Mission Statement of the Regional Church

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- To nurture members and congregations
- To establish and receive new congregations
- To receive and send missionaries
- To equip the whole Church to do Christ’s ministry in the world.

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On the Way with Doug and Cathy

- Oct. 1 Lebanon FCC Board Meeting    Doug
- Oct. 2 Interchurch Center Committee    Doug
- Oct. 4 Meridian, Parkview, Open House    Cathy/Doug
- Oct. 5 Meridian, Parkview, Bldg. Dedication    Doug/Cathy
- Oct. 5 Meridian, Parkview, Pastor Installation    Cathy/Doug
- Oct. 6 Boise, Snake River Minister’s Lunch    Doug/Cathy
- Oct. 6 Boise, Idaho Church Camp Meeting    Cathy/Doug
- Oct. 7 Hood River Committee Meeting    Cathy
- Oct. 8 Women’s Prayer Circle    Cathy
- Oct. 11 Regional Youth Council Phone Conf.    Cathy
- Oct. 12 LaGrande, Preaching    Doug
- Oct. 12 Salem FCC, Worship, three services    Cathy
- Oct. 15 Eugene Ministers’ Lunch    Doug
- Oct. 17-18 Fall Women’s Renewal Retreat    Doug/Cathy
- Oct. 19 Murray Hills Worship    Cathy
- Oct. 19 Portland First Heritage Sunday, Speaker    Doug
- Oct. 21 Eugene, Olive Plaza Board    Doug
- Oct. 21 Lebanon, Board Meeting    Doug
- Oct. 23 Pendleton, Meeting Confederated Tribes    Doug
- Oct. 28 Salem, Santiam Area Ministers Breakfast    Cathy

Thanksgiving Offering

Your gift to the Thanksgiving Offering helps underwrite the education of students attending our 14 member undergraduate institutions and our 7 seminaries or divinity houses. Of the pastors serving Oregon and SW Idaho congregations, 7 of them graduated from Disciples of Christ undergraduate schools that include Bethany College, Chapman University, Phillips University, and Texas Christian University.

Disciples of Christ seminaries educated 26 of the congregational pastors in our regional church. Many of the lay leaders in our congregations have also received their education in one of the Disciples of Christ institutions. At this time we have Oregon and SW Idaho students studying at Eureka College in Illinois, Texas Christian University in Texas, and Chapman University in California.

Your gifts continue this legacy of education for leaders. Offerings will be received in November in local congregations.

Camp Dates Set and listed on Region website

The summer camp dates for Cascade Camp in Idaho and Suttle Lake Camp in Oregon have been set and are listed on the website, www.oidisciples.org. Publicity materials will be posted in November with more information to come soon after that time. We know you plan ahead and need these dates early.

Thank you for your great support of the camping ministries we enjoy each summer.

Save these dates!

News from our Congregations

Snake River District — Pastors met for lunch in October at a Cuban Restaurant in Boise.
Eugene First — Hosted FEDICE fundraiser THANK YOU!
Hood River Valley — Celebrated 50th anniversary!
Albany — New Associate Pastor, Douglass Anne Cartwright began her ministry.
Medford — Continuing renovation of the fellowship hall area.
Boise, Red Rock — Building project underway.
Burley — Seeing increasing numbers of children in worship.

Oregon First — Heritage Day highlighted history of the Chinese Christian Mission in Portland from 1891-1924. Our website has link to the history of the mission.
Junction City — Raised $2,841 during October CROP Walk.
Aloha — Celebrating 40th anniversary November 22, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
LaGrande — Making large amounts of noodles as they prepare for fall bazaar.
Pendleton — Did a Trunk or Treat event on October 26.
Parkview — Making special gifts to support Bethany Waggoner in Ecuador.

