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Welcome to the Presbytery of the Cascades email newsletter! Please share this information with others in your congregation. If you are unable to open links in this newsletter, please find CEE on the Presbytery website: www.cascadespresbytery.org/CEE-02-05-08.pdf Send names, church, and email addresses of your church officers, staff and friends to cee@cascadespresbytery.org to sign up. **Due date for next CEE: February 14**

PRESBYTERY NEWS

New-Recovery Plan to help local areas hit by December storm

Learn how your congregation can help families and communities which were hit by the December storms and flooding in our presbytery. Phyllis Wright is volunteer coordinator for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. www.cascadespresbytery.org/recoveryassistance2.pdf

Cascades Leadership Fair in Vancouver features Marva Dawn, Feb. 23

Register by February 14! Don't miss this opportunity to hear dynamic speaker and author, Marva Dawn at the Leadership Fair at First, Vancouver on Saturday, Feb. 23, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Choose two great workshops, and enjoy networking and worship with others in our presbytery. For pastors, staff persons, church officers or members interested in growing your faith. Brochure: www.cascadespresbytery.org/Cascades-LF2008-info.pdf.

New-March 7-8 Presbytery Stated Meeting notice

Plan now to attend the meeting at Westminster, Portland for workshops, actions, meetings and fellowship. Ministers and commissioners will access background information online for this meeting, and some packets will be mailed. Read the cover letter, proposed docket, directions, lodging, workshop information and more here: www.cascadespresbytery.org/PresbyPubDocs-3-08.pdf

PRESBYTERY EVENTS

Healing and health ministries workshop for churches, Feb. 9

Join us as we explore the dimensions of a congregation's healing ministry with the dynamic Eugenia Gamble. Read more about the workshop, Sat., Feb. 9, 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at Grace Church in Portland. www.cascadespresbytery.org/Min_of_Healing2008.pdf

Presbytery Lay Institute in Eugene, Feb. 15, 16

The Lay Institute on Fri. and Sat., Feb. 15 and 16 at Westminster Presbyterian in Eugene, is led by the Rev. Patricia Berger, pastor of Covenant Presbyterian Church in Gresham. Contact the South Presbytery office, 1-800-701-7313. More information and registration form: www.cascadespresbytery.org/CascadesLayInstitute08.pdf.

Presbyterian Program and Mission, Feb. 18-20

Instructor for the 'Presbyterian Program and Mission' certification course at Menucha is the Rev. Jeffrey Sievert. Brochure: www.menucha.org/events/pdf/ppm_2008.pdf. Scholarships are available. www.menucha.org.

New-Educators' event at Mt. Angel, April 22-23

Church educators, plan now to hear Kathy Price speak on, "How do you spell Advocate? A look at Advocacy in Christian Education." Tues. 9 a.m. to Wed. 2 p.m. at Mount Angel. www.cascadespresbytery.org/2008EducatorEvent.pdf

Summer Conference 'weekend edition' set for July 17-20

Plan to come to Bend this summer for Cascades Summer Conference, Thursday-Sunday, July 17-20. Mark Yaconelli is keynote speaker for the event, to be held in First Presbyterian Church, Bend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Order Eco-Palms early for Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday and Holy Week are early this year. Orders for eco-palms must be received by **February 20**. Make social and environmental justice part of your congregation's Palm Sunday celebration. Go to www.lwr.org/palms to reserve your Eco-Palms today.

New-Church rain gardens can cleanse runoff water

Winter is a good time to make plans for building a rain garden (a planted basin to slow and retain water) at your church. In our increasingly paved-over world, it is important to consider how we can care for God's waters of life. Check out all the resource links listed here: www.cascadespresbytery.org/ChurchRainGardens.pdf.

Living Longer website added

The PCUSA office of national health Ministries has launched a new website designed for boomers and elders called, "**Living Longer- Feeling Better.**" www.pcusa.org/healthyliving

Youth report on Bolivia Youth Congress

Rachelle Hobson and Joe Kulm, Cascades Presbytery Youth Delegates, attended the January Youth Congress in Potosi, Bolivia. Find out about having one of them speak to your church. Read more: www.cascadespresbytery.org/BoliviaYouthCongress.pdf

Dates for 2008 Presbytery meetings and events for your calendar

From our presbytery website, click on "Calendars" to find dates for meetings, deadlines for publications, and Prayer Calendars: www.cascadespresbytery.org

Director of New Church Development sought; apply by Feb. 15

Applications are being received **until Feb. 15** for a new Presbytery staff position, Director of New Church Development (NCD), a full time position for two plus years. More at www.cascadesNCD.org. Contact Dawn, 1-800-926-3223 or dawnc@cascadespresbytery.org.

How to direct contributions to *Joining Hands with Bolivia*

Your assistance is needed in directing your contributions to the correct accounts for the work of Bob and Julie Dunsmore and the new partnership with Cascades Presbytery, *Joining Hands with Bolivia*. Thank you to all who have begun supporting this mission. Please give your contributions through your local congregation. Instructions here: www.cascadespresbytery.org/JoiningHands-Bolivia.pdf

Summer camp dates – make plans now

Summer is fast approaching, and it is time to think about Presbytery camps. The schedule is posted on our website. Look for the brochure in the mail soon. Read more: www.cascadespresbytery.org/campletter08.pdf

MORE EVENTS

Global warming course offered, Feb. 7-29

As a follow-up to the Global Warming Teach-in on Jan. 30, a Northwest Earth Institute four week discussion course about global warming and what individuals can do is offered at Franciscan Spiritual Center in Milwaukie. www.francisspctr.com/global-warming.php

'Challenge of Fundamentalism' Workshop, Feb. 9

Dr. Carol Dempsey leads a workshop on "The Challenge of Fundamentalism to Theology and Evangelization," Saturday Feb. 9, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Westminster, Portland. More information: www.cascadespresbytery.org/CDempseyWorkshop.pdf

USEFUL INFORMATION

Highlights of Nov. Presbytery: www.cascadespresbytery.org/Highlights-11-07.pdf
Transitions in the presbytery: www.cascadespresbytery.org/November07Transitions.pdf
Per Capita for 2008 is \$21.41 each member, based on church membership as of 12/31/06.
Terms of Call 2008 form www.cascadespresbytery.org/2008Terms_of_Call.pdf

Church staff positions open: www.cascadespresbytery.org/Jobs.html#B

Youth: Portland, Valley Community

Music: Salem, First; Aurora; Aloha, Reedville

Children: Portland, Colonial Heights

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Cascades Electronic Express: cee@cascadespresbytery.org

Presbytery of the Cascades website: www.cascadespresbytery.org

Presbyterian Church (USA) www.pcusa.org

Omnibus newsletter: omnibus@cascadespresbytery.org, **deadline: March 17, for Apr-May**

Presbytery Nominating Committee www.cascadespresbytery.org/NominationForm.pdf

Cascades Presbyterian Women: www.cascadespw.org

Forms on our website www.cascadespresbytery.org/Forms.html

Deadlines, due dates www.cascadespresbytery.org/Deadlines.html

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