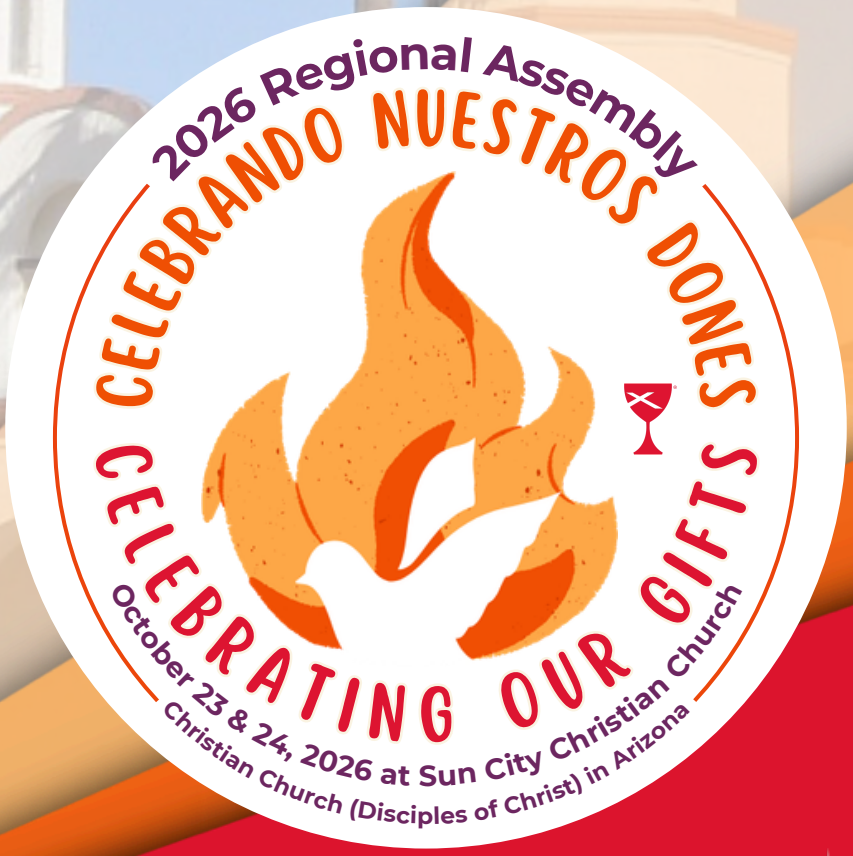
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REPORT AND DOCKET

Your Region and congregations are supported by a host of General Church Ministries and Partners. We invite you to take some time during the assembly to meet and visit with these ministry parters and talk with them about how they can support the work of your congregation.

Thank you to our partners preaching at Arizona congregations this Sunday

Hector Soto and Daniel Montoya @ Dios de Segunda Oportunidad, Glendale

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Rev. Melissa St. Clair @ Desert Dove Christian, Tucson

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Rev. Marilyn Fiddmont @ Foothills Christian, Glendale

Rev. Rosario Ibarra @ Iglesia la Cruz, Glendale

Rev. Dr. Erin Cash @ Sun City Christian, Sun City

ARIZONA Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Arizona

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Message from Pastor Jay

REGIONAL MINISTER AND PRESIDENT

As Regional Minister and President, Rev. Dr. Jay Hartley supports Arizona clergy and local congregations and coordinates the Region's ministries and staff. He is the corporate and administrative President of the Region and serves on several boards and ministry teams of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and affiliated ministries.

Bienvenidos! Welcome!

