

Mission Statement of the Regional

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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Online and In Person with Doug and Cathy

- ◆ June 26 Anti-Racism/Pro-Reconciliation Team
- ◆ June 23 New Church Ministries Team
- ◆ June 22 Verne Catt McDowell Board
- ◆ June 19 Salem FCC, Recognition of Ordination, Geonyul Byeon
- ◆ June 18 Online Women's Event
- ◆ June 9 Interchurch Center Board
- ◆ June 8 Commission on Ministry
- ◆ June 6 Lebanon FCC Pastoral Search Committee
- ◆ June 4 Regional Board Meeting Online
- ◆ May 31 Commission on Finance and Administration
- ◆ May 31 Silverton FCC Governing Documents Committee
- ◆ May 26 New Church Ministries Team
- ◆ May 22 Worship, Salem FCC in Person, presentation of Honored Minister Pin, Joyce Frame
- ◆ May 20-21 Regional Assembly in Salem
- ◆ May 17 College of Regional Ministers
- ◆ 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



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Pentecost Offering June 5

On Pentecost Sunday, Disciples of Christ congregations in the United States and Canada receive an offering targeted to support the newest congregations in our church. Half of the funds remain in Oregon and Idaho to benefit congregations in Boise, Gresham, Portland, Clackamas, Hillsboro and Keizer. The other half of the funds assist the whole church to train and support new church pastors. In our region we have three recently fully recognized congregations:

- ◆ Iglesia Nueva Vida in Gresham
- ◆ Pacific Islands Family Church in Portland
- ◆ Portsmouth Union Church in Portland.



In addition, we have five congregations in formation:

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

Regional Staff Member, Bernice Rivera, along with a New Church Ministries Team, assist the newest congregations and their leadership to develop skills for ministry and mission as well as network with the wider regional church and whole church ministry.

You can find stories about these congregations, videos about new church ministry in this regional church, videos of greeting from the new congregations, and much more at:

<https://conta.cc/3LWwNB9>

You can also reach out to members of the New Church Ministry Team: Bernice Rivera, David Eggleston, Leticia Oregel, Alicia Speidel, Geonyul Byeon, Yolanda Roseby, Melissa Painter, and Doug Wirt.



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News from our Congregations

Albany FCC: Pastor Eric Eide will complete his ministry as Associate Pastor June 30. Pastor Gene Hill will begin interim ministry on June 15.

Hood River Valley CC: Remembered the 80th anniversary of the forced relocation of Japanese American citizens from Hood River during World War II.

Keizer CC: Hosting church camp for regional church congregations August 1-4.

LaGrande FCC: Women's Fellowship collected \$462 for Ukraine Aid.

Red Rock CC: Raised \$1,784 for camp costs with fundraiser.

Chuukese Fellowship Church of Christ Salem: Youth led praise dance to open Saturday worship at Regional Assembly.

Principe de Paz: Pastors Gustavo and Leticia Oregel will represent the Northwest Convencion at the 2022 Obra Hispana meeting in Fort Worth, Texas in July.

Lynchwood: Pam Knight completes her term as Board Chair this summer and starts a new role as Regional Board Moderator. Sandra Vincent will be Regional Board Treasurer. Thank you, Pam, Sandra and LCC!

Upcoming Events

June 18
Online Women's Event

August 10
Zoom about Asian American and Pacific Disciples History

August 26-28
Snake River District Women's Retreat, Cascade, ID

Check Out

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and
facebook.com/CCOSWI

Required Boundary Training for Pastors September 23
See page 3
Watch email and Website for Details



Thank you to Regional Assembly Planners

Thank you to the staff and local arrangements committee of Salem First Christian Church for a wonderful Regional Assembly. Penny Blackwell and her team did an outstanding job.

With 177 people on the ground and 50-60 watching on line, we enjoyed a full house and full hearts. 34 of our 44 congregations were represented in attendance, and 8 of our congregations participated in a regional choir on Saturday afternoon. The Praise Band at Salem FCC even wrote a theme song for the event! 23 different people led in our two worship services, representing 16 of our congregations. We elected a new Regional Board that represents 27 of our congregations. We recognized fully into membership three congregations: Pacific Islands Family Church, Iglesia Cristiana Nueva Vida, and Portsmouth Union, and experienced prayer and scripture in the three languages in which we worship as a regional church.

