



## Regional Ministers' Report, February 1, 2020

Since the last Regional Board meeting in November, we have **visited in the following 16 congregations:** **Snake River District:** Pacific Outreach Christian Church Boise 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary. **Columbia River Gorge District:** Portland FCC Pastoral Installation/Worship, Lynchwood Search Cte (2)/Olive May Stockwell Memorial/Worship (2) and presentation of Honored Minister Pin, Murray Hills Worship/Listening events (3)/Christmas Breakfast/Transition Cte, Midway Worship. **Santiam River District:** Silverton Preach/Elders meeting (2), Salem FCC Pastoral Installation, Corvallis Staff Meeting, Keizer Worship, Dallas Worship, Jehova Nisi Worship. **Scenic Rivers District:** Eugene FCC Worship/Transition committee (2)/Board meeting/Memorial David Frisinger, Junction City Memorial for Martha Helms. **Blue Mountain Rivers District:** LaGrande Worship/Honored Minister Pin presentation/Search Committee (2), Pendleton Search Committee/Board Meeting.

**Meetings** attended include **Commission on Finance and Administration, Commission on Ministry** (3 days), **Nominating Committee** (3), **New Church Ministry Team** (2), **Regional Property Committee, Interchurch Center Board.**

**Ministerial Groups** attended include: **Santiam Ministers' breakfast** (2), **Columbia Gorge ministers** (2), **Blue Mountain ministers lunch, Ecumenical Ministries Bishops and Executives** (3)

Doug attended **Disciples Seminary Foundation** Executive Committee and Finance Committee (2) by telephone and DSF Nominating Committee (Chair) by videoconference. Doug also led vespers at the Terwilliger Plaza in Portland where members of Portland FCC are residents.

Cathy participated in three meetings to work on Pray and Play events, a meeting with Regional Assembly planners in Salem, spent a day cleaning out the camp gear closet to get ready to fully vacate the space by end of February to eliminate this monthly fee.

In January Stacy Shelton, Communication Associate, spent 2 days in Portland planning with us for her next 12 months of priorities for her staff position. Stacy has several priorities for the first few months of this year – helping to complete the ministerial standing renewal process for our pastors, yearbook data collection and creating and launching the Future Story evaluation survey. We are grateful for her help in these three important early year projects.

Seven congregations in the region began or continued in **pastoral search processes** since we last met. These include: Lynchwood (Interim in place, Myrna Phillips/search committee in interview phase), Albany Associate (Interim in place, Eric Eide/search committee to be oriented February 2), Silverton (Retirement June 30, met with Elders/Transition Committee in formation), Pendleton Associate (search committee to receive candidates in February), LaGrande (Interim in place, Shari Eggleston/search cte to receive candidates in Feb./Mar.), Murray Hills (Interim in place, Sandy Berry/transition committee working on profile through series of listening events), Eugene FCC (Retirement April, Transition Cte in place and met with Cathy twice, receiving interim candidates in Feb). Cathy is staff to these 7 processes.

We also have continuing involvements with several congregations that are not seeking a pastor. Cathy is working with several churches at different stages on **Faithful Planning processes and updating of governing documents.**

We are grateful to the many donors that helped the **2019 Annual Fund** received over \$4,600 more than the goal of \$14,000. This shows a continued generosity in our regional church. The yearend giving report of the Disciples Treasury Services gave us more indications of our regional church generosity. There are 31 regional churches, and our regional church is the 22<sup>nd</sup> in size with 1 being the largest region. Our 2019 **Week of Compassion** was the 8<sup>th</sup> highest in dollars, **Reconciliation** was the 14<sup>th</sup> highest, **Disciples Mission Fund (DMF)** was 14<sup>th</sup> and was up 14.2% from 2018, **Easter offering** we are 19<sup>th</sup> and up 23% from 2018, **Thanksgiving offering** we are 19<sup>th</sup>, **Christmas offering** we are 14<sup>th</sup>, **Pentecost offering** we are 13<sup>th</sup> with giving up 36.8% from previous year (thanks to the New Church Team/Tom for that awesome 2019 offering video). The giving of the whole denomination to DMF in 2019 was approximately equal to giving in 2018. This is the first year since 2007 where DMF has not been less than the year before. This was a year of generosity in many of our regions. We rejoice in these blessings and for opportunities we share in mission. It is a privilege to be your Regional Ministers.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Doug and Cathy Myers Wirt*