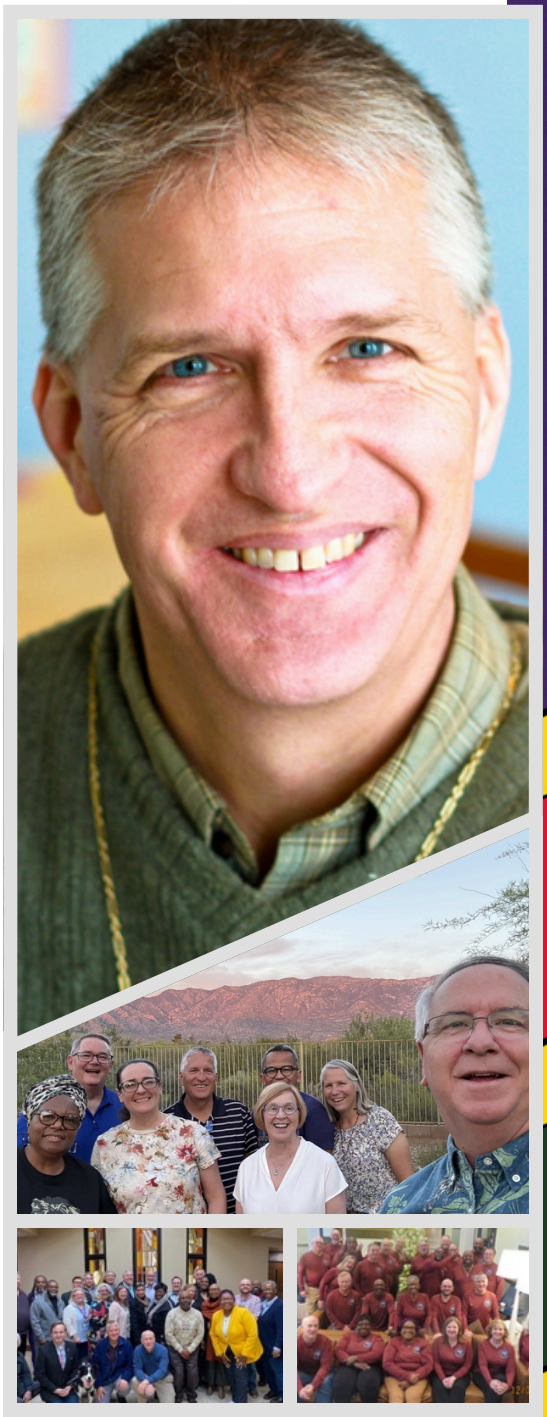
We are excited to gather here at Sun City Christian Church to celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit that acts in and animates all of us. What started on that first Pentecost day, when Jesus sent his spirit to his followers – his disciples – continues today in our ministries of compassion, service, and justice.

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Arizona consists of 20 congregations and over 1000 individuals working separately and collectively to shine God's light and spread God's love. We worship in Spanish and in English. Our congregations have ministries that feed the hungry, shelter the unhoused, welcome migrants, provide a safe place to escape the brutal heat of summer, provide childcare, provide care for the elderly. Individually, we share music and artistic gifts, we prepare food, we teach, we administrate, we challenge elected officials to protect God's sacred creation. As the Apostle Paul wrote: There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit. (1 Cor. 12:4)

I am grateful to be in ministry with each of you as we seek to shine God's light and spread God's love as a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world.

God bless you/Dios les bendiga!

Rev. Dr. Jay R. Hartley
Regional Minister and President
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Photos of Jay with Disciples and ecumenical colleagues

Mensaje del Pastor Jay

MINISTRO REGIONAL Y PRESIDENTE

Como Ministro Regional y Presidente, el Rev. Dr. Jay Hartley apoya todo el pastorado de Arizona y a las congregaciones locales y coordina los ministerios y el personal de la Región. Es el presidente corporativo y administrativo de la Región y forma parte de varias juntas y equipos ministeriales de la Iglesia Cristiana (Discípulos de Cristo) y ministerios afiliados.



Fotos de Jay con los Discípulos de Arizona

¡Bienvenidos! ¡Welcome!

Nos emociona reunirnos aquí en la Iglesia Cristiana Sun City para celebrar el don del Espíritu Santo que actúa en todos nosotros y nos anima. Lo que comenzó aquel primer día de Pentecostés, cuando Jesús envió su espíritu a sus seguidores —sus discípulos—, continúa hoy en nuestros ministerios de compasión, servicio y justicia.

La Iglesia Cristiana (Discípulos de Cristo) en Arizona está compuesta por 20 congregaciones y más de 1000 personas que trabajan individual y colectivamente para brillar la luz de Dios y difundir su amor. Celebramos nuestros cultos en español e inglés. Nuestras congregaciones cuentan con ministerios que alimentan a los necesitados, dan refugio a las personas sin hogar, acogen a migrantes, ofrecen un lugar seguro para escapar del intenso calor del verano, brindan cuidado infantil y cuidan a los ancianos. Individualmente, compartimos nuestra música y talentos artísticos, preparamos alimentos, enseñamos, administramos y exigimos a los funcionarios electos que protejan la sagrada creación de Dios. Como escribió el apóstol Pablo: «Hay diversidad de dones, pero el Espíritu es el mismo». (1 Corintios 12:4)

Agradezco poder servir junto a cada uno de ustedes en el ministerio, mientras buscamos brillar la luz de Dios y difundir su amor como un movimiento por la plenitud en un mundo fragmentado.

