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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Advent Blessings...

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2020 Events

May 15-16, 2020
Regional Assembly
Salem

June 12-14, 2020
Wild Women of the West in Las Vegas

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Dec. 13 Interchurch Center Steering Committee Doug
Dec. 9 Lynchwood, Preaching Cathy
Dec. 5 Portland, Commission on Ministry Doug
Dec. 2 Lynchwood, Worship, Pastor’s Farewell Cathy
Nov. 27 Santiam District Ministers’ Breakfast Cathy
Nov. 25 Beaverton, Murray Hills, Worship Cathy
Nov. 24 Pacific Islands Family Church Installation Doug
Nov. 18 Portland, Principe de Paz, Worship Cathy
Nov. 18 McMinnville, Worship Doug
Nov. 17 Albany, Anti Racism Training Doug
Nov. 14-16 San Diego, College of Regional Ministers Cathy
Nov. 13 Anti Racism Trainers Doug
Nov. 11 Caldwell, Preaching Cathy
Nov. 7 Dallas, Faithful Planning Presentation Cathy
Nov. 5 Eugene FCC, Committee Meeting Cathy
Nov. 4 North Bend, Preaching Doug
Nov. 3 Reception to honor Audre Bratcher Doug/Cathy
Nov. 3 Regional Board Meeting Cathy/Doug
Oct. 28 Salem, FCC, Worship Doug
Oct. 27 Portland, Week of Compassion Training Cathy
Oct. 19-21 Burley, Congregational Tune Up Weekend Cathy

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A well known book about negotiation has the title Getting to Yes. Your giving to regional church ministries means that we as a church get to say “Yes” many times throughout the year.

Here are some of the questions that receive a positive response because of your gift:

- Are there any scholarships for summer youth camps? Yes!
- Regional Minister, can we talk awhile, just Pastor to Pastor? Yes!
- Will you help our church find our next Pastor? Yes!
- Can you help us start a new congregation? Yes!
- Can we work together on setting new goals for our church? Yes!
- Is the church doing anything about the hatred and division in society? Yes!
- Is the church doing anything with people living in poverty in the world? Yes!
- What about when disasters strike? Yes!
- Are there people who will help me follow my call to ministry? Yes!
- Can we talk about the problem we’re having at church? Yes!
- ¿Hablamos Español? Si. Does anyone know how to speak Chuukese? Yes!
- Can you help with training leaders, updating bylaws, getting background checks? Yes!

Your giving to regional church ministry means that we get to say “Yes” in lots of ways all year long. And it’s not just the regional staff saying “yes.” It’s you! True, we can’t say “yes” to every request every time. We do get to say “yes” quite often to the needs of our congregations and pastors because Disciples in Oregon and Idaho make it possible through these forms of giving:

- Christmas offering, received through congregations or given online.
- Annual Fund, given through out the year, usually by mail.
- Disciples Mission Fund, given by congregations each month, or by individuals online at www.disciplesmissionfund.org.
- Permanent Funds with Christian Church Foundation, designating the regional church.
- Pacific Outreach Christian Church is the newest affiliating congregation in the regional church, meeting at Red Rock Christian Church in Boise.
- The new Anti Racism Pro Reconciliation team met twice in the fall and has planned for several training events.
- Regional programs in 2018 included seven events for women and seven events for youth.
- Rebecca Smith and Bernice Rivera represent the region on the General Board. Rebecca gave a report on the work of the Administrative Committee of the General Board.
- Local Disciples attended the Forum of Regional Moderators, National Convocation, Asamblea Nacional, and North American Pacific Asian Disciples this past summer.
- Stacy Shelton has created a Thanksgiving offering video specific to this region.

The Regional Board of the Christian Church in Oregon Southwest Idaho met on Saturday, November 3. The board approved a budget for 2019 and honored Audre Bratcher for her eighteen years of service as Administrative Assistant for the regional church.

Certificate of Ministries Studies Update

The Certificate of Ministry Studies program in Portland will complete the first semester on December 15. Thirty-one students have attended 14 class sessions taught in Spanish on 7 topics. Subjects included Church Administration, Theology, Church Planting, Boundary Training, Christian Education, Bereavement and Congregational Leadership.

Additional students attended some of the class sessions, sometimes bringing the number of students to over forty. Most classes took place at the Interchurch Center in Portland, with Murray Hills Christian Church in Beaverton hosting the other sessions. Disciples Seminary Foundation sponsors the CMS program under the direction of Pastor Xose Escamilla of San Diego.