

# THE ARIZONA DISCIPLE

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Another way to support your Arizona ministries...

**ANNUAL FUND**  
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There is still time to be a part of this important ministry campaign for 2009. See our web site for more information and /or to make a gift online.

<http://arizonadisciples.com/annualfund.aspx>

## “Oh Come all you Faithful”

### *Who are the Faithful?*

*We are the Faithful* when as Arizona Disciple congregations we respond to our calling, seeking to be all that God is calling us to be.

*We are the Faithful* when as the Arizona Region, we work to fulfill our mission to support and enable congregations and their leaders.

- ☆ Faithfully, the *Arizona Region*, made up of *30 Disciples Congregations*, and their *3500 Members*, has provided resources and events that individual congregations aren't able to provide on their own
- ☆ Faithfully, the *Arizona Regional Program Staff*: Denny Williams (Regional Minister), along with Job Cobos (Hispanic Ministries), Carol Friesen (Women's Ministries) and Heather Tolleson (Youth and Children's Ministries) have led several major events for leadership development and renewal. With the support and dedication of the *Administrative Staff*: Lea Nessmith, Lyn Saint-Erne, and Kim Behm, these successful events have totaled around 700 participants in 2009.
- ☆ Faithfully, over 50 *Arizona Disciples* from all around our Region, have served this year, making up our *Arizona Regional Ministry Teams*—  
*Administrative Council    Arizona Mexico    Commission on Finance*  
*Commission on Ministry    Mission Focus*  
*Mission Funding,    New Church    Pro Reconciling Anti Racism*  
*Staff Relations    Youth and Children's Ministry*

These faithful volunteers have worked together, bringing their best gifts and skills to give shape, and provide direction and decisions to the ongoing work and ministries that are the lifeblood of our Region.

Thirty congregations and their members, Regional Staff, and Regional Ministry Teams come together, *Faithfully*, responding to God's call: teaching all that God has commanded, helping each other grow spiritually and caring for each other (including our pastors)

*Come, all you faithful.*

Your support of this year's Christmas Offering directly enables the ministries of all Arizona Disciples Congregations.



*Christmas Greetings from Your Regional Staff*

*May the Wondrous Gift of God's Love in Christ be yours throughout this Christmas Season*

*Kim Behm    Job Cobos*  
*Carol Friesen    Denny Williams    Lea Nessmith*  
*Lyn Saint-Erne    Heather Tolleson*

## Clergy, Congregation and Regional News



The Mission of the Christian Church in Arizona

“To create an environment and relationships in which congregations and leaders are called, supported, and equipped for congregational mission and ministries which are transforming, growing, and faithful.”

- ☆ Note to Treasurers and Financial Secretaries— All 2009 Disciples Mission Fund offerings (including all Special Days—Easter, Pentecost, Thanksgiving and Christmas) must be received in Indianapolis by Friday, January 8th, to be included for 2009
- ☆ The 2010 Arizona Regional Assembly will be October 22-23, 2010, hosted by Sun City Christian Church
- ☆ Attention Clergy (***ALL Arizona Disciples clergy.... including retired!***) – Epiphany Parties — Phoenix—Wed Jan 6th, Tucson— Fri Jan 8th. Contact the Regional office for more information or to RSVP
- ☆ “Called to Be One Church” - a Pro Reconciling/Anti Racism/Multi Cultural event for regional ministry teams and staff will January 23rd in Casa Grande
- ☆ First Christian, Mesa, is celebrating their 100th Anniversary! Special events started this fall. Join them for their next event: Feb 13– Valentine’s Day Fashion Show and Lunch “Dressing through the Ages 1910–2010”
- ☆ Winter’s Light– A Storytelling Concert (and longtime tradition of Community Christian, Tempe) will be held there, Sunday, December 20th, 7pm. Admission \$5
- ☆ Sun City Christian Church is hosting an Elder Event with Gary Straub. Information about this Feb 6 event has been sent to churches
- ☆ Since May, our congregations have said goodbye to senior pastors **Revs. Robert and Mindy Fugarino** (FCC Scottsdale) and **Rev. Bob Case** (Capilla del Sol CC) and welcomed their interim ministers—**Rev. Bob Howard** and **Rev. Jim Cox**
- ☆ Desert Dove has installed their new pastor, **Rev Linda Nanninga**

## Arizona Global Mission Nights

### *Got Outreach?*

*An invitation for Pastors, Congregational Reps and Outreach Leaders*

We hear stories all around the Region about your congregation’s efforts to be connected in places that make a difference. These are stories of your connections locally and beyond.

We know that global mission is a part of our rich heritage as Disciples. There have been significant ministries happening in the name of Disciples starting in 1849. It is gratifying to be part of a movement that seeks to be a **“critical presence in places of great need.”** This is the primary goal of our **Global Ministries**, the common witness of the Disciples and the UCC churches.

Earlier this year, our regional leaders took official action, setting a regional priority - that is, for us to become a **Global Mission Region**. As we move into 2010, we will be gathering outreach leaders to discuss what this mean for us regionally, as well as congregationally. *Got Outreach? Want Outreach?*

Join us! Contact the Regional Office or visit our website for more info

Tuesday, January 12

7:00–8:30pm

Interchurch Center, Phoenix

Thursday, January 14

7:00–8:30pm

Capilla del Sol, Tucson



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