

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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On the Way with Doug and Cathy

- Sept. 25 Commission on Ministry Meeting Doug
- Sept. 23 Boise, Snake River District Ministers' Lunch Cathy
- Sept. 22 Homedale Christian Church Cathy
- Sept. 19 Portland, Lynchwood, CWF Speaker Cathy
- Sept. 15 Eugene FCC, Worship Cathy
- Sept. 12 EMO Bishops and Executives Doug
- Sept. 12 Interchurch Center Board Doug
- Sept. 10 Burley, Board Meeting, Zoom Call Cathy
- Sept. 8 LaGrande, 130th Anniversary Cathy

Aug. 26—Sept. 6 Regional Ministers' Vacation

- August 25 Portland, Portsmouth Union, Preaching Doug
- August 22 Silverton Elders Cathy
- August 21 Regional Executive Committee Call Doug
- August 21 Disciples Seminary Foundation, Finance Cte Doug
- August 20 Burley, Video Conference Cathy
- August 20 Regional Property Cmte Call Doug
- August 20 John Day, Blue Mountain Rivers Clergy Cathy
- August 21 Disciples Seminary Foundation, Finance Cte Doug
- August 18 Portland First, Preaching Cathy
- August 16 Silverton, Elders Meeting Cathy
- August 13 Portland, Lynchwood Meeting Cathy



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Reconciliation Offering

For fifty years, Disciples have received a special offering in the fall for our Reconciliation Ministries. These gifts support ministries that address the causes and effects of racism in North America today.

Reconciliation gifts go to work in equal measure within and beyond the Oregon SW Idaho region. Every dollar is shared 50/50 between regional church and general church ministries.

Local uses of regional Reconciliation gifts include:

- ◆ Anti racism training for pastors and members of our churches
- ◆ People to people ministries along the Arizona – Mexico border
- ◆ Yakama Christian Mission in White Swan, Washington
- ◆ Educational events with ecumenical partners
- ◆ Support of an immigration attorney through Disciples Home Missions

Congregations receive Reconciliation gifts in late September and in early October. You can also give online at

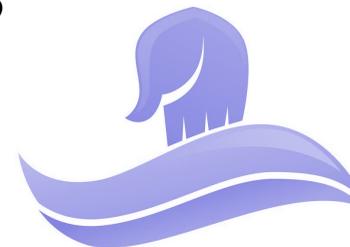
www.reconciliationministry.org/give/

Claremont Seminary Classes Begin in Salem

Claremont School of Theology is starting Master of Divinity classes through Willamette University in Salem in this fall semester. Many of the Claremont students now study online or in what is called the "hybrid" program. This involves online courses with intensive on campus courses twice per year. The on campus courses for the intensive hybrid weeks have been scheduled for Salem in late August 2019.

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News from our Congregations

Save these dates!

Portland FCC: Interim Pastors Bill & Mary Jacobs completed their ministry in July and new Pastor, Cynthia Dobson McBride will arrive in September.

Silverton: Gearing up for annual booth at Mt. Angel Oktoberfest.

Nampa & Medford: Thank you for sharing your pastoral staff as regional camp coordinators. This partnership strengthens our regional camping program.

La Grande: Celebrating 130th anniversary in ministry as a congregation on Sept 8.

Pacific Islands Family Church: Traveled to Longview to launch a new ministry there.

Glenwood: Celebrating an installation — of a new roof before the rainy season, with partial support from Regional Small Church Assistance Fund.

Salem: Welcome dinner for Claremont School of Theology students and staff, August 27.

Hood River: hosting CROP Hunger Walk, September 21.

Lebanon: bottle return drive made \$400 for camp scholarships!

September 29-October 6
Reconciliation Offering for Anti-Racism Ministry

October 11-12
Western Districts' Women's Retreat hosted By Murray Hills, Beaverton

November 2
Regional Board Meeting Portland



Regional Assembly
May 15-16, 2020
Salem FCC
Rev. Sotello Long
President of Disciples Home Missions

Our Future Story has Unfolded since 2014

In 2013-14 meetings were held around the regional church in all five of our districts. Conversations, surveys and workshops led to the writing of the future story of our regional church — a set of goals and hopes for our ministry together. Launched in 2016 at the Regional Assembly in Springfield, this set of hopes has been moving forward, guided by an implementation team meeting with Rev. Dr. Dick Hamm, reporting 3 times a year to our board.

The future story encouraged us to make three transitions together:

- ◆ Moving from living in a shared history to living into a shared future
- ◆ Moving from indirect institutional connections to individual/congregational relationships
- ◆ Moving from Co-Ministry style to a Team Ministry style of leadership.

