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.

Save these dates!

November 4
Regional Board
Portland

February 3
Regional Board
Portland

February 17
Pray & Play
Glenwood

March 3
Pray & Play
Medford

On the Way with Doug and Cathy

Nov. 9-11  National Benevolent Assn Board  Cathy
Nov. 7-9  Week of Compassion Board Meeting  Cathy
Nov. 4  Regional Board Meeting  Doug
Nov. 1-3  Disciples Seminary Foundation Board  Doug
Oct. 31  Santiam District Ministers’ Breakfast  Doug
Oct. 26  Eugene Area Ministers’ Lunch  Cathy
Oct. 21  Boise, Anti-Racism Training  Doug
Oct. 20  Boise, Commission on Ministry  Doug
Oct. 15  Portland, The View, Worship  Cathy
Oct. 15  Eugene, Allison Park Christian, Preaching  Doug
Oct. 13-14  Western Districts’ Women’s Retreat  Doug/Cathy
Oct. 12  Bishops and Execs Lunch EMO  Doug
Oct. 12  Columbia Gorge District Clergy  Doug
Oct. 8  Keizer, 54th Anniversary Sunday  Cathy
Oct. 6  Salmon, Disciples Chaplains Gathering  Cathy
Oct. 1  Portland First, Staff Farewell Event  Doug
Sept. 28  Salem, Disciples Seminary Foundation  Doug
Sept. 28  Western Regions in Ministry Meeting  Cathy/Doug
Sept. 27  College of Regional Ministers Ex. Cte.  Cathy
Sept. 27  Portland, Commission on the Ministry  Doug

News from our Congregations

Red Rock: The church has called Kevin Arensman to serve as their next pastor. Kevin’s first Sunday will be on Nov. 26.
Keizer: Celebrated 54th anniversary of the church on October 8.
Allison Park: Pastor Jim Osborne has been on a sabbatical leave this fall.
Nampa: Stephen Ministry team attended regional anti-racism pro reconciliation event in Boise.
Silverton: Plans for the remodeling project moving forward.
La Grande: Sunday morning ecumenical Reformation Day worship service.
Grants Pass: Greg Widener has completed a year as Pastor.
Dallas: Instead of wedding gifts, Ross and Sabrina Penney asked for donations to Week of Compassion disaster relief.
Junction City: FCC supports missions with a 10% tithe of offerings.
Lynchwood: Work has started on replacing the roof.
Salem: Over 600 prayer shawls have been made/blessed/given.

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The Thanksgiving Special Offering supports the higher education ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Disciples congregations usually promote this offering during mid-November, and will receive these gifts on November 12 and 19.
This fall, Robbie Tulloch of Boise attended a Disciples seminarians conference in Indianapolis. This event helps seminary students prepare for the transition from school to a new ministry setting after graduation. As a Master of Divinity student at the Claremont School of Theology, Robbie takes most classes online while he serves at a Methodist church in Meridian, Idaho.
David Waggoner serves as President of the board for Disciples Seminary Foundation. The Foundation offers tuition support and mentoring for Disciples students at several seminaries of the west coast. Larry Snow and Doug Wirt also serve on the board for our region.
The Higher Education and Leadership ministry of our church supports 14 Colleges/Universities and 7 seminaries. Over 50,000 students currently attend one of these schools with over 12,000 persons graduating from one of them in the past 12 months. Online gifts to the Thanksgiving offering can go to www.disciplesmissionfund.org.

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Regional Assembly
Happy Days set for 2018
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News from Congregations
Regional Assembly May 18-19, 2018 Portland FCC
Rev. Sandhya Jha & Dr. Timothy James

Higher Education & Leadership Ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
In September and October, Disciples give extra emphasis to our Reconciliation Ministry. This is a Disciples ministry that works to heal North American society from hate and racism with acts of reconciliation and justice.

Our regional three year plan includes a series of training events led by local Disciples trained as trainers in the fall of 2016 in cooperation with our general Reconciliation Ministry and Rev. April Johnson of Indianapolis.

Romans 12:2 says, “Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may prove what is good and acceptable and perfect.” Reconciliation ministries witness to the love that we share in Christ, loving God with heart, soul, mind and strength and loving our neighbors as ourselves.

Over the past year, our team of Anti Racism Pro Reconciliation trainers has led three events in Portland, Springfield, and Boise. Over one hundred people have attended! This included many ministers attending to fulfill a requirement. We also saw many retired ministers and lay leaders who did not “have to” attend but wanted to come anyway. Whether lay or clergy, these hundred plus people responded to the “requirement” of Micah 6:8, to do justice, to love mercy and to walk humbly with our God.

In this time of deepening racial divides, Christians have an even greater call to live out a better way. Racism insults God by suggesting that the Creator did substandard work in bringing most of humanity into being. The Pacific Northwest, like the United States, continues to become increasingly diverse. These trainings help us to become the church God calls us to be.

I am grateful to each of our trainers, and to so many across the region for your support of the Reconciliation offering. 1 John 4:18 says that “perfect love casts out fear.” That’s just what we need. Thanks be to God.

Doug

Regional Assembly — Not too early to start planning to come

Regional Vice-Moderator, Brenda Mikota, has begun her work in heading up the planning of the 2018 Regional Assembly to be hosted by her home congregation, Portland First Christian Church. Watch our web site, Facebook Page, and this newsletter for details.

We will gather around the theme “Through These Hands” with Preachers and Teachers, Rev. Dr. Timothy James, Associate General Minister and Administrative Secretary for the National Convocation of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and Rev. Sandhya Jha, Founder and Director of the Oakland Peace Center.

You can read more about them on our website Regional Assembly page.

Save the dates of May 18-19, 2018 and watch for registration to open in January

Fund Goal Met for Romerillos, Ecuador

Recent gifts have brought our regional mission project in Ecuador to its total amount. In 2016, the regional board set a goal of $17,500 for a microloan project in Romerillos, Ecuador. This project expanded the number of people raising their own animals and onions, following the earlier eruption of Cotoaupxi, an Ecuadoran volcano. The total included over $4,000 to pay staff salaries for the FEDICE organization. FEDICE is the Ecumenical Foundation for Integrated Training, Development and Education, based in Quito. FEDICE works in indigenous communities north and south of Quito. Blanca Puma serves as Executive Director of FEDICE and plans to visit our region again in 2018.

North American/Pacific Asian Disciples in Portland 2018

The Oregon SW Idaho region will host the 2018 Convocation of the North American Pacific Asian Disciples, meeting in Portland, August 8-11. This biennial event will gather Disciples from across North American and beyond. Oregon and Idaho Disciples are also welcome to come. Low cost housing will be available at Portland State University. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend this inspirational time of friendship, worship and learning.

Youth Camp Dates set for 2018

Cascade Christian Camp; Cascade, Idaho
Grade School: June 25-29
Middle School and High School: July 30-August 4
Suttle Lake Camp; Sisters, Oregon
High School: July 25-29
Middle School and Grade School: July 30-August 3

Women’s Retreats 2018

Interregional Wild Women of the West
Scottsdale, Arizona
April 6-8

Snake River District Women’s Retreat
Trinity Pines Retreat, Cascade, Idaho
September 7-9

Western Districts’ Women’s Retreat
Murray Hills, Beaverton
October 12-13