Update to our Future Story

Regional Assembly
2018
Christian Church
In Oregon & SW Idaho
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Future

What??
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From 2012-16

❖ We listened
❖ We prayed
❖ We pondered
❖ We grew our geography
❖ We grew our vision
In 2016 we launched a Future Story.....

We hoped that God would USE us to share good news in the Northwest and Beyond
3 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
3 Strategies for God to **USE** us

**U nite** — maximizing our efforts by bringing together human resources.

**S upport** — each other in ministry by sharing resources effectively.

**E quip**— our leadership with the skills required in a changing world and changing church.
We formed an implementation team to keep us on track and moving forward.
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David DeBow
Dick Hamm
Brian Ponzar
Robi Ingram Rich
Stacy Shelton
Cathy Myers Wirt
We reported to our regional board three times a year about the progress on our story.
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What happened?
We did all the usual stuff AND

Usual stuff

• Searching for Pastors
• Camps
• Women’s Events
• Administration
• Communication
• Commission on Ministry
• Congregational Visitation
• General Church Committees and Boards
• Started using video conferencing for meetings lectionary groups
global ministry congregation network

• Launched an online newsletter enhanced Facebook updated website format
• **Districts:**
  parade float & youth events in **Santiam River** camps & women’s events **Snake River** regional assembly worship **Columbia Gorge** Facebook pages **Scenic Rivers** and **Blue Mountain Rivers**

• **Networking of our Spanish speaking ministries by visits with Lori Tapia of Obra Hispana, events for pastors, youth and congregational visits**
• A group from regional church went to Ecuador to visit and work with FEDICE

• Over 20 women went to Arizona to meet with women from the western regions at the Wild Women of the West Event April 2018
• Launched Pilot project in April 2018 with 8 Regional Elders to network and care for 51 retired clergy and 25 people serving in specialized ministries.
• We supported whole church with 3 mission gatherings
• Hired new part time staff to support expanding ministries
• We sent men to the general church men’s gathering to support men’s ministry formation in our region
• We sent our regional ministers to training in planned giving & increased the number of named funds benefiting ministries in the church
• Provided training to 10 Anti-Racism trainers through partnership with Reconciliation Ministries
• Provided training Anti-Racism sessions to over 100 people
• Pastors in the region now required to take the training
• Hosted Chuukese Easter Rally to support developing leadership
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Today we Highlight 3 parts of this future story
New Staff join the team

Bernice Rivera
New Church Associate

Stacy Shelton
Communications Associate
Anti Racism Work moves forward

Anti Racism Trainers
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What comes Next?
Developing deeper relationships between historic congregations and new congregations

Deepen relationship in districts between congregations

Further utilize technology to share resources/community/support
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- Plan a trip to Ecuador & launch a new Micro-loan project in Maca Atápulo
- Add to the number of Global Mission Congregations and network them within our region
- Begin conversations for the 2020-2023 Future Story
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- Pilot Project for men’s ministry
- Add staffing for women’s ministry
- Increase the number of named funds supporting ministry through endowment

CHRISTIAN CHURCH FOUNDATION
Helping Disciples Make a Difference
 Offer support for technology training for congregations

 Provide Anti-Racism training to congregational leadership
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- Host North American/Pacific Asian Disciples Convocation in August 2018
- Create Clergy Care networks/support system
Launch Certificate of Ministry Program in Spanish in partnership with Disciples Seminary Foundation Fall 2018
What comes next!

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Disciples Seminary Foundation
Certificate of Ministry
OFFERING FOR Maca Atápulo

Make Check to Christian Church in OR & SW ID
Write FEDICE in the memo section

Give on line by going to our website:
www.oidisciples.org
Bottom of the home page, there is a link labeled
“Give to Maca Atápulo”
Click this link and follow the directions

THANK YOU