Rev. Dr. Jay R. Hartley
Ministro regional y presidente

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Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Arizona

— 2026 Regional Assembly —

We are excited to welcome you to our 2026 Regional Assembly – "Celebrating Our Gifts/Celebrando Nuestros Dones" – at Sun City Christian Church. We will worship, share stories, attend workshops, break bread together, and celebrate the gifts of the Holy Spirit which enliven our ministries as d/Disciples of Christ.

Spiritual gifts are what makes Christianity not merely a belief system but a way of life, a calling to ministry, an opportunity to truly follow Jesus in shining God's light and spreading God's love. God has poured out the Holy Spirit on each of us, given us "spiritual gifts" to use for the common good. As we read in John 20: Jesus said to them … "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit." As we read in 1 Corinthians 12:7: "To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good." Each of our congregations and each of us as individual disciples of Jesus Christ have unique gifts that we are called to use in ministry.

The goal of our church is to nurture, equip, and inspire us all in using our gifts for ministry. Howard Thurman wrote: "Don't ask what the world needs. Ask what makes you come alive, and go do it. Because what the world needs is people who have come alive." A great church, a thriving church, is filled with people who have come alive, who are living into their calling and giftedness. Our churches don't have to do the same ministries, or have the same structure. We just want us all to be alive, inspired and equipped by the Holy Spirit to love and serve like Jesus.

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Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Arizona

— Sun City Christian Church —

Host of the 2026 Arizona Regional Assembly

Sun City Christian Church celebrated 50 years of worshiping together in November, 2024. The congregation started with fifty-seven individuals who met for the first time at one of the Sun City recreation centers on November 3, 1974. By May 6, 1979, over 450 met in the current church building and at our height over 750 attended services.

Fun facts about Sun City Christian Church:

- Members recently started a wellness ministry that is helping community members advocate for their health and wellness while staying informed about the ever changing medical system.
- Board game gatherings are a new favorite activity for members
- Every Wednesday there are activities ranging from lunch and learns, field trips, mission and outreach, and board games.

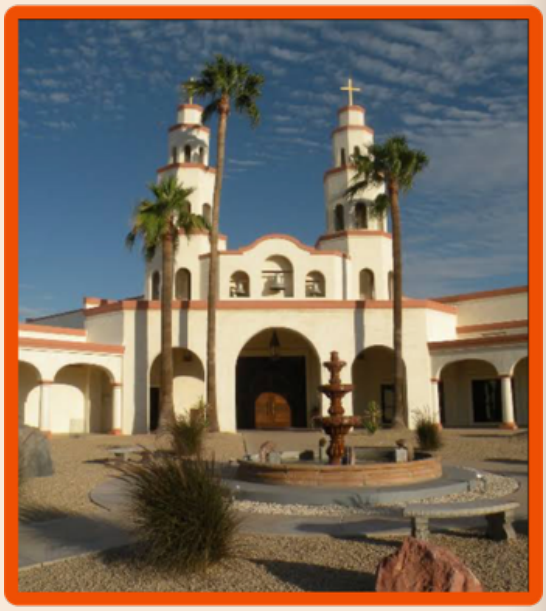
Sun City Doors

Did you know that Sun City Christian Church has some very special doors! Around campus you will find 69 beautifully carved wood panels on many of their doors. Pamphlets about the doors are available. Be sure to see them all!



Meet the Pastor

Rev. Brett Winters was called to serve at Sun City Christian Church in 2022. He is a board game enthusiast and beloved minister.





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Marilyn Fiddmont is Vice President of the Northeastern Region and the Southwest Zone for the Christian Church Foundation. Marilyn joined the Foundation staff in 2001 and lives in Houston, TX.

