

Invested Named Funds Supporting Ministry Christian Church in Oregon and SW Idaho as of June 2023

Funds Owned by Christian Church Foundation



Idaho

Ken Britt

Ken was a graduate of NCC and Brite Divinity School and served churches in the northwest, and retired from First Christian Church in Nampa, Idaho. Ken loved camp and going to camp to be with kids. An unexplained medical problem caused an early death. In his honor the family established a fund to support the on going of the camping program he loved so much.

Larry and Janet Crist

When Larry retired from regional ministry in the South Idaho Regional Church, some folks got together and established a fund with the CCF in their honor to continue Larry's love for missions.

Edward and Laura Hoshaw

Ed along with the loving support of his spouse Laura was truly the pioneer of gift giving in the Region of South Idaho. He and Jim Reed of Christian Church Foundation were very good friends and travelled the region promoting the Christian Church Foundation. Ed and Laura lead by example making the first gift for the regional camping program.

Fred and Alpha Houston

Fred and Alpha were early pioneer farmers in the Caldwell area and long-time members of Treasure Valley Christian Church. Alpha was the representative to the regional board for many years and developed a love for this ministry. Fred and Alpha were excellent stewards. Upon Fred's passing Alpha established a fund that would support both the region and Treasure Valley Christian Church.

Lola and Walter Jones

Walter was one of the early supporters and builder of the Cascade Camp. Walter and Lola's son, Bruce Jones, then regional minister in Arizona, upon their death established a fund in their honor to benefit Cascade Camp.

Lester McCracken

Lester was the long time Treasurer for the Christian Church in South Idaho. Upon his death, because of his commitment to the Region, a golf event was begun in his honor with the proceeds going to establish a fund for the Cascade Christian Church Camp.

Leman and Inez Messley

Leman and Inez ministered across the northwest and South Idaho. They were probably the first converts to planned giving under Ed Hoshaw's leadership. As a result of their timely and wise stewardship, they were able to give generously to various causes in their retirement and provide for themselves.

Jane Nesby

Served in the western U.S. as an ordained pastor in both congregational and regional ministry. She died tragically in a travel related accident while doing her job. John Nesby, her brother, established a Fund with CCF, that supports the ministry that she was doing at the time of her death, Regional Ministry.

John and Loretta Nesby

John and Loretta served as pastors throughout the western U.S. As he approached retirement, he decided to do interim ministry on a full-time basis. As a result, he felt deeply about the role of the regional church. It was with that in mind that he established a Fund to ungird the region.

Oregon

Leighton and Phyllis Johnson Permanent Fund

The Johnson were long time members of Portland First Christian Church. Both were avid Bible students and taught Sunday School for decades. He was active in the Gideons, and she was active at the First Baptist Church as well as Portland FCC.

James and Dolores Kimsey Mission Fund

James and Delores Kimsey, both ordained ministers, served congregations in Washington, Oregon and California as well as the Montana Regional Church

Richard and Doris Lauer Fund

The Lauers, native Oregonians, lived in Indiana during Dick's seminary years and returned to Oregon when Dick held the position of Associate Regional Minister of Oregon. Dick served as Pastor of Mallory Avenue Christian Church, where he had been raised, and went from there to be Regional Minister in the Northern CA/NV region, and Doris worked with Christian Church Homes, a Disciples Related ministry with Seniors. They retired to Oregon and are active in First Christian Church in Eugene.



Week of Compassion Judith Meneghin Fund

Judy is a member of Murray Hills Christian Church and a former Moderator of the Christian Church in Oregon as well as former Co-President of the Board of the Week of Compassion Ministry of the Christian Church. She has chaired her congregation's mission committee for many years, served in Regional Women's Ministries, served as an Elder and Choir Member in her congregation.



