

Regional Board Report on Women's Ministries

November 7, 2020 Reneé Windsor-White

In March, before our June Regional Board meeting and before the onset of the COVID 19 Pandemic, the regional Disciples Women held two of our annual “Pray and Play” events – one in Albany with 24 women from 6 congregations and another event in Ontario with 45 women from 7 congregations as participants. After reporting to you in February that we would hold six of these events, we made the decision to cancel the 4 events scheduled for Medford, Lynchwood, La Grande and Allison Park in Eugene during the spring due to rising COVID case numbers.

In June, women from our regional church participated in the online Wild Women of the West Event bringing together well over 100 women from 6 western regions. Even though we were one of six regions, we had over ¼ of the participants at the event. Raiza Spratt, member of Murray Hills Christian Church, was one of the two Co-Chairs of the event. The event had been scheduled for Las Vegas but had to be cancelled. An online pre-event was held a few week before the main event, and that one also had a good number of women from our region.



This year the in person summer retreat in Idaho and the fall retreat in Oregon were cancelled due to concerns regarding COVID19.

WE ARE NOT ALONE
 A GATHERING OF DISCIPLE WOMEN VIA ZOOM

2020 has taken a toll on our hearts. Come share a couple of hours with women and reclaim our hope together.

The Christian Church - La Iglesia Cristiana
OREGON & IDAHO

October 17, 2020
 9:00–11:00 a.m. Pacific
 10:00 a.m.–noon Mountain
Added option to stay an extra hour to eat lunch together

Included in the time together:

- Worship
- Inspiring Stories
- Time to tell our own stories of this year
- An offering to reach out to people changing lives through faithful engagement

COME SPEND TIME WITH...


 BLANCA PUMA


 RAIZA SPRATT

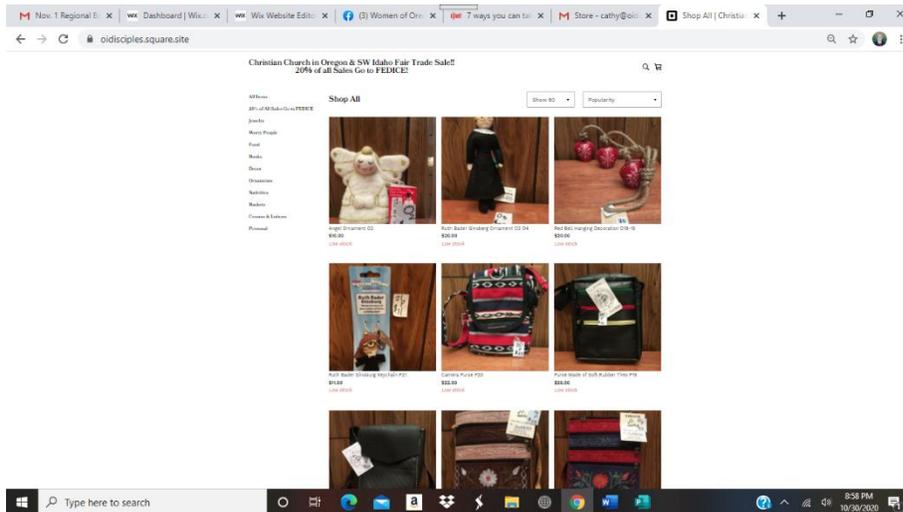

 ROBIN INGRAM-RICH

On October 17, we held an online event for between 65-70 women for 2.5 hours. This represents about half of the attendance we would generally have had for the ID/OR Aug/Oct events combined.

- Opening Worship with images and song about Faithful resilience
- Raiza Cintron Spratt talked about the Week of Compassion Wildfire supplies relay through the region to impacted areas,
- Robin Ingram-Rich talked about the recent online anti-racism training for over 60 people and the 8 week book read of How to be an Anti-

Racist with 45 people for 6 congregations, as well as shared resource for learning about the diverse history of the Northwest,

- Blanca Puma, from FEDICE Ecuador zoomed in from Quito to tell stories of the COVID 19 relief efforts partially funded through our Regional Assembly offering received in May.
- The whole group then divided into small groups and later reconvened to receive an offering and to vote on upcoming activities they would support going forward. A group of around 15 stayed online and "shared lunch together" and chatted.



Thanks to the work of Neva Clausen and Stacy Shelton, we will be able to provide an online store for women wishing to shop at the One Fair Trade store that we usually offer to retreat attendees at the western women's retreat every fall in Beaverton. Twenty

percent of the proceeds of that sale will go to FEDICE for administrative costs of their ministries.

The result of the vote on upcoming activities was that about 50% of the group asked for online events like this retreat to be held about 3 times per year. The next largest vote asked for monthly online contact for small groups of various kinds, including Bible study, book study and topics of interest.

I continue to represent our regional church as a member of the Executive Committee of the International Disciples Women's Ministry.

We maintain a section of the regional church webpage, a Facebook page for DW in our region and also have a mailing list of several hundred women who receive mailings about upcoming women's ministry events.

