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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-05-14-08.pdf](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/CEE-05-14-08.pdf). Send names, church, and email addresses of your church officers, staff and friends to [cee@cascadespresbytery.org](mailto:cee@cascadespresbytery.org) to sign up. **Due date for next CEE: May 22.**

## **NEW IN THIS ISSUE**

### **Special appeal to help cyclone survivors in Myanmar**

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is issuing a special appeal through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) in an effort to support recovery efforts as a result of the cyclone that has devastated Myanmar. An appeal card is being sent to every congregation. In addition, PDA has committed \$100,000 from One Great Hour of Sharing and designated funds to provide emergency assistance to survivors in Myanmar. [www.cascadespresbytery.org/myanmar.html](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/myanmar.html)

### **PDA helps survivors of earthquakes in China; tornadoes in U.S.**

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) funds from One Great Hour of Sharing and designated giving will be used to help purchase rice, quilts and shelter material for earthquake survivors in China. National Response Teams have been in conversation with all of the Presbyteries affected by the impact of the storms. [www.cascadespresbytery.org/PDA-China-SE-US.pdf](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/PDA-China-SE-US.pdf)

### **Endorsement of regional global warming plan needed by May 15**

Oregon Interfaith Power and Light (OIPL) encourages clergy and lay leaders to endorse a set of guiding principles for the western regional plan by May 15, a critical time in the Western Climate Initiative (WCI) planning process (it can be sent later, too). The "People of Faith for Climate Justice" petition is also available for all to sign. [www.cascadespresbytery.org/OR\\_Interfaith.pdf](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/OR_Interfaith.pdf)

### **Workers needed to prepare Camp Magruder for summer camps**

Damage was quite intense at the camp during winter storms with winds over 100 miles per hour for 39 hours. Help is needed at Camp Magruder to clean up debris on the trails and around the camp in time for Presbytery summer camps. Read more: [www.cascadespresbytery.org/recoveryassistance2.pdf](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/recoveryassistance2.pdf)

### **Re-energizing 'More Light' ministries, May 22**

For congregations and individuals "who care about being inclusive," Southminster Church in Beaverton hosts "Re-energizing 'More Light' ministries," Thursday, May 22 at 6:30 p.m. All details: [www.cascadespresbytery.org/MORE-LIGHT-08.pdf](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/MORE-LIGHT-08.pdf)

### **'What shall we feed our children?' – OFRAH meeting, June 5**

Come to the Oregon Faith Roundtable Against Hunger (OFRAH) meeting on Thursday, June 5, at Westminster church in Portland. Presbytery is a member of OFRAH. Find all the inspiration and information you need in this brochure: [www.cascadespresbytery.org/HungerConf08.pdf](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/HungerConf08.pdf)

### **New library at Hope Korean; all are welcome**

Hope Korean church, Portland has created a new library space named in honor of Dr. Horace Underwood, who in 1885 was the first foreign missionary to Korea. Open to the community, congregation, and local social service agencies, the church welcomes all donations, but seeks especially Christian literature in English. To bring books, please first call the church office at (503)667-0454 or email Dr. Kim at [jacobckim@hotmail.com](mailto:jacobckim@hotmail.com). Read about the new library: [www.cascadespresbytery.org/Korean\\_lib.pdf](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/Korean_lib.pdf)

## Value of a volunteer hour increased to \$19.51 in 2007

"Quantifying the value of their time gives us yet another indicator of how important volunteers are to communities," said Diana Aviv, president and CEO of Independent Sector.

## News about mission and curriculum sent by GAC

From General Assembly Council (GAC): Summary of a recent meeting, curriculum plans for 2009, and a general overview of Council activities. Check out the updated "**I Believe**" curriculum as well as plans for **more mission co-workers** and **how to fund** the mission expansion. [www.cascadespresbytery.org/GAC\\_08.pdf](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/GAC_08.pdf)

**Media Resource Center features** a new book, *Tell it Like it Is- reclaiming the practice of testimony*, by Lillian Daniel. (166 pages) Daniel offers a new look at an old tradition that many mainline congregations have abandoned. She shows how testimony breathes new life into people and the congregations they love. When people are invited to tell others what they have seen and heard and touched of God's presence in their lives, congregations can be transformed! Alban Institute. <http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/mediarc.html> and click on "New Books".

## PRESBYTERY EVENTS

### Summer Conference 'weekend edition' set for July 17-20 in Bend

Take a few moments right now to sign-up for "Cascades Summer Conference, Weekend Edition" in beautiful Bend, July 17-20. Hear a great speaker each day. Learn more about banners as visual expressions of faith or what Sabbath keeping might mean for you. Another workshop will explore aspects of prayer including *lectio divina*, centering prayer, and discernment. Spiritual directors will be available for individual meetings during the conference, too. Give yourself a renewing weekend! Read about other options: [www.cascadespresbytery.org/2008SummerConfReg.pdf](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/2008SummerConfReg.pdf)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BorderLinks director, Delle McCormick available to preach or speak, May 15-21

To schedule her, see: [www.cascadespresbytery.org/lmm\\_speaker.pdf](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/lmm_speaker.pdf).

