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PRESBYTERY NEWS

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Read about the actions taken by Presbytery of the Cascades at the June 26-27 meeting held at Columbia, Vancouver. From Presbytery Stated Clerk, John Huenink: [Highlights](#).

Cascades Presbytery honored by PCUSA for giving in 2008

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is honoring presbyteries big and small across the country for generous mission giving in 2008. Presbytery of the Cascades is listed in the top ten presbyteries in five of the eight categories. Read how funding from presbyteries enables mission to continue in this country and around the world. [Top Ten lists](#)

Lectionary Retreat with Richard Rohrbaugh, Sept. 21-22

Keynote speaker, the Rev. Dr. Richard L. Rohrbaugh, leads the 2009 Lectionary Retreat, "The Social/Cultural World of Jesus and the Gospels" on Monday and Tuesday, September 21-22 at Mt. Angel. Dr. Rohrbaugh has been among the pioneers in using anthropological studies of Mediterranean culture to set the New Testament in its ancient social and cultural context. He will contrast the social/cultural world of Luke's Gospel with the frequent Americanization of biblical texts in the commentaries and other scholarly resources used in sermon preparation. This retreat is open to anyone interested in studying Luke in depth. Pastors, elders, and adult education leaders are especially encouraged to attend. Register by Sept. 4. [Flyer and Registration](#)

PRESBYTERY EVENTS

Creation Care Fellowship Gathering in Trout Lake, Sept. 19

Author Jane Kirkpatrick is featured. The theme is caring for the land through our relationships with God and neighbors. Sponsored by the Presbytery Eco-Justice Team. **New** [Brochure](#) and [Online registration](#). Register by September 11.

Mission Challenge '09 sign-up deadline approaching for Oct. 9-16

There are still a few time slots available during October 9-16 if your congregation would like to hear [The Rev. Bill and Ann Moore](#), Presbyterian Church (USA) missionaries in Japan. If you have not received a recent "confirmation of contact information" email, please phone or email [Don](#)

[Shaw](#), 541-548-8637 or 503-302-4656. For more about the Moores and the Mission Challenge, read [Sign Up Now](#).

Cascades Lay Institute flyer now available for Oct. 16-17

The Lay Institute on Friday and Saturday, October 16-17, will be at Eugene, Westminister. Instructor is the Rev. John Huenink, speaking on "What You Need to Know about Presbyterian Polity (at least most of it)." No charge. **New** [Flyer](#)

'Reaching the unchurched' workshop led by Tom Bandy, Nov. 6

Come to the one-day workshop to coach and equip pastors and church leaders on how to reach out to the unchurched in ways that are authentic and effective. Led by international consultant Tom Bandy. Friday, November 6 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Lake Grove Presbyterian Church, Lake Oswego. [Additional information and registration](#) and [Online registration](#).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New coffeehouse open at Mt. Tabor church in Portland

TaborSpace, the neighborhood coffeehouse open daily for coffee and treats in Mt. Tabor Presbyterian Church, also features occasional evening events. [Flyer](#)

Cascades member commissioned to new mission post in Sudan

The Rev. Debbie Blane, who has just completed a term of service in China with the Amity Foundation, was recently commissioned to teach at Nile Theological College in Khartoum, Sudan, an ecumenical theological institution serving the Presbyterian Church of Sudan and the Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical Church. Debbie will teach a range of theological subjects geared toward college-level students for pastoral ministry. She is a member of Cascades Presbytery.

Oak Hills, Milwaukie, hosts 'Neighbor to Neighbor' Fair, Aug. 1

Oak Hills hosts the neighborhood for a day of fun, food and music, Sat., Aug 1, 3 to 6:30 p.m.

Community Garden Workshop, Aug. 10

Monday, August 10, 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Holy Family Parish, Portland. Network with other congregations who are starting up community gardens. Get inspired and have your questions answered. Suggested donation \$5-\$10. For more information and to register, e-mail awarren@emoregon.org or call (503) 221-1054, ext. 210.

Christ's Church in Monmouth celebrates 30th anniversary, Aug. 30

The church is celebrating 30 years as a United Methodist and Presbyterian congregation in Monmouth / Independence on Sunday, August 30. Fellowship hour is at 9:30 a.m., followed by Worship at 10:30 a.m. and a barbecue luncheon at 12:30 p.m.

Important information about the Presbyterian Volunteer Villages

Over the past few years, many people have asked if the age limit for volunteers to stay in the [Presbyterian Volunteer Villages](#) could be lowered. We are very pleased to announce that the age has now been lowered to 16. Read about current needs for [volunteer mission work teams](#), especially in Texas.

Ecumenical Ministries' 'Cool Congregations Workshop' saves money, Sept. 12

Make a difference in the world by reducing your carbon footprint and saving money. For congregational teams and individuals. Saturday, Sept. 12, 1 to 4:30 p.m. at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, Portland. [Download registration form](#).

Rural Ministry conference at Columbia Seminary, Sept. 22-24

Columbia Theological Seminary will host "Rural Ministry Today: Retooling the Toolbox" on the seminary campus. [Information](#)

Dates announced for Presbytery fall youth events

Middle School Mania is at Camp Canyonview, October 23-25. **CPYA** (Cascades Presbytery Youth Assembly) will be at a *new* location - MacLeay Christian Retreat Center, November 20-22.

Disaster recovery help needed in Vernonia and Astoria this summer

There are many ways groups of all ages can help residents return by this fall to properties damaged by winter storms. [Information](#)

Media Resource Center features 'Living Fully, Dying Well,' by Rueben Job

A study for small groups. Our best decisions about life's most important events are seldom made in a time of crisis. This study will help inspire you to talk openly about faith and mortality. Topics include biblical and social perspectives on growing older. Included in the kit: leader's & participants' guides and a DVD in eight segments of 10 min. each. Ask for KTAXX001. [Media Resource Center](#) or 503-445-4999.

NOTE: Need a file cabinet or desk or bookshelf? The Resource Center has one desk, two four-drawer file cabinets and several bookshelves to loan out on an indefinite basis. Would only need these back if we had to move from Mt. Tabor Church. Pick up required. Call Maureen for details at 503 445-4999 on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

USEFUL INFORMATION

Peacemaking materials available now. [More information](#)

Free choir robes, stoles, and communion cups from Nestucca Valley, 503-965-6229

Transitions in the Presbytery for May and June [Information](#)

Resources for current economic crisis: [Crisis and faith](#) and [Take action now](#).

Brad and Ali Kent's [email](#) letters from Bolivia

[Media Resource Center](#)

Northwest storm [Recovery updates](#)

[Minimum Terms of Call for 2009](#)

Per Capita for 2009 is \$22.55 each member, based on church membership as of 12/31/07.

[Giving in the Presbytery of the Cascades](#)

[OMNIBUS](#) newsletter, [Current Issue: June-July 2009](#)

[OMNIBUS](#) newsletter submission deadline: **Sept. 14 for Oct.-Nov. issue**

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Pianist/Accompanist, First, Bend

Children's Ministries Director, Southminster, Beaverton • Sherwood

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