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Before proceeding, please consider the following:

Nueva Vida: Our National Hispanic Pastor Lori Tapia came to lead a youth retreat in September.

Hood River: April Lewton, Vice President for National Benevolent Association, special guest in August.

Lynchwood: community meeting on local pedestrian safety.

Parkview: Pastor Justin and Autumn McMurtrie attended Disciples history class in Claremont, CA.

Northwood: New Worship Director Adam Rasmussen.

Junction City: Installed Rev. David Bonderant as pastor.

For more news from our congregations:

Keizer: Congratulations to Don and Jane Slack upon their 60th Anniversary!

Springfield FCC: Dedicated their new sanctuary remodel, October 6, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

North Bend: Choral group for worship is re-named as the “First Christian Singers.”

Allison Park: Beginning study of “The Story,” as focus for the coming months.

La Grande: 1/3 of the way to goal of 1/4 mile of dimes for Week of Compassion. Will raise $2244 for WOC!

Dallas: Annual Block Party in August.

On the Way with Doug and Cathy

- Sept. 16 Junction City, Worship
- Sept. 14 McMinnville, First Christian, Meeting
- Sept. 13 Bishops and Executives, EMO, Lunch
- Sept. 13 Interchurch Center Steering Committee
- Sept. 11 Silverton, Vision Conversation
- Sept. 10 Boise, Snake River Dist. Ministers Lunch
- Sept. 9 Homedale, Preaching
- Sept. 8 Cascade, Snake River Women’s Retreat
- Sept. 2 Salem, Escudo y Fortaleza, Worship
- Sept. 2 Portland, Portsmouth Union, Worship
- August 28 College of Regional Ministers
- August 28 Salem, Santiam District Pastors’ Breakfast
- August 26 Fox, Worship
- August 26 John Day First Christian, Worship
- August 21 New Church Committee
- August 19 Forest Grove, Memorial Jim Bradford
- August 19 Corvallis First Christian Worship
- August 14 Ontario, Blue Mt. Rivers Pastors’ Lunch
- August 13 Ontario FCC, Faithful Planning Team
- August 12 Murray Hills Worship/Board Mtg.

Save these dates!

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

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

October 27 Week of Compassion led Disaster Preparedness Workshop hosted by Portland First Christian Church

November 11-18 Thanksgiving Offering for Higher Education

The question around disasters is not if something will happen here but when. Disasters, large and small, will happen in this region, and when they do, our congregations can offer vital care and resources for our members and communities. Advance preparation and planning can position Disciples to respond well. In this workshop, Josh Baird and Caroline Hamilton-Arnold will present about the denominational resources for disaster response and recovery and will guide conversations and activities for developing context-specific disaster plans. Join our Week of Compassion staff Saturday, October 27 at Portland First Christian Church.

Transforming Conflict Workshop

Josh Johnsen of First Christian Church in Grants Pass will lead a four hour session on Saturday, Oct. 13. With the theme “Peace is Always Possible,” this event at Red Rock CC in Boise will look at ways to address conflicts in congregations in positive and productive ways, using the resources of our faith. Cost is $20 for a workbook and lunch. Register with Red Rock, office@redrockchristianchurch.org.

Disaster Preparedness Workshop

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

Opportunities

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My Turn

This summer Doug and I began our 18th year as your Regional Ministers. One of my friends asked me, “What is it like to have the same job for so long?” I don’t think I’ve had the same job for 17 years. This position changes every few years as the needs of the regional church change. When we came we were 32 congregations, all in Oregon, all spoke English. Today we are 45 congregations in two states that speak three languages. Camps have moved locations twice. Women’s ministry has evolved into different forms. We have added 18 congregations and closed three and other congregations have chosen to move their ministry out of the Disciples of Christ movement. We have changed the shape and name of the regional church. In 2001 we had no FB page, website, or online anything. This is NOT the job I started in 2001.

Now, I find my work changing again as a part of the future story of our regional church and as a function of finishing some commitments. I have completed my terms as President of the College of Regional Ministers and member of the Board of the National Benevolent Association, so now I’m turning my attention back to more congregational visits and clergy care. In the summer I’ve enjoyed visits to Corvallis, Portsmouth and Silverton with more scheduled to see people on a regular Sunday. I’ve worked with Murray Hills, and soon a couple more congregations, to update governing documents. I’ve engaged Ontario, Silverton and soon to be one more congregation in some visioning conversation. I’m going to Burley for a “church tune up” event in to listen and think about mission together. I’ve spent more time with clergy one on one to hear about their lives. I’m looking forward to a season of being engaged in local congregational life again. See you on the road! In Hope, Cathy

Anti Racism Training in Albany, November 17

First Christian Church in Albany will host a regional Anti Racism Pro Reconciliation workshop on Saturday, November 17. This will be similar to the trainings offered in 2016 in Portland, Eugene and Boise. Our local training team will lead this event again. People who have not attended before, whether ministers or lay persons, are encouraged to come on November 17 and participate. Start time is 10:00 a.m. and we will finish 4:00 p.m. A $10 donation is requested to cover the cost of lunch and materials. Get a group together from your congregation and come to see what this is all about.

Certificate of Ministry Studies Program Started

The first semester of the Certificate of Ministry Studies program will go from September to December 2018. Taught in Portland, Eugene and Boise. Our local training team will lead this event again. People who have not attended before, whether ministers or lay persons, are encouraged to come on. The fall season brings a change in hours for regional church staff.

Fall Staffing in the Regional Church

In early September, 33 women traveled to Cascade, Idaho to the Trinity Pines Retreat Center to share a weekend of keynoting, hiking, great food, workshops, an in town service project, crafts, a school supplies shower, and worship. This was a new setting for the retreat this year. Thank you to the women’s cabinet in Idaho’s Snake River District for planning and leading this event.

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Camp Dates for 2019

Cascade Camp
Juniors, July 7-12
Chi Rho/CYF, July 28-August 3

Suttle Lake
CYF, August 2-6
Juniors/Chi Rho, July 28-August 1

Ecuador Mission Project: $5,000 in, $17,000 To Go

Gifts in the amount of $5,000 have come in for the special mission project with our partner FEDICE in Ecuador. The project will provide micro-loans for families in Maca Atápulo. This leaves $17,000 to be raised to reach the goal of $22,000. We are 22% of the way to the goal.