

Mission Statement of the Regional Church		On the Way with Doug and Cathy	
Our mission is		♦ Sept 21	Lynchwood, Women's Group Speaker Cathy
• To nurture members and congregations		♦ Sept. 18	Snake River District Pastors' Lunch Cathy
• To establish and receive new congregations		♦ Sept. 17	Portland First, Worship Doug
While working together with the whole Church to do Christ's ministry in the world.		♦ Sept. 17	Nampa, Preaching Cathy
Doug and Cathy Myers Wirt Regional Ministers		♦ Sept. 14	Anti-Racism Trainers Meeting Doug
Audre Bratcher, Administrative Assistant		♦ Sept. 14	Reconciliation Steering Committee Doug
		♦ Sept. 14	Interchurch Center Board Doug
		♦ Sept. 7-11	Ohio Women's Retreat, Keynoter Cathy
		♦ Sept. 3	Beaverton, Murray Hills, Worship Doug
		♦ Sept. 3	Portland First, Preaching Cathy
		♦ August 27	Clackamas, Emily Lang Memorial Doug
		♦ August 27	Silverton, Preaching Cathy
		♦ August 26	Salem First, Zane Ridings, Ordination Cathy/Doug
		♦ August 24	Portsmouth Union, Church Extension Visit Doug
		♦ August 23	McMinnville, Church Extension Visit Doug
		♦ August 20	Portland, Christ Church, Worship Doug
		♦ August 20	Beaverton, Murray Hills, Worship Cathy
		♦ August 20	Portland First, Worship Doug

News from our Congregations

Ione: Rick Jensen began Interim Ministry

Medford: Pastor Stacy Shelton began as Pastor.

Lebanon: Called Zane Ridings to be Pastor.

Portland FCC: Called Mary and Bill Jacobs as Co-Interim Ministers

Nueva Vida, Rio de Dios, Peniel, Murray Hills: church leaders attended courses at the Lexington Theological Seminary in Kentucky, June 5-9.

Parkview: Seven youth at High School Camp!

Northwood: worship in the park featured highlights of 2017 Master Plan.

Springfield: Congratulations to Pastor Erin Curits who has now completed 10 years at FCC!

Salem: Exploring new uses for Morgan Building.

Burley: Thanks for hosting Kids' Camp!!!

Portsmouth Union: Moving forward with an affordable housing vision for Portland.

Pacific Islands Family Church: Ten first time youth and adults at Suttle Lake for middle and high school camps!

Save these dates!

September 22
Springfield, Oregon
Anti-Racism Training

September 23
Medford First Christian
Installation Service for
Pastor Stacy Shelton

October 13-14
Women's Retreat
Beaverton, Oregon
Katy Valentine, Keynoter

October 21
Boise, Idaho
Anti-Racism Training

November 4
Regional Board
Portland



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Reconciliation Offering

In the fall, Disciples receive a special offering for Reconciliation Ministries. Since 1968, this Disciples ministry has spoken and acted in response to the love of Jesus Christ amidst racial divisions and the destruction presence of racism in North America.

The Reconciliation offering, received in September and October each year, gives support to local, regional and general Disciples efforts in support of racial equity and justice. Receipts from the offering are shared equally between regional and general church ministries, both of which in turn give grants to local ministries.

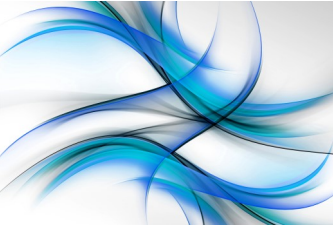
Recently, Reconciliation Ministry has gathered youth of different racial identities to talk about how racial attitudes have affected their lives. The discussion shows that racism still has deep and destructive effects.

Anti Racism Pro Reconciliation trainings are a major part of the Reconciliation Ministry. These events invite Disciples to become a positive force for change in times and places open and more hidden forms of white supremacy continue to do great harm. These trainings help move Disciples to think about what we can do ourselves to bring about a better world and a more united and effective church.

You may give to the Reconciliation offering through your local or regional church or online at <http://reconciliationministry.org/offering>.

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Regional
Assembly
May 18-19, 2018
Portland FCC
Rev. Sandhya Jha
&
Dr. Timothy James



Disciples often hear that our Week of Compassion offerings reach around the world and throughout the year. The end of summer 2017 has shown the need for us to prepare in advance and respond to immediate needs as well for disaster response. The destruction of Hurricane Harvey, Hurricane Irma and extensive fires in the

mountain west add has delivered incredible damage to the U.S. and Caribbean peoples in a short amount of time.

Our new General Minister and President Terri Hord Owens and Week of Compassion Director Vy Nguyen recently sent a joint letter to Disciples about the urgent need for disaster response.

They noted the large number of people displaced by Hurricane Harvey, including 100 Disciple related families along with 15 Disciples congregations that have had water damage. “Yet,” they added, “we are also coming together, in prayer and generosity. That is where hope lies. God is in our coming together, as Church, to respond when our family is in need.”

Giving for disaster relief through Week of Compassion provides a proven trusted response with a low percentage taken out for overhead. Our Week of Compassion ministry says, “we rely on your compassion, your gifts and your commitment to help change lives for the better. We do so in the name of Jesus Christ and on behalf of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).” We also work with a great many partners here in North America and worldwide.

You can give designated or undesignated gifts to Week of Compassion through your local church or at www.weekofcompassion.org.

Thank you, *Doug*

*The Members and Friends of
Medford First Christian Church*

*Cordially invite you to the
Installation Service of our pastor*

Rev. Stacy K. Shelton

*Join us as we affirm the
covenant between our
church and our recently called pastor*

Saturday, September 23, 2017

2:00 o'clock in the afternoon

1900 Crater Lake Avenue

Medford, OR 97504

Clergy are invited to process

Robes optional, stoles encouraged



Anti Racism Trainings This Fall

Christian Church in Oregon Southwest Idaho will offer two Anti Racism Pro Reconciliation trainings this fall. These events will be similar to the workshop offered in Portland in November 2016. The regional Commission on Ministry has included this as a requirement for all of our active ordained and commissioned ministers with standing in the region. Others from churches in the region are also welcome to attend.

The two events will be held in Springfield, Oregon and Boise, Idaho:

Friday, September 22, 10 am—4 pm, Springfield

Northwood Christian Church, 2425 Harvest Lane

Saturday, October 21, 10 am—4 pm, Boise

Red Rock Christian Church, 1124 S Roosevelt St,

A \$10 registration fee will be requested to go to the cost of the lunch and materials.

See the cover of this newsletter for more information about the Reconciliation Ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).



Caribbean Initiative World Communion Sunday Resources

During 2017-18 North American Disciples are focused on our relationship with the ministry partners in Caribbean nations. A wide variety of materials are available on the www.globalministries.org website to support this initiative including materials for World Communion Sunday. The site has a recipe for two kinds of Caribbean breads, litanies for worship, and a Bible reflection on yeast. These resources struck a special chord with me, as I spent World Communion Sunday 2015 in Cuba with the man pictured in the posting of the resource. I hope you will check them out at...

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Cathy



Time to Register for Western Districts Women's Retreat

This year's speaker for the October 13-14 retreat is Rev. Dr. Katy Valentine, staff in Northern California/Nevada region and a local pastor. Katy plays harp and is bringing her harp to enhance her keynote times.

Our web page will continue to add more information as the retreat time approaches. Our theme is: *The Melody of Freedom*.

Our annual book read is, “*Before we were Free*.” Copies of the book can be found at libraries, used on line, or purchased from the regional church office for \$5.00 in either English or Spanish.

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