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Welcome to the Presbytery of the Cascades email newsletter! Please share this information with others in your congregation. To sign up, send names, church, and email addresses for you, your church officers, staff and friends to [CEE newsletter](#). Due date for submissions to next CEE: **Feb. 4, 2010**.

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## PRESBYTERY NEWS

### Give. Act. Pray. for Haiti

While the current needs in Haiti are great, we are also aware of the daunting task of recovery work which lies ahead. For more information on how your congregation can help, please visit our [Presbytery website](#), [Presbyterian Church \(USA\)](#) or [Presbyterian Disaster response to Haiti](#).

Donations can be sent through local congregations. There is an urgent need for more Hygiene Kits and Baby Kits, since many have been sent to Haiti.

*From Cascades Mission Support Committee, Presbyterian Hunger Program and Disaster Assistant/Recovery Coordinator.*

### Names needed for Nominating Committee

The Presbytery Nominating Committee will soon be working to fill current vacancies and those for classes of 2013. Please consider if you are called to serve the presbytery in one of these fulfilling positions. See the form to complete and position descriptions at [Presbytery Nominating Committee](#).

### Official Notice of Presbytery meeting, March 12-13

Presbytery of the Cascades' next Stated Meeting is March 12-13 at St. Andrew's Presbyterian in Portland. Save the date and come for a time of learning and fellowship.

## PRESBYTERY EVENTS

### Cascades Lay Institute, Feb. 19-20

"Preaching" is the topic of the next Lay Institute with the Rev. Rob Elder as instructor. February 19-20. Hours are Friday noon to Saturday at 4 p.m. at First, Dallas. [Cascades Lay Institute](#).

### Leadership Fair theme 'Lasting as a Leader,' Feb. 27

For all pastors, church leaders and members. The popular Cascades Presbytery Leadership Fair features the Rev. Margaret Marcuson as keynote speaker this year. Marcuson speaks and writes on leadership and works with church leaders nationally as a consultant and coach. The Fair is Saturday, February 27, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Lake Grove Presbyterian in Lake Oswego. Many choices of workshops are offered, and lunch is included. Register by **February 19**.

[Brochure](#) | [Online Registration](#) | [Sample Articles and Bulletin Announcements](#).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Installation for Greg Bolt, Feb. 21

Everyone is invited to the installation of Greg Bolt as Associate Pastor on Sunday, Feb. 21, 3 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, Bend.

### Celebrate The Gifts of Women on Sunday, March 7

Worship and other resources to help you celebrate this day can be [downloaded](#).

### Presbyterian Stewardship Conference, March 15-17

This event in Indianapolis, Indiana is for elders, pastors, presbytery staff and volunteers. The conference theme is, "Funding Mission Today and Tomorrow." [Conference information](#)

### Pulpit exchange set for April 25

All congregations in the presbytery are invited to participate in the third year of the presbytery wide pulpit exchange, sponsored by the Relational Support Committee. Following action by your session, register **by March 1**. [Information and form](#)

### OMNIBUS Presbytery newsletter to be sent by email

By mid-2010, the Presbytery newsletter, *OMNIBUS*, will be sent by email to most readers and will easily be read online. Saving mailing costs for 5,000 copies (and trees!) led to this decision by the Presbytery Communications Team. Please send your email address and emails for church staff, officers and any church members to [carolee@cascadespresbytery.org](mailto:carolee@cascadespresbytery.org) so you won't miss an issue. Those who do not have email may request a copy mailed to them or find copies which will be mailed to all churches. Thank you for your help in gathering email addresses!

**Note:** Please add [omnibus@cascadespresbytery.org](mailto:omnibus@cascadespresbytery.org) and [cee@cascadespresbytery.org](mailto:cee@cascadespresbytery.org) to your email address book so our emails to you will be accepted and not treated as SPAM.

### CEE newsletter will have new look

The **Cascades Electronic Express (CEE)** will soon be even more streamlined for ease in reading. When the CEE arrives in your email box, it will have a few highlights from the current issue with a link to the CEE as you are used to reading it. Sending email addresses of your friends and fellow church members is always appreciated. Send to [CEE newsletter](#).

