Mission Statement of the Region

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.

On the Way with Doug and Cathy

- March 26 Santiam Area Ministers Breakfast (Doug/Cathy)
- March 27 Women's Prayer Group (Cathy)
- March 31 Murray Hills Worship (Doug)
- March 31 Portland First Christian Worship (Doug/Cathy)
- April 3 Columbia Gorge Ministers (Doug)
- April 3-9 General Cabinet/Higher Education/Regional Ministers meeting; College of Regional Ministers; Administrative Committee of the General Board; General Board of the Christian Church, Indianapolis, 4 meetings (Cathy)
- April 6 Lynwood memorial for Paul Stockwell (Doug)
- April 12 Financial Practice Workshop, Northwood, (Cathy/Doug)
- April 13 Why Reinvent the Wheel Event, Northwood Christian (Doug/Cathy)
- April 14 Northwood/Sploofield, Glenwood/Eugene worship (Doug)
- April 14 Salem First worship (Cathy)
- April 14 Memorial for Victor Vaca, Salem First (Cathy/Doug)
- April 19-20 Camp Director meeting Suttle Lake (Doug/Cathy)

Save these dates!

Dallas: Held a church spring clean up day.
Escudo y Fortaleza Salem: Held a women's retreat.
Forest Grove: CWF holding two day rummage sale in May.
Grants Pass: ROC food and resource center founded by the congregations served 3150 persons in February.
Junction City: Is selling hanging flower baskets as fund raiser.
LaGrande: Continues to collect food for children's backpack food program.
Lebanon: Thanks Nancy Prosa for 14 years of service on staff.

North Bend: Collecting food for Ecumenical Food Pantry.
Northwood: Gave amazing hospitality to the regional church April 12/13.
Portland FCC: Hosted the annual Portland CROP Walk.
Salem FCC: Honored Rick Ikeda, General Assembly Vice Moderator, with the "Fellowship of the Towel" Service Award.
Springfield FCC: Will dedicate their new building May 4, 4:00 p.m.

May 4 Pray and Play for women, Murray Hills, Beaverton, 9:30-12:30
May 4 Dedication of Springfield First new facility, 4:00 p.m.
May 18 Pray and Play for women, Medford 9:30-12:30
May 22 Boise area ministers’ lunch
June 1 Regional Board Meeting in Portland

Disciples of Christ support new church ministries each year through the Pentecost Offering. This special offering provides funds for training and support as new ministries arise to reach out to bring new people into the body of Christ.

At the 2012 Regional Assembly in Albany, we as Oregon Disciples recognized three congregations that have started or joined their witness with Disciples in recent years. These are Iglesia Cristiana Escudo y Fortaleza de Salem, Peniel Ministries of Portland and the Trees of Righteousness Christian Church in Portland. Leaders from these congregations have been active in the regional church through women’s retreats, the summer picnic, regional potlucks, assemblies and in other ways. Some have hosted or visited with international mission partners through Global Ministries. Most important, each ministry has reached out with the gospel of Christ to people in the local community.

The Pentecost offering in May each year is shared equally among new church ministries in Oregon and in the general church through North America.

Our most recent new church venture is the launching of Iglesia Cristiana Peniel in Hillsboro, sharing the space of the Aloha Christian Church. This is an outreach congregation start of Peniel Ministries that shares space with the Lynchwood Christian Church.

Most churches will receive the Pentecost offering on May 19 and 26. Pentecost gifts are also accepted gratefully throughout the year.
We are still remembering with gratitude our Why Reinvent the Wheel Day on April 13, hosted by Northwood Christian Church. As we have compared notes with each other since the event, we have come up with many special snapshot moments of watching the Regional church weave community over the hours spent together holding lively conversations about the mission of the church in Oregon and far beyond.

Over 120 people from 29 Oregon congregations gathered in ten different missional conversations on a wide range of topics: attracting new members, increasing stewardship, ministry with homeless neighbors, hands on missions in Mexico, global ministries partnerships, church governance structures, our new Idaho partnership, spiritual growth groups, and social media, plus hearing from Jerry Lang from Christian Church Foundation about planned giving. Some of these groups will be forming continuing conversation on ways that congregations can network resources together. Resources will begin to be posted on our regional website as follow up to these conversations.

In addition, we heard from Associate General Minister and Vice President, Todd Adams, about best financial practices for congregations in a shorter version of the presentation he gave for pastors and lay leaders the previous day.

Blanca Puma, Executive Director for FEDICE Ecuador, came and brought greetings from our partners in Ecuador and helped to interpret our new project with the community of Maca Atápulo. (see article on opposite page and our web site for more detail).

During lunch, a group of Moderators/Board Chairs from congregations met with Rebecca Smith, Regional Moderator, and members of six congregations shared lunch and talked about community gardens in churches with special guest Angela Boss of Foods Resource Bank, a ministry that does work with Week of Compassion around the globe around food security projects. After lunch a special called Regional Assembly received proposed wording on changes to the geographical boundaries in the regional bylaws and a greeting from Pastor Joe Culley, of the South Idaho regional board. At our May 2014 Regional Assembly in Hood River, the Oregon Regional Church will receive a proposal to receive nine congregations of the South Idaho Regional Church.

In the called Regional Assembly we recognized special named funds established through the regional church, Christian Church Foundation and Oregon Disciple Foundation AND celebrated a newly established named fund in honor of immediate past Regional Moderator Judy Meneghin for the benefit of Week of Compassion.

We continue to be grateful to be in ministry with Christians so passionate and engaged in ministry at home and around the world.

Knowing ourselves blessed, Doug and Cathy