



A partial snapshot 2020

- ◆ 46 congregations in 17 Oregon counties and 5 Idaho counties, speaking 3 languages.
- ◆ 3 congregations worship in Chuukese, 5 in Spanish and 38 in English.
- ◆ 25 congregations are sole congregation to worship in their space, 17 congregations share space with 1 other congregations, 1 congregations shares with 2 others, and 2 Disciples congregations worship in a space shared by 4 congregations.
- ◆ 3 congregations share space with a congregation of a different denomination: Lutheran, United Church of Christ and Episcopal. 3 congregations hold standing with two denominations: United Church of Christ, United Methodists, and Baptist.
- ◆ 2 of our congregations are large, 16 medium sized and 28 are small, less than 75 in worship on a Sunday.
- ◆ 19 congregations are in cities, 11 are in small rural towns, 9 are in County City towns of moderate size and 7 are in suburban communities.
- ◆ 5 congregations have multiple ministers on staff, 17 have full time solo pastors, and 24 are served by part time/bi-vocational pastors.
- ◆ Recent part time jobs held by bi-vocational pastors include pastors serving two congregations (2 people/ 4 of our congregations do this), substituted teaching, school bus driving, coaching volleyball, delivery truck driving, parole officer, airport baggage handling 6 of the part time pastors are retired persons.
- ◆ 37 congregations hold one service per weekend, 6 congregations hold 2 services, 2 congregations hold 3 services and one congregation has 4 weekend services.
- ◆ 9 congregations identify as Global Mission Congregations, 6 are Open and Affirming Congregations and 3 are Green Chalice Congregations.
- ◆ 4 congregations have members who are current or former mayors of their towns, 1 congregation has a former police chief/current sheriff, 1 congregation has a member who is a former state senator.
- ◆ Regional congregations are active in food security ministry: 2 congregations have soup kitchens that offer three meals a week (one for 25 + years and one for 15+ years), 3 have community dinners once a week, 1 feeds several hundred folks breakfast every Sunday morning. 1 congregations takes a wagon and delivers sandwiches in the central city once a week, 2 congregations currently have gardens, 1 has a monthly volunteer meal they feed to a local homeless shelter. 1 congregation has a monthly meal for area seniors. 2 congregations have large food pantries, most every congregation contributes to a pantry in community.
- ◆ 3 congregations are warming shelters in the winter. 5 congregations work with organizations that shelter homeless families in their buildings/nearby buildings, 2 have trailers on site as transitional housing, about 1/3 of the congregations are active in Habitat for Humanity, and 1 congregation is active in helping to build communities of tiny houses. 1 more congregations is working toward affordable housing goal. Most congregations are aware of and participate with local shelter ministry. One congregation has ministered with a local homeless encampment. 1 congregation provides shower facilities.
- ◆ 2 of our congregations have recently assisted in disaster recovery, one on the front lines of flood recovery and 1 sent a group to a Disciples congregation in Texas after the most recent storms.
- ◆ 6 of our congregations take annual mission trips to building houses in Mexico, work at Yakama Mission, learn about civil rights history, minister with people living in the dump on Mexican/US border at Christmas. 5 congregations have 1-3 “church leaves the building service days” per year on Sunday morning