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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 August 13, 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: August 21.**

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PRESBYTERY 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, former assistant professor of theology, Union Theological Seminary and Presbyterian School of Christian Education, Richmond, Virginia and now a pastor in Presbytery of the Cascades.

All invited to celebrate Jim Moiso's ministry, Sept. 7

Westminster, Portland invites everyone to a retirement party in honor of the Rev. Jim Moiso immediately following 10:30 a.m. worship, about 11:45 a.m., on Sunday, September 7 at the church, 1624 NE Hancock St. We'll celebrate Jim's 18 years of ministry at Westminster, 37 years in this Presbytery, and 41 years of ordained service. To reserve your place for the party, or for more information, contact Westminster at 503-287-1289.

Mobility, Community and God's Creation, Sept. 20

On Saturday, September 20, the Eco-Justice Team of Congregational Support, presents Creation Care Fellowship from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Rose City Park Presbyterian Church, Portland. The layout of our communities and our transportation choices affect our neighbors, our health and the health of God's creation. What are the responsible choices we can make as individuals, congregations and as a society? [Information and registration](#)

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.](#)

'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.](#)

Quilting Your Spiritual Journey workshop Oct. 12-17

A hands-on workshop at Menucha Retreat Center for beginners through experienced quilters to graphically display your walk with God on a quilt you can keep and hand down. [Information.](#)

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](#)

Two Board of Pensions seminars set in October; register by Sept. 26

The Board of Pensions and the Professional Support Committee sponsor two seminars in October. More [Information](#). For registration, please see the [Board of Pensions website](#). Questions? Call South Presbytery office, 1-800-701-7313.

- **Growing into Tomorrow. . .Today: October 27-28**, at Menucha Retreat & Conference Center. A retirement planning seminar for those aged 50 and older.
- **Getting in Shape Fiscally: October 29**, in the Portland metro area. A financial planning seminar to help those under 50.

Watercolor Techniques workshop at Menucha, Nov. 16-21

Menucha Retreat Center offers an opportunity to express your spiritual journey in watercolor painting techniques and produce one beautiful picture per day. [Information](#).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In Memoriam

The Reverend Dr. James R. Belt died Thursday, July 31, 2008. A service was held at Colonial Heights, Portland. [Memorial letter](#).

August columns from GA staff

Monthly columns for August by Bruce Reyes-Chow, Moderator of the 218th General Assembly (2008), and Gradye Parsons, Stated Clerk of the General Assembly. Please share them with your congregations and others as you find it helpful to do so. [Read columns](#).

Presbytery staff position open

Applications are being received for the position of Administrative Assistant to work with the Presbytery Stated Clerk in the Portland Presbytery office. Résumé, completed application form, and cover letter are due by August 25, 2008. [Information and application](#)

'A Stewardship Tour of the Bible' brochures available

The Presbyterian Church (USA) brochure, "A Stewardship Tour of the Bible" by the Rev. Albert C. Winn, is now available from the South Presbytery office. The Rev. Winn highlights Old and New Testament stories demonstrating the importance of stewardship in the history and life of the church. A good resource for Minutes for Mission / bulletins / newsletter inserts or for discussion in adult education classes. Copies of the brochure are available free of charge. Please contact the South Presbytery office at 1-800-701-7313 for more information.

Free pews available to congregations

Neveh Shalom in Southwest Portland is remodeling and has church pews to donate free of charge to other congregations who can put them to good use. [Photos and information](#).

Gulf Coast PDA recruiting long-term volunteers

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance in the Gulf Coast area is actively recruiting long-term volunteers for the fall of 2008 and they need your help! They have hundreds of one-week volunteers scheduled to stay at the five Volunteer Villages in October, November, and December, but do not have enough long-term (two-six months) volunteers to run those villages. They are seeking organized, hard-working, team players who are willing and able to live on the Gulf Coast and manage volunteers in the Village or on the worksite. [Flyer and job descriptions](#).

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.

Media Resource Center recommends:

Australia's **Michael Frost** delivered the plenary session for the Inside-Out Presbyterian Global Fellowship (PGF) Conference in 2007. His talk on DVD is ready to be checked out now. It is the desire of PGF to encourage people to become the **missional church**, to learn and to teach what it means to be the "sent ones" of Jesus Christ. Ask for DVHAX001. Call 503-445-4999 or email [Media Resource Center](#) to have it sent to you.

MORE EVENTS

Seminar explores age-old questions in Proverbs, Sept. 19-20

Old Testament scholar and author Christine Yoder leads an engaging program on the theological-ethical formation of justice, neighborliness, wealth and poverty, the "stranger," and what it means to "fear the LORD" at Columbia Theological Seminary. [Information](#).

USEFUL INFORMATION

[Christian Education help for churches](#)

[July, 2008 Presbytery Highlights](#).

Theological Reflection Group - [final report](#).

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

Resources available from former congregation - [See list](#).

Updated Presbytery 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: [Florence, PC of the Siuslaw](#) and [Vancouver, Columbia](#)

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

Children, 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

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