

Mission Statement of the Region	<i>On the Oregon Disciples Trail with Doug and Cathy</i>
<p><i>Our mission is</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>To nurture members and congregations</i> <i>To establish and receive new congregations</i> <p><i>While working together with the whole Church to do Christ's ministry in the world.</i></p> <p>Doug and Cathy Myers Wirt <i>Regional Ministers</i></p> <p>Audre Bratcher, <i>Administrative Assistant</i></p>	<p>Jan. 18 Eugene Ministers' Lunch (Doug)</p> <p>Jan. 19 Salem Christian Women's Fellowship meeting (Cathy)</p> <p>Jan. 20-1 Regional Youth Council (Cathy)</p> <p>Jan. 21-2 Northwood Christian 50th Anniversary (Doug)</p> <p>Jan. 22 Worship in Corvallis, Farewell for Neil Allen in Lebanon, Committee Meeting in Corvallis (Cathy)</p> <p>Jan. 25 Commission on Ministry (Doug)</p> <p>Jan. 26 Pray and Play Planning (Albany), Garden Build Planning (Albany), Regional Assembly Planning (Albany), Committee Meeting (Corvallis) (Cathy)</p> <p>Jan. 27 Women's Circle Exec. Cte. (Cathy)</p> <p>Jan. 29 Preaching and meeting at Lebanon (Cathy)</p> <p>Jan. 29 Portland First, Murray Hills and Iglesia Hispana (Doug)</p>



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Week of Compassion Offering

February is Week of Compassion month for Disciples. The special offerings received for this purpose are shared all year round. Week of Compassion is the emergency relief and development fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Week of Compassion provided disaster relief funds to more than 50 locations in the U.S. in 2011. Your gifts in 2011 also responded to over 50 more emergencies in Africa, Europe, Latin America and Asia.

Week of Compassion also provides support for long agricultural development, medical assistance, clean water, training of church and community leaders, micro-loans to help people earn their own income, and refugee assistance.

For more information about Week of Compassion, visit the website at www.weekofcompassion.org.



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News from the Congregations

Hood River — Hosted high school snow rally in January. Thank you!

Medford — Nice write up in the local paper about their community meal ministry.

Northwood — Celebrated 50th Anniversary in January 2012 and recognized Frank Betzer as the founding pastor.

Springfield FCC — Preparing for move to new location.

Murray Hills — Guest, Keith Watkins, led a session about public prayer for a Wednesday night gathering.

Silverton — Honored with Distinguished Service Award at Silverton Chamber of Commerce for Community Meals program.

Iglesia Hispana — Starting new women's ministry led by Maria Cardenas.

Albany/Eugene FCC — hosted visits from Jerry Lang new VP of Christian Church Foundation.

Lebanon/The View: Farewell to Neil Allen, going to interim in Port Angeles, WA

Calendar 2012

**February 4
Regional Board Meeting**

**February 10-12
Middle School Snow Rally
Hosted by Lebanon FCC**

**February 18-19
Regional High School Prom
Hosted by Silverton FCC**

**February 25
Women's Pray and Play Day
Hosted by Trees of Righteousness and Aloha Christian**



Ecuador Mission Trip 2012

Planning has started for a new group of Oregon Disciples to travel to Ecuador for work with the FEDICE ministry. FEDICE is the Ecumenical Foundation for Integrated Training, Education and Development. Based in Quito, FEDICE ministers largely with indigenous communities and churches in the Imbabura province of northern Ecuador. Rick Ikeda of Salem FCC will be working with Victor Vaca and Blanca Puma of FEDICE to plan the next trip, which is currently envisioned for July 2012. Contact Audre Bratcher in the regional office for more details.

Save the date!!

**Regional Assembly
May 18-19, 2012**

Dr. Sharon Watkins
General Minister
and President will be
our Preacher

**Hosted by
Albany First Christian**



This fall we received the wonderful gift of Sabbath time thanks to the generosity of many of you who helped to make our travels possible. For years we have talked about visiting the San Juan Islands, and we finally rood the ferry boat across the water to see the spectacular beauty that surrounds this area in Washington. We spent time at the Oregon Coast writing, reading, and walking on the beach. We enjoyed a time in California with the Regional Ministers of Southern California as we talked about what it means to be in regional ministry today. We visited the Disciples Seminary Foundation in California, doing research on topics of interest.

What is different in Sabbath time is the pace of life. We had fewer places to be and fewer miles to drive. Doug did research about the first Asian Disciples of Christ congregation, the Chinese Christian Church that was established in Portland in 1891 I wrote four chapters of a novel that I have been pondering for almost two years. We read the biography of James Garfield, a Disciples of Christ pastor that became the President of the United States, as well as many other books on spirituality, history, economics, Scripture and a few novels thrown in.

The first day of my Sabbath time I received a phone call informing me that my father had been hospitalized. This meant that Sabbath time was also a time to see to his needs and to prepare for a move for him to Oregon which will have happened by the time you read this.

I return from Sabbath with a clear sense of gratitude for the work that we share and a more solid and rested self to offer to that work.

In hope, *Cathy*



Middle School Snow Rally
hosted by

Lebanon FCC
February 10-12

High School Prom
Hosted by
Silverton FCC
February 17-19

Upcoming Youth Events



Reisinger, Collazo Named to New Leadership Positions

Church Extension has just announced the calling of two well known Disciples leaders to new positions of responsibility. Disciples Church Extension Fund has named Rick Reisinger as their new President. Gilberto Collazo will become the President of Hope Partnership for Missional Transformation, continuing and expanding on previous ministries of Church Extension with new and renewing congregations of the Disciples of Christ.

Rick Reisinger has worked with numerous congregations in Oregon and nationwide, giving leadership to planning and capital campaigns to build or remodel facilities for Disciples churches.

Gilberto Collazo has co-led the successful Disciples effort to start 1,000 new congregations in 20 years, with over 700 new local ministries in 10 years. He also has served as keynoter twice for the Regional Assembly of the Christian Church in Oregon. We lift up both Rick and Gilberto with prayers of thanksgiving for their leadership.



Women's Pray and Play Days 2012

The Oregon Women's Circle is once again offering a series of six mini retreat days for women from Disciples congregations in Oregon and their friends. The theme, **Rainbow Recipes**, will explore the way we take the ingredients of our lives and make them into a expression of our faith. Check the website for times and places near you and for registration materials. First event is at Aloha Christian, February 25.

New Church Team Invites you to Potluck February 26

The regional New Church Ministry Team invites you to a Disciple Dinner potluck on Sunday night, February 26. Come to Keizer Christian Church, 6945 N. Wheatland Road, in Keizer from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

The potluck dinner will begin at 5:00 p.m. At 6:00 p.m., we will share together in worship. Two of our pastors, Jose' Regalado of Iglesia Cristiana Escudo y Fortaleza de Keizer and Bob Arnold of Keizer Christian Church will share a little about their calls to Christian ministry.

Chicken and beverages (coffee, tea and water) will be provided as well as table service. We ask you to bring your favorite main dish, salad, vegetables or dessert to share. This will be a time to strength our friendship as Disciples of Christ in Oregon.

Thank you to Keizer Christian Church for their hospitality in hosting this time of food, worship and fellowship.