Mission Statement
of the Regional Church

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.

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Doug and Cathy Myers Wirt
Regional Ministers
Liz Cronin, Bookkeeper
Bernice Rivera, Leadership Dev.
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On the Way with Doug and Cathy

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Advent Blessings....

From your Regional Church Staff

Liz Cronin
Bernice Rivera
Cathy Myers Wirt
Stacy Shelton
Douglas A. Wirt

2020 Events

May 15-16, 2020
Regional Assembly
Salem, FCC

June 12-14, 2020
Wild Women of the West in Las Vegas

News from our Congregations

Silverton: Pastor Steve Knox has returned from renewal leave. Renee Windsor-White and Noel Phillips covered pastoral duties in his absence.

Pendleton: Met fundraising goal for establishing their new Associate Minister position.

McMinnville: New roof on the whole facility in time for the rainy season. David and Shari Eggleston are leading church visioning process and Sunday services.

Pacific Outreach Christian Church, Boise; celebrated first anniversary with Disciples

Portsmouth Union: held annual Chili Cookoff

Parkview: planning for staff and program growth in 2020.

Junction City: Christmas Bazaar, 12/7

Principe de Paz: worship location has changed.

Salem FCC: Installation of new Senior Minister James Brooks, 11/24

Murray Hills: Transition team listening session 11/24

Nampa: Held “Share the Day” event with flu shots, haircuts, food, and variety of social service available.

Northwood, Springfield hosted bloodmobile.

Christmas Offering
Regional Board Update
Calendar for Regional 2020 Events
News from Congregations

Christmas Offering for Regional Ministries Received in December see www.oidisciples.org
Recently I attended by telephone the annual board meeting of the North American Pacific Asian Disciples. General Minister and President Terri Hord Owens said that she wished Disciples could see the church that she sees. I knew what she meant, at least in part. As general and regional ministers, we have the blessings of seeing our Disciples of Christ ministries in many different places, forms and languages. Congregations of different sizes and cultures, in different settings, states and nations, each finding their own way to say that “God is love (1 John 4:8).”

Through photos and stories, through each installment of our regional church testimonies, Cathy and I try to show the church to the church. Sometimes the congregations invite us, and at other times the regional church invites people to come together from local congregations.

The Christmas offering theme, *Come they told me,* breaks both ways. The congregations call us as Regional Ministers to come. As Regional Ministers, we also call the congregations to come together and gather as the one people we are created to become.

In our phones, we carry photos of the people and ministries we visit. The images actually are carried much deeper as well. We would like you to see the faithful group of Disciples gathered in communities such as Homedale, Idaho and Ione, Oregon. Come to our website and see people gathered at the women’s retreats and summer camps, at board meetings, baby dedications and baptisms. See faithful Disciples gathered in Medford, Eugene, Salem, Portland, Pendleton, Boise and Burley. And many more. Hear worship songs and greetings spoken in English, Spanish and Chuukese, and now in Swahili. See Idaho and Oregon Disciples respond to disasters around the world through Week of Compassion, and how we love our brothers and sisters in Ecuador, trading greetings and prayers for one another. *“Come, they told me”* and you will see and hear so many ways to say that “God is love,” so many invitations to abundant life and peace not as the world gives. This is why we receive the Christmas offering for regional church ministries. A Christmas Offering video with faces of our ministry can be found on our website. Gifts may come through your local church offering, online on our website, or by sending a check in the mail to the regional office. Come see the church that we see, and others will, too.

Doug

**Certificate of Ministries Studies Update**

Classes have continued through the third semester of the Certificate of Ministry study program. Fall semester classes have included Christian Ethics, Church History, Conflict in the Church, New Testament, and Urban Ministry. The CMS program brings together local and national Disciples leaders for ministry studies in Spanish.

The program is a joint effort of Disciples Seminary Foundation and the Regional Church.