary A. Towne	

# How do Disciples financially support the Christian Church in Oregon & SW Idaho in our common mission?

## Congregations

- Disciples Mission Fund in church budget
- Promoting Christmas offering
- Giving a gift to the Oregon Disciple Foundation to increase our investments
- Designated Regional giving
- Sharing a percentage of bequest gifts

## Individuals

- Annual fund gifts
- Remembering the Regional Church or the Oregon Disciple Foundation in your will
- Christmas offering
- Capital gifts
- On-line giving

### Direct Congregational Gifts to Regional Church Budget 2020-2021 Over and above Disciples Mission Fund

Salem First	\$ 16,000
Nampa First	11,148
Lynchwood, Portland	6,992
Medford	4,200
Keizer	1,755
John Day	1,703
Treasure Valley Caldwell	400
Eugene First	391
Albany First	224
Springfield First	50
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$42,863</b>

Thank you to these 10 congregations for their generosity

### Gifts to Regional Annual Fund 2020-2021

From individuals and families directly

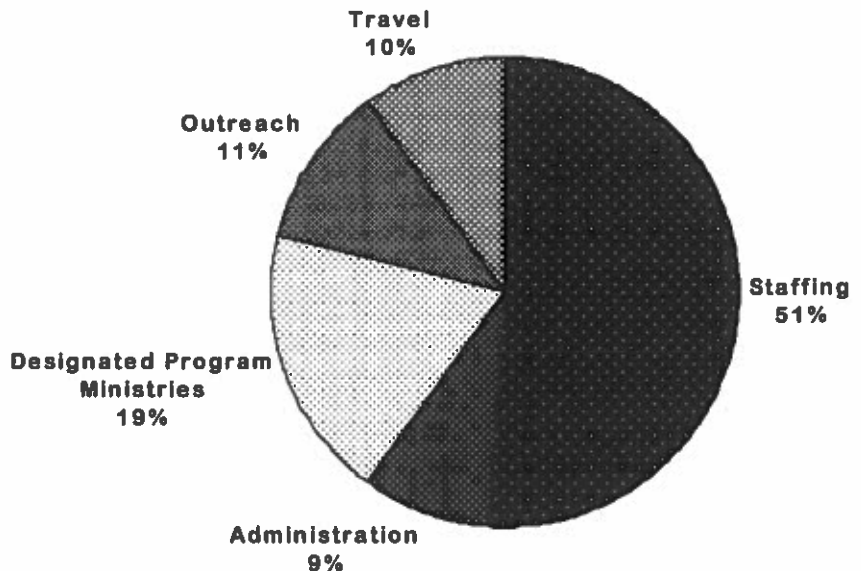
#### 2021 Annual Fund

\$34,320 from 60 households  
Highest total since beginning of the fund

#### 2020 Annual Fund

\$21,735 from 45 households  
Until 2021, this was the highest total since the beginning

## Operating and Program Expenses



## How are Oregon and SW Idaho Church Ministry Funds spent?



# Disciples Mission Fund Givers 2020-2021

30 of 44 congregations participated in giving

2020		2021	
15th largest total among 31 regions		14th largest total among 31 regions	
Murray Hills	\$ 25,403	Murray Hills	\$ 25,933
Salem First	25,000	Northwood	21,553
Northwood	21,000	Salem First	20,000
Eugene First	19,851	Portland First	17,603
Portland First	16,703	Eugene First	15,033
Hood River	13,807	Keizer	13,634
Keizer	11,944	Hood River	12,179
Pendleton	11,835	La Grande	9,422
La Grande	8,430	Pendleton	7,877
Nampa	8,226	Red Rock Boise	7,640
Red Rock Boise	7,500	Nampa	7,626
Grants Pass	6,900	Grants Pass	6,900
Albany	6,360	Albany	6,380
Lynchwood	5,678	Silverton	5,500
Silverton	5,500	Junction City	5,044
Junction City	5,408	Lynchwood	3,204
Lebanon	1,750	Corvallis	2,042
North Bend	1,641	North Bend	1,831
The View	1,000	Homedale	1,374
Homedale	1,358	Springfield	1,305
New Hope	1,200	Portsmouth Union	1,200
John Day	728	The View	1,000
Portsmouth Union	661	Treasure Valley	1,000
Mountain Home	760	John Day	975
Springfield	500	Mountain Home	570
Ione	500	New Hope	500
Medford	500	Ione	500
Treasure Valley	400	Lebanon	410
Corvallis	<u>250</u>	Medford	200
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$210,693</b>	Parkview	<u>50</u>
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$198,485</b>



# Special Day Offerings, Received in Disciples of Christ Congregations

*Our region is 24th in size of the 31 Regional Churches*

## 2020 Amount/Ranking whole Church

Week of Compassion	\$ 95,622	7th
Reconciliation	\$ 10,437	10th
Easter	\$ 6,683	17th
Pentecost	\$ 5,915	13th
Thanksgiving	\$ 3,793	22nd

*Reconciliation* offering used for programs and projects moving the church and community toward racial justice. 50% of these gifts remain in our Regional Church for racial justice ministries. Received in September/October.



