

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

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On the Way with Doug and Cathy			
• June 12	WWOW Event Committee	Cathy	
• June 5	Future Story Implementation Team	Cathy	
• June 5	College of Regional Ministers Task Group	Cathy	
• June 3	Meridian, New Hope; Red Rock Trinity	Doug	
• June 3	Meridian, Parkview, Worship	Doug	
• June 2	Regional Board Meeting	Cathy/Doug	
• May 29	Commission on Finance	Doug	
• May 29-31	Week of Compassion Committee, Las Vegas	Cathy	
• May 27	Portland First, Worship	Doug	
• May 24	Eugene First, Dinner with FEDICE visitors	Cathy	
• May 24	Eugene Area Ministers' Lunch, Northwood	Cathy	
• May 23	Springfield, Northwood, FEDICE visitors	Cathy	
• May 22	College of Regional Ministers task group	Cathy	
• May 21	Salem, FEDICE visitors event	Doug	
• May 21	Disciples Seminary Fdn. Committee	Doug	
• May 21	WWOW Event Committee	Cathy	
• May 20	Portland, Midway, Worship	Doug	
• May 18-19	Regional Assembly	Doug/Cathy	
• May 13	Hood River Valley, Worship, Blanca Puma	Cathy	

News from our Congregations

- Hood River Valley, Salem First, Northwood, Eugene First, Gresham, Nueva Vida, Medford:** hosted visits for our friends, Blanca and Luis, from FEDICE, Ecuador.

Midway, McMinnville, Glenwood : visits from Church Extension in May for building assessments.

Red Rock Boise: hosts a community meal on the 3rd Tuesday of each month serving an average of 150 meals. See recent video on our Facebook Page about this.

Junction City: Exceeded goal for Building Fund
- Ontario:** Hosted Snake River District Kids' Camp

Snake River District: Launched a Facebook Page to stay connected to one another.

Chuukese Fellowship Church of Christ: Sending youth to-Chuukese Youth Rally in St. Joseph, Missouri.

Parkview: Installation service for Pastor Justin McMurdie on July 8 at 2 p.m.

Portland FCC: Celebrated their early debt retirement with a mortgage burning BBQ!

Dallas: Block Party, VBS and post cards for summer outreach.

Keizer: Had a rock painting party for Rock Garden.

Save these dates!

August 8-11
North American/Pacific Asian Disciples Convocation, hosted by Portland First Christian Church

September 7-9
Women's Retreat, Trinity Pines, Cascade, ID

September 30-October 7
Reconciliation Offering

October 12-13
Women's Retreat, Murray Hills Beaverton OR

October 13
Snake River District Event, Transforming Conflict, hosted by Red Rock, Boise, ID

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Future Story Continues

At the May Regional Assembly, we spent Saturday morning reviewing the first two years of our three year “Future Story.” Our implementation team helps us to stay on track with this three year set of directions. At Assembly we reported what has happened so far and looked forward to what comes next as we seek to live into our three transitions:

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

Since the launch of the Future Story in 2016, we have moved forward on all of the benchmarks we set for ourselves. A few examples include:

- Preparing to launch a ministry training program in Spanish in partnership with Disciples Seminary Foundation.
- Trained 10 Anti-Racism Trainers, held 3 trainings for clergy and lay leaders touching over 100 people in 3 locations, and led training at regional events in NW Region and our own region.
- Launched a Regional Elders program with 8 Elders spending time with 51 retired pastors and 24 pastors serving in specialized ministries
- Hired new staff to work with camps, communications and new church support

To learn more about the Future Story, visit our web page link with slide show, brochures and more information:
<http://www.oidisciples.org/about1-cy5v>

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Regional Assembly May 15-16, 2020

Salem FCC

Rev. Sotello Long

President of Disciples Home Missions

Disciples meet every two years for General Assembly in odd numbered years. The next one will happen in Des Moines, Iowa in 2019.

