

**Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Oregon and SW Idaho  
Regional Board, February 2, 2019  
Report on Disciples Women Ministries  
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Regional women's ministry is staying busy and is working to create community within and between women's groups. While news of the Fall Retreat was shared at the November Board meeting, I'd like to repeat that one of the highlights of the Retreat was listening to one of the worship hymns being sung in Spanish, Chuukese, and English.

***International Disciples Women's Ministry***



On January 24-27 I attended the annual meeting of the International Disciples Women's Ministry (IDWM). I have been accepted to serve on that group's Executive Committee and my term of service is 2019 to 2023. Here are the highlights of that meeting:

**Mission Project** – This project will collect supplies for women and children either living in or being served by a variety of shelters. Badly needed items in a majority of shelters are diapers and feminine hygiene products.

**Woman-to-Woman Worldwide** – This journey will be to Morocco this year. Applications for this year are due February

15. One woman from our regional church has already applied for a spot on the trip. Next year's destination will be Indonesia as part of the new Global Ministries initiative focusing on Southern Asia.

**145<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Disciples Women** – Celebration plans are being made for the entire birthday year of 2019. IDWM is also asking for 1,450 donors to give gifts of at least \$145. (Although any contribution using the numbers 1,4, and 5 will be accepted.)

**General Assembly** – Women's ministries will be actively involved in the GA, being held in Des Moines, IA. Women's groups are being asked to knit, crochet or quilt 3,000 finger labyrinths so that they can be distributed at the opening worship. Our own Cathy Myers Wirt, knitter extraordinaire, has created two knitting patterns that are both easy and quick to knit.

**HerStory Continues Fund** – This new legacy fund will endow Disciples Women's Ministry to assure that our work continues into the future. Funds can be named if a gift of \$1,000 or more is given.

**UN Commission on the Status of Women** – Executive Director Pat Donahoo, Program Director Chesla Nicholson and IDWM President Marilyn Williams will represent Disciples Women at that gathering.

***Upcoming Regional Events***

The **2019 Pray and Play events** will begin on March 2 at Portland First. Other dates and locations are: March 9, Keizer; March 16, Pendleton; April 6, both Springfield FCC and Nampa; April 13, Grants Pass. All dates are Saturdays and times are all 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. Our theme is "God's Love is Everywhere" and our gospel reading is "On this rock I will build my church".

**Fall Women's Retreats** are planned for both the east side and the west side of the Region. The Snake River District Retreat will be held August 23- 25 at Trinity Pines Camp in Cascade, Idaho. The west side Retreat will be October 11-12 at Murray Hills Christian Church in Beaverton, Oregon.