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Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Arizona

— 2026 Assembly Schedule —

Friday

6:45-7:15pm

Check-in and on-site registrations

7:30-9:00pm in the Sanctuary

Opening Celebration and Story Telling Event

9:00-10:00pm

Reception sponsored by Republic Insurance Group

Children and Youth at Assembly

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Saturday

7:30-8:45am

Clergy Breakfast* sponsored by Disciples Church Extension Fund and New Church Ministries

7:30-8:45am

Check-in and on-site registrations

9:00-10:00am

Morning Keynote and all assembly session

10:15-11:15am

Workshop Session 1

11:15am- 12:45pm

Lunch on-site* sponsored by the Christian Church Foundation

12:45-1:45pm

Workshop Session 2

2:00-2:45pm

Business Session and Installation of Regional Leadership

3:00-4:30pm

Closing Worship Service with guest preacher Rev. Dr. Erin Cash

***Registration before Oct. 6 Required**

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Friday Celebration

Music led by Hector Soto, Daniel Montoya, Pastor Al Beasley, and Cameron Anderson

Welcome & Opening Prayer — Rev. Brett Winters

Assembly Opening & Benediction — Rev. Dr. Jay R. Hartley

Songs and Storytellers

Song: Rain Your Love Forever
- Yoly's Story — Pastor Elias Garcia
- Camo and Gingham and Denim, Oh My! — Rev. Kelley Dick

Song: Enséñame el Camino Señor/Show Me Your Ways
- La Mujer que Lleva Amor a Donde Va — Priscila Vargas
- The Day I Thought I Killed a Man — Ginger Lanier

Song: En el Nombre de Jesús/In the Name of the Lord
- The Gift of Beauty — Rev. Dr. Job Cobos
- Everything's Connected to Everything — Rev. Doug Bland

Song: La Visión/The Vision

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The Gift of Thriving
El don de prosperar
Led by Rev. Dr. Erin Cash (& Pastor Briana Cruz in Session 2)

Session 1 (English) Room: Library
Session 2 (Bilingual) Room: Library



The Gift of Faithful Songwriting
El don de componer canciones con fe
Led by Daniel Montoya and Héctor Soto

Session 1 (Bilingual) Room: Sanctuary
Session 2 (Español) Room: Sanctuary



Merit Badges for Disciples Churches
Insignias de mérito para las iglesias de discípulos
Led by Rev. Brian Frederick-Gray

Session 1 (Bilingual) Room: Conference Room 1
Session 2 (English) Room: Conference Room 1



Estudio bíblico: El propósito de mis dones espirituales
Led by Rev. Rosario Ibarra

Session 1 (Español) Room: Sala de conferencia 2

Compartiendo nuestra misión y valores a la comunidad
Led by Rev. Rosario Ibarra

Session 2 (Español) Room: Sala de conferencia 2

Workshops | Talleres



Joy in the Work: Appreciating what energizes each of us
Led by Alison Westerlind

Session 1 (English) Room: Chapel

Wise Church Financial Practice at Any Size
Led by Melissa St. Clair

Session 1 (English) Room: Choir Room

How to Have Safe and Brave Conversations with Youth and Children around the Topic of Christian Nationalism
Led by Rev. Trish Winters

Session 2 (English) Room: Chapel

Hope in Solidarity – How Disciples in Arizona and across the United States are showing up with their immigrant neighbors
Led by Rev. Grace Kozak

Session 2 (English) Room: Pastor's Office

All Assembly Choir
Led by Dawn Hartley

Session 2 (English) Room: Choir Room

Regional Finances

Our Region continues to have a dedicated group of leaders including our Administrative Council, Commission on Finance, and Regional Staff, who help faithfully steward the generous gifts we receive.

In general, our financial position remains stable from year to year and we continue to offer significant grants to our congregations. We have a healthy reserve fund and have invested those and other funds with our ministry partners the Christian Church Foundation and Disciples Church Extension Fund.

$390,000

In 2025 and 2026 the Arizona Region has approved over $390,000 in grants and subsidies benefiting Arizona Disciples.

These funds have helped children and youth attend winter and summer camps, supported clergy attending educational opportunities and retreats, assisted new Disciples communities, and enabled congregations to try something new.

We invite you to help us support Arizona Disciples in the following ways:

Give generously to your congregation!
Gifts to your congregtation not only support your minister and church operation, but they also enable vital ministry in your communities.

