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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 click here: [CEE July 15, 2008](#). Send names, church, and email addresses of your church officers, staff and friends to the [CEE newsletter](#) to sign up. **Due date for next CEE: July 24.**

PRESBYTERY NEWS

Presbytery of the Cascades July meeting Highlights

Chris Grewe was elected Moderator of the Presbytery at the July meeting in Klamath Falls. New Vice-Moderators are John Salmon, NW, and Michael Foster, South. Read about actions, reports and discussions: [July, 2008 Presbytery Highlights](#).

General Assembly actions

Messages regarding the June 218th General Assembly meeting are posted from [Presbytery staff](#) and [General Assembly staff](#). A [July 15 letter](#) received from General Assembly moderator, stated clerk and executive director explains the commitment to "Grow Christ's Church Deep and Wide," overwhelmingly approved by the assembly. The letter is an invitation to celebrate the "good news of our General Assembly and of our Presbyterian Church" with four specific goals.

Final report from Theological Reflection Group

Presented at the recent Presbytery meeting, the [final report](#) from the Theological Reflection Group is available to read. The report concludes with an offer to meet with future presbytery groups formed to discuss important issues of disagreement.

Clergy transitions, June-July, 2008: [Pastoral changes](#)

PRESBYTERY EVENTS

Cascades pulpit exchange set for Sunday, Aug. 10

Churches who requested to be included were matched in a drawing at the July Presbytery meeting. Welcome visiting pastors to these congregations Aug. 10 for the pulpit exchange:

Myrtle Point, First • Yachats, Community
West Linn, Emmanuel • Portland, Eastminster
Clatskanie • Monmouth, Christ's Church
Eagle Creek • Lakeview, First
Oakland, Community • Grants Pass, Bethany
Portland, St. Mark • Eugene, Central
Portland, First • Roseburg, First
Gresham, Covenant • Eugene, Westminster
Merrill, First • Vancouver, First
Portland, Westminster • Bandon, First

NOTE: Helpful resources to use at any time – by any church: A [placemat](#) and [bulletin insert](#) about the presbytery were created for the Sunday, August 10 pulpit exchange.

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.

Clifton Black leads Lectionary Retreat, Sept. 22-23

"Journeying through Scripture with the Lectionary's Map" is the title of the retreat at Mt. Angel, open to laity and clergy. Read the brochure, and register as soon as possible. [Retreat flyer.](#)

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

Another rewarding [Cascades mission trip](#) is planned to work with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance in New Orleans. Our week will be filled with rebuilding homes and hearing stories. Contact the [Rev. Linda Gebetsberger](#) or 541-753-2228. Please post the flyer on your church's bulletin board.

Cascades Lay Institute, Oct. 17-18

Workshop will be led by the Revs. Cynthia and Michael O'Brien for all who wish to learn more about being Presbyterian, leadership skills, and becoming Commissioned Lay Pastors and Certified Christian Educators. No charge. [Information](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome new baby

Congratulations to Sarah Coakley Lewis and her husband, Charles, on the birth of Anna Coakley Lewis on June 20, 2008.

Christian Education help for churches

Not sure what to teach next fall? Christian Educators are just a phone call or email away. The Presbytery POINT (*Presbyterians Organized In Nurture and Teaching*) team has knowledgeable Presbyterian Educators who know the resources and are willing to consult with you. **Central:** [Katy Ailstock](#), (503) 639-3273; **Northeast:** [Sharon Franklin](#), (360)694-7549; **Northwest:** The Rev. Paul Quackenbush (503) 636-700; **South:** [The Rev. Mary Wright Gillespie](#), (541) 857-6083.

Resources available from former congregation

Following the sale of the former Vernon Presbyterian Church property, a number of assets of the former congregation, including robes and music supplies, are now available to a new church home. Contact Stated Clerk John Huenink or Margi Brown, 503-227-5486, if interested in any or all of the items. [See list.](#)

Work groups needed to paint, repair and clean up

Can your church plan a work group to come to Astoria or Vernonia areas this fall or late summer? There is a great need for cleaning up tree debris and other projects. [Recovery updates](#)

OPENING DOORS applications due no later than July 31

OPENING DOORS Task Force assistance in funding removal of barriers to church participation by people with disabilities. [Application](#) or email [Rick Parfrey](#).

Cascades recognized as tops in mission giving

Cascades Presbytery is in the [top ten presbyteries for 2007 Mission Giving](#) per member, and the top ten presbyteries for 2007 Total Mission Giving.

Touchpoints issues available; submissions for next issue due Oct. 1

A copy of the [current issue](#) is free to each congregation. [Submit for next issue](#) by Oct. 1.

Notice: Annual payment due on church video license

Please note that the annual Church Video Licensing International (CVLI) license \$63 bill is due now from each of the 80 churches which subscribe to this service under the *umbrella* license of the Presbytery of the Cascades. The license is required by law in order to show videos and DVDs to groups or congregations. (This license is different than the "music license" to which each church must subscribe.) [Email Maureen](#) at the Presbytery Resource Center with questions.

Media Resource Center's new kit: *Living Fully, Dying Well*, a study for small groups by Rueben

Job. Our best decisions about life's most important events are seldom made in a time of crisis. This kit is designed to assist us in making careful, wise, and prayerful preparation for meeting life's most important moments. For all ages, the material inspires us to talk openly about faith and mortality. Included are leader's guide, participant's book and DVD for eight sessions, about 10 min. each. (From Abingdon Press) Ask for: KTAXX001

MORE EVENTS

'Exploring Reformed Faith' Seminar at Old Scotch Church, Oct. 10-11

Tualatin Plains Presbyterian Church (Old Scotch Church), Hillsboro, presents a three-lecture series on *Clothed with the Virtues of Christ*, Fri. and Sat., Oct. 10-11. [More information.](#)

USEFUL INFORMATION

Updated Cascades website directory: [Churches](#) and [Committees.](#)
[Terms of Call 2008 form](#)

Per Capita for 2008 is \$21.41 each member, based on church membership as of 12/31/06.

Cascades Electronic Express (CEE) newsletters now available in the [CEE archive.](#)

Church staff positions open

Organist, musician: [Aloha, Reedville](#) and [Vancouver, Columbia](#)

Youth director, part time: [Beaverton, Southminster](#); [Newberg](#), and [Portland, St. Andrew's](#)

Children's, Family and Nursery: [Bend](#); [Eugene, Central](#), and [Portland, Colonial Heights](#)

Contacts:

[Cascades Electronic Express \(CEE\)](#)

Presbytery of the Cascades [website](#)

[Presbyterian Church \(USA\)](#)

[Omnibus](#) newsletter, deadline: **Sept. 15 for Oct.-Nov. issue**

Presbytery [Nominating Committee](#)

Cascades [Presbyterian Women](#)

[Forms](#) on our website

[Deadlines](#), 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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