

## On the Way with Doug and Cathy

### 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.

Doug and Cathy Myers Wirt  
Regional Ministers

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Administrative Assistant

Oct. 1	Lebanon FCC Board Meeting	Doug
Oct. 2	Interchurch Center Committee	Doug
Oct. 4	Meridian, Parkview, Open House	Cathy/Doug
Oct. 5	Meridian, Parkview, Bldg. Dedication	Doug/Cathy
Oct. 5	Meridian, Parkview, Pastor Installation	Cathy/Doug
Oct. 6	Boise, Snake River Minister's Lunch	Doug/Cathy
Oct. 6	Boise, Idaho Church Camp Meeting	Cathy/Doug
Oct. 7	Hood River Committee Meeting	Cathy
Oct. 8	Women's Prayer Circle	Cathy
Oct. 11	Regional Youth Council Phone Conf.	Cathy
Oct. 12	LaGrande, Preaching	Doug
Oct. 12	Salem FCC, Worship, three services	Cathy
Oct. 15	Eugene Ministers' Lunch	Doug
Oct. 17-18	Fall Women's Renewal Retreat	Doug/Cathy
Oct. 19	Murray Hills Worship	Cathy
Oct. 19	Portland First Heritage Sunday, Speaker	Doug
Oct. 21	Eugene, Olive Plaza Board	Doug
Oct. 21	Lebanon, Board Meeting	Doug
Oct. 23	Pendleton, Meeting Confederated Tribes	Doug
Oct. 28	Salem, Santiam Area Ministers Breakfast	Cathy

## News from our Congregations

**Snake River District** — Pastors met for lunch in October at a Cuban Restaurant in Boise.

**Eugene First** — Hosted FEDICE fundraiser THANK YOU!

**Hood River Valley** — Celebrated 50th anniversary!

**Albany** — New Associate Pastor, Douglass Anne Cartwright began her ministry.

**Medford** — Continuing renovation of the fellowship hall area.

**Boise, Red Rock** — Building project underway.

**Burley** — Seeing increasing numbers of children in worship.

**Portland First** — Heritage Day highlighted history of the Chinese Christian Mission in Portland from 1891-1924. Our website has link to the history of the mission.

**Junction City** — Raised \$2,841 during October CROP Walk.

**Aloha** — Celebrating 40th anniversary November 22, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

**LaGrande** — Making large amounts of noodles as they prepare for fall bazaar.

**Pendleton** — Did a Trunk or Treat event on October 26.

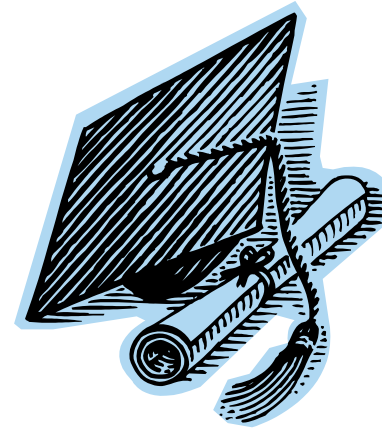
**Parkview** — Making special gifts to support Bethany Waggoner in Ecuador.

## Save these dates!

<b>November 1</b>	<b>Portland</b>
<i>Regional Board Meeting</i>	
<b>January 16-18</b>	<b>Hood River</b>
<i>High School Snow Rally</i>	
<b>February 7</b>	<b>Portland</b>
<i>Regional Board Meeting</i>	
<b>February 28</b>	<b>Junction City</b>
<i>Women's Pray and Play Day</i>	
<b>March 28</b>	<b>Portland First</b>
<i>Women's Pray and Play Day</i>	
<b>April 18</b>	<b>Silverton</b>
<i>Women's Pray and Play Day</i>	
<b>May 20-21, 2016</b>	
<b>Northwood, Springfield</b>	
<i>Regional Assembly</i>	



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## Thanksgiving Offering

Your gift to the Thanksgiving Offering helps underwrite the education of students attending our 14 member undergraduate institutions and our 7 seminaries or divinity houses.

Of the pastors serving Oregon and SW Idaho congregations, 7 of them graduated from Disciples of Christ undergraduate schools that include Bethany College, Chapman University, Phillips University, and

Texas Christian University.

Disciples of Christ seminaries educated 26 of the congregational pastors in our regional church. Many of the lay leaders in our congregations have also received their education in one of the Disciples of Christ institutions. At this time we have Oregon and SW Idaho students studying at Eureka College in Illinois, Texas Christian University in Texas, and Chapman University in California.

Your gifts continue this legacy of education for leaders. Offerings will be received in November in local congregations.

## Camp Dates Set and listed on Region website

The summer camp dates for Cascade Camp in Idaho and Suttle Lake Camp in Oregon have been set and are listed on the website, www.oidisciples.org. Publicity materials will be posted in November with more information to come soon after that time. We know you plan ahead and need these dates early.

Thank you for your great support of the camping ministries we enjoy each summer.