### Vote for Redmond and Ashland youth videos in contest by May 31

Original videos based on Micah 6:8 were sent to a nationwide contest. Follow directions in this memo to enjoy the videos and vote: [www.cascadespresbytery.org/YouthVideo.pdf](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/YouthVideo.pdf)

### Volunteers needed at Gen. Assembly in San Jose, June 21-28. [www.pcusa-ga08.org](http://www.pcusa-ga08.org).

### Pulpit exchange for all churches in Cascades, Aug. 11

Be part of the presbytery-wide pulpit exchange August 11. **Apply by June 1.** [www.cascadespresbytery.org/2008PulpitExchangeCEE.pdf](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/2008PulpitExchangeCEE.pdf)

### Synod of the Pacific Stated Clerk position open

Election will be in October, and the term begins in January. **Apply by June 15.** [www.cascadespresbytery.org/JobSynod.pdf](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/JobSynod.pdf).

### Join the presbytery team for Katrina Relief, Oct. 4-11

Another rewarding trip is planned to work with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance in New Orleans. Our week will be filled with rebuilding homes and hearing stories. Contact Rev. Linda Gebetsberger, 541-753-2228 or [lgebets@hotmail.com](mailto:lgebets@hotmail.com). Please post the flyer on your church's bulletin board. [www.cascadespresbytery.org/Katrina\\_Relief\\_08.pdf](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/Katrina_Relief_08.pdf)

### New issue of *Touchpoints* available; submissions accepted now

A copy of the 2007 issue ("Blessings") is free to each congregation. More information: [www.cascadespresbytery.org/2008Touchpoints.pdf](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/2008Touchpoints.pdf).

**Submissions for the 2008 issue of *Touchpoints*** are now being accepted by the editor, Shirley Tormey. The 2008 theme is ("In God's Image").  
[www.cascadespresbytery.org/SubmissionsTouchpoints2008.pdf](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/SubmissionsTouchpoints2008.pdf)

## 2008 Presbytery Summer Camps and Family Camp

Everything you need to have a great time this summer is at [www.campcascades.org](http://www.campcascades.org). Brochures are also available at your church. Call Elizabeth Larkin, 503-460-3024.

## MORE EVENTS

### Liturgical Arts Workshop at Springwater, May 17

Kathleen Brown leads a workshop on Saturday, May 17, "Introduction to Liturgical Arts," at Springwater Church, Estacada. [www.cascadespresbytery.org/k-brown-workshop.pdf](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/k-brown-workshop.pdf)

### Scottish Concert and Festival at Peace Church, Eugene, May 17

(Note correct date is May 17.) [www.cascadespresbytery.org/EugeneFest08.pdf](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/EugeneFest08.pdf)

### 'Christian Education: a Future with Hope' is at Montreat, May 27-31,

[www.montreat.org/current/2008-christian-education](http://www.montreat.org/current/2008-christian-education)

### Support PSU campus ministry; everyone invited, May 28

This Portland State ministry benefit event at Westminster, Portland, features speaker, Rodney Page and musicians Bethany Reeves and Gayle Gaddis, Wednesday, May 28 at 7:30 p.m.  
[www.cascadespresbytery.org/PSU\\_event.pdf](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/PSU_event.pdf)

**Columbia Seminary offers an array of summer classes:** [www.ctsnet.edu/index.asp](http://www.ctsnet.edu/index.asp)

## USEFUL INFORMATION

**Updated Cascades website directory: Churches** - [www.cascadespresbytery.org/congregations.html](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/congregations.html)

**Committees** - [www.cascadespresbytery.org/committees.html](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/committees.html)

**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](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/2008Terms_of_Call.pdf)

**Church staff positions open:** [www.cascadespresbytery.org/Jobs.html#B](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/Jobs.html#B)

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**Presbytery of the Cascades website:** [www.cascadespresbytery.org](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org)

**Presbyterian Church (USA)** [www.pcusa.org](http://www.pcusa.org)

**Omnibus newsletter:** [omnibus@cascadespresbytery.org](mailto:omnibus@cascadespresbytery.org), **deadline: May 19 for Jun-Jul issue**

**Presbytery Nominating Committee** [www.cascadespresbytery.org/NominationForm.pdf](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/NominationForm.pdf)

**Cascades Presbyterian Women:** [www.cascadespw.org](http://www.cascadespw.org)

**Forms on our website** [www.cascadespresbytery.org/Forms.html](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/Forms.html)

**Deadlines, due dates** [www.cascadespresbytery.org/Deadlines.html](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/Deadlines.html)

**Additions or changes to CEE list and Presbytery directory** (or to unsubscribe): 503-227-5486, 800-495-4114 or [CEE@cascadespresbytery.org](mailto:CEE@cascadespresbytery.org).

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