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.

Doug and Cathy Myers Wirt Regional Ministers Audre Bratcher,

Administrative Assistant

On the Way with Doug and Cathy

•	Dec. 14	Interchurch Center Board, Portland	Doug
•	Dec. 10	Principe de Paz, Portland	Doug
•	Dec. 7-9	NAPAD Board meeting	Doug
•	Nov. 26	Salem FCC. Chuukese Fellowship	Doug
•	Nov. 28	Santiam Ministers	Doug
•	Nov. 19	Lebanon, Installation	Doug
•	Nov. 18	Indianapolis, SURAN software training	Cathy
•	Nov. 16	Columbia Gorge Ministers	Doug
•	Nov. 15-17	Indianapolis, College or Regional Ministers	Cathy
•	Nov. 14-15	Indianapolis, Hope Partnership Meeting	Cathy
•	Nov. 14	Commission on Ministry	Doug
•	Nov. 9-11	Charlotte, National Benevolent Assn Board	Cathy
•	Nov. 7-9	Chicago, Week of Compassion Committee	Cathy
•	Nov. 4	Regional Board Meeting	Doug
•	Nov. 1-3	Disciples Seminary Foundation Board	Doug
•	Oct. 31	Salem, Santiam Ministers' Breakfast	Cathy
•	Oct. 30	John Day, Blue Mountain Ministers' Lunch	Doug
•	Oct. 29	Portland, Midway, Worship	Doug
•	Oct. 29	Beaverton, Murray Hills, Worship	Doug
•	Oct. 26	Commission on Finance	Doug

News from our Congregations

every Wednesday.

Zane Ridings.

Hamilton

Psalms.

Eggleston serving as

Lebanon: David and Shari

mentor/coaches for new pastor

The View: Went to Lebanon for

installation service. Nov. 19.

Murray Hills: 4 week Advent

Study called Faithful by Adam

Salem: All Church Fall Bible

Study focused on the book of

Principe de Paz: Come and

anniversary for Pastors Gustavo

and Leticia, Dec. 10, at Midway

celebrate the 40th wedding

Christian Church, 5:00 pm.

Eugene: Advent class on Luke, taught by OSU professor

Northwood: Sent a team to work on a Texas Disciples church damaged by hurricane.

Mountain Home:

Thanksgiving Day dinner at the church

Burley: Holiday Lunch and Mini-Bazaar

Corvallis: Harvest Dinner and Commitment Sunday.

Parkview: Disciples Women's Craft Fair. Red Rock: 100 Days of

Prayer as new ministry starts.

Save these dates!

February 3 Nampa: Free community meal

Regional Board **Portland**

February 17

Pray & Play Eugene/Glenwood

March 3

Pray & Play Medford

March 10

Pray & Play

Boise, Red Rock

Audre Bratcher

Liz Cronin

Bernice Rivera

Stacy Shelton

Doug Wirt & Cathy Myers Wirt





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From your Regional

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Christmas **Offering Pray and Play Events for Women 2018** Calendar of Regional

News from Congregations Last year, two women rode the bus all day long in Ecuador to thank Oregon and Idaho Disciples for being their partners. In such times, it is overwhelming to know that the thanks really belong to many more back home.

Visiting around the regional church, your regional ministers have similar experiences. People thank us personally for a particular ministry or blessing, when really the thanks belongs to all who support Disciples regional ministries. These include:



- The family who can send all of their children to summer camp because of scholarships;
- A much relieved lay leader sensing the church has found the direction they needed;
- The smiling groups of pastors and lay leaders kind of surprised they had such a good experience at an Anti Racism workshop;
- New church leaders who gained knowledge, support and inspiration at a training event;
- A pastor thankful for extra support when it was most needed;
- The woman who made a new friend at the retreat;
- Someone else whose life was just blessed in a way that will remain private;
- A church in an out of the way place that feels like someone cares.

We hear the thanks, and from time to time, we pass that on to you. You don't see all the faces or hear the voices that we see and hear, but they're really thanking God for you.

Your Christmas offering goes far and wide across Idaho and Oregon, and beyond from your offering plate, or check or online gift, to people and places who could use some Good News. Churches will receive this offering on December 10 and 17, or you can give online at www.disciplesmssionfund.org. You can find posters, powerpoint slides, a video, and bulletin inserts that invite at http://www.oidisciples.org/news-c1h8s

Christmas offering gifts will help churches find pastors, youth go to camp, new churches get started, congregations turn the corner and much more. From the hearts of many, thanks for doing that!

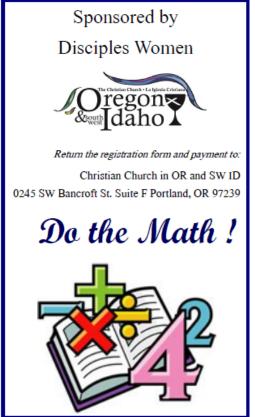
Cathy Doug

Regional Assembly, May 18-19, 2018 in Portland

The 2018 Regional Assembly will be May 18-19, hosted by First Christian Church in Portland. Timothy James and Sandhya Jha will be the featured speakers. Timothy James is the Associate General Minister with primary responsibility for the National Convocation. Sandhya Jha directs the Oakland Peace Center. Brenda Mikota of Portland FCC is the chair of the Regional Assembly Planning Committee.

We have arranged for a convenient and affordable housing arrangement with University Place Hotel, in downtown Portland, near Portland State University. Assembly goers will be able to reserve their weekend housing at a special event rate. We will encourage you to make your reservations early and directly with University Place Hotel. Watch for more information in future editions of your regional church newsletter.





New Part Time Regional Staff

The regional church has added two part time positions in 2017. The Vision Plan approved at the 2016 Regional Assembly included the concept of transitioning the regional church staff from a co-ministry model (with two Regional Ministers) to a team ministry model with part time staff persons joining the Regional Ministers and our other two part time staff.

As of November 4, Bernice Rivera started work as a Leader Development Associate. She will visit Spanish speaking ministries in the regional church, on an average of one church per weekend, about 5-6 hours per week. She will also visit other congregations helping to build relationships between congregations and with the regional church. Bernice is a member of Murray Hills Christian Church in Beaverton, Oregon and a representative to the General Board of the Disciples of Christ Church.

Stacy Shelton has also started work as Communications Associate. She will manage Constant Contact, develop online registration processes, and oversee videoconferencing by ministries in the regional church, working an average of 20 hours per month. Stacy serves as Pastor at the Medford First Christian Church. We welcome Stacy and Bernice to the regional staff and give thanks for the gifts they bring.