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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 find CEE on the website:

www.cascadespresbytery.org/CEE-10-9-07.pdf **Due date for the next CEE issue: October 18.**

Send names, church, and email addresses of your church officers, staff and friends to

cee@cascadespresbytery.org.

PRESBYTERY NEWS

November 9-10 Presbytery Stated Meeting notice

Plan now to attend the meeting at Albany United Presbyterian for pre-presbytery workshops, actions, and fellowship. www.cascadespresbytery.org/StatedMeeting11-07.pdf

Presbytery November meeting papers on website

For convenience and economy, Presbytery background papers will soon all be on the website. For the November 9-10 meeting, however, *most* of the papers will be online, but *all* papers will be mailed this time as in the past. Please link to the background papers below and give us your feedback on how user-friendly access to the papers on the website is for you. www.cascadespresbytery.org/Indexpresbypapers.html

Clerks of Session! Have you scheduled your Record Review yet?

All congregations should have their Session minutes read **by the end of October**, so they can be reported to Presbytery at the November meeting. Contact the Associate Stated Clerk in your region or call the Stated Clerk's Office, 1-800-495-4114 with questions.

Schedule of readings: www.cascadespresbytery.org/Record-Reviews-07.pdf

Help evaluate current presbytery structure - due before Nov. 10

You tell us. . . is the current presbytery structure functioning as it should?

The mission of the Presbytery of the Cascades is to serve God by nurturing, supporting and celebrating our common ministries. . . Does this statement still reflect our mission? If it should be changed, how? We encourage you to provide input to the Presbytery Evaluation Team **by filling out the short five question survey** and submitting it **before Nov. 10**, www.cascadespresbytery.org/SurveyGodsCall07.pdf

NEW THIS ISSUE

Hear Salil Shetty, director of UN Millennium Fund, Oct. 23

Find out about the campaign to eliminate extreme poverty worldwide. All are invited to a free lecture by Mr. Shetty, 7 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 23. More information here:

<http://cascadespresbytery.org/MillenniumCampaignSpeaker.pdf>

Pick up MISSION YEARBOOKs Friday, Nov. 9 only

If your church ordered the 2008 MISSION YEARBOOKs through the Presbytery bulk-ordering system, please ask a representative to pick up your order 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., **Friday, November 9 only**. If not possible, contact your regional presbytery office to pick up from their office. Questions? Call Marjorie Robinson at the Portland Presbytery office.

Youth: All Youth workers invited to national retreat, Nov. 12-15

The National Presbyterian Youth Workers' Association retreat, "To the Hills," November 12-15 is in the beautiful Hill Country of Texas. Designed to renew and inspire adult volunteer or paid youth leaders, the retreat is a great opportunity for people with a passion for young people. **Registration deadline October 31.** www.pcusa.org/youthministry/tothehills

Free Public Safety Training offered churches, Nov. 15

The training will better acquaint church administrators and leaders with crime prevention, emergency management, police response, fire and rescue response, and disaster preparedness. Presented by Portland crime prevention, police, emergency management and fire departments on Thursday, November 15, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. **Limited to 200.**

Register online by Nov. 8: www.portlandonline.com/oni/

Workshop for parents of children with special needs, Nov. 15

Presbytery's *OPENING DOORS* Task Force recommends this Relaxation and Bodywork workshop for those involved with children with special needs: 7-9 p.m., Thursday, November 15. A trained leader will teach parents to help their children learn relaxation techniques. www.cascadespresbytery.org/WorkshopSpecial_Needs.pdf

PRESBYTERY EVENTS

Cascades Lay Institute sessions are open to all, Oct. 12-13

"Nurturing the Faithful: Christian Education in the Presbyterian Church" Lay session is led by the Rev. Kathy Waugh, October 12-13 in Myrtle Creek. Brochure:

www.cascadespresbytery.org/2007OctoberCascLay.pdf

'Middle School Mania' youth retreat, Oct. 19-21

Theme is "High Energy;" don't miss a minute of the activities, songs, water sports, funny programs and outstanding speaker. www.cascadespresbytery.org/MSMania-Forms07.pdf

CPYA features Ben Glenn, chalk artist, Nov. 16-18

Popular chalk artist, Ben Glenn is the keynoter for the annual Cascades Presbytery Youth Assembly (CPYA) on November 16-18 at Canby Grove.

www.cascadespresbytery.org/CPYA-2007.pdf

Presbyterian Polity class for educators, Dec. 10-12

Polity class for Certification at Menucha has been changed from September to December. Connect with other local and regional educators for support, to exchange ideas, and to grow together in service. www.cascadespresbytery.org/PresbyterianPolity07.pdf

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Presbytery Resource Center's featured DVD and class guide is *God is Closer than*

You Think, by John Ortberg, a teaching pastor at Menlo Park Presbyterian Church. This is a six-session journey that will help you experience God's presence in the busy matrix of your life and hear God speak in ways you can understand. www.cascadespresbytery.org/medianews.html

'A Stewardship Tour of the Bible' brochures available

Old and New Testament stories demonstrate the importance of stewardship in the history and life of the church. The brochures are good for Minutes for Mission, bulletins, newsletter inserts or adult education classes. Copies are available free of charge from the South Presbytery office, 1-800-701-7313.

Presbytery Communications Team seeks members

Are you interested in print and electronic communication and Presbytery connections? Consider applying to the Presbytery Communications Team:
www.cascadespresbytery.org/CommunicationsTeamSeeksMembers.pdf

Trip to Greece, Turkey and Holy Land planned by John Mahon

