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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 October 21, 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: October 16.**

PRESBYTERY NEWS

New – Moderator’s Blog on our Presbytery website

Read what Presbytery Moderator, Chris Grewe has to say. Then sign in and join the [discussion](#).

Presbyterians fast monthly to recognize world hunger

All Presbyterians are invited to join in a monthly fast (or light meals), including prayers, worship and education on the first weekend of the month. **Let us know if your church has joined the new General Assembly effort.** Read about the General Assembly year-long plan on the PCUSA website and here: [Details](#) Dates for next fast are Oct. 31-Nov. 2.

Risk Management Workshop set, Nov. 4, 5, 6

Three identical workshops are scheduled by Covenant Presbyterian Insurance Program (CPIP) - Tues., Nov. 4 in Grants Pass; Wed. Nov. 5 in Salem and Thurs., Nov. 6 in Portland. Ministers, members, elders, staff and others are invited to attend any parts of the workshop. Some discounts on policy premiums are available from CPIP for congregations who send attendees – see details in flyer. Subjects to be covered include insurance and risk management issues, best church employment practices, and required sexual misconduct training for pastors, youth leaders and elders. [Details](#)

STATED PRESBYTERY MEETING NOV; 7-8 IN PORTLAND

Presbytery of the Cascades meets at First, Portland, Nov. 7-8

Plan now to attend the fall meeting in downtown Portland for workshops, actions, meetings and fellowship. It’s time to make your reservations and car pool plans. Read the [Cover Letter and Proposed Docket](#) (includes workshop list, directions and lodging). [Background information](#)

Thursday evening Worship Design Team workshop at the church, 7:30-9 p.m.

Read Friday lunch information for Commissioners, Seminary Relations and open lunch.

Curriculum give-away table at Presbytery, Nov. 7-8

Please bring recent curriculum resources not being used at your church to share.

PRESBYTERY EVENTS

‘Celebration Works’ concert at First, Portland, Oct. 26

The new series of nine concerts beginning Oct. 26, are on Sunday afternoons at 3 p.m. [Details](#)

Kenilworth celebrates 100 years of ministry, Oct. 26

A special concert on Sunday, October 26 at 5 p.m. concludes the month of Centennial celebrations at Kenilworth, Portland on SE 34th and Gladstone. [Details](#)

‘Kirkin of the Tartans’ at Valley Community, Portland and Salem, First, Oct. 26

Celebrate our Scottish heritage on Reformation Sun., Oct. 26. Valley Community, Portland's service is at 10 a.m. and Salem, First's service is at 11 a.m. Everyone's invited to wear plaid.

Food production sustainability conference at Trout Lake, Nov. 1

Come to the Columbia Gorge for First Presbyterian Church in Trout Lake, Washington's Fall Conference on Saturday, November 1 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Trout Lake School. Lunch will be available for \$3—reservations requested. [Details](#)

Workshops by Oregon Interfaith Power and Light, Nov. 10

Energy stewardship, climate justice and green building workshops in Ashland Nov. 10. [Details](#)

'Lead Now' ministry to young adults conference in Redmond, Nov. 15

Community Presbyterian Church in Redmond hosts a "Lead Now" Simulcast on Saturday, November 15 for leaders of young adults. The subtitle is "Prepare to Unleash the Possibilities of Your 20 & 30 Somethings Ministry!" [Information](#)

Youth-Cascades Presbytery Youth Assembly 2008, Nov. 21-23

CPYA 2008 annual high school retreat presents "Hearing the Call," with speaker Mike Yankoski, author of "Under the Overpass" (www.undertheoverpass.com), November 21-23 at Canby Grove Conference Center. Early registration deadline is Nov. 3 for \$65; registrations after Nov. 3 are \$70. Small group discussion, recreation, worship, and elective seminars are all part of the weekend. [Details](#)

Seminar on church growth and older adults, Nov. 22

"**Growing Your Congregation: Why Older Adults Make the Best Lovers... And How to Become One**" seminar is Saturday, Nov. 22, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Nestucca Valley Presbyterian Church in Pacific City. Sponsored by The Older Adult Ministry Team of the Presbytery of the Cascades, the seminar's speaker is **Dr. Charles Arn** of Church Growth Inc. [Information](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In Memoriam

The Rev. Covell J. Hart (HR) died October 9, 2008 in Rogue River, OR. [Information](#)

Ongoing Peacemaking resources available:

- Any church that would like to receive a new email newsletter for 'Commitment to Peacemaking' churches can join the listserv here. [Subscribe](#)
- Peacemaking Offering two-minute PowerPoint at: [Powerpoint](#)
- Election resources from the Presbyterian Washington Office at: [Election](#)

Urgent needs for help with storm damage

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance continues long term help in NW Oregon. The PDA representative, Phyllis Wright, says that work crews are especially needed this fall. Families need help repairing homes damaged by last winter's storms. [Recovery updates.](#)

Presbytery 2009 Giving Booklet now online to help congregations

Included in the booklet are Presbyterian Partnership Giving examples and instructions, Stewardship Campaign resources, samples of Congregational Pledge Forms to Presbytery (due January 31, 2009), and more. [Giving in the Presbytery of the Cascades](#)

New Theological Reflection Groups to form in presbytery

All are welcome to join one of the new Theological Reflection Groups beginning in January, dedicated to exploring the difficult theological issues facing the church today. If you or your congregation would like more information, contact [Janet Alpine](#) email or 800-701-7313.

Rural Ministry Fellowship still open for applications

The center is asking for more pastors or commissioned lay pastors in a rural setting to apply before Nov. 3 for a year-long Rural Ministry Fellowship. Contact the Center for Lifelong Learning at Columbia Theological Seminary. [Details](#)

Featured resource from Presbytery Media Resource Center (free lending library):

The art and spirit of ***The Nativity Crèche*** is explored in a 30 min. DVD. Except for the cross, the Nativity scene is Christianity's most recognized symbol. Its history, art and spirituality have been embraced by cultures around the world for nearly 2,000 years. Collections from across the globe and historical facts are featured. Contact [Media Resource Center](#), 503-445-4999, or [Website](#).

USEFUL INFORMATION

Black clergy robe available. Phone Kate Belt at 503.233.8185 or 503.233.8343.

[Minimum Terms of Call for 2009](#)

[Terms of Call 2008 form](#)

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

[Christian Education help for churches](#)

[July, 2008 Presbytery Highlights](#) and [Highlights of Presbytery Council, Sept. 2008](#)

[Pastor Transitions, October, 2008](#)

[Updated Presbytery Directory](#)

[CEE archive](#) - Cascades Electronic Express (CEE) newsletter [past issues](#) available

[Church staff positions open](#)

Organist, musician: Tigard, Calvin

Choir Director: Yachats, Community

Youth Director: Salem, Westminster; Newberg, and Milwaukie

Children, Family and Nursery: Bend, First; Eugene, Central, and Portland, Colonial Heights

Contacts:

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[Presbytery website](#)

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

[Omnibus newsletter](#), deadline: **Nov. 17 for Dec.-Jan. issue**

[Presbytery Nominating Committee](#)

[Presbyterian Women](#)

[Presbytery Forms](#)

[Deadlines and 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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