



# Northwest Passage

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## CHILDREN WORSHIP AND WONDER

Our region will be offering a "Children Worship and Wonder" training May 8-10, 2009. The Story Teller training is hosted by First Christian Church, Clarkston, Washington. Leading the sessions will be Kaye Edwards (Director of Family & Children's Ministries at Disciples Home Missions) and David Carringer (Pastor of First Christian Church, Clarkston).

Children Worship & Wonder is an exciting way to approach faith formation with children, recognizing children as spiritual beings who already have a relationship with God. The program is based around the book, "Young Children and Worship" by co-authors Sonja Stewart and Jerome Berryman.

Through Children Worship & Wonder, children learn about God as they experience God. They hear Bible stories in a way that allows them to enter into the stories and form responses out of their own life experiences. Children Worship & Wonder can be used with children ranging in age from 3 to 13 and a wide age range can be grouped together in one class. It is a Montessori-based model and often works wonders with children who have attention deficit problems.

The program will take approximately 15 hours to complete over the three day event and the

fee is \$120 if received by May 1, 2009. For more information or to register online, visit: <http://www.discipleshomeissions.org/FamilyandChildren/CWW.htm>

## WINTER & SUMMER CAMP DATES- MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Join the Regional Youth Commission as they explore the theme "No More Zombies: Take Action!" at the annual Winter Retreats in Easton, WA.

**Chi Rho (grades 7-9) March 6-8**  
**CYF (grades 10-12) March 27-29**

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Expect a "Breakthrough" at summer camp in 2009!

Remember: Campers attend the age group based on the grade they will enter in the Fall.

### Zephyr (Eastern Washington)

**Kids (grades 2 & 3) August 10 – August 13**  
**Junior (4, 5 & 6) August 10 – August 15**  
**Chi Rho (7, 8 & 9) June 22 – June 27**  
**CYF (10, 11, 12 & Grads) July 20 – July 25**

### Gwinwood (Western Washington)

**Kids (grades 2 & 3) July 6 – July 9**  
**Junior (4, 5 & 6) July 6 – July 11**  
**Chi Rho (7, 8 & 9) July 20 – July 25**  
**CYF (10, 11, 12 & Grads) July 13 – July 18**  
**Diversity Camp June 29 – July 2**

## **Mission Statement of the NWRCC**

*Called by God and sent by the Living Christ, we the Northwest Regional Christian Church intentionally engage with one another rejoicing in our diversity and shared gifts, deepening our spiritual life, building true community, acting courageously in ministry and mission, and sharing God's good news with a fresh voice and a new song. We seek to "do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with our God." (Micah 6:8)*

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## REGIONAL MINISTER TO PARTICIPATE IN GLOBAL MISSION REGION PILGRIMAGE TO DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AND HAITI

Rebecca Hale will travel to Haiti and the Dominican Republic from February 4<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> with Regional Ministers from around the country. The trip is sponsored by Global Ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the United Church of Christ in support of encouraging each region to become "Global Mission Regions." During the trip Rebecca will visit partner churches and organizations throughout the area and will preach in a congregation in Santo Domingo on February 8<sup>th</sup>. Among the goals of the trip is to have Regional Ministers experience and then return to regional work having received the gifts of the global church's faith in a way that is transformative for our whole church life. Rebecca will be looking for opportunities to share her experiences with the region when she returns.

## RISE - MINISTRY DESIGN GATHERINGS

**YOUR VOICE IS NEEDED!  
ALL ARE INVITED!**

We in the Northwest Region have a new clarity about what God is calling us to do and be. We have embraced a challenging and clear mission:

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Now it is time to put some flesh and bone to that Mission. How are we going to participate in shaping and forming Disciples in the NWRCC? What work are we going to do together? What kind of Christian habits and practices will shape the way we interact and relate to one another? What kind of structure will allow our ministry to sing? What resources do we bring and how are we going to call forth new resources?

Come to the Ministry Design Gathering in your area and lend your voice to the emerging shape and ministry of the Northwest Regional Christian Church.

**Ministry Design Gatherings 3:00 – 5:30 p.m. March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

North Hill Christian Church, Spokane  
First Christian Church, Tacoma

**March 29<sup>th</sup>**

Edmonds Christian Church, Edmonds  
Othello Christian Church, Othello

At the end of the day we will have tried on and interacted with the proposed Ministry Design Plan for the Northwest Regional Christian Church and made necessary suggestions for revisions.

**RSVP Today!**

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