Save these dates!

**On the Way with Doug and Cathy**
- May 6 - Murray Hills CC Regional Board Meeting
- May 7 - Hood River Valley CC Last Sunday Rev. Myrna Phillips
- May 12-14 - Ontario FCC Kid’s Camp
- May 15-19 - Cascade Camp Junior Camp
- June 29-July 4 - Cascade Camp Middle School Camp
- July 20-25 - Cascade Camp High School Camp
- July 26-31 - Suttle Lake Camp Middle School/High School Camps
- August 10-14 - Suttle Lake Camp Junior Camp

**Hood River Valley:** Pastor Alicia Speidel begins ministry in June with installation scheduled for Saturday, September 12. Save the date! **Ontario:** Preparing to host kids’ camp in their building in June for Snake River District. **Murray Hills:** Offering hospitality for local police in their parking lot with snacks and drinks for break times. **Eugene FCC/Northwood:** Three week outreach to houseless neighbors. **Medford and Albany:** Bid farewell to pastors Alicia Speidel and Patty Evans after over a decade of service each. **Albany:** Has called Eric Dale over a decade of service each. **Lynchwood:** Elders discussed the College of Regional Ministers pastoral letter about Racism. **Northwood/Parkview:** Pastor Barry Lind, Northwood CC preached sermon at Parkview. **Red Rock Boise, Dallas, Lynchwood, Pendleton, Eugene FCC:** Thank you for hosting the May 16 regional visioning event conversations. **Pendleton:** Continuing to work with Dick Hamm as Consultant.
One meeting in 5 Places ….. What we learned on May 16

On May 16 we tried something new…..we met in five locations (one in each district) simultaneously to discuss the mission and vision of the Christian Church in Oregon and SW Idaho. In Eugene, the site from which our simulcast went out to the other four sites, Dick Hamm led the conversations in the sanctuary. Dallas participants met in the fellowship hall and experienced a power outage for part of the event time. Our smallest group, in Pendleton, met in a room together. The Boise event took place in the brand new worship chapel at Red Rock Christian Church, and the Lynchwood site met in the sanctuary and hallways. We believe we had over 125 people from 28 of our 42 congregations represented.

We worshiped together, heard from Dick Hamm about the horizon for the church today, disconnected the video feed and held discussions in small groups at each site, and then we came back together for closing led by Dick Hamm which included news and pictures from each site.

The Vision Team met on May 18 using the zoom technology that allowed us to meet from Portland, Ione, Burley, La Grande and Medford to review what we had learned from the event about technologically facilitated meetings and the topics of our conversations. We learned:

- This way of meeting helps us to include more people in important conversations.
- We can worship, sing, read scripture, and pray while geographically spread out.
- This way of meeting is worth paying the cost of having ad free platform next time.

The team will continue to evaluate and summarize the ideas received from the small group discussions and distribute a summary by posting it on our regional website and sending a summary to the congregations and participants in early June. In addition, the Vision Team is creating three task groups, for which they will recruit members from outside the Vision Team. These groups are: 1) Technology Committee to review and implement ideas from the May 16 gatherings; 2) Conversations Committee to initiate further targeted discussions on a variety of program areas in the regional church; and 3) Listening Committee to seek input from congregations and membership that have yet to participate in the vision process. Thanks for your prayers and for your participation in this new way of being church together.

In hope, Cathy

Women’s Retreats August in Idaho and October in Oregon

Women’s retreats this summer and fall bring us two wonderful leaders.

In Cascade, Idaho, August 14-16, Rev. Patty Evans, recently retired pastor of Albany First Christian Church, will lead under the theme “God’s Vision for Me”. The Ashley Inn offers gracious hospitality in a beautiful place. This three day retreat in a hotel, offers a time of fun, rest and inspiration.

In Beaverton, Oregon, October 16-17, Rev. Sandhya Jha, Director of the Oakland Peace Center, will speak on the theme “Lift Every Voice”. Thank you to Murray Hills Christian Church for hosting us again this year. This 24 hour retreat held in a church building, brings an oasis for renewal while participants stay in homes or local hotels.

By offering two styles of retreat ministry, in two locations, we hope that women of the regional church and their friends will find an event that will be a blessing to them. Information and registration materials for both retreats can be found at www.oidisciples.org or by calling 503.226.7648 for additional copies.

Goal Reached for FEDICE Project for Romerillos!!

Gifts for the FEDICE project at Romerillos, Ecuador have now reached the goal! The project provided loans and training for families in the Romerillos area to begin raising onions, chickens and guinea pigs. Disciples from the Oregon & SW Idaho region visited Romerillos in 2014. The project goal was $11,000 with another $4,000 added for FEDICE staff support.

In addition to many gifts given in the past year and a half by groups and individuals, women at the 2015 Pray and Play events gave offerings for Romerillos. Then a large gift from Parkview Christian Church in Meridian, Idaho put us over the top!

Thank you to all. And as FEDICE director Blanca Puma likes to say, "Thanks, God!"

Camp Fundraiser in Boise

2015 marks the 6th anniversary of the God Rocks! Festival, supporting the church camp programs of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Southwest Idaho!

The mission of the event is to provide a family-friendly festival of music and fun to promote the ministry of Jesus Christ through our youth camp programs, and to provide for the maintenance of the Camp Cascade church camp facility.

Come join the fun on June 20, 2:30-9:00 p.m. at Red Rock Christian Church.

Check out the event website, complete with music video at www.godrocksfestival.org

Summer Reading Suggestion for Congregational Leaders

On October 18 Sandhya Jha, author of Pre-Post-Racial America, will be at Portland First Christian Church for a book signing and a question and answer session about her recently published book. Sandhya is an ordained minister of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and a graduate of the University of Chicago Graduate School and Johns Hopkins University.

Her previous book, Room at the Table, explored the history of communities of color within the Disciples of Christ movement.

Rev. Jha currently lives in Oakland, California, where she works with the Oakland Peace Center, in the historic building which has housed First Christian Church, Oakland. She has written for New Day Magazine as well as for Just Women Magazine.

Over the summer, congregational leaders are encouraged to read Rev. Jha’s new book.

A study guide with more information for offering the book as a wider congregational and regional study will be launched in the fall.