**Mission Statement of the Regional Church**

- 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 congregations. To nurture members and to extend the Kingdom of God.

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**News from our Congregations**

- **Peniel**: Annual Christmas mission to Sonora, Mexico
- **Ione**: New Pastor Jeff Clabaugh will begin his Ministry in February.
- **Allison Park**: Celebrated the 30th anniversary of the ordination of their Pastor Jim Osborne.
- **Grants Pass**: ordination of their Pastor Jim Osborne.
- **Junction City**: Drop and Shop Movie Night in Dec.
- **The View**: Shari Eggleston will fill in for her.
- **Red Rock**: ordination for Rob Tulloch planned for Jan. 20 at 2 pm. Rob has accepted a call as an Associate Minister at DOC church in Wichita, KS.
- **Lynchwood**: Said farewell to Pastor Andrew Guthrie. Sandy Berry called as Interim Pastor.
- **Salem FCC**: Farewell celebration for Pastor Bob and Julia Hanno on Jan. 6.
- **Albany**: Thank you for hosting Anti Racism Pre Reconciliation training on Nov. 17.
- **Caldwell**: Replacing flooring in building shared with Lutheran congregation.

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**Save these dates!**

**January 20**

- Ordination of Rob Tulloch Hosted by Red Rock, Boise

**February 2**

- Regional Board Meeting Interchurch Center, Portland

See inside newsletter for 2019 Pray and Play Dates Retreat Days for Disciple Women, six locations, from March through April

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**Where do I go with my Questions?**

In 2019 administrative responsibilities will be shifting between our staff members. The Regional Board honored Audre Bratcher on November 3, upon her retirement after eighteen years as Administrative Assistant in the regional church office. We continue to give thanks for Audre’s work.

While you will still see Audre from time to time, the question has come up often “what will you do without her?” The staff position for an Administrative Assistant will remain vacant in 2019. Other regional staff members and some volunteers will give attention to the regular duties of the position. Here is a summary of who will do what in 2019:

- Background checks: Liz Cronin
- Bank deposits: Liz Cronin
- Certificate of Ministry Studies: Bernice Rivera
- Commission on Ministry: Doug Wirt
- Constant Contact Mailings: Cathy Myers Wirt
- Contribution records: Liz Cronin
- Data base updates: Stacy Shelton
- Event registrations: Stacy Shelton
- Plane tickets: Doug and Liz
- Search and call records: Cathy and Doug
- Regional Board preparations: Doug and volunteers
- Summer camp preparations: Cathy, Stacy and volunteers
- Yearbook reports: Stacy Shelton

Not sure where to go for things not on this list? Send a note to Cathy or Doug. Staff and regional board will reassess the duties for 2020.
My Turn
You know the type of person. Someone who seems to be there at church doing what is needed almost every time the church doors open. That juice doesn’t put itself in the communion cups. The candles can burn through the whole service since someone sometime checks on that. The people working behind the scenes don’t get nearly enough credit.

Your Disciples Mission Fund reminds me of the “worker bees” that make things happen so often in almost every church. Disciples Mission Fund, like the name suggests, supports the mission and ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). As Regional Ministers, Cathy and I can show up at a church that needs us without passing the hat when we arrive. We can have long conversations with pastors seeking to find the right place to serve and multiple visits with pastoral search committees looking for their next pastor. Your regional church can reserve a campground now for youth to attend next summer, even though no one has paid a nickel yet in registration fees. Your regional church can help train the pastors you’ll need ten years from now, even though you don’t need them just yet. Your church from its corner of the world can have an impact in Nepal, Ecuador, Congo and Germany year after year. Church planters in Oregon and Idaho can find support and not be on their own. All because of Disciples Mission Fund.

The main support for Disciples Mission Fund comes from congregations through their mission giving. Individuals can give at www.disciplesmissionfund.org. So thank you, supporters of DMF. Let your light shine. You’re lighting up the world!

Doug

Certificate of Ministry Studies Program Update
Over thirty Disciples church leaders have completed the first of four semesters of the Certificate of Ministry Studies program. This course of studies provides ministry education in Spanish in Portland. Special thanks go to Murray Hills Christian Church for hosting the larger classes that wouldn’t fit at Interchurch Center.

Spring 2019 courses will include Biblical Preaching, Youth Ministry, and Pastoral Care. The recent Disciples Seminary Foundation bulletin and a recent video for the Thanksgiving offering featured CMS student Denisse Violante of Iglesia Cristiana Escudo y Fortaleza in Salem.

Women’s Pray & Play
“God’s Love is Everywhere”

Double Your Money with a FEDICE gift to Maca Atápulo
A generous friend of FEDICE, our mission partner in Ecuador, has made an offer we hope you won’t refuse. In 2019, all gifts to FEDICE will be matched by this donor up to a total of $20,000.

Oregon SW Idaho Disciples have a goal of $22,000 for a microloan project in the small community of Maca Atápulo, high in the Andes mountains of Ecuador. Gifts to this special mission project will purchase onions, sheep and cattle for 24 families to have their own small business. This helps families stay together in traditional rural areas, and to avoid migration at a time when Ecuador receives many immigrants from Venezuela.

Your gift to the Maca Atápulo project can be doubled by the 2019 matching gift. A gift of $50 will become $100, $100 will become $200 and $500 will become $1000. The matching gift will let us reach the goal much sooner. We have about $16,000 still to raise, having passed the one quarter mark toward the goal earlier this fall.

Gifts for the Maca Atápulo project may be marked for “FEDICE – Maca Atápulo” and sent to the regional church office. You can also give to the project online by going to our website link for FEDICE http://www.oidisciples.org/fedice-updates

2020 Wild Women of the West
Plans are taking shape for the Las Vegas Gathering of WWOW. Women from seven regional churches will gather June 12-14, 2020 to enjoy great speakers/preachers, workshops, worship, mission opportunities and meeting sisters from the global church. SAVE THE DATE!