### Lenten Creation Care resource

Need fresh food for thought and prayer during Lent? Consider signing up for a weekly Lenten Reflection during Lent from the National Council of Churches Eco-Justice Program. Topics will include health, migration, development and other topics that relate to climate change from a faith perspective. Send an e mail to Tyler at [tedgar@ncccojustice.org](mailto:tedgar@ncccojustice.org) with the subject, "Lenten reflections," and your name will be added to the list. Thanks, Jenny Holmes, Eco-Justice Educator

### Earth Care Summit celebrates going green, Feb. 1

All congregations interested in being better stewards of creation are invited to the Earth Care summit on Monday, February 1 at 5:30 in the Ecotrust Building in Portland. The event is sponsored by Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon's Interfaith Network for Earth Concerns. For more information, contact Alison Warren at 503-221-1054, ext. 210, or email [awarren@emoregon.org](mailto:awarren@emoregon.org). Download a [registration brochure](#), [event flyer](#), and [co-sponsorship form](#).

### Covenant Network speaker at St. Mark, Feb. 7

Tricia Dykers Koenig, Covenant Network National Organizer from Cleveland Heights, Ohio, preaches at St. Mark, Portland on Sunday, Feb 7, at 10:00 a.m. A meeting at 11:30 a.m. is for a conversation regarding the work of Covenant Network and the General Assembly in Minneapolis this summer. It will be an opportunity to learn about Covenant Network and how local congregations can support the work of inclusion and equality in our denomination.

### Preach-in/Teach-in on Climate Change for Valentine's Day, Feb. 13-14

Love the earth for Valentine's Day by taking part in the national preach-in on climate change the weekend of February 13-14 sponsored by Interfaith Power and Light. Your whole congregations

can get involved by sending Valentine postcards to your legislators on loving our neighbors by caring for creation, specifically by passing strong climate legislation. Both clergy and lay leaders are welcome to sign up their congregations. Go to <http://interfaithpowerandlight.org/> to sign up.

### **Menucha announces 2010 programs**

Menucha celebrates its 60th year as a retreat and conference center in the Presbyterian Church (USA) this year. We plan to make this celebration last the whole year through, with original program tour offerings incorporating history and education, local flora and fauna, and family fun. We are pleased to offer the [following snapshots](#) (chronological order) for each of the upcoming programs for 2010. Won't you join us? Scott Crane, 503-695-2243

### **Presbytery Summer Camp schedule now available online**

Find the new schedule at [www.campcascades.org](http://www.campcascades.org). Plan to attend one (or more) of these outstanding camps this year.

### **Annual Interim Pastors' Retreat, May 26-28**

This event has been sponsored by pastors in San Francisco for the past seven years. For more information, contact George Gilchrist at 510-207-6972 or send e-mail to [Geogilch@aol.com](mailto:Geogilch@aol.com).

### **Course for seminarians during GA, July 2-10**

"Presbyterian Principles and Practice" is offered for seminarians during the 219<sup>th</sup> General Assembly meeting in Minneapolis, MN July 2-10. [Download a flier to learn more.](#) [Download a registration form.](#)

## **USEFUL INFORMATION**

Pastoral changes, retirements, church anniversaries - [January and February Transitions](#)

IRS announces 2010 Standard Mileage Rates - [Information](#)

Change or confirm pension members' salary information: Pensions.org [homepage](#).

[Highlights](#) of Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of the Cascades – November, 2009

Joining Hands Bolivia reports from Jay Gregory - [Update](#)

Minimum [Terms of call](#) for 2010

Per Capita Rate for 2010: \$22.55, based on church membership as of 12/31/2008.

OMNIBUS Presbytery newsletter [Dec. 09-Jan. 2010](#)

[OMNIBUS newsletter](#) submission deadline: **March 15 for April-May issue**

[CEE archive](#) - **Cascades Electronic Express (CEE)** newsletter past issues available

### **Church staff openings:**

Youth Director, First, Baker City OR • St. John's, Camas WA • First, Creswell • First, Newberg

### **Contacts:**

[Cascades Electronic Express \(CEE\)](#)

[Presbytery website](#)

[Presbyterian Church \(USA\)](#)

Moderator's Blog on Presbytery website - join the [discussion](#).

[Presbytery Nominating Committee](#)

[Presbyterian Women](#)

[Deadlines and due dates](#)

[Additions or changes](#) to CEE list and Presbytery directory (or to unsubscribe): 503-227-5486 or 800-495-4114.

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