Week of Compassion Penny Paxton Shorow Fund

Penny was a member of the Salem First Christian Church for almost 30 years while her husband, Chuck Shorow, served as pastor. Penny served as Director Women's Ministries for the Oregon Regional Church as well as taking an active part in denomination wide Disciples Women's Leadership. She currently lives in Oklahoma.

Week of Compassion Jim and Carol Cure Fund

Jim and Carol Cure have been members of the Murray Hills Christian Church for many decades. Involved in multiple aspects of congregational and regional church life, Carol has served as the Regional Moderator, a member of the board of trustees for Bushnell University, a member of the board of FEDICE USA, and traveled to the Congolese nations to visit Disciples there with Woman to Woman Worldwide. Jim has served as Moderator and Trustee of his congregation, and with Carol has traveled several times to Ecuador to visit with our global mission partners with FEDICE ministry. Both are lifelong Disciples of Christ members.

Dr. Neil F. and Cheryl Reynolds Fund

The Reynolds are long time members of the Corvallis First Christian Church. Both have been active in Regional Church ministries, including membership on the regional board.

Global Ministries Joyce and Russell Myers Fund

Russ and Joyce Myers served congregations in Indiana, Washington, Oregon and Montana. Joyce was active in Disciples Women, writing the play outlining the history of the Christian Women's Board of Missions performed at the first Quadrennial Assembly for Disciples Women in 1957. A deep advocate for global missions, she taught Vacation Bible School and Sunday School classes, often about global mission partners. Russ Myers served as the Regional Moderator of both the Oregon and Montana Regions. Joyce and Russ are the parents of Co-Regional Minister of the Christian Church in Oregon and SW Idaho, Cathy Myers Wirt.

Rosemary Fishback Fund

Rosemary served congregations in Texas, Oregon, Georgia and Washington. Rosemary was a musician, pastor, chaplain and sought after public speaker. Her passion in the later years of her ministry was as a chaplain with retired seniors living in facilities operated by the National Benevolent Association in Portland/Gresham area.

Victor and Violet Vaca Fund FEDICE USA

The Vacas were long time mission workers and the founding staff of FEDICE Ecuador, a ministry that assists in economic development and community formation in rural Ecuador. Victor and Violet met when they were doing mission work together in Ecuador. Violet was from Minnesota and Victor from Ecuador. They traveled to Oregon often to share stories of their work with women's events, in church camps, in congregations and regional assemblies. To this day the Oregon and SW Idaho Regional Church has a special relationship with FEDICE exchanging visits and sharing in development projects.

Funds Owned by the Christian Church in Oregon and SW Idaho

Rev. Lynnette Rhay Biggers Fund

Lynnette had a wide ranging ministry in congregations, the Oregon Regional church, and teaching at what was then named Northwest Christian College. A role model to a generation as an ordained women long before

women were going to seminary in any significant number, she served as Associate Pastor and Interim Pastor and key volunteer in the Disciples Women's Ministries in the Oregon Region. She and her husband Ray served in many interim pastorates around the Northwest after Ray's retirement as pastor of Lynchwood Christian Church. This Fund was founded by a gift left to the regional church in her will.



Blaine and Laura Burrighr Fund

Blaine and Laura Burrighr never lived in Oregon, but they have blessed our ministries in very significant way. Their daughter, Jan Crouch previously served as Director of Family Ministries at Lynchwood Christian Church in Portland, a Regional Board Member and a regional anti-racism trainer. Their granddaughter, Rev. Erin Curtis, is pastor of First Christian Church, here in Springfield. Blaine and Laura were long time elders for the Christian Church in numerous congregations, with Laura being one of the first women elders in her congregation. They were leaders at First Christian Church in Boulder, CO; Central Christian Church in Denver, and Glen Oaks Christian Church in Illinois. They also lived overseas for 8 years and helped young missionaries in France. The Burrighrs believed in tithing and decided that after their deaths, 10% of their estate would go to the church.