In between General Assembly years, the summers keep just as busy. Disciples meet in numerous general church groups to build up Christians and the Body of Christ. Here are some of the groups for this summer:

- July 12-14 Asamblea Hispana Nacional in Phoenix, AZ. Organized by Hispanic Disciples
- July 16-18 College of Regional Ministers, Birmingham, AL DOC Regional Ministers
- July 17-18 Forum of Regional Moderators, Birmingham, AL DOC Regional Moderators
- July 19-22 National Convocation 25th Biennial Session, Birmingham, AL Organized by African American Disciples of Christ
- August 8-11 North American Pacific Asian Disciples of Christ, Portland, OR, Organized by Asian American and Pacific Island Disciples

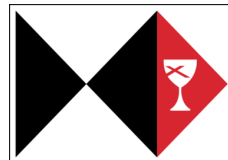
This summer of 2018 will be the first year that Oregon and SW Idaho Disciples have someone present at all five of these events. Each meeting has an important role in the life of our church. The racial ethnic ministries include a lot of the growth happening today within the Disciples. The Regional Ministers and Regional Moderators spend some time together and some time in separate meetings. For 2018, these meetings are also coordinated with the Convocation.

Doug

North American Pacific Asian Disciples meeting August 8-11

Every two years, the North American Pacific Asian Disciples meet for a Convocation. The Convocation is a time for learning, worship, meeting people and appreciating many of the cultures present in the Disciples.

In 2018, the NAPAD Convocation will meet at First Christian Church in Portland from August 8-11. All Disciples are invited! Affordable overnight housing is available within a short walk at Portland State University. If you don't know a lot about NAPAD, come and learn about some remarkable Disciples and ministries. You can find more information at www.napad.net.



New Regional Board Holds First Meeting in June

The Board of Directors for Christian Church in Oregon Southwest Idaho met on Saturday, June 2. Officers for the next two years are Geoff Speidel Moderator (Hood River Valley); Robi Ingram-Rich 1st Vice Moderator (Portland FCC); Judy Meneghin 2nd Vice Moderator (Murray Hills); Donna Culley, Treasurer (Ontario); and Erik Free, Moderator-Elect (Keizer).

Some board members drove long distances to attend, three came by airplane and two logged in to participate by video conference. The board received orientation about their duties, heard staff, committee and financial reports, and approved the creation of a new Anti Racism Pro Reconciliation Team for the regional church. Other highlights included the new microloan project with the FEDICE ministry in Ecuador, plans for a two year ministry education program taught in Spanish in Portland, and special events for Chuukese and Spanish speaking churches in the first quarter of 2018. General Board representative Rebecca Smith of Medford shared the opening devotion. Shari Eggleston, Pastor of The View Christian Church led the communion.



Newest Ecuador Project Goal: \$22,000

At the Regional Assembly in May, Oregon and SW Idaho Disciples began a new mission project with our partners in Ecuador FEDICE. This project has a goal of \$22,000 to provide microloans to 24 families in the community of Maca Atápulo, Ecuador. The families will use the money to start their own businesses in raising sheep, cattle and/or onions. Once the money is repaid, the women's organization in the community will use it again to benefit more families.



The breakdown of project costs is as follows:

Raw materials \$16,800; Technical training \$2,520;
FEDICE support \$2,680;

Total project cash: \$22,000

The regional church Executive Committee decided to add \$2,680 to the FEDICE request for the support of FEDICE staff who work with the project for organizing, accounting, and consulting. Community residents will add \$8,592 more in in kind items/labor and other contributions.

Church Camp — “God’s Love is Everywhere!”



High School Camp at Suttle Lake, July 25-29

Grade School & Middle School Suttle Lake, July 30-August 3

Middle School and High School at Cascade, July 30-August 4



“MY REFLECTION IN GOD'S MIRROR”

Presented by Snake River District
Disciples Women's Ministries

Fall Retreat
Trinity Pines Conference Center
Cascade, Idaho
September 7-9, 2018

SNAKE RIVER DISTRICT
Trinity Pines,
Cascade, ID

Two Women's Fall Retreats 2018

New Beginnings

Spiritual
Renewal
Retreat
for
Women



October 12-13, 2018

Western Districts
Murray Hills
Christian Church
Beaverton, OR