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.

Our mission is to:
- Establish and receive new Disciples congregations
- To nurture members and congregations
- To provide leadership and support to new congregations

Regional Ministers
Audre Bratcher, Administrative Assistant
Doug and Cathy Myers Wirt

On the Way with Doug and Cathy

May 6  Springfield FCC  Doug
May 6  Beaverton, Murray Hills CC, Preaching  Cathy
May 5  Portland, Regional Assembly Local Arrg.  Cathy
May 3-4  Claremont, CA, Disciples Seminary Fdn.  Doug
May 2  NBA Governance Committee  Cathy
May 1  Executive Committee of Regional Board  Doug
May 1  Suttle Lake Camp Directors’ Meeting  Cathy
April 29  Portland, FCC, Worship  Doug
April 28  Great Falls, MT, Regional Assembly  Cathy
April 27  Great Falls, MT, Retirement Ruth Fletcher  Cathy
April 26  Springfield FCC, Eugene Ministers’ Lunch  Cathy
April 24-25  Rick Reisinger, Disciples Church Ext.  Doug
April 24  WWOOW Evaluation Meeting on ZOOM  Cathy
April 24  Salem, Santiam Ministers’ Breakfast  Doug
April 22  Ione Community Church  Doug
April 17-19  Iowa, College of Regional Ministers  Cathy
April 13-17  Iowa, General Board of Christian Church  Cathy
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Portland First: Regional Assembly hosting congregation in May. Whole regional church is grateful!

Portsmouth Union: Having a “spiritual groundbreaking” for the affordable housing project.

Lebanon: youth group on Wednesday nights

Keizer: Church t-shirts to wear when volunteering for food bank and at community dinner.

Red Rock: Youth Sunday, May 20

Salem: Starting a new online Bible study


Hood River: FEDICE Director Blanca Puma, Mother’s Day speaker on May 13.

Silverton: Three fundraisers for summer camp scholarships.

Murray Hills: Hosted Children Worship and Wonder Training in May.

Lynchwood: Next steps on New Beginnings with home groups and meeting with Yolanda Roseby of Hope Partnership.

McMinnville/Midway: Had visits from Church Extension.

North America/Pacific Asia Disciples Gathering in Portland

Oregon Southwest Idaho Disciples will host the 2018 Convocation of the North American Pacific Asian Disciples.

Time: August 8-11, 2018
Place: First Christian Church, Portland, Oregon
Theme: “One in Christ: Growing into Unity”
Scripture: Ephesians 4:13

The NAPAD Convocation brings together people from across the church, including but not limited to, Asian American and Pacific Island Disciples.
You do not need to belong to a NAPAD member church or to be an Asian American or Pacific Island Disciple to attend.

Come and learn about many exciting and growing Disciples ministries.

Dr. Timothy Lee, professor of church history, Brite Divinity School in Fort Worth, TX, is the Moderator for NAPAD. Chung Seong Kim is the Interim Executive Pastor. Doug Wirt is a NAPAD Board member.
The 2018 Convocation will have music, worship, teaching, workshops and youth ministry. Activities will happen at First Christian Church in Portland, home of the first Asian American Disciples congregation, Chinese Christian Mission, from 1891-1924.

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President of Disciples Home Missions
I’m going to tell you two best kept secrets in just a few words:

1. The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ); and
2. Disciples New Church Ministries

I hear people say that Disciples are a well kept secret. We’re a good option for the times and places that we live in today. We can connect and still honor each other’s freedom, uniting and still honoring differences. As Paul says, we are one Body of Christ, with individual members.

Lester Holt of NBC News came to Portland for a national newscast on May 7. One story told of high school students who gathered “at a local church” to cook meals for homeless youth. If you watched for it, you could see a sign on the front of the church that said “First Christian Church” in downtown Portland. A well kept secret, but the church was there and available for the meal program to be there because for years and years people have met there to share the love of Jesus Christ.

Creative Disciples ministries happen in long established churches and new ones, too. In our regional church, newer congregations build homes, deliver Christmas presents in Mexico, send youth to camp, baptize new Christians, train church leaders and parents, host Global Ministries visitors, start up more new churches, fly to Disciples events across the country, teach, preach and pray. Your Pentecost offering helps all this to happen. Are these all well kept secrets? Maybe, but the Word is getting out.

Miracle Day, June 2 for Cascade Christian Camp

Summer camp season is coming soon. So Cascade Christian Camp has scheduled a “Miracle Day” to work on the grounds and facilities in Cascade, Idaho. Come to work from 10 am to 4 pm on Saturday, June 2, or stay and work through the weekend if you can. You can also work earlier or later on Saturday if you prefer.

Bring tools and supplies for outdoor grounds clean up and for sprucing up indoors as well. Please call the camp office at 208 468 8976 to tell how many people will be coming in your group.

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

Kids’ Camp at Ontario FCC, June 15-17
Grade School Camp at Cascade, June 25-29
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

Two Women’s Fall Retreats 2018

Church Camp

Snake River
District
Trinity Pines,
Cascade, ID

Murray Hills
Christian Church
Beaverton, OR

NEWEST ECUADOR PROJECT GOAL: $22,000

The Executive Committee of the Regional Board has approved a new microloan project with our mission partner FEDICE in Ecuador. FEDICE Executive Director Blanca Puma will tell us about the new project at our Regional Assembly in Portland, May 18-19.

The new project will involve 24 families in the community of Maca Atápulo, Ecuador. Each family will receive a loan of $700. As in previous projects, a local women’s organization working with FEDICE will oversee the project. Most families will raise sheep, and a few will raise either cattle or onions. FEDICE’s technical advisor will visit to train people about raising the animals and onions.

Total goal for this project will be $22,000. This includes funds for 24 microloans, technical training by FEDICE, and support for FEDICE administrative staff. Contributions will come from individuals, groups and ministries within the Oregon Southwest Idaho regional church of the Disciples of Christ.

For a fact sheet on the Maca Atápulo project, contact Audre Bratcher in the regional church office at office.disciples@gmail.com. On-line giving instructions for the project and some pictures of Maca Atapulo can be found at: www.oidisciples.org/fedice-updates.