Participate in Special Offerings and Disciples Mission Fund through your congregation.
When you and your congregation give to the six Disciples Special Offerings and Disciples Mission Fund you are participating in ministry across the world.

Join others from across Arizona and donate to the Arizona Mission Fund.
Visit https://azdisciples.org/arizona-mission-fund/ to make a donation.

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Business Session

The Nominations Team is excited to present to the Regional Assembly the following slate of Officers and At-Large members of the Administrative Council and Mission Focus Team. During our business session, all clergy and voting delegates will vote on the slate as a whole.

Officers

Moderator
Rev. Martin Tapia
Iglesia La Cruz

Vice-Moderator
Rev. Trish Winters
Community Christian Church, Tempe

Treasurer
Michael Cleveland
Saguaro Christian Church

Corporate Secretary
Lynn Allen
Foothills Christian Church

At-Large Members

Rev. Jay Deskins
Chalice Christian Church

Janett Garcia
Alfa y Omega

Edwin Guzman
Iglesia Dios de Segunda Oportunidad

Renae Hackman
First Christian Church, Mesa

Tony Orsini-Castaldo
Desert Heritage Church

Our At-Large members will serve on both Administrative Council and Mission Focus Team, as will the moderator of the Convención.

Our Mission Focus Team also includes the following leaders of our ministries:

Anti-Racism Ministry Team: Rev. Trish Winters & Rev. Jessica Braxton
Arizona Global Ministries Team: Pastor Al Beasley
Border and Immigration Ministries (ADBI): Lori Bryant
Regional Commission on Ministry: Rev. Kathleen Day & Rev. Brett Winters
New Church Ministry Team: Rev. Tawni Garcia
Disciples Women's Ministry Staff: Pastor Briana Cruz

Thank You!

We are thankful for the dedicated service of our Regional Leaders

2024-2026 Officers

Moderator
Kerry Swindle

Vice-Moderator
Rev. Martin Tapia

Treasurer &
Chair of Commission on Finance
Dulce Guzman

Corporate Secretary
Keeley Bruner

2024-2026 At-Large Members

Lynn Allen
Rev. Chad Boseker
Rosy Cunningham
Karen Nye

Convención de Arizona Moderator

Rev. Minerva Guzman (2025)
Luis Soto (2026)

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Saturday Worship

Organ Prelude		Dwight Brewer
Welcome & Opening Prayer		Rev. Bekah Krevens
Opening Hymn	"We Call Ourselves Disciples"	#357
Worship & Wonder		Dr. Pat Barton
Anthem		All Assembly Choir
	"I'm Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing"	arr. Desjardins
Scripture	Galatians 5:22-25	Anayeli Escobar
Sermon		Rev. Dr. Erin Cash
Call to Offering		Rev. Jessica Braxton
	Rain Your Love Forever	Hector Soto and Daniel Montoya
Communion		Rev. Martin Tapia & Rev. Patricia Thompson-Winters Rev. Minerva Guzman & Rev. Chad Boseker Rev. Tawni Garcia & Raul Ruacho Rev. Kevin Prahar & Rosalva Ortiz
Communion Music	"Espíritu Santo, Mora en Mí/Holy Spirit, Dwell in Me"	
Benediction		Rev. Dr. Jay Hartley
Closing Music	"Cenizas | Ashes"	Hector Soto and Daniel Montoya



We are thankful for the musical leadership of Daniel Montoya and Héctor Soto throughout our Assembly. Joining us from Costa Rica, they have brought joyous music, thoughtful reflection, and a unique experience to Arizona Disciples.

SAVE THE DATES!

2027 Regional Events

Clergy Retreat
February 2-4 at the Franciscan Renewal Center in Phoenix

Children and Youth Camps
February 12-15 Winter Camp at Loch Leven
May 28-31: Family Camp (age 3 through 8 w/ parent/guardian)
June 20-25: Junior Camp (grades 4-5)
June 27-July 2: Chi Rho Camp (grades 6-8)
July 4-9: CYF Camp (grades 9-12 & recent graduates)

General Assembly (ONLINE)
July 9-10

Disciples Women's Ministry (DWM) Retreat
September 10-12 at Chapel Rock in Prescott

Arizona Convención Asamblea
November 5-6

2028 Regional Events

Clergy Retreat
January 31- February 2
at the Redemptorist Renewal Center in Phoenix

General Assembly (IN PERSON)
July 8-11 in Chicago, IL

Disciples Women's Ministry (DWM) Retreat
September 8-10 at Chapel Rock in Prescott

Regional Assembly
October 20 & 21 at Iglesia Dios de Segunda Oportunidad

Christian Church in Arizona

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Arizona is one of 30 Regions that make up the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada. Regions are nurturing partners that provide support, guidance, and pastoral care to ministers and congregations.

