

**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.

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- Online with Doug and Cathy*
- Mar. 2 Silverton Pastoral Search Committee
 - Mar. 2 Oregon Disciple Foundation Board
 - Feb. 28 Anti-Racism/Pro-Reconciliation Team
 - Feb. 27 Regional Clergy Boundary Training Event
 - Feb. 24 Murray Hills Transition Team
 - Feb. 23 Santiam River District Clergy
 - Feb. 22 Pastoral Relations Committee
 - Feb. 21 Eugene FCC Transition Committee
 - Feb. 21 Salem FCC Associate Search Committee
 - Feb. 19 Disciples Seminary Foundation Nominating Cte.
 - Feb. 18 Disciples Seminary Foundation Finance Cte.
 - Feb. 17 Blue Mountain Rivers District Clergy
 - Feb. 13 Murray Hills Congregational Meeting
 - Feb. 11 Disciples Seminary Foundation Finance Cte.
 - Feb. 10 Columbia Gorge District Clergy
 - Feb. 10 Murray Hills Board Meeting
 - Feb. 10 Commission on Ministry
 - Feb. 9 Murray Hills Search Committee
 - Feb. 8 New Church Ministry Team
 - Feb. 6 Regional Board Meeting
 - Feb. 4 Eugene First Transition Committee



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February is Week of Compassion Month

Week of Compassion is the Disciples of Christ Mission Fund with the purpose of providing financial and technical assistance in the areas of disaster response domestically and globally, refugee resettlement and sustainable development grants. The resources for this ministry are largely funded by an annual offering in February each year.

You can give through your local congregation or online directly at:
<https://www.weekofcompassion.org/donate.html>

You can find videos and additional resources at:
<https://conta.cc/36DjW4Z>

Murray Hills Christian Calls New Pastor

At a congregational meeting held on February 13, the MHCC voted to extend a call to Rev. Dr. Troy Sybrant as their Pastor beginning May 1. Troy is currently completing an 11+ year ministry at Compass Christian Church in Mason, Ohio. Before serving this ministry, Troy served for ten years as Pastor of the Pasadena Christian Church. He holds degrees from Barton College, University of Tennessee, Vanderbilt Divinity School and Fuller Seminary. He will arrive with his wife, Amy, and daughter, Abigail, in May. We look forward to their arrival.

Thank you to the exceptional search committee chaired by Raiza Spratt, one of the Elders of the congregation.



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**Regional Assembly
May 2022**

**Thank you Salem
First Christian
Church for
offering to host
this event**

News from our Congregations

Albany FCC: Celebrated an installation service for Associate Pastor, Rev. Eric Eide.

Murray Hills: Karyn Dix concluded her ministry with the congregation in January. Renee Windsor-White and Michael Crouch are providing "grace period" staffing until a new settled pastor arrives May 1.

Portsmouth Union/Portland: Pastor Andy Goebel has announced he will conclude his ministry on Easter Sunday.

Mountain Home Christian Baptist Church, Idaho: A interim pastor has arrived. His name is Bob Cameron, ordained in American Baptist Church.

Ione Community: Pastor Jeff Clabaugh offering a daily online devotional on their FB page.

Hood River Valley: Pastor Alicia Speidel offered a recorded guest sermon for Murray Hills for Week of Compassion Sunday.

Eugene FCC: Holding zoom calls to prepare for pastoral staff search.

Medford: Church musician Kathy Williams regularly posting music on congregation FB page.

Northwood/Springfield: Volunteers continuing to assist victims of wildfires.