## 2021

Week of Compassion	\$ 105,190	7th
Reconciliation	\$ 9,703	14th
Easter	\$10,538	15th
Pentecost	\$ 7,023	10th
Thanksgiving	\$ 4,833	20th

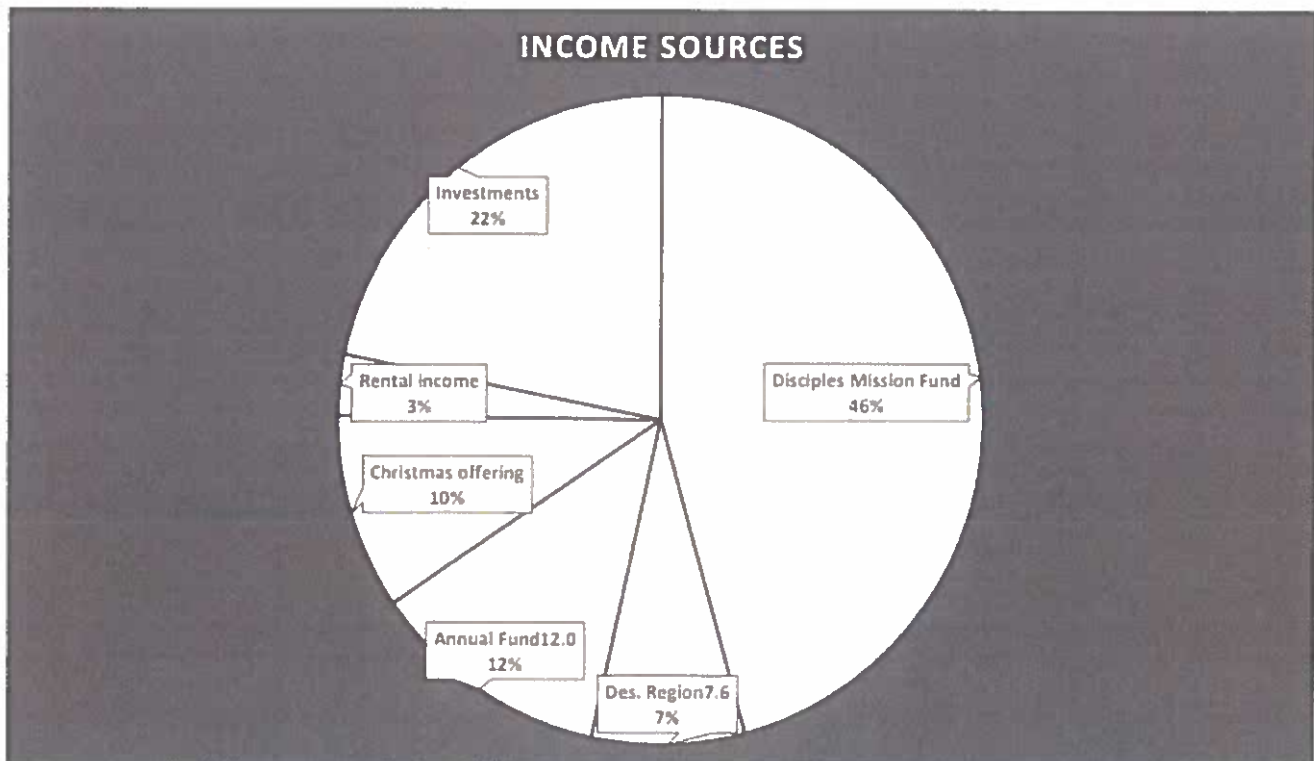
*Easter* offering is used for the global mission and domestic mission arms of our church. Received during Holy Week.

*Pentecost* offering is used to support new congregations in training New Church Pastors and lay leaders. 50% of these gifts remain in our regional church supporting new congregation starts in Oregon and Idaho. Received in May/June.

*Week of Compassion* offering is used to respond to disasters domestic/global, assist congregations and communities in disaster preparedness, fund development projects, and assist in resettlement and support of displaced persons. Received in February.

*Thanksgiving* offering is used to support our colleges and seminaries as they train leaders for the church and the world. Received in November.

## How is the Regional Church Funded?



# Christmas Offering 2020-2021

## 2020

Murray Hills	\$2,654
Boise, Red Rock	980
Eugene, First	785
Salem	540
Hood River	477
Medford	436
Portland First	375
Albany	370
Lynchwood	351
Corvallis	250
The View	210
Pendleton	180
Springfield	172
LaGrande	150
Nampa	100
New Hope	100
Mountain Home	98
Homedale	50
Treasure Valley, Caldwell	25
Junction City	<u>20</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,423</b>

20 of 44 Congregations Participated in 2020

24th highest out of 31 regional churches

## 2021

Murray Hills	\$12,025
Silverton	2,410
Parkview	2,157
Eugene First	1,155
Portland First	980
Medford	836
Dallas	784
Red Rock, Boise	750
The View	750
Jehova Nisa	700
Salem First	660
Lynchwood	425
Nampa	370
Pendleton	355
Hood River	350
LaGrande	326
Treasure Valley, Caldwell	325
Corvallis	270
New Hope	200
Springfield First	150
Mountain Home	<u>120</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$26,423</b>

20 of 44 Congregations Participated in 2020

8th highest out of 31 regional churches

Thank you to the 24 Christian Church congregations that gave Christmas offerings in 2020 and/or 2021.