You Region has three staff members who work closely with your congregation's leadership.



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Regional Ministry Administrator

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Misión | Mission

Early in 2026, Regional leadership began a process of exploring our current mission and the core values that inform it. Our leaders identified five core values and a new mission statement for our Region. Additionally, they identified several strategic goals that are informing our ministry for the coming years. You will see more about our values and some of our goals in the coming pages. Below is our new mission statement.

Anidamos, equipamos, e inspiramos a todos hacia el amor inclusivo de Dios, la justicia audaz y la transformación fiel.

We nurture, equip, and inspire all toward God's inclusive love, bold justice, and faithful transformation.

Valores Principales | Core Values

Valentía | Courage

Empoderados por nuestra fe, actuamos con propósito y firmeza.

Empowered by our faith, we act boldly and with purpose.

Honestidad | Honesty

Somos transparentes, auténticos, y responsables ante Dios y los demás.

We are transparent, authentic, and accountable to God and one another.

Disponibilidad | Willingness

Elegimos escuchar, aprender y asociarnos con un corazón abierto y un espíritu de humildad.

We choose to listen, learn, and partner with an open heart and a spirit of humility.

Justicia | Justice

Reconociendo nuestra complicidad, buscamos ser una voz profética para la equidad trabajando contra la opresión y la marginación.

Recognizing our complicity, we seek to be a prophetic voice for equity by working against oppression and marginalization.

Inclusividad | Inclusivity

Damos la bienvenida, afirmamos y celebramos la diversidad.

We welcome, affirm, and celebrate diversity.

Congregations

The Arizona Region currently has 20 congregations. One of our congregations is “in-formation”, and two are “emerging.”

Phoenix Metro Congregations and Ministers

Alfa y Omega in Phoenix
Senior Pastor: Elias Garcia Associate Pastors: Leonila Burgos & Julieta Vera

Casa de Adoración in Phoenix (congregation in-formation)
Lead by: Carlos de los Santos, Anayeli Escobar, Oliva Raucho

Chalice Christian Church in Gilbert
Minister: Rev. Jay Deskins

Community Christian Church in Tempe
Minister: Rev. Patricia Thompson-Winters

Desert Heritage Church in Mesa
Minister: Rev. Dr. Derrick Elliot

Discípulos en Acción in Phoenix (emerging congregation)
Lead by: Luis Soto and Rosalva Ortiz

East Mesa Christian Church in Mesa
Minister: Pastor Al Beasley

First Christian Church in Mesa
Minister: Rev. Tawni Garcia

First Christian Church in Scottsdale
Minister: Rev. Chad Boseker

Foothills Christian Church in Glendale
Senior Minister: Rev. Bekah Krevens Associate Minister: Rev. Janel Randle

Iglesia Dios de Segunda Oportunidad in Glendale
Minister: Rev. Minerva Guzman

Iglesia la Cruz in Glendale (emerging congregation)
Minister: Pastor Briana Cruz

Larkspur Christian Church in Glendale
Minister: Rev. Dr. Job Cobos

and Ministers

Phoenix Metro Congregations and Ministers Continued

Sun City Christian Church in Sun City
Minister: Rev. Brett Winters

Templo Cristiano Central in Phoenix
Minister: Rev. Dr. Job Cobos

Tucson Metro Congregations and Ministers

Community Christian Church in Marana
Minister: Rev. Dave Hedgepeth

Desert Dove Christian Church in Tucson
Minister: Rev. Kevin Prahar

First Christian Church in Tucson
Minister: Rev. Ailsa Guardiola González

Saguaro Christian Church in Tucson
Senior Pastor: Rev. Kelley Dick Minister: Rev. Jessica Braxton

