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**March 4, 2010.**

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### PRESBYTERY NEWS

#### **Presbytery meets in Portland at St. Andrew's, March 12-13**

Presbytery of the Cascades' next Stated Meeting is March 12-13 at St. Andrew's Presbyterian in Portland. Meeting information, workshop lists and proposed docket now available: [Information](#)

#### **One Great Hour of Sharing aids Haiti and others**

As we give to One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) this year during Lent, we're reminded of the importance of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA), which has already committed more than half a million dollars to immediate relief and recovery efforts in Haiti. Gifts to OGHS every year fund three programs: PDA, the Presbyterian Hunger Program and Self Development of People.

#### **Important reporting notice to all ministers from Board of Pensions**

The Board now requires an annual reporting **whether there is a salary change or not**. The form to be used is ENR-111, but it is the form that has been **revised 1/10**. ENR-111 [revised 12/7] is what was sent out in the clerk report package, so it does not state correctly the need to submit an annual report. [Form ENR-111](#), revised 1/10.

#### **Donald K. McKim to lead workshop at Presbytery, March 12**

Word has just been received that Donald K. McKim, the editor for *Being Reformed: Faith Seeking Understanding*, the adult curriculum of the PC(USA) will be at the March presbytery meeting and will teach the workshop on **Being Reformed**. The Presbytery is very fortunate to have Dr. McKim here to teach that material. He has visited the Presbytery before, the most recent time as keynoter of the 2009 Leadership Fair.

### PRESBYTERY EVENTS

#### **Vocation Discernment workshop for adults in transition, March 6**

The Campus Ministers of Cascades Presbytery offer a workshop on Vocation Discernment for adults in transition on Saturday, March 6 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. Andrews Presbyterian, Portland - [information](#).

### **Leadership Camp for high school youth, April 16-18**

CIT (Counselor in Training) camp prepares youth to be effective camp counselors and/or leaders in their home churches. [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.

### **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](#)

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **The power of microcredit to overcome global poverty, March 4**

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon presents a free workshop, Thursday, March 4, 3 to 5 p.m. at St. Andrew's Presbyterian, Portland. For more information, [download event flyer](#).

### **Eco-Stewards Program for young adults in West Virginia, May 16-23**

Are you a young adult (~20-30) searching for a way to connect your faith and environmental calling? Join us for the 2010 Program. [Information](#)

### **Youth group videos eligible for large awards, March 15-June 1**

Interested Presbyterian youth groups can register now at the [ymiLIVE Web site](#). Video submissions to ymiLIVE.org will be accepted March 15 - June 1. Winning videos will be announced at the 2010 General Assembly. For the contest, youth groups create a 2-4 minute video with their interpretation of John 7:38.

### **Mission project opportunities in Fort Hall, ID and Honduras**

Sierra Service Projects have room for more groups this summer in [Fort Hall](#), Idaho and also in [Honduras](#).

### **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](#).

### **Celebrate the Gifts of Women on Sunday, March 7**

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

### **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.

## 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](mailto:tedgar@nccecojustice.org) with the subject, "Lenten reflections," and your name will be added to the list. Jenny Holmes, Eco-Justice Educator

## 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.](#)

## 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.](#)

## 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).

## 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 • Gateway, The Dalles

[Bookkeeper](#), Westminster, Portland

[Children's Ministry](#), Southminster, Beaverton

[Praise band director](#), Reedville, Aloha

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[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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