Keizer: Celebrating their 50th anniversary on October 6.

Lebanon: Thanks for storing and hauling the church camp gear again this year.

Lynchwood: Mike and Jan Crouch announced they will retire from church staff in December of this year.

Medford: A Korean congregation nesting at FCC served Korean food for the congregation’s weekly community dinner.

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Auch: Celebrating their 50th anniversary on October 6.

“Opportunity Village,” a set of bungalows being built to form a community for houseless Eugene residents.
Camp Thrives in New Setting

What does your Reconciliation offering do here in Oregon and beyond? It goes far and wide to build positive understanding and stronger relationships between people of different cultures. Here are a few of the examples:

- **Gomer’s House in NE Portland.** Sponsored by Trees of Righteousness Christian Church, Gomer’s House provides a place of shelter and encouragement for people working their way through compulsive or addictive behaviors. Residents support each other in paths of recovery strengthened by their spiritual walk as followers of Jesus Christ.

- **Mission Sonora.** Peniel Ministries of Portland sends people each year from Oregon across the border to Nogales, Sonora, Mexico. Those who make the trip go at Christmas time to bring the witness of Jesus, clothes, toys and other presents to families living amidst the garbage dumps of Nogales. Recently, the visitors have also brought cooking stoves that can be used without need for electricity.

- **Yakama Christian Mission.** Located near White Swan, Washington, the Yakama Mission works in a multi-cultural setting within the Yakama Nation. The summer program is well known for working with local children and improving their reading ability and readiness for school.

- **Training Programs.** Reconciliation Ministries provide and support programs to train people for better interracial and cross cultural understanding. A recent effort, supported with Oregon giving, was a cultural awareness training done in Orlando, Florida, with youth from across the country including Oregon.

Disciples congregations receive the Reconciliation offering on Sunday, Sept. 29 and October 4. Some have made Reconciliation giving a regular part of their mission budget.

### Global Mission Summit, Save the date—October 19!

Leaders from Disciples Global Ministries plan a trip to Oregon in October to meet with a variety of persons about our shared global witness. On October 19 we invite Oregon Disciples to come and meet with our visitors to help craft a strategy for global ministry partners and Oregon Disciples. We will discuss mission trips, the Congo Initiative, special fund raising projects, work of global mission congregations and much more.

Nine Oregon Disciple congregations have done the work to become Global Mission Churches and each lives out their commitment in their own way — holding special events, including global mission in prayer during worship, and educating their congregations on global partnerships.

The Oregon Region is one of nineteen regions to declare itself a Global Mission Region. This means that whenever an event is planned/sponsored by the regional church, we have a global mission component. This October gathering will help us to work together more as congregations and region to support, promote and participate in the wider ministry of our whole worldwide church. We will meet in the upper Willamette Valley for three hours, place TBA.

### Children Worship and Wonder Training September 27-29

Hood River Valley Christian Church plans to host a Children Worship and Wonder Storytellers Training. CWW is a method of being with young children in a form of worship that is geared to them developmentally. Based on the church year, CWW begins with the first Sunday of Advent and teaches the stories of the Bible using play, ritual, storytelling in a particular way that emphasizes wonder, and music. At least ten Oregon Disciple congregations have used or are using this process with children. You can learn more about it at:


### Oregon/South Idaho Transition Update

Most of the formal approval has now been given for the Oregon Region to welcome nine congregations from the South Idaho Region, on January 1, 2014. Congregations, Regional Boards, the General Board and the General Assembly have all approved this change. Our Regional Assembly will vote on proposed language changes for our Covenant and Guidelines governing documents on May 3, 2014 at Hood River.

A regional Transition Team has met twice and will meet again in September. Soon we will have leaders from both regions working together on budgets, nominating and the Commission on Ministry. Please pray for these leaders as they continue their work.