**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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### On the Way with Doug and Cathy

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### Regional Assembly Info
- **Pray and Play for Women**: May 15-16, 2020
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**May 15-16, 2020**

**Regional Assembly**

Salem, FCC, hosting

**June 12-14, 2020**

**Wild Women of the West**

Las Vegas, Nevada

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**2020 Events**

**Nueva Vida**: Celebrating ninth anniversary of ministry.

**Parkview**: Planning for a staff expansion and growth in 2020.

**Caldwell**: Thank you for hosting Commission on Ministry and Snake River ministers lunch.

**Springfield FCC**: “Pancakes and Ashes” Shrove Tuesday/Ash Wednesday observance.

**Murray Hills**: Auction for youth mission trip to New Orleans.

**Northwood**: Capital campaign to purchase new land.

**Red Rock Boise**: Raising funds to purchase Swahili Bibles.

**Silverton**: Launched a new Facebook Page

**Eugene FCC**: Retirement Party for Dan Bryant after 29 years of ministry, April 5, 5:30, watch for details.

**Pendleton**: worked with Week of Compassion to secure five solidarity grants to members affected by recent flooding.

**LaGrande**: Made and sold over 350 dozen cookies in annual Valentine Day Cookiegram fundraiser.

**Pacific Outreach Christian Church Boise**: Raising funds to purchase Chuukese Bibles.

**Salem**: Youth local mission trip. Staying overnight at the church and doing community service projects in the area.

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**March 2020**

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**YOU ARE INVITED to our 4th Regional Assembly**

A Gathering of the Christian Church in Oregon and SW Idaho (Disciples of Christ) Congregations and Friends

**Growing Into God’s Future Together**

**Worship = Workshops = Music = New Congregations Received**

**Hosted by Salem First Christian Church**

Welcoming Claremont School of Theology to Oregon

Plan now to attend!!!!!

Watch our webpage for updates on workshops, displays, speakers and service projects.

[http://www.oidisciples.org/2020-regional-assembly](http://www.oidisciples.org/2020-regional-assembly)
In February I had another meeting with the local arrangements committee for the upcoming Regional Assembly. I enjoyed their enthusiasm for the preparations — painting, decorating, planning food, setting up water stations, preparing workshop and display areas, inviting youth to come and participate….and the list goes on.

This Regional Assembly welcomes inspirational preachers from the leadership of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) bringing messages in our two worship services.

Rev. Belva Brown Jordan is the Moderator of the Christian Church for the United States and Canada as well as the Interim President of the Disciples Seminary Foundation. Belva has worked in higher education at Lancaster Theological Seminary, Harvard Divinity School, Phillips Theological Seminary and most recently at the Claremont School of Theology.

Rev. Sotello Long is the President of the Disciples Home Mission with responsibility of leadership in the areas of ministries in North America that Disciples work to accomplish together. Sotello came to this work after 14 years as Regional Minister of the South Carolina Regional Church. Before that time, Rev. Long served as a local church pastor in several congregations.

In addition to the preaching of these guests, workshops on a wide array of topics and displays bringing resources to congregations and their leadership are in the works. A service project of collecting socks and handwarmers for home insecure neighbors of the Salem congregation has been launched. A flyer about this is on our website.

Watch the regional assembly website for more information. New items are added several times a week. http://www.oidisciples.org/2020-regional-assembly

Spread the word!

Pray & Play Days 2020
9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
March 14 - Ontario
March 21 - Medford
March 28 - Lynchwood
April 18 - LaGrande
April 25 - Eugene Allison Park

Pray and Play events are mornings for women to take a deep breath and rest into time with one another. This year’s events focus on the quotation by Eleanor Roosevelt, “People are like tea bags, you find out what they are made of when the get in hot water.” How do we live faithfully in hard times? How do we support one another and hold space for each other at times of complex choices. Come play and pray with your sisters.

http://www.oidisciples.org/pray-and-play-days

Cathy

Register Now!!

My Turn…..

Celebrate the 2020 Vision!

Twenty years ago, Disciples General Minister and President Dick Hamm spoke of a huge goal: starting 1,000 churches in 20 years. At the General Assembly in Des Moines last year, the church celebrated that we have met and passed that goal!

In Oregon and Idaho during that time, our New Church Ministry team has worked with 20 groups exploring a church start or a new affiliation with Disciples. In 2020, Disciples in this regional church include eight new and affiliating ministries. We have fully recognized three other congregations in addition. Several others have had started and stopped, and with a few there has been a decision to have a temporary rather than ongoing relationship. On February 1, the Regional Board approved moving three new churches to fully recognized status.

Three Congregations Approved for Regional Recognition

At the February Regional Board meeting, three congregations received approval to move to fully become recognized congregations on May 15-16 Regional Assembly in Salem.

Iglesia Nueva Vida, Gresham began affiliation with Disciples of Christ on June 4, 2011. Nueva Vida has participated in the Leadership Academy and in recent years attended Disciples general church Obra Hispana. Pastor Carlos Bernier is a commissioned Disciples of Christ minister. In addition to taking summer courses at Lexington Theological Seminary, he has studied with the Certificate of Ministry Studies program at Disciples Seminary Foundation in Portland. His wife, Sarah Otero, is a Commissioned Program Minister. The church has a strong evangelistic outreach with 300 regular members and 73 youth.

Pacific Islands Family Church affiliated with Disciples on September 16, 2015. PIFC has met at Midway Christian Church in Portland throughout that time. With about 100 members and a dozen youth, the church also reaches out with a ministry in Longview, located at First Christian Church. Working with the regional church, the congregation has twice hosted the national Easter Rally for Chuukese Disciples. Rev. Chung Seong Kim, NAPAD Executive Pastor has led classes about Disciples identity. PIFC Pastor Kikuo Yerem is a commissioned Disciples of Christ minister. The church has brought groups to sing at the Regional Assembly, the NAPAD Convocation and several times at the national Chuukese rallies.

Portsmouth Union Church in Portland also affiliated with Disciples on September 16, 2015. This is a “union” church because it has joined Saint Johns Community Church and University Park United Methodist. Both were located in the St. Johns neighborhood of North Portland, with St. Johns Community Church newly affiliated with Disciples at the time of the union with University Park UMC in October 2017. Pastors Jules Nielsen and Andy Goebel have worked together as a team since Portsmouth came into being as one church. Pastor Jules is an ordained UMC minister and Pastor Andy is a commissioned Disciples minister preparing for recognition of his ordination. PUC has received funding for a major affordable housing project on site!

Time for Annual Yearbook Reports

At the beginning of each year, the general office of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) asks each congregation to send in a report for the Annual Yearbook. Information has been sent to congregations and more information can be found on the Disciples of Christ website at:

https://disciples.org/yearbook/