



Our 2018 Regional Assembly is an invitation to come to the well, to ***springs of life***. Some come thirsty; others come in need of relief. Abraham and Isaac dug wells searching for springs of water. Moses watched water flow from a rock to quench the thirst of his people. A Samaritan woman heard Jesus speak of a living water which would become a "spring of water gushing up to eternal life".

All around us, out of our desert sojourns, we can find sustaining experiences, *springs of life*, through **inspiration, connection, worship and celebration**. These springs assure us we are known, remind us we are loved, and draw us to the places we are called. Our scripture and desert life speak of the vitality of water, and it is in water we find inspiration for our 2018 Regional Assembly. ***Fuente de Vida!***

We are excited to welcome three amazing speakers. Each will **inspire, challenge, and call** us to find strength and courage to find the Spirit's workings for creativity in the life, mission, and ministry of the Arizona Region.

We will also share in opportunities to experience springs of life within our Region including a daylong pre-assembly event, Fuente de Vida at the Border.

Read more about our speakers, our schedule, and the 2018 Regional Assembly experience at ra.azdisciples.org.



Register online at
ra.azdisciples.org
or with your church by
Thursday, October 11, 2018.

Assembly Schedule

Friday

Special Pre-Event
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Fuente de Vida @ the Border

Special Pre-Event
3:00 – 4:30 p.m.
Compassion Practice

6:00 – 7:20 p.m.
Check in

7:30 – 9:00 p.m.
Opening Worship & Keynote
Rev. Erin Wathen

9:00 – 10:00 p.m.
All Assembly Reception

Saturday

7:45 – 8:45 a.m.
Clergy & Guest Breakfast
Hosted by Pension Fund

8:00 – 8:45 a.m.
Check in, coffee, & snacks

9:00 – 10:15 a.m.
Morning Worship & Keynote
Rev. Al Lopez

10:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Experience Springs of Life
Choice of two experiences
& one roundtable

12:30 – 1:30 p.m.
Catered Lunch Sponsored by
Global Ministries

1:30 – 2:45 p.m.
Business Session

3:00 – 4:30 p.m.
Closing Worship & Keynote
Rev. Terri Hord Owens

Fuente de Vida

Regional Assembly 2018
Christian Church in Arizona
Nov. 2 & 3 at Saguaro Christian Church, Tucson

Guest Speakers



Rev. Erin Wathen
Author,
Senior Pastor, Saint Andrew Christian Church

Prior to SACC, Erin served at Foothills Christian Church in Phoenix. She is the author of two books, including "Resist and Persist: Faith and the Fight for Equality." She was also the 2010 recipient of the Fred Craddock Award for Excellence in Preaching. Erin lives in Olathe, KS, with her husband and two kids.



Rev. Al Lopez
Founder, Lead Pastor, UrbanMission

In addition to UrbanMission, a UCC/DOC church in Pomona, CA, Al serves on the Board of Directors for the Disciples Seminary Foundation (DSF), on the Reconciliation Ministry Commission, and co-facilitates DSF's Seed Planters Group. Al and his wife Tanya are the proud parents of two amazing little girls.



Rev. Teresa "Terri" Hord Owens
General Minister and President
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Hord Owens is widely sought after as a preacher, speaker and workshop facilitator. Her ministry and intellectual interests include a theology of reconciliation, cultural intelligence, developing inclusive and multi-cultural congregations, and the mentoring of young adults. She marked three decades of marriage with Walter Owens, Jr., prior to her election. They are the proud parents of an adult son.

Assembly Location and Hosts

Saguaro Christian Church Tucson, AZ
8302 E. Broadway Ave, Tucson, AZ 85710

Saguaro Christian Church will host our 97th Arizona Regional Assembly. A team of volunteers from each of our Tucson churches will contribute to Assembly hospitality and local arrangements. Saguaro Christian Church is located on the beautiful East side of Tucson, not far from Sabino Canyon.



Experience Springs of Life Friday Experiences

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (\$20 cost)

Fuente de Vida at the Border will offer participants a day to explore the multiple and complex political, humanitarian, and legal issues around the border from a faith perspective. Come and build relationships with other Disciples, humanitarian workers, and those they accompany in Nogales, Sonora.

This will be a day of healthy conversations about the border and how we interpret who we are as the body of Christ. Cost includes transportation and lunch.

3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. (\$10 cost)

Compassion Practice Forum, led by Dr. Frank Rogers and Rev. Janis Brown, will introduce participants to the practice and experience of Compassion Practice, with an opportunity to discuss and debrief. The Compassion Practice is one way to increase our capacity for self-compassion and compassion for other people. This way of radical compassion is the way of Jesus.

Saturday Experiences

10:15 – 11:55 a.m.

Experience Springs of Life through two workshop-like 45 minute sessions of your choice. Each session will feature several opportunities to hear and experience ministries that are springs of life in Arizona and beyond! Each experience will be offered at both sessions.

12:00 – 12:30 p.m.

Roundtable discussions will gather those that share similar church ministries across Arizona together for fellowship and time to resource each other. Watch for a roundtable for your ministry! Others may take this as a time for reflection and rest before lunch.