November 1
Portland Regional Board Meeting

January 16-18
Hood River High School Snow Rally

February 7
Portland Regional Board Meeting

February 28
Junction City Women’s Pray and Play Day

March 28
Portland First Women’s Pray and Play Day

April 18
Silverton Women’s Pray and Play Day

May 20-21, 2016
Northwood, Springfield Regional Assembly
My Turn

One of the parts of regional life that doesn’t show on Facebook or in the calendar of events is the gatherings of the pastors that happen on a regular basis in four of our five districts. The Snake River District pastors met for Cuban food in Boise in October. The Eugene pastors met at the Caddisfly Resort with Dick and Doris Lauer for a BBQ in September. Portland area pastors met for a potato bar and conversation in the basement of the regional office building this month, and the Salem area pastors met at Elmer’s this morning. The conversations are wide ranging. Sometimes we agree on a topic ahead of time and read a book or watch a video. Other times we spend the time sharing what is happening in the individual congregations. Each of the groups has its own personality and rhythm, and these have changed with the revolving cast of characters in these groups.

What I like about the groups is that Doug and I have a chance to spend time with pastors outside of a meeting or trying to get something accomplished. It gives me a chance to see the people I pray for each morning in person and to hear about what is new and motivating for them.

Our regional church is blessed with an amazing group of pastors. They serve in large metro areas, county seats, and all the way to towns of just over 300. They meet with people in churches buildings they rent or own, strip malls, and homes. While the venues vary in training and caregiving, what binds them to each other, and what I hold in my heart, is the commitment of their lives to service in the name of Jesus in this corner of the world. We are so blessed.

Pray and Play Dates for Women 2015 — “Get a Clue!!”

Junction City February 28
Portland First March 28
Silverton April 18
Pendleton April 25

The annual Pray and Play retreat days for women have been scheduled.
Watch this newsletter, Facebook Page, and the Website for more info in 2015.

Insurance Board Partnership

The General Board of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) has approved the Insurance Board as a Recognized Ministry Partner. The 2015 General Assembly will celebrate this decision. Many of our congregations purchase their insurance through the Insurance Board (IB). The IB exists to provide excellent and economical insurance protection for congregations of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Presbyterian Church USA and the United Church of Christ. The IB has a board of its own, apart from any board of the denominations, with representatives from all three churches. While coverage comes with competitive pricing, the Insurance Board also can offer more extensive coverage for greater protection of the congregation. Risk management education through brochures, webinars and the website also helps to prevent costly losses for the church. More than 3,600 congregations currently participate in the program. Every congregation affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in eligible. You can learn more www.insuranceboard.org, or by calling our local representative, Amy Waltz, at 503-357-3154 or Toll-free: 800-357-3134.

New Regional Youth Council Members Chosen

In October, the Regional Youth Council was expanded and added seven new members for the program year 2014-2015. New members are:

- Jordan Baird, Eugene First Christian
- Terran Blackstone, Red Rock Christian, Boise
- Lexy Duback, Hood River Valley Christian
- Katie Ritoch, Hood River, Valley Christian
- Alyssa Tanksley, Silverton First Christian
- Cade Warnock, Red Rock Christian, Boise
- Carly Wyatt, Hood River Valley Christian

They join the continuing members of the council, who are:

- Melanie Adelaars, Eugene First Christian
- Emorie Cote, Silverton First Christian
- Sara Dummer, Junction City First Christian
- Joe Dyer, Salem First Christian

Thank you Murray Hills for Hosting Women’s Retreat

Under the theme, Up the River, almost 90 women, representing all five districts and 17 congregations, were inspired by keynote speaker, Susan McNeely. Susan brought her stories of her recent stay with our Congolese Disciple brothers and sisters and a powerful witness of faith. During worship which included our own women’s retreat choir and poetry from two readers groups, an offering for $1341 was received for FEDICE and Disciples Mission Fund.

For pictures of the retreat, go to our Facebook page or website.

Regional Garden Harvest, Bean/Potatoes/Seeds/Joy!!

The harvest is in from the regional garden!! Beans, beans, beans everywhere. The women’s fall retreat (see above) group shelled the last of the beans and most of them have been distributed to congregational feeding ministries. In addition, several hundred dollars has been raised selling beans with profits going to a farm in Gogoi, Mozambique, a place where Kim and Erik Free from Oregon have been visiting and working. A slide show of the regional garden can be found on our website halfway down on the Global ministries page.

FEDICE has a GREAT new website