

## New Church Report -

March 9, 2024

New Church Team Meeting – The New Church Team met in Nov., Jan. and Feb. via Zoom

Attendees: David Eggleston, Alicia Speidel, Reene Bridwell and Bernice Rivera

Here are the highlights of our recent work since the November, 2023 Regional Board meeting.

- **Picnic at the Park**
  - **Save the date New Church Picnic on July 13, 2024 at the Champoeg State Heritage Park, ST. Paul OR** Stay tuned for more details.
- **Review of Affiliation Process Document.**
  - As part of the process to establish a policy for new or affiliated congregation, we adopted the document POLICY for NEW CONGREGATIONS or CONGREGATIONS EXPLORING AFFILIATION with the CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) IN OREGON & SW IDAHO after revision and have not received any additional suggestion in the past four months.
  - The New Church Team is discerning if any congregations may be ready to **become recognized** congregations at the next Regional' Assembly.
- **Pentecost Offering –**
  - This year the Pentecost offering is **May 19, 26**. Act. 2:1-21 or Ezekiel 31:1-14. Resources are coming soon.

I invite you to remain focused on supporting new churches as a fundamental part of church life. Starting new churches in Oregon and South Idaho is not an easy calling.
- **New Church Team Members**
  - We began discussing strategies for adding to our existing team membership.
- **New Church Leadership Cooperative Gathering –** Bernice still attends the New Church Leadership Cooperative gathering. This hour-long online meeting is hosted by the Minister of New Church Strategies for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), with regional New Church leadership from across the United States. Plans, strategies, and ideas are shared, networking relationships are built.
- **News from New Churches**
  - I would like to give a special thanks to Centennial Church for the worshipping together in February with Ministerio Peniel and Pacific Family Island Church.
  - Murray Hills, Rio de Dios and The View shared youth event on Feb. 17 with 33 youth attendance.
  - Chuukese Fellowship Church of Christ, Keizer Church and Jehovah Nisi work together for a special Christmas program.

I encourage you to continue to visit New Churches and worship together. Also invite them to any event that you have.

Upcoming event: **Easter Rally**

Chuukese Family Church (DOC)

Keizer Clagget Creek Middle School

March 29, 30, 31

Submitted by Bernice Rivera

Within the Oregon SW Idaho regional church, current new church ministries include:

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