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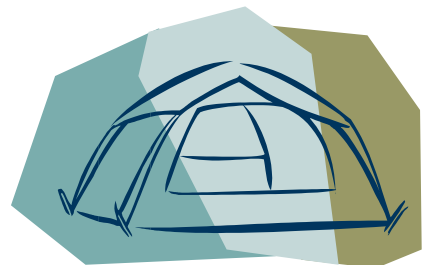
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*Regional Assembly  
May 20-21, 2016  
Hosted by  
Northwood Christian  
in  
Springfield, Oregon*



## My Turn

One of the parts of regional life that doesn't show on Facebook or in the calendar of events is the gatherings of the pastors that happen on a regular basis in four of our five districts. The Snake River District pastors met for Cuban food in Boise in October. The Eugene pastors met at the Caddisfly Resort with Dick and Doris Lauer for a BBQ in September. Portland area pastors met for a potato bar and conversation in the basement of the regional office building this month, and the Salem area pastors met at Elmer's this morning. The conversations are wide ranging. Sometimes we agree on a topic ahead of time and read a book or watch a video. Other times we spend the time sharing what is happening in the individual congregations. Each of the groups has its own personality and rhythm, and these have changed with the revolving cast of characters in these groups.

What I like about the groups is that Doug and I have a chance to spend time with pastors outside of a meeting or trying to get something accomplished. It gives me a chance to see the people I pray for each morning in person and to hear about what is new and motivating for them.

Our regional church is blessed with an amazing group of pastors. They serve in large metro areas, county seats, and all the way to towns of just over 300. They meet with people in churches buildings they rent or own, strip malls, and homes. While they vary in training and in years served, what binds them to each other, and what I hold in my heart, is the commitment of their lives to service in the name of Jesus in this corner of the world. We are so blessed.

In hope, Cathy



## Pray and Play Dates for Women 2015 — “Get a Clue!!”

**Junction City** February 28  
**Portland First** March 28  
**Silverton** April 18  
**Pendleton** April 25

The annual Pray and Play retreat days for women have been scheduled. Watch this newsletter, Facebook Page, and the Website for more info in 2015.



## Insurance Board Partnership

The General Board of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) has approved the Insurance Board as a Recognized Ministry Partner. The 2015 General Assembly will celebrate this decision.

Many of our congregations purchase their insurance through the Insurance Board (IB). The IB exists to provide excellent and economical insurance protection for congregations of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Presbyterian Church USA and the United Church of Christ. The IB has a board of its own, apart from any of the denominations, with representatives from all three churches. While coverage comes with competitive pricing, the Insurance Board also can offer more extensive coverage for greater protection of the congregation. Risk management education through brochures, webinars and the website also helps to prevent costly losses for the church. More than 3,600 congregations currently participate in the program. Every congregation affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is eligible. You can learn more [www.insuranceboard.org](http://www.insuranceboard.org), or by calling our local representative, Amy Waltz, at 503-357-3154 or Toll-free: 800-357-3134.

## New Regional Youth Council Members Chosen

In October, the Regional Youth Council was expanded and added seven new members for the program year 2014-2015. New members are:

- ♦ Jordan Baird, Eugene First Christian
- ♦ Terran Blackstone, Red Rock Christian, Boise
- ♦ Lexy Duback, Hood River Valley Christian
- ♦ Katie Ritoch, Hood River, Valley Christian
- ♦ Alyssa Tanksley, Silverton First Christian
- ♦ Cade Warnock, Red Rock Christian, Boise
- ♦ Carly Wyatt, Hood River Valley Christian



They join the continuing members of the council, who are:

- ♦ Melanie Adelaars, Eugene First Christian
- ♦ Emorie Cote, Silverton First Christian
- ♦ Sara Dummer, Junction City First Christian
- ♦ Joe Dyer, Salem First Christian



## FEDICE has a GREAT new website

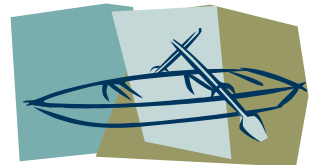
THANKS to Bethany Waggoner, Global Mission Intern, and Glenn Hebert, Global Mission Volunteer with FEDICE in Ecuador for launching an AMAZING new website. You can enjoy getting current information and inspiring stories from [www.fedice.org](http://www.fedice.org).

## Thank you Murray Hills for Hosting Women's Retreat

Under the theme, *Up the River*, almost 90 women, representing all five districts and 17 congregations, were inspired by keynote speaker, Susan McNeely. Susan brought her stories of her recent stay with our Congolese Disciple brothers and sisters and a powerful witness of faith.

During worship which included our own women's retreat choir and poetry from two readers groups, an offering for \$1341 was received for FEDICE and Disciples Mission Fund.

For pictures of the retreat, go to our Facebook page or website.



## Regional Garden Harvest, Bean/Potatoes/Seeds/Joy!!

The harvest is in from the regional garden!! Beans, beans, beans everywhere. The women's fall retreat (see above) group shelled the last of the beans and most of them have been distributed to congregational feeding ministries. In addition, several hundred dollars has been raised selling beans with profits going to a farm in Gogoi, Mozambique, a place where Kim and Erik Free from Oregon have been visiting and working. A slide show of the regional garden can be found on our website halfway down on the Global ministries page.