

<b>Mission Statement of the Region</b>	<b>On the Way with Doug and Cathy</b>		
<i>Our mission is</i>	◆ May 1	Columbia Gorge District Pastors	Cathy/Doug
• <i>To nurture members and congregations</i>	◆ May 2	New Church Team	Doug
• <i>To establish and receive new congregations</i>	◆ May 4	Murray Hills Pray and Play for Women	Cathy
<i>While working together with the whole Church to do Christ's ministry in the world.</i>	◆ May 4	Springfield FCC Dedication	Doug/Cathy
Doug and Cathy Myers Wirt <i>Regional Ministers</i>	◆ May 5	Portland FCC Worship	Cathy/Doug
Audre Bratcher, <i>Administrative Assistant</i>	◆ May 15	Eugene Area Ministers' Lunch	Doug
	◆ May 18	Medford Pray and Play for Women	Cathy
	◆ May 19	Corvallis FCC Worship	Cathy
	◆ May 19	Salem FCC Worship	Doug
	◆ May 19	Escudo y Fortaleza Salem Worship	Doug/Cathy
	◆ May 20	Ecumenical Ministries Finance Cte.	Doug
	◆ May 21	Boise Area Clergy Lunch	Cathy/Doug
	◆ May 21	Burley, Idaho FCC	Doug
	◆ May 24	Fall Women's Retreat Planning	Cathy
	◆ May 26	Glenwood/Retirement Gil Knox	Doug/Cathy
	◆ May 28	Salem Area Pastors' Breakfast	Cathy/Doug
	◆ May 28	Lynchwood CC Faithful Planning	Cathy
	◆ May 29	Commission on Ministry	Doug
	◆ May 30	New Church Team	Doug
	◆ May 31	OR/South Idaho Transition Team	Doug/Cathy



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## Regional Picnic 2013

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One of our most fun events as a regional church each summer is our annual picnic. **July 20** is the date for this year's Regional Picnic. We will gather at Champoeg State Park between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Bring some friends and some food to share. There will be games in the first hour, lunch at noon and worship around 1:00 p.m.



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### News from the Congregations

**John Day:** Women's and Men's ministries meeting regularly.

**Pendleton:** Hosting Global Ministries missionaries Jim and Jayanthi Wilson in September.

**Eugene FCC:** Made a special gift to support construction of a maternity hospital by Disciples at Wema, Democratic Republic of the Congo.

**Glenwood:** Regional Minister Doug Wirt guest preaching in June.

**Midway:** Celebrate Recovery ministry continues.

**Trees of Rigtheousness:** Held a car wash for camp fees.

**Silverton:** Had a youth choir Sunday that 'rocked'.

**Salem FCC:** Launching a program to teach at risk youth cooking skills.

**Peniel:** Doing a community outreach walking event.

**Murray Hills:** Continues its Quilts for Kids project that gives 75-100 quilts per year to families housed in the Mountaindale Retreat Center.

**Medford:** Landscaping the front of their property with a grant from the local water district.

### Save these dates!



**June 1**  
Regional Board Meeting in Portland

**June 8**  
Women's Pray and Play Day Eugene First Christian host

**June 22**  
Women's Pray and Play Day Pendleton First Christian host

**June 23**  
Installation of Pastor Al Altnow John Day First Christian

**June 29**  
Specialized Ministry Picnic

### FIND US AT THE OAK GROVE DAY USE AREA # 2 & 3.

If you haven't come before, this is a great chance to meet other Oregon Disciples. If you have come before, think of someone who has not come and invite them to join you. Lawn chairs, canopies, Frisbees and your own table service can all be put to good use. Paper plates and plastic utensils will also be available.

Champoeg State Park is located west of Interstate 5 between Portland and Salem. **Fees for entry and parking will be paid on your behalf. Indicate to the ranger at the gate that you are with Oregon Disciples.**

So put it on your calendar now and plan to spend a few hours with your Disciple neighbors.

### Iglesia Cristiana Peniel de Hillsboro

A new Disciples of Christ ministry now meets every Saturday night in Hillsboro! Iglesia Cristiana Peniel is meeting at 6:00 p.m. at the Aloha Christian Church at NW Cornelius Pass Road and Aloclek Dr. Cornelio Garcia is the founding pastor. He was a founding member of Peniel Ministries, another Disciples congregation meeting at the Lynchwood CC in Portland. You can support this ministry through your prayers, the Pentecost offering and coming by to worship.