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Common Current online news service

www.oidisciples.org/news-clh8s

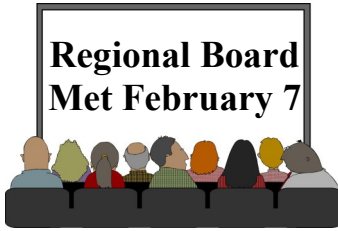


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Regional Board Met February 7

- Meeting on Zoom, 31 members & friends of our regional board....
- ◆ Reviewed up to the date financial reports
 - ◆ Received visits from Monica Myers Greenburg of Christian Church Foundation and Rosario Ibarra of Disciples Church Extension Fund
 - ◆ Received reports from regional staff members and ministries
 - ◆ Divided into three groups to discuss camping programs, women's ministries, and governing document changes
 - ◆ Voted to invest \$15,000 in a one year note with Disciples Church Extension Fund to receive higher interest on the money than it was currently receiving
 - ◆ Celebrated communion led by Vice Moderator, Eric Eide, Associate Pastor Albany FCC

You can learn about regional board at:

<https://www.oidisciples.org/regional-board-updates>



Water the Plants stands as a Disciples church-wide initiative that brings together 1,000 intercessors to pray for the leaders and congregations of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) New Church Movement. Those praying meet weekly by phone for 12 minutes every Tuesday at 6:00 a.m. and Thursday at 6:00 p.m. (Pacific Time) to pray for new churches locally and across the continent.

In January New Church leaders in our regional church were featured in the monthly Water the Plants calendar. We are currently recruiting persons from our region to join in Water the Plants. We aim to have at least one person regularly praying for each of our region's New Churches. At least three more people are currently needed. You may sign up directly on line, or you may contact our regional Leadership Associate Staff, Bernice Rivera.

Water the Plants Online:

<https://newchurchministry.org/services/water-plants-prayer-initiative/>

Fair trade sale sent \$300 to FEDICE, Raising funds now for WOC

The fair trade craft sale that generally happens in the fall in conjunction with the western districts' women's retreat was moved to an online format.

After multiple weeks, the sale closed. Twenty percent of the profit from the sale was turned into a \$300 donation to FEDICE USA. **FEDICE USA** is the North American arm of FEDICE that raises funds for the work of our partners in Ecuador. Thank you to all who purchased sale items.

The sale is currently open again through the end of March, and proceeds from the February and March sales will go to **Week of Compassion Ministry**.

You can find the sale items at:

<https://oidisciples.square.site/>



Pastors' Boundary Training Feb. 27

Our Commission on Ministry has scheduled a personal boundary training for ordained and commissioned ministers in the Oregon and Southwest Idaho region.

The training is required for continuing in good standing as an active ordained or commissioned minister.

Ministers listed as inactive-retired are encouraged strongly to attend but are not required.

The training is scheduled for:

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 Pacific Time

11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Mountain Time

The event on February 27 will include approximately two hours on personal, sexual boundaries for ministers and two hours on maintaining appropriate boundaries online with social media. There will be a lunch break between the two sessions.

Sign up is online and includes a \$10.00 fee.

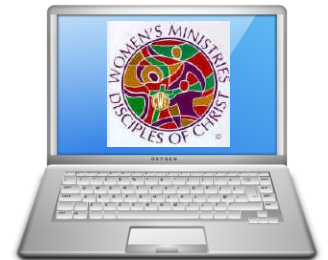
The event will be led by Rev. Sandy Messick, Regional Minister of the Northern Lights Region.

To learn more go to <https://www.oidisciples.org/news-c1h8s> calendar link.

DATE CHANGE from 3/13/21 to 4/17/21

Watch your email, our **Disciples Women** Facebook Page, and our regional church website for details of an upcoming online free of cost gathering for women in our Region.

Chaplain Tracia Deal and a global mission worker will keynote our time together on the power of showing up for each other in hard times. You won't want to miss it. Details will be announced soon.



Oregon Disciple Foundation Annual Meeting , March 2

The Board of Directors for Oregon Disciple Foundation will hold their annual meeting on March 2. ODF is a separate non profit organization with a separate board from the regional church board. Members manage special gifts invested through Christian Church Foundation to benefit ministries within the Oregon and Southwest Idaho Region.

Grants from ODF often go to new church ministries, seminary scholarships, summer camp and seminary scholarships and special projects of congregations. In 2020, ODF gave strong support to the regional Pastor's Emergency fund in light of unexpected challenges caused during the pandemic. Other distributions went to flood relief in Pendleton, Fox Community Church which is an outreach of John Day FCC, and scholarships for three seminary students. Board members come from all five districts of the regional church.

