On the Way with Doug and Cathy

- July 22  Portland, Principe de Paz   Doug
- July 19-20  Birmingham, National Convocation   Cathy
- July 16-18  Birmingham, Regional Ministers/Moderators   Cathy
- July 15  Salem First, Worship   Doug
- July 14  Portland First, Women’s Event, Speaker   Cathy
- July 10  Regional Reconciliation Team   Doug
- July 9  Salem, First Christian, Memorial Service   Cathy
- July 8  Meridian, Parkview, Installation of Pastor  Doug
- July 5  NAPAD Committee   Doug
- July 3  College of Regional Ministers Ex. Comm.   Cathy
- July 1  Keizer, Meeting   Cathy
- July 1  Albany, Worship   Cathy
- June 28  McKenzie Bridge, Eugene Area Ministers  Cathy
- June 26  Portland First, Reg. Assm Thankyou/Eval   Cathy
- June 24  Boise, Red Rock, Trinity Worship   Doug
- June 24  Mountain Home, Worship   Doug
- June 23  Salem, Chaplains/Specialized Ministry BBQ   Cathy
- June 21  Albany, Verne Catt McDowell Foundation  Doug
- June 19  Murray Hills Governing Document Team   Cathy
- June 18  New Church Team   Doug
- June 17  Junction City, Worship   Doug

Save these dates!

August 8-11  North American/Pacific Asian Disciples Convocation, hosted by Portland First Christian Church  

September 7-9  Women’s Retreat, Trinity Pines, Cascade, ID  

September 30-October 7  Reconciliation Offering  

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

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

Fall Women’s Retreats  

Spiritual Renewal Retreat for Women  

October 12-13, 2018  

This fall women in our Regional Church plan to gather for renewal and connection. Both events have wonderful, inspiring speakers, times for reflection and conversation, and time to relax with long time friends and friends you can meet when you arrive.  

Our Idaho retreat leader is Val Draher, a motivational speaker and life coach who leads Bible study locally and speaks at women’s retreats. Our Oregon retreat leader is Rev. Lori Tapia, Interim National Hispanic Ministries Pastor for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Some of us met Lori at the April WWOW event or during her visits to Oregon in 2017 and 2018.  

Registration and brochures with more information are on our website at www.oidisciples.org/womens-fall-retreat-2018. Online registration and downloadable registration forms available for both.
As I write this in July we have finished two camps and have five more to go. Youth in the Snake River District have enjoyed Kid’s Camp, hosted by Ontario First Christian and have held a week of Junior Camp at Cascade Camp.

A few pictures on our Facebook page and website capture a bit of the fun. Campfires, service projects, hay rides, Bible study, and crafts just to name a few activities. The kids and youth are exploring the theme, “God’s Love is Everywhere”.

All five of the remaining camps will happen between July 25—August 4, with four of the camps running at the same time.

Thanks go to Stacy Shelton for providing staff coverage for the Suttle Lake camps and to Tammy Anderson for staffing the Kid’s Camp and the Cascade camps. They recruited, trained, and resourced camp volunteers; helped to create schedules and activities, provided on site supervision and handled the many details of a successful and safe camp. We are GRATEFUL.

With hope! Cathy

North American Pacific Asian Disciples August 8-11

This summer is the best chance for Oregon and Idaho Disciples to learn about the vibrant ministries of the North American Pacific Asian Disciples.

- Speakers and workshops, like at Regional and General Assemblies
- A pre-session for NAPAD Youth
- This time only, an afternoon trip to Multnomah Falls!
- Meeting other Disciples from across the continent and beyond, sharing good food
- A special Cultural Night, featuring music and arts from the cultures of NAPAD.
- Inspiring worship each day.

You can register for the NAPAD Convocation at www.napad.net. Talk to Doug Wirt at the Regional church office if you have questions.

FEDICE Project Update

FEDICE Executive Director Blanca Puma and her husband Luis Jara have now returned to Ecuador from their visits in the United States. They write, “From the bottom of our hearts we want to say thank you once again. We have no words to express our gratitude. On behalf of the Fedice family, of the people in the communities DIOS LE PAGUE! ("God will repay you.")

Our new project with FEDICE seeks to raise $22,000 for microloans to 24 families. This will allow the families to start their own businesses raising sheep, cattle and onions. Already, we have received over $3,000, 15% of the goal!

Church Leaders and Ministry Studies

Your giving to Disciples Mission Fund and the regional church helps to prepare leaders for the church. This happens as ministers and prospective ministers meet with the Commission on Ministry and as many attend programs of ministry education.

The Commission on Ministry is currently overseeing six persons who are preparing to become ordained Disciples of Christ ministers. They also work with twenty commissioned ministers who serve in local congregations and chaplaincy positions. Occasionally, the Commission also works with a minister ordained in another denomination who wants ministerial standing with the Disciples.

By September, the Oregon SW Idaho regional church will have about three dozen church leaders enrolled in various programs of ministry education. These include five in Master of Divinity programs, more than two dozen Certificate of Ministry students with our Disciples Seminary Foundation, Doctor of Ministry students attending Disciples seminaries while serving churches in the region, and people travelling out of the region for intensive programs in other states.

Local congregations and two local foundations support our ministry students financially. The Oregon Disciple Foundation and the Verne Catt McDowell Corporation of Albany, OR, both offer scholarships to church leaders in several different programs.

Transforming Conflict: Workshop in Boise on October 13

You are invited to a half day workshop on conflict transformation on Saturday, October 13 at Red Rock Christian Church in Boise. This event will discuss healthy ways to face differences of opinions in the church, placing our confidence in Christ and our faith to find a way forward.

The title is “Peace is Always Possible: Growing a Conflict Transforming Culture in Your Congregation.” Leader will be Josh Johnsen, Parish Life Coordinator at First Christian Church in Grants Pass, Oregon. Josh earned an MA in Spiritual Formation from George Fox Evangelical Seminary. He also completed a week long training in Mediation Skills Training with the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center.

He believes that God equips us to live each moment of our lives as an act of worship. You need not be in the midst of conflict to attend! This is a chance for church leaders to learn skills that can help in the future should difficult issues arise in the church. More details to follow.

Wild Women of the West 2020

June 12-14, 2020
Las Vegas, Nevada
“Seeking Grace in the Desert”