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New Stated Clerk to be Elected at the March 12-13 Presbytery Meeting

The Stated Clerk Search Committee of Cascades Presbytery is pleased to announce that **The Rev. Catherine R. Quackenbush** has been chosen as the nominee for the position of Stated Clerk. Upon election she will be the 5th person to serve that office with her term beginning July 1, 2010.



The Rev. Catherine R. Quackenbush

The Rev. Dwayne Brown, chair of the Search Committee states, "The wonderful end of the story is that the Stated Clerk Search Committee is pleased to present The Rev. Catherine R. Quackenbush as our nominee for Stated Clerk.

"The story began last November when we had our organizational meeting and decided to launch a national search for applicants. The middle of the story was the challenge of reducing the number of applicants to the three we wanted to interview. Each of the interviews went very well. We were blessed with three excellent final candidates, any one of whom could do the job well.

"For Cathy, though, it's not just a job; it's very much a sense of being called to this important ministry. She has extensive experience at Presbytery and Synod levels, including serving as Presbytery Moderator and Council Chair. She has successfully shepherded both the Synod and the Presbytery through some very daunting financial and philosophical challenges. She brings a listening heart and a sharp mind to each task. At the end of the day the search committee unanimously agreed that Cathy Quackenbush is indeed called by God to be the next Stated Clerk of Cascades Presbytery."

Below are Cathy's thoughts about being Stated Clerk:

"I have been a minister member of this Presbytery for the last twenty years. During most of that time I have been fortunate to have had the opportunity to serve the presbytery in a variety of ways that were formational and life-changing for me. Looking back on all these experiences, I realize that the high points of my ministry have centered on connectional relationships throughout our denomination.

"During these years of service, I have often found myself in the midst of a challenge, a conflict, or a turning point for the church. Many of these experiences have not been easy, but each has been an opportunity to see the Holy Spirit working to transform us as Christ's own people. Each experience has been a chance to build a relationship with others or an understanding that was new. Each experience has been leading me to this point in my ministry - the realization that I now feel ready to serve in a new capacity as stated clerk.

"My style of leadership is relational and collaborative. I value the structures and traditions of our church and presbytery. At the same time I know that there is a spirit of transformation at hand in the church. I am open to that spirit of newness, and to continuing to discern with the rest of the church, the new forms that may be coming forth in our connectional life together at this time."

The Rev. Catherine R. Quackenbush Work History

Education:

1989 M.Div., San Francisco Theological Seminary
1977 M.S. Education, Western Oregon University
1971 B.S. Education, Lewis & Clark College, Portland
Manchester College, North Manchester, Indiana

Ministry:

1995-Present Co-Pastor, Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, West Linn, Oregon
1989-1995 Co-Pastor, Mill City Presbyterian Church, Mill City, Oregon
1987 Intern Chaplain, Hospital Chaplaincy Services, Santa Rosa, California
1986 Intern Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Portland, Oregon

Other Service to Church/Denomination:

2007-2008 Chair of Presbytery Council, Presbytery of the Cascades
2006-2007 Moderator, Presbytery of the Cascades
2006-2008 Chair of Synod Mission Partnership Funding Task Force
2003-2007 Commissioner to Synod of the Pacific:
Mission Partnership Committee
Coordinating Council
Mission Statement Task Force
Administrative Review Committee
2004 Commissioner to 216th General Assembly
2000-2002 Discerning God's Call Task Force, Presbytery of the Cascades
1998-2001 Committee on Ministry, Presbytery of the Cascades
1994-1995 Presbytery Task Force for Personnel System Participation Evaluation
1993-1994 Special Investigative Committee dealing with sexual misconduct of a minister member
1989-1993 Coordinating Team, Small Church Coalition
1989-1991 Presbytery Committee on Planning, Evaluation, and Budget
1987 Theological Student Advisory Delegate, 199th General Assembly

According to Standing Rules of the Presbytery of the Cascades, Section D, Subsection 6, *"When there is a vacancy in the office of Stated Clerk, a candidate for the position shall be nominated to the Presbytery by a search committee composed of three members selected by the Presbytery Council and three members selected by the Personnel and Administration Committee."* The following served as members of the Search Committee:

Appointed by Council: Elder John Brinegar, The Rev. Rebecca Hazen, Elder Janet Wylie
Appointed by P&A: The Rev. Dwayne Brown, The Rev. Barbara Campbell, The Rev. Brad Kent
Elected Staff: The Rev. Hugh Anderson, The Rev. Aleida Jernigan, The Rev. John Mahon

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