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## **PRESBYTERY NEWS**

### **July 11-12 Presbytery Stated Meeting notice**

Plan now to attend the summer meeting in Klamath Falls for workshops, actions, meetings and fellowship. It is not too early to make your reservations and carpool plans. Ministers and commissioners will be able to access background information **online about June 16**. Some packets will be mailed. Read the cover letter, proposed docket (including workshop list), directions, and lodging here: [www.cascadespresbytery.org/Notice-docket-July-08.pdf](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/Notice-docket-July-08.pdf)

### **Cascades Summer Conference in Bend, July 17-20 – register by June 20**

In need of fun, sun, and renewal? Come to summer conference, an intergenerational weekend of play, learning and creative worship. **New Program Descriptions**, brochure and registration (**by June 20**), [www.cascadespresbytery.org/2008SummerConfReg.pdf](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/2008SummerConfReg.pdf)

### **Reminder, 2009 Mission Yearbook orders due by July 1**

To place your bulk order, see: [www.cascadespresbytery.org/2009MissionYearbookOrder.pdf](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/2009MissionYearbookOrder.pdf)

## **PRESBYTERY EVENTS**

### **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)

### **Dates and locations announced for youth events in Oct., Nov.**

The Presbytery Youth Team announces dates and locations for two popular fall youth events. Mark your church and youth staff calendars for **1) Middle School Mania**, October 17-19, 2008 at Canyonview Camp, east of Salem and **2) Cascades Presbytery Youth Assembly (CPYA)**, November 21-23, 2008 at Canby Grove Conference Center, 30 minutes south of Portland. For more information, contact Lisa Stine at Westminster, Portland.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Save your congregation energy and money, June 11**

Oregon Interfaith Power and Light (OIPL), presents two workshops, "Save Your Congregation Energy and Money," from 12 to 2:30 p.m. and "Energy Stewardship" for households from 6 to 8:30 p.m., Wed., June 11. Both workshops are at Central Lutheran Church at 1820 NE 21st Ave. in Portland. Workshops are co-sponsored by Oregon Department of Energy and Energy Trust of Oregon. To register, call 503-221-1054 ext. 201 or e-mail [ksharinghousen@emoregon.org](mailto:ksharinghousen@emoregon.org). Light meal and materials included. To download a brochure, go to [www.emoregon.org](http://www.emoregon.org).

### **'The Church Basement Roadshow' comes to Cascades, June 22 and 24**

Mt. Tabor Presbyterian, Portland and First Presbyterian, Bend host the "Church Basement Roadshow: a rollin' gospel revival," this month. The Portland show is at Mt. Tabor Presbyterian, 7

p.m., Sunday, June 22. The First Presbyterian, Bend show is at 7 p.m., Tuesday, June 24. The group brings a message that combines old time revival flair with 21st century gospel. If you want to get a flavor of what it might be like to reach out to the new-thinking generation, be sure to take in one of these two shows. [www.cascadespresbytery.org/Roadshow.pdf](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/Roadshow.pdf)

### **Volunteers needed to repair roofs, clean up tree debris from storms**

Damage from winter storms still needs to be repaired here in our presbytery. Find out how to arrange a trip to NW Oregon to help homeowners who need assistance to repair storm damage. [www.cascadespresbytery.org/recoveryassistance2.pdf](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/recoveryassistance2.pdf)

### **Cascades' churches display anti-torture banners in June**

Joining the nationwide observance of "Torture Awareness Month," churches of all denominations in the presbytery are displaying banners outside with messages such as "torture is wrong" in June. Cascades Presbytery churches who have registered with the National Religious Campaign Against Torture include First Presbyterian, Corvallis; Central, Eugene; Valley Community, Portland, and Gateway, The Dalles. Others are ordering banners soon. [www.pcusa.org/pcnews/2008/08436.htm](http://www.pcusa.org/pcnews/2008/08436.htm)

### **OPENING DOORS applications due no later than July 31**

The *OPENING DOORS* Task Force is inviting applications from congregations for assistance in funding efforts for removing barriers to participation by people with disabilities. Application: [www.cascadespresbytery.org/OPENINGDOORS.html](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/OPENINGDOORS.html). For more information, email Rick Parfrey, [parfrey@msn.com](mailto:parfrey@msn.com).

### **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.

### **New issue of *Touchpoints* available; submissions for next issue due**

A copy of the current issue is free to each congregation. Submit for next issue by Oct. 1. [www.cascadespresbytery.org/2008Touchpoints.pdf](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/2008Touchpoints.pdf)

**Media Resource Center** recommends "**Listening for God – contemporary literature and the life of faith.**" If you like to read short stories and learn about the author from a video clip, this is a really interesting way to increase your knowledge base. Leader's guide and study session plans included, if you want to use it in a book club. The first video in the series features: Flannery O'Connor, Frederick Buechner, Annie Dillard and Garrison Keillor and four others. Four videos altogether. Ask for: VTGHX047 [www.cascadespresbytery.org/mediarc.html](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/mediarc.html).

### **Florida farm workers' agreement with Burger King announced**

The Coalition of Immokalee Workers (CIW) and the Burger King Corporation signed an historic agreement to dramatically improve farmworkers' wages and raise human rights standards in the Florida tomato fields. [www.pcusa.org/fairfood](http://www.pcusa.org/fairfood)

### **Free online journal provides discussion topics and lessons**

Columbia Theological Seminary has released a new issue of its free online journal, *@ this point: theological investigations in church and culture*. This issue, which includes a video component, is titled "The Seductiveness of the Familiar." Contributors focus on how our desire to live a faithful life often conflicts with the family structures and culture in which we live. Developed with church members in mind and published twice a year, *@ this point* is free and available only online at [www.atthispoint.net](http://www.atthispoint.net). All the content can be downloaded and reproduced without charge.

## **MORE EVENTS**

### **Educator Course and Commissioned Lay Pastor Training, Aug. 25-29**

"Reformed Theology" is at Menucha Retreat and Conference Center August 25-29. Instructor is Craig Stein, past assistant professor of theology, Union Theological Seminary and Presbyterian School of Christian Education, Richmond, Virginia and now a pastor in Presbytery of the Cascades. [www.cascadespresbytery.org/EdCourse.pdf](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/EdCourse.pdf)

## Summer classes available at Columbia Theological Seminary

Check out July-August classes on the website, [www.ctsnet.edu/lifelong/index.asp](http://www.ctsnet.edu/lifelong/index.asp).

## USEFUL INFORMATION

**Pastor transitions** [www.cascadespresbytery.org/Transitions-may-08.pdf](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/Transitions-may-08.pdf)

**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)

### Contacts:

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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: July 14 for Aug.-Sept. 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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