



# Regional Board 060218 Summary

The board met with 19 persons present representing 12 different congregations and 4 of our 5 districts.  
Highlights of business:

- New board members were welcomed and the every two year review of board processes and legal responsibilities was led by Regional Minister, Doug Wirt.
- Financial reports were reviewed.
- A Regional Ministers report was presented which is posted on line.
- The Board heard reports about program ministries: youth camps, women's events for 2018 and 2019, new church ministries.
- Gratitude was expressed to Portland First Christian and former Vice Moderator, Brenda Mikota, for the wonderful hosting of the Regional Assembly in May.
- The Board learned from our new Communications Staff member, Stacy Shelton, that our new online registration is going well and that we are beginning to see results from the option for giving on line. We also heard that the Common Current online news, event announcements, offering reminders and Regional Assembly mailings have been useful, and the number of names in our mailing list is growing.
- The Board learned from our recently hired New Church Ministries Staff member, Bernice Rivera, and New Church Chair, David Eggleston, about events for Spanish Speaking youth and young adults, the Chuukese Easter Rally, a visit from the Denominational New Church Staff leader, and the upcoming Certificate of Ministry program taught in Spanish in Portland led by Disciples Seminary Foundation staff that currently has almost 30 persons signed up and ready to begin in the fall.
- Commission on Ministry Chair, Shari Eggleston reported on persons in process of ordination preparation and commissioning for ministry.
- The Board heard an update on the regional visioning process. This report is posted on line.
- The Board was reminded of the upcoming assemblies this summer in Birmingham for National Convocation, Tucson for Obra Hispana and Portland for the North American Pacific Asian Disciples in Portland. The regional church will have representation at all three of these event, hosting NAPAD at Portland First Christian Church.
- A new Regional Reconciliation Team has been formed. This team includes Brenda Mikota (Portland FCC), Amber Churchill (Albany FCC), Bernice Rivera (Murray Hills CC), Darrell Tukufu (Salem FCC), Jim and Nancy Johnson (Nampa FCC), Kim Free (Keizer CC), Cathy and Doug Wirt (Christian Church in Oregon and SW Idaho). These people will help to coordinate the work of the Anti-Racism trainings,
  - 1) Seek settings for anti racism pro reconciliation trainings within congregations and regional church life;
  - 2) Promote cross cultural relationships and activities between congregations;
  - 3) Set priorities for use of regional Reconciliation offerings.
  - 4) Look at next steps for AR/PR in regional ministries
  - 5) Help to prepare the regional church and the Santiam district to welcome a diverse seminary community into the Willamette Valley.
- Learned about the Regional Elders pilot project with 8 Regional Elders caring for 51 retired clergy in our regional church and 24 persons engaged in specialized ministries such as chaplaincy and counseling.
- Heard a proposal for a new pilot project for Men's Ministries called "Work and Worship". Stay tuned for more on this to come.
- Learned of upcoming event in Snake River District on Conflict Transformation to be held October 12 at Red Rock Christian in Boise.

NEXT MEETING: November 3, 2018