Gila County Congregations and Ministers

First Christian Church in Globe
Lead by: Tom Dunlap

Chaplains and Ministers Serving Other Minisitries

Rev. Doug Bland
Rev. Janis Brown
Rev. Teila Creekmore
Rev. Kathleen Day
Rev. Dr. Katie Sexton
Rev. Martin Tapia
Rev. Silvia Tiznado-Smith
Rev. Paul Whitlock
Rev. Dr. Dick Wing

Retired Ministers

Rev. Lana Antar Esq.
Rev. Julia Brooks
Rev. Don Bryant
Rev. Allen Cunningham
Rev. Charles Dubbs
Rev. Rick Gates
Rev. Dr. Jim Hartley
Rev. Amy Hirsch
Rev. Lloyd Howard
Rev. Marilyn Howard
Rev. Dr. Bob Howard
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Rev. Terry Immel
Rev. Ken Kennon
Rev. Dr. Sharon Kiesel
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Rev. Dr. Steve Minor
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Rev. Dr. Ed Nelson
Rev. Roger Pierce
Rev. Kenneth Rouse
Rev. Gloria Sannermark
Rev. Tyler Soine
Rev. Ken Stamper
Rev. Terry Steeden
Rev. Dr. James Sterling
Rev. Danny Thompson
Rev. Dr. Gene Trester
Rev. Jan Trulock
Rev. Carole Williams
Rev. Dr. Denny Williams

Disciples Day

One of the Regional goals identified by our leadership early in 2026 is to connect together as Disciples, increasing our awareness of Regional and Denominational practices, programs, and resources. As part of that goal, our Regional Minister and President, Rev. Dr. Jay R. Hartley, has been visiting congregations for a planned "**Disciples Day**."

Disciples Day is an opportunity for a congregation to invite Pastor Jay to come and talk about the many ministries that make up the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). **Disciples Day** often includes a sermon and a presentation about our history, our current ministries, and the impact your congregation has as part of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).







The following congregations have had a **Disciples Day**!

- First Christian Church, Scottsdale
- Desert Dove Christian Church
- Community Christian Church, Tempe
- Discípulos en Acción
- Iglesia la Cruz
- Chalice Christian Church
- Alfa y Omega
- East Mesa Christian Church (in November, 2026)
- First Christian Church, Mesa (in January, 2027)



We hope you'll Invite Pastor Jay for a **Disciples Day** at your congregation!

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1 Peter 4:10

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Clergy Wellness

Another Regional goal identified by leadership was a renewed focus on clergy wellness. As a Region we are approaching this goal in several ways: providing and connecting congregations and clergy with resources, clergy retreats, informational sessions around subjects like compensation, and grants.

Resources

There is a new Clergy Wellness section on the Clergy Resources page of our website (https://azdisciples.org/resources-for-clergy/#clergy-wellness) which contains the information on this page and more.

Clergy Retreat

Since 2023, the Arizona Region has invited our active clergy to an annual retreat where rest and renewal are the primary focus. Heavily subsidized by the Region, the retreat costs clergy $50 or less.

At our last retreat, thanks to an Arizona Regional Congregational Vitality Grant, your pastors and Arizona clergy were able to spend an entire day of retreat in small groups doing activities of their choice. This “Day of Fun” included activities ranging from adventuring in a canyon to meditation to axe throwing!



Encouraging your pastor to attend retreat each year is one way your congregation and the Region can support clergy wellness.

Save the dates for upcoming retreats:
Tuesday, February 2 - Thursday, February 4, 2027
Monday, January 31 - Wednesday, February 2, 2028
Monday, February 5 - Wednesday, February 7, 2029

Grants

Compensation Grants - Matching grant (up to $1000) for congregations who are adding to their pastor’s compensation or benefits for 2027

Day of Fun Grants - $100/clergy person in group of at least four

Leadership Grants - Financial support for leadership training and education

— Grants | Subvenciónes —

We continue to invite our congregations and leaders to dream big and apply for Regional Grants. You can find details about our grants on the Resources for Congregations page (https://azdisciples.org/resources-for-congregations/) of our website.

