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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:

March 18, 2010.

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](#)

Christian Educators invited to meet with Don McKim, March 11

Donald McKim will meet with educators on Thursday, March 11, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Westminster, Portland. [Conversations With Don McKim](#).

New Stated Clerk chosen for Presbytery of the Cascades

The Stated Clerk Search Committee of Cascades Presbytery is pleased to announce that [The Rev. Catherine R. Quackenbush](#) has been chosen as the nominee for the position of Stated Clerk. Upon election she will be the fifth person to serve that office with her term beginning July 1, 2010.

Presbyterian/Jewish relationships in spotlight

Many Presbyterian clergy and elders are being questioned about our denomination's recent actions regarding the Jewish community and the nation of Israel. Some of these enquiries involve gross distortions and/or significant misunderstandings. In order to reply to these questions in an informed manner, it is important to study what actually has been said and done by our leaders. See reports: [Christians and Jews: People of God](#), [Engagement with corporations](#), and [Investments and violence](#).

Cascades Presbytery named in top ten for hunger support

Thanks to gifts from the presbytery and Cascades' congregations to One Great Hour of Sharing, Cents-Ability Offerings and from Presbyterian women, Cascades is in the list of [top ten for support](#). Thank you!

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 [Form ENR-111](#), revised 1/10.

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

Donald K. McKim, the editor for *Being Reformed: Faith Seeking Understanding*, the adult curriculum of the PC(USA) will teach the workshop on **Being Reformed** at Presbytery. The Presbytery is very fortunate to have Dr. McKim here to teach that material.

PRESBYTERY EVENTS

'The last things we talk about,' March 14, 21

A class to help with memorial planning, advanced directives, wills and trusts (and more) is at 12:15-2 p.m. on Sundays, March 14 and 21 at Lake Grove, Lake Oswego. Also in the

"Transitions" series of classes are **'Medicare 101 (and notes on Social Security), April 18** and **'Caring for our loved ones,' May 2.** [Information](#)

Leadership Camp for high school youth, April 16-18

(Counselor in Training) camp prepares youth to be effective camp counselors and/or leaders in their home churches. Save by **registering before April 1.** [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. [Register Online](#)

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. [Information](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

India Mission partnership opportunities

Individuals and churches are invited to join with others in the presbytery who have established strong relationships in the past 10 years with BIRDS (Bharati Integrated Rural Development Society) in south central India. [More Information.](#)

Communion trays and cups available to a church

Bethany, Grants Pass, would like to give a set of nine communion trays and cups to a church which can use them. Please call 541-476-3684.

Classes for non-profit organizations offered at PSU

Spring term at Portland State University includes a number of classes – online and on campus - that might be of interest. [Spring classes.](#)

A path forward for followers of 'a common word,' March 31

Join the Institute for Christian-Muslim Understanding for "Good Will and Friendship – A Path Forward for Followers of 'A Common Word,'" an informal potluck dinner and discussion to ensure "A Common Word" goes to the next level of impact. Wednesday, March 31, 6-9 p.m. [Information](#)

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

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.

Annual Interim Pastors' Retreat, May 26-28

For more information, contact George Gilchrist at 510-207-6972 or send e-mail to Geogilch@aol.com.

OMNIBUS Presbytery newsletter to be sent by email

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. **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

Send an e mail to Tyler at tedgar@ncecojustice.org with the subject, "Lenten reflections."

Names needed for Nominating Committee

Please consider if you are called to serve. [Presbytery Nominating Committee](#).

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Presbytery summer camps offer fun and inspiration for all ages

From a summer camper: "My faith has grown so much stronger; my favorite memories are almost tipping the canoe and meeting a lot of amazing people! I can't wait to go back!" Danielle, High School Camper last year. [Presbytery camps](#)

Featured DVD from the Media Center

The Question of God with C.S. Lewis and Sigmund Freud from PBS. Explores how we find meaning and purpose in our lives through debate with these two characters (played by actors). They try to answer the ultimate question of human existence: Does God really exist? Interesting interviews with biographers and historians. Ask for: DVDPXX001

USEFUL INFORMATION

Presbytery on Facebook now – [Join Us On Facebook](#)

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**

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[Bookkeeper](#), Westminster, Portland

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

[Praise band director](#), Cooper Mountain, Aloha

[High School Director](#), Lake Grove, Lake Oswego

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[Presbytery Nominating Committee](#)

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