

# Presbytery of Boise

The mission of the Presbytery of Boise is to assist, support, equip, and challenge congregations to be disciples, and to make disciples for Jesus Christ

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## THE CROSS ROAD

### Rachel's Reflections

#### The New Curve

Having returned to the Treasure Valley after many years away, I'm struck by how much has remained the same. Most of my favorite restaurants are still around, and it's easy to navigate on familiar roads. St. Al's and St. Luke's still dominate our medical options. We wrestle over conservative values, libertarian principles, and progressive inclusivity.

And yet, much is wildly different. Many, many more houses populate our landscape. We hunger for ...[READ MORE](#)

### Music for a Good Cause at First Homedale

First Presbyterian Church in Homedale hosted a bluegrass/gospel concert featuring local favorite and Nashville recording artist Betty Adams and her band. The benefit concert raised money for the congregation's Saturday feeding program for children in the community, for whom weekends outside school are a time of food scarcity. The sanctuary was filled with people, good music, and a young Johnny Cash impersonator!



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## Chenoa Stock Shares About Her Visit

Presbyterian Mission Co-Worker Chenoa Stock shared about her visit to Bethany and Boise Presbytery in her last newsletter. "Our latest trips took us to Mountain Time – north, to the border of Idaho and Oregon, and southwest to Arizona. In the north, we spent time worshiping and sharing a meal with the host congregation, Bethany PC, as well as...[READ MORE](#)

## Continued Focus on Affordable Housing

Building on our February 4 gathering with its focus on affordable housing, we find inspiration in the ministry of other congregations in the PC(USA). The Center for Social Justice and Reconciliation at Union Presbyterian Seminary recently looked at real-world examples of how faith communities are working to house some of the unhoused people in their community. Read more about the webinar and concrete steps congregations are taking [here](#).

A recording of "The Injustice of the Unhoused: Faith-Based Initiatives that Work" can be viewed [here](#).

## Alternative Kin-Dom Camp Offered

Presbyterian Camp & Conference Center Zephyr Point (Lake Tahoe) is now offering Kin-Dom Camp, an opportunity for LGBTQIA+ youth, ages 12-17, to come to a camp where they may be fully free to be who they are. To register, participants can visit [the kin-dom camp page on the Zephyr Point website](#).

The registration fee for camp is \$525, but they have very generous scholarship funding for campers who need financial assistance. All campers will be required to pay \$50 to reserve their spot, and can fill out the scholarship application at the time of registration.

Zephyr Point is also looking to recruit up to 40 volunteer adults to join them for this camp experience.

## New Presbyterian Mission Agency Resource

The PMA offers a new **Care Partner Tool Kit**: a series of 13 QuickSheets and resources for congregations supporting caregivers and individuals who are caring for others. Some topics for these PDF downloads include Roles and Responsibilities, Accompanying a Loved One to the Doctor, A How-To Guide: Starting a Care Partner Support Group, The Guilt of Caregiving, Churches Ministering to Care Partners, and Care Partners Planning Together: Preparation for the Hard Conversations.



## Spiritual Direction Program Now Forming

For many years, Christian Formation and Direction Affiliates has trained students in the art and method of Spiritual Direction/Companioning. These tuition-based two-year programs consist of three 3-day, in-person or online intensives each year, with reading, contemplation, and other course work assigned in between.

CFDM through its training programs offers equipping and training events for groups and individuals such as monthly spiritual retreat days, quarterly renewal weekends, certificate programs in Christian formation and spiritual companioning, and other needed programs designed for individuals, churches, or networks of churches.

Its next training will be ONLINE with two IN-PERSON retreats starting in October 2023. Download [an application here](#) or get additional information by email.

## Camp Sawtooth Announcements

### Camp Dates for Summer 2023

Kids Camps - Grades 3rd/4th & Grades 5th/6th- July 9 - 14

Jr. High Camp - Grades 7th-9th - July 16 - 21

Sr. High Camp - Grades 10th-12th - June 25 - 30

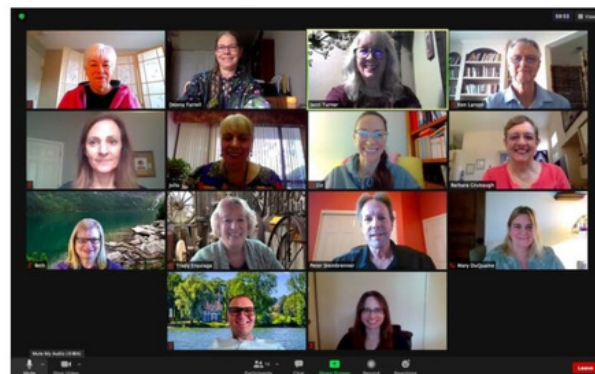
Early Bird Registration & Pricing through April 15th  
[www.CampSawtooth.org](http://www.CampSawtooth.org)

Camp Sawtooth hires college-age students who desire to serve the Lord Jesus Christ through leadership, Bible study, and worship.

Program Staff develop fun camp activities for youth ranging from 3rd grade to high school seniors. Compensation is competitive, with flexible scheduling and commitment. Ask about our College Internship Program!!

### Position Descriptions & Employment Applications

Questions? Email Kevin at:  
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Know anyone in this picture? Our graduates (together with the teaching team) from the 2020-2022 CFDM Nevada spiritual direction/spiritual companion cohort!