The Christian Church in Oregon & SW Idaho is a community of 44 congregations, speaking 3 languages and witnessing to the love of God in 17 Oregon counties and 3 Idaho counties. We belong to a worldwide network of Christians in 70 countries and enjoy partnerships in ministries such as hospitals, schools, development projects, disaster relief and training of church leaders. Our congregations have a long term mission partnership with the FEDICE ministry headquartered in Quito, Ecuador, sending and receiving guests for over 25 years.

We are governed by a representative Board of Directors which meets three times a year and an Executive Committee which handles business matters between the board meetings. The regional church gathers every two years in assembly with Disciples from across our geography in attendance.

Regional Ministers Douglas A. Wirt and Cathy Myers Wirt have served the regional church since June 2001.



Ministers called to congregations and  
Currently in service since 2020 Regional Assembly

Albany, First	Eric Eide, Associate Pastor
Beaverton, Murray Hills	Steve Knox, Michael Crouch, Interim Roles
	Renee Windsor White, short term Interim Pastor
Beaverton, Murray Hills	Troy Sybrant, Pastor
Boise, Red Rock	David Eggleston, Interim Pastor
Eugene, First	Zane Ridings,, Co-pastor
Grants Pass, First	Aaron Larson, Interim Pastor
La Grande, First	Archie Hook, Pastor
Lebanon, First	Greg Widener, Interim Pastor
Lynchwood, Portland	Giuseppe Amato, Pastor
McMinnville, First	Myrna Phillips, Neil Allen, Pulpit Supply
Mountain Home	Terry Barnett, Pastor
Ontario, First	Tammy Anderson, Pulpit Supply
Pendleton, First	Karyn Dix, Co-Pastor
Portsmouth Union, Portland	Shari Eggleston, Interim Pastor
Silverton, First	Eugene Hill, Derek Richman, Sandy Berry, Renee Windsor White, Interim Pastors/Pulpit Supply
Silverton, First	Eric Eide, Pastor to begin in July 2022

*Fully Recognized Congregations since 2020*

Iglesia Nueva Vida, Gresham  
Pacific Islands Family Church, Portland  
Portsmouth Union Church, Portland

*Current Congregations in Formation*

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

*Welcome*



This docket is published on our website under the Regional Assembly Link. We encourage you to share the information in the docket with your congregational boards and other leadership. The following web sites can help you to learn more about the Christian Church in Oregon and SW Idaho and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada.

#oidisciples	<i>To see pictures and contribute pictures about our ministries</i>
<a href="http://www.oidisciples.org">www.oidisciples.org</a>	<i>Christian Church in Oregon and SW Idaho</i>
<a href="http://www.disciples.org">www.disciples.org</a>	<i>Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)</i>
<a href="http://www.globalministries.org">www.globalministries.org</a>	<i>Our global partnerships</i>
<a href="http://www.weekofcompassion.org">www.weekofcompassion.org</a>	<i>Our disaster and development fund</i>
<a href="http://www.fedice.org">www.fedice.org</a>	<i>Our partners in Ecuador</i>
<a href="http://www.christianchurchfoundation.org">www.christianchurchfoundation.org</a>	<i>Our partners in assets/resource management</i>
<a href="https://www.facebook.com/CCOSWI">www.facebook.com/CCOSWI</a>	<i>Our Facebook Page</i>
<a href="http://www.pensionfund.org">www.pensionfund.org</a>	<i>Our partners in pension benefits for staff</i>
<a href="http://www.disciplescef.org">www.disciplescef.org</a>	<i>Our partners in building loans/investments</i>

**For updated information by email, sign up for the on-line news services of**

**Common Current** sign up on [www.oidisciples.org](http://www.oidisciples.org)

*A regular update of regional church news*

**Week of Compassion Updates** sign up on [www.weekofcompassion.org](http://www.weekofcompassion.org)

*A semi-regular update of disaster and development response*

*Thank You!*

**Thank you to the amazing local arrangements team chaired by Penny Blackwell.**

Joyce Frame

Sandi Skoog

Allison Pfaff

Gene Clemens

Wayne Smith

Mark Ridings

Terry Witter

Geonyul Byeon

Kim Resch

Virginia Krebs

Suzanne Witter

Debbie Hegr

**Thank you to Host Pastors**

**Rev. Dr. James Brooks, Rev. Matthew and Rev. Michelle Harris-Gloyer.**