Congregational Vitality Grants

- Website Creation and Two Years Service
- Land Acknowledgement Plaque
- Anti-Racism Training
- Prophetic Unity and Other Congregational Vitality Grants

Clergy Care and Support Grants

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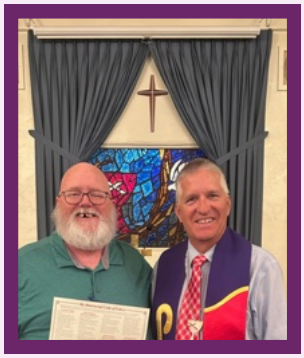
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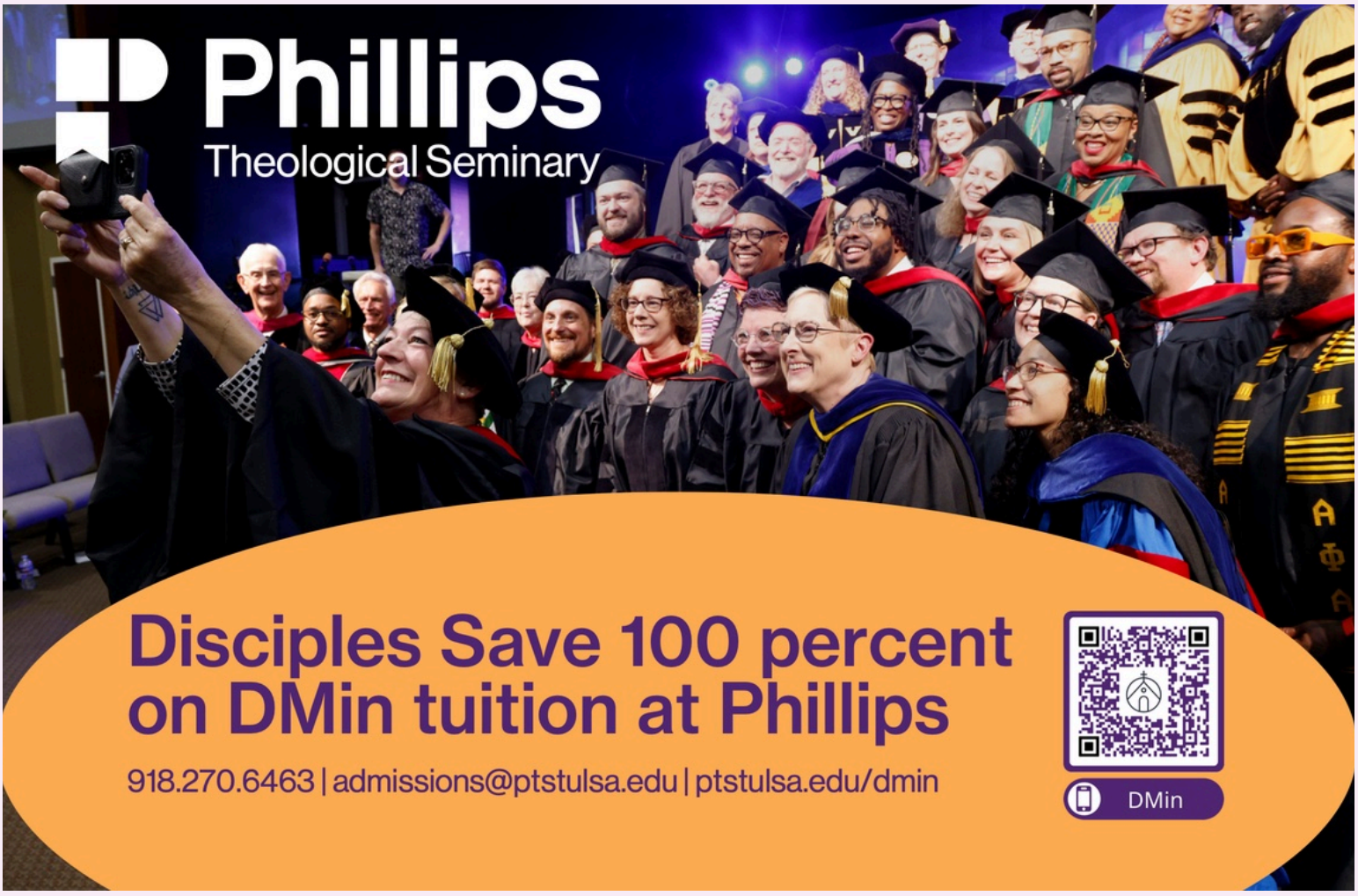











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