Workshops were well attended both in person and online led by Disciples leaders, and we honored seminary grads, retired pastors. We heard from our Global Mission Partner, Blanca Puma of FEDICE Ecuador and received an offering of over \$3500 for FEDICE.

Over 50 health kits were built from abundant donations brought by attendees. The food was also abundant, so abundant that we had left overs. The Saturday lunches were sold raising money to offset assembly costs and the dinner left overs went to Corvallis First Christian Church's soup kitchen. Here is what Pastor Matt Gordon tells us about the food they received: *Thank you for sharing your abundance this past weekend at the Regional Assembly. It was a great gathering of Disciples. In addition, thank you for sharing the leftovers from your Friday night dinner with our Stone Soup community meal in Corvallis, OR. Stone Soup is a nonprofit community meal program serving Corvallis for over 30 years, meals are served at First Christian Church and St. Mary's Catholic Church. There were many positive reviews of dinner on Sunday! It reminds me of a parable about loaves and fishes, but this was loaves and brisket. It was a great witness of delivering abundance in the name of Jesus. Thank you, church!*

Videos of the full worship services and sessions, along with the videos shown during sessions, are all available along with the docket on our website at:

www.oidisciples.org/regional-assembly-2022

June 18 Online Women's event

10-noon Pacific/11-1 Mountain Time Zone

THEME: *Rekindle the Flame, 2 Timothy 1:3-14*

Our online women's event features a Bible Study with **Rev. Susan Gonzales Dewey** and a time of sharing stories with **Rev. Dr. Christal Williams**. We will receive an offering for the **Disciples Women Empowerment Fund** which makes grants to Disciples Women projects.

Susan Gonzales Dewey, retired Regional Minister, worked with Women's Ministry in the Pacific Southwest Regional Church for over 30 years. Recently returned from a six month interim ministry in Hawaii (yes, retirement is good), Susan will be with us to share scripture.

Christal Williams currently serves on the Executive Committee for Disciples Women's Ministries for the Christian Church. She has been working with women's ministry in the Illinois/Wisconsin Regional Church and now in the Tennessee Regional Church where she serves as Regional Minister.

For bios of the speakers, sign up link, offering link, and more info go to:

www.oidisciples.org/upcoming-online-events



September Events to Feature Bruce Barkhauer

Bruce Barkhauer, Director of the Disciples Center for Faith & Giving, will share his ministry with Oregon and Idaho Disciples in three ways this fall.

Mark your calendar for special events online on Friday and Saturday, September 23 and 24.

- ◆ **Friday, September 23:** Financial Ethics and Best Practices. This workshop will be ***required for all active ordained and commissioned ministers*** in the Oregon SW Idaho region. Lay leaders from congregations will also be welcome to attend.
- ◆ **Saturday, September 24:** Growing a Culture of Stewardship. This event will examine ways to teach, preach and practice Christian financial stewardship with the Disciples' leading voice on this topic.
- ◆ **BONUS:** Bruce will provide a recorded stewardship sermon video for any of our congregations who would like to show this in worship in the Oregon SW Idaho regional church. The sermon may be shared at a worship service of your choosing.

More details to follow on all of this.



Tulsa Talks: Four Conversations About Disciples History



Disciples of Christ Historical Society and Phillips Theological Seminary organized a major conference at Tulsa, OK this past March. The conference brought together scholars and other church leaders to teach about the diverse heritage of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Speakers gave focus to developments and leaders in the history of Hispanic, Asian and Pacific Islander and African American Disciples, and other topics. You can view many of the speakers at <https://discipleshistory.org/programs/tulsa-conference>. The Oregon SW Idaho Anti-Racism/Pro-Reconciliation Team will host four online talks to focus on the Tulsa Conference presentations. These will be on **August 10** (Asian American and Pacific Disciples), **October 12** (Hispanic Disciples), **November 9** (Disciples and Native American Boarding Schools) and **February 8** (African American Disciples History). ***Sign on information will be shared later.***

Fall Women's Retreats in Idaho and Oregon

- ◆ **AUGUST 26-28** Snake River District Disciples Women plan an in person retreat in Cascade, Idaho, Trinity Pines Conference center. Keynote 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.