### Summer Camp 2013

**High School &  
Middle School**

**July 28-August 2**

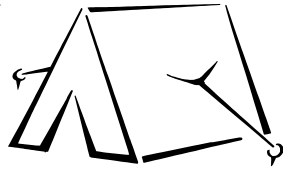
**Grade School**

**August 12-16**

**Suttle Lake Camp  
near Sisters, OR**

*Campsite pictures posted  
on regional website*

The Oregon Regional Camping Program enjoys the hospitality of churches that maintain campgrounds. For nine years we have rented White Branch Camp on the scenic highway between McKenzie Bridge and Sisters. Our most recent campers and staff cannot remember a time before camp “happened” at White Branch.



This summer our camps move to a new location. Suttle Lake Camp is owned and operated by the United Methodist Church and is 13 miles outside of the town of Sisters.

Some of the advantages of our new site include:

- ⇒ Closer medical care in case of emergencies
- ⇒ More variety in activities: including archery, a ropes course, tubing on a creek, canoes, kayaks, a lake across the road from the camp and a hiking trail around the lake
- ⇒ Increased ability to deal with special diets needed by campers and staff

One of the changes is that middle school and high school camp will happen at the campground the same week on opposite ends of this much larger site. The camp directors recently spent 24 hours up at the new site getting ready for the changed logistics of the site. All of those on the trip came home excited about new possibilities.

Many aspects of camp will continue as before:

- ⇒ Our staff will still come from our congregations with many returning from last year
- ⇒ Our curriculum will still form the core of our time and this year explores the book of Acts of the Apostles and applies its lessons in age appropriate activities
- ⇒ Our nurses will have even more supplies on hand and be ready for whatever comes
- ⇒ Our camp “traditions” will continue with new experiences added to our time together.

Please pray for directors Sara Staton (Albany), Linda Presley (Hood River), Stacy Shelton (Ione) and Dan Stults (Lynchwood, Portland) as they prepare to lead our camps.

## Vice-Moderator Rick Ikeda leading at General Assembly

Rick Ikeda, an Oregon Disciple leader from Salem First Christian, has served since the Nashville General Assembly in the summer of 2011 as the Vice-Moderator of the General Assembly of our whole church. As Vice-Moderator, Rick has led the business committee of the General Board in its two most recent meetings in Indianapolis and represented the whole church at events.

Rick will lead the business committee for this summer’s General Assembly in Orlando, FL July 13-17.

Our prayers and support go with him as he serves our church.



## New Ecuador Fund Drive for Maca Atápulo



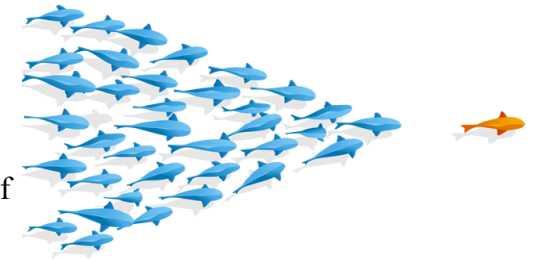
Our Mission Partner Blanca Puma introduced our next special project for FEDICE during our event at Northwood Christian Church on April 13. The new project to be funded by Oregon Disciples will be in the village of Maca Atápulo, south of Quito, Ecuador. At an altitude of 10,926 feet, the community of Maca Atápulo

is about 300 feet lower than the top of Mount Hood!

The FEDICE ministry, a long time partner of Oregon Disciples, works with a group of 25 people in Maca Atápulo. Twenty-four of them are women, and all are seeking a solid source of income for their families. FEDICE will make a small loan to each family so that they can raise improved stocks of sheep and support their households without leaving this rural area to look for work in the cities. Each family will repay the loan as their flock grows. Oregon Disciples will raise \$10,000 to support the FEDICE ministry in Maca Atápulo. Another \$3000 was already shared from special gifts in honor of Victor Vaca. Over \$3000 more has been raised to date, or 30% of the \$10,000 goal. Contact the regional church office or go to [www.ChristianChurchinOregon.org](http://www.ChristianChurchinOregon.org) global ministry link for more information on the Maca Atápulo project.

## Women’s Pray and Play Day 9:30—12:30 mini retreats

Oregon Disciple women and friends are invited to spend a 3 hour mini-retreat together under the theme “*Who’s Following You?*” Event includes a craft, getting a glimpse of our partner Christians in China, learning new ways of prayer, and living inside the Biblical Story of Esther. Each participant receives a Bible Study book about Esther and several other gifts. Cost for the day is \$15.00 per person — *this is down \$5 from last year!*



Dates include .....**June 8 at Eugene FCC**, and **June 22 at Pendleton**.



## Regional Community Garden

Since the March Garden Build event, men and women in Oregon have been planting, growing and harvesting produce as a part of the Oregon Regional Garden. You can see pictures on our web site by going to the “What’s Happening” link. Pictures will continue to be added as the garden grows. A slide show about the garden is at the Women’s Action Web area.