

PRESBYTERY OF THE CASCADES

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South Region

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TO: Pastors / Clerks of Session

FROM: The Rev. Sandra Collins, Relational Support Committee Chair

DATE: January 5, 2012

RE: 2012 Pulpit Exchange

The Relational Support Committee of Cascades Presbytery is sponsoring its 5th year of the presbytery-wide pulpit exchange. The goal of this event is to learn more about the good things that are happening in the congregations of Cascades Presbytery and to know our brothers and sisters of Cascades Presbytery in a more personal way as we gather together, to celebrate what God is doing in God's church. The 2012 Pulpit Exchange is scheduled for **April 22, 2012**.

Fourteen congregations participated in 2011 with resoundingly positive experiences. We hope you and your congregation will take part this coming year.

Here is how it works: Sessions who wish to participate take such action at one of their meetings. Next, complete the form included with this letter and send to the South office by **March 1**. At the March meeting of Presbytery, during the Relational Support Committee time, each participating congregation with the nudging of the Holy Spirit, will be paired with another congregation. They could be across town from each other or across the state; perhaps similar in size and location or as diverse as this presbytery is diverse. No matter how the Spirit moves, the two matched congregations will exchange their ministers and any other worship leadership [such as music or liturgical folk] who would like to participate.

New this year is that one lucky congregation will be matched with Scott Crane of the Menucha Conference Center. Scott will preach at that congregation and the minister and family will get a weekend's free lodging at Menucha.

The individual congregations are responsible to host the guest minister and/or team by providing lodging in local homes or motels as well as meals. The guest preachers will cover their own travel costs through their own professional expense account. No honorariums will need to be paid.

If the hosting church would like, this exchange could be more than just Sunday morning. Saturday would be a great opportunity for the guest minister/team, to be introduced to the many wonderful qualities your congregation and community have to share. An after worship fellowship gathering could be the perfect opening to build lasting relationships.

Relational Support invites your congregation to prayerfully consider this opportunity to stretch your hands across the Presbytery.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 541-572-5958 / simplysandrita@mycomspan.com or Hugh Anderson, staff to the committee at 1-541-535-7313 / hugha@cascadespresbytery.org.

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**Presbytery of the Cascades
Presbytery-Wide Pulpit Exchange – Sunday, April 22, 2012**

We are excited about participating in the Presbytery-wide Pulpit Exchange. Our session took action to do so at our meeting on _____.

Church Name:	
Address:	
City/State/Zip:	
Phone:	
Email:	

Contact person for this exchange from our congregation will be

Name:	
Phone:	
Email:	

Those who will be participating from our congregation will be

Pastor:	
Phone:	
Email:	
Others:	

Signature – Clerk of Session

Date

Please return this form to the South Office
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or email to jalpine@cascadespresbytery.org by March 1, 2012