Christian Church in Oregon Mountaindale Fund

The Mountaindale Camp Ground belonged to the Oregon Regional Church from the late 1960s to the mid 1980s. The camp was built on donated land with the provision that it would revert to the owner if the camp was no longer feasible to maintain. The region built a lodge, a group house and platforms for tents for camps and multiple years of church camps and retreats were held there. Upon the closure of the camp, the remaining funds for upkeep of the camp created this fund.

Mallory Avenue Christian Church Fund

This congregation was located on NE Alberta in Portland and was the merger of two congregations. When the congregation completed its ministry in the early 2000s, the building was given to the Christian Church in Oregon. The building housed a Disciples of Christ new church start, Calvary Christian Church for several years. Then the building was sold and this fund established with the proceeds.



Myrtle Creek First Christain Church Legacy Fund

First Christian Church of Myrtle Creek had a long ministry of over 100 years. Former pastors include Jon Pifer and Jim Osborne, pastors who currently serve other congregations in the regional church. When the congregation reached what we call the end of its visible ministry, the remaining members made a conscious decision to extend their blessings far into the future. The members met and decided to deed the property to Christian Church in Oregon. They wanted to see the building still used for ministry and located a new church start to use the property. The legacy would include support for ministry students, a local food bank and a program for youth in the community. Proceeds from the facility also have repaired the building and started the Myrtle Creek First Christian Church Legacy Fund.

Myrtle Nance Fund

Nance was a faithful member of Hood River Valley Christian Church. Her faithfulness included remembering the congregation in her will. Showing that one good turn deserves another, Hood River Valley Christian Church decided to tithe from Myrtle's gift and give to related outreach ministries. This included Christian Church in Oregon. Some of these funds were used to support a special project with FEDICE, the mission partner of Oregon Disciples in Ecuador. Another portion went by decision of the regional board, to establish the Myrtle Nance Fund, which will support Disciple ministries in perpetuity.

Beulah Smith Blessing Box Fund

Beulah was an active long term member of the Mallory Avenue Christian Church and left some funds to the congregation in an endowment. When the Mallory congregation closed, this endowment was transferred to the regional church. Beulah had been a generous giver to the Disciples Women Blessing Box offering, so the proceeds of this endowment go to the Blessing Box offering in her name.

Dan Stults Youth Ministry Fund

Dan was a seminarian, favorite camp counselor, youth leader and Elder with the Lynchwood Christian Church and a group home leader for court mandated residents. He died at the age of 38 of a seizure. His family gave initial gifts to set up this fund and has continued to make annual generous gifts to the fund in his memory.

Evelyn Campbell Fund

Evelyn was a member of the Glenwood Christian Church in Eugene, Ione Community Church, Lynchwood Christian Church, and Albany First Christian Church as her life path took her new places. She was married to Pastor Don Campbell. A former regional board member, Evelyn remembered the regional church in her will, and the regional board set up this fund in her name with her gift.

James and Delores Kimsey Fund

In retirement, Jim and Delores were active at Murray Hills Christian Church and at the Hillsboro UCC. They remembered the regional church in their will. As a result, a second named fund was created in their memory. The second fund is owned by the regional church while the first is owned by Christian Church Foundation.

Funds owned by the Oregon Disciple Foundation

Aloha Christian Church Legacy New Church Ministry Fund

Started by the Oregon region in the 1970s, Aloha Christian Church later moved to Cornelius Pass Road. There, the Aloha church welcomed another new church start, which we now know as the Rio de Dios ministry in Hillsboro. Upon completing their "visible ministry" the members of Aloha Christian Church dedicated remaining funds to supporting new church ministries through Oregon Disciple Foundation. A new financial gift arising from the stewardship of Aloha Christian Church now blesses a new church ministry in the region every year.



Howard Fowler Fund

The Fowler family started this fund as a memorial to Howard with the purpose of assisting Oregon Disciple minister to continue their education while they continue serving local churches. Howard himself served as a Disciples of Christ minister for many years, including pastorates at Salem First Christian and Cedar Hills Christian, now known as Murray Hills. This fund has assisted ministers going on sabbatical leave, attending seminars and taking specialized training for interim ministry.

