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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. 18, 2010**.

PRESBYTERY NEWS

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

Just 10 days left to register! For all Presbyterians in the pew as well as pastors and staff – don't miss it. The popular Cascades Presbytery Leadership Fair features the Rev. Margaret Marcuson as keynote speaker this year. The Fair is Saturday, February 27, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Lake Grove Presbyterian in Lake Oswego. Many workshops are offered, and lunch is included. Register by **February 19**. [Brochure](#) | [Online Registration](#) | [Sample Articles and Bulletin Announcements](#).

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.

Give. Act. Pray. for Haiti

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.

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](#)

PRESBYTERY EVENTS

Cascades Lay Institute postponed

The February 19-20 Cascades Lay Institute on "Preaching" is postponed to a later date. Contact the South Presbytery office at 800-701-7313 for more information.

Presbytery Educator's Event planned for Mt. Angel, April 21

The Mt. Angel Abbey Retreat House is the setting for the [Educator's Event](#) Tuesday, April 20 at 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the following day. Registration deadline is April 6.

Carol J. Dempsey leads Lectionary Retreat, Sept. 20-21

The annual Lectionary Retreat for those who preach or teach during the year is at the Shalom Prayer Center in Mt. Angel. More information is in the [Lectionary Flyer](#). [Register now](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In Memoriam

- The Rev. Harold A. Fisher** (HR) died January 24. [Memorial Letter](#)
- The Rev. Charles E. Poling** (HR) died February 3. [Memorial letter](#)

Listen up! Join a Haiti Response Webinar, Feb. 11

How do we listen to our brothers and sisters when disaster strikes? The Listen up! Webinar will take you deeper into matters of listening to and learning from global mission partners in relation to the earthquake in Haiti. [Register now.](#)

Medical Fund offers grants to health programs

The application deadline is **March 31** for new and renewal grants from the Hilda V Thompson Medical Ministry Fund for health programs in local congregations. Matching grants are also available to help develop and strengthen local programs. The Synod of the Pacific Mission Partnership Committee announces that [applications for the Hilda V. Thompson Medical Ministry Fund are now available.](#)

Presbytery camps offer online registration and brochures

Summer Camp brochures are in churches, and online registration is open at www.campcascades.org. Evaluations from last summer's camps included enthusiastic raves about "...the polar bear swim, kayaking, night games, foofbob (feet off of floor back on bunk), all the people" and "**this camp rocks**"!!!!

Celebrate the Gifts of Women on Sunday, March 7

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

Self-Development of People awards grant to Portland project

The Presbyterian Committee on the [Self-Development of People](#) (SDOP) has approved grants totaling \$250,000 to 13 self-help projects in the United States, including \$20,000 to VOZ Workers Rights Education Project in Portland, OR to assist this group of day laborers to hire an organizer to help them organize around issues of a safe work environment, fair wages, collecting wages from their employers, and learning English and computer skills. The money is from the [PC \(USA\) - One Great Hour of Sharing \(OGHS\)](#) offering.

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 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 and cee@cascadespresbytery.org to your email address book so our emails to you will be accepted and not treated as SPAM.

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. Send an e mail to Tyler at tedgar@nccecojustice.org with the subject, "Lenten reflections," and your name will be added to the list. Jenny Holmes, Eco-Justice Educator

Menucha retreat and conference center 2010 programs

Menucha celebrates its 60th year in 2010. We are pleased to offer the [following snapshots](#) for each of the upcoming programs for 2010. Won't you join us? Scott Crane, 503-695-2243.

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](#).

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.

Course for seminarians during General Assembly, July 2-10

"Presbyterian Principles and Practice" is offered for seminarians during GA in Minneapolis, MN July 2-10. [Download a flier to learn more.](#) [Download a registration form.](#)

Presbytery on Facebook now

We hope you'll join us for interesting discussions within the presbytery. To join Presbytery's Facebook Group, go to Facebook, search for the Presbytery of the Cascades, and click on the "Join Group" button. Joining the Presbytery's Facebook Group requires that you have a Facebook account (no cost).

Pulpit chairs wanted

Savage Memorial, Portland, is looking for two pulpit/chancel chairs. Please contact Pastor Chris Grewe with information. Thank you.

Media Resource Center's featured DVD

The ***Victory at Jerusalem*** DVD features Ronald Kelly. Filmed on location in Jerusalem, Pastor Ron traces the sites and events of Christ's last days, his death and resurrection. (70 min.) An excellent Easter resource! Would be interesting for the whole family. Check in the [Media Resource Center](#) or phone 503-445 4999.

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, Newberg
Bookkeeper, Westminster, Portland

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[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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