After Labor Day, survey instruments will be distributed and conversations convened to evaluate the progress of this effort with the hope of reframing our goals in 2020. To learn more and see our detailed goals/directions, go to <http://www.oidisciples.org/about1-cy5v>

Ecuador Travelers visit with our FEDICE Partners

In August, eight members of our congregations visited with our friends in Ecuador. This year visitors went to Maca Atapulo, site of our current microloan project. Our regional mission project is still receiving gifts, with about \$6,000 of our goal of \$22,000 still to be raised. You can read about the trip from the blog posts of the participants on our website at <http://www.oidisciples.org/blog-posts-2019-fedice-trip> and look at some of their pictures on the regional website and Facebook page.



The travelers are looking for invitations, so they can come tell your congregations their story.

Regional Assembly May 15-16, 2020

<http://www.oidisciples.org/2020-regional-assembly>
Start watching this area of our website.....New items will start appearing every few weeks until November and then every two weeks after that.....Regional Assembly is approaching, watch it head toward us!



CAMP 2019 is in the Books

Camp season concluded in August. We continue to be grateful for our regional staff members who led our camp programs:

Stacy Shelton, Medford FCC, led Western camps, and Tammy Anderson, Nampa FCC, led our Eastern camps with great staff of directors and counselors representing 19 congregations.

Western camps served 73 campers involving 18 congregations, Eastern camps served 83 campers involving 7 congregations. In addition, 3 service projects were done in Cascade, Idaho by the Eastern camps, involving 82 people from campers and staff.

This means together 25 congregations created camp for 156 kids and youth. Way to go you! Camp dates for 2020 for Eastern Camps are posted and Western dates will be up soon.



Certificate of Ministry Fall Term Begins

The third semester of the Certificate of Ministry Studies program will cover seven subjects over four months. These classes, taught in Spanish through Disciples Seminary Foundation, meet at the Interchurch Center in Portland and occasionally at local churches.

Fall classes include Christian Ethics, New Testament introduction, conflict in the church, Reformation history, Book of Revelations, Christian apologetics, and urban ministry.

Pastor Xose Escamilla of San Diego is Director of the CMS program and will teach two of the classes this fall. In addition to contributions from students and churches, the CMS program receives partial support from Disciples Seminary Foundation, Oregon Disciple Foundation, Pentecost offering, and Verne Catt McDowell Corporation.

Women's Retreat October 11-12, Beaverton

Women from the Western Districts of our regional church gather each fall at the Murray Hills Christian Church for a 24 hour retreat.

This year's speaker is Cindy Kim-Hengst, Chair of the Board of Stewards for the Week of Compassion.

The retreat includes times for worship, crafts, learning about our partners in Ecuador, times to relax and spend time with other women from Disciples of Christ congregations and their friends.

You can learn more about the retreat on our website and register on line or by downloading the registration form on line.

Lodging is not including in the registration cost, as people either stay in their own homes, a home of a friend/church host, or in a local hotel for the night.

Some women choose to come only to the Saturday program.

Explore the options at: <http://www.oidisciples.org/>

Disciple Women's Circle
Presents.....

Come Passion...

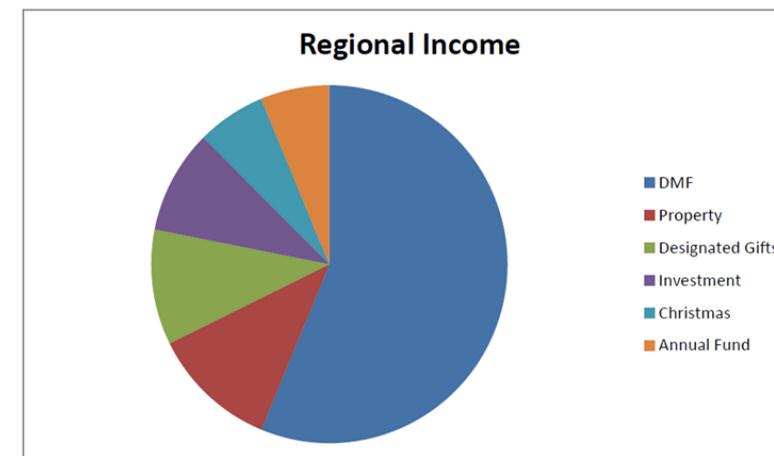
**Grow,
Reach,
Share**

**Spiritual
Renewal
Retreat
for
Women**



October 11-12, 2019
Speaker

Cindy Kim-Hengst



Annual Fund Goal

Each year the Regional Church launches an annual fund for individuals to contribute by check or on-line toward the regional church budget directly. This fund provides 6% of the income for the regional church each year.

We have received 45% of our \$14,000 goal during the July and August.

You can participate by going to our website to give on line or download a pledge card.