Roy and Martha Helms Fund

Roy was a second career minister who served congregations in the Midwest and then returned to Oregon for retirement. Martha was very active in Christian Women's Fellowship locally and in the regional church. Together, they gave leadership in retirement to Glenwood Christian Church in Eugene for more than eight years. Roy and Martha gave a monthly gift to Oregon Disciple Foundation for many years. The board of Oregon Disciple Foundation established this fund in their memory in gratitude for their faithful support.

Raymond and Miriam Helseth Fund

Raymond and Miriam Helseth both came from families with deep roots in the Christian Church. Miriam was born in Congo at the Bolenge Hospital, the daughter of missionaries. She often said that she was born in Congo, "because I wanted to be close to my mother." Raymond was the son of a Christian Church minister and served in many ministries in the Pacific Northwest. He and Miriam planted a new church in Portland, Lynchwood Christian Church, and served ministries at Colville, WA; Kimberly, ID; McMinnville, and student churches in Texas. Raymond also served as a chaplain at the Oregon State Prison. Miriam loved to sing and she composted and recycled before it was cool. Raymond and Miriam were active leaders at Keizer Christian Church, and their daughters Sharon Nichols, Cheryl Hudson and Carol Cure are also active Disciples today in the Northwest. Cheryl is currently a Regional Elder and a Member of the Anti-Racism/Pro-Reconciliation Team of the regional church.



Ray and Peggy Hewitt Fund

Ray and Peggy Hewitt served as active leaders for many years at First Christian Church in Corvallis, Northwest Christian College, Christian Church in Oregon and Oregon Disciple Foundation. Ray Hewitt once wrote a brief history of the Disciples movement in Oregon. They left a gift in their will for Oregon Disciple Foundation, not to start a fund in their name or with any designated purpose. However, the board of Oregon Disciple Foundation decided to create the Hewitt fund to provide seminary scholarships for Oregon Disciples studying to become ministers.

Murray Hills Christian Church Scholarship Fund

Our Beaverton congregation designates a portion of their outreach fund to a seminary scholarship fund through Oregon Disciple Foundation. Over the years, the scholarships have benefited many Murray Hills members with seminary costs. Many seminary students from other congregations in the regional church have also received financial support for educational costs.

Larry and Lucille Straughan Fund

Larry and Lucille Straughan gave generously of their time and leadership abilities to First Christian Church in Pendleton, Christian Church in Oregon and Oregon Disciple Foundation. Lucille was also active for years in Christian Women's Fellowship and in Christian Endeavour before that. Larry died many years before Lucille, and when Lucille died, she left an undesignated gift for Oregon Disciple Foundation. The board decided to establish a named fund in honor of Larry and Lucille, with the first distribution to be made in 2013 to assist with costs of Christian youth camps.

The View Christian Church Youth Ministry Fund

This Portland congregation decided to show the power of giving consistently whether in amounts large or small. The View started a named fund for youth ministry which has grown to about \$10,000 in value. This can now provide camp scholarships or support for other youth ministry costs as needed throughout the regional church.

Funds held by Disciples Church Extension

Charlotte Wirt New Church Ministry Fund

An active Elder, Sunday School Teacher, and leader in Women's Ministry at Portland First Christian, Charlotte helped to teach English as a second language to scores of people through the English in Action Classes that met at Portland FCC on Saturdays for many years. Her welcoming spirit makes this tribute to new congregations a natural memorial. Charlotte was the mother of Regional Minister, Doug Wirt.



Snake River District Disciples Women's Ministry Fund

The Snake River District Disciples Women have a council that leads their work of retreats, gatherings and mission projects. These funds represent their investment income to support that ministry while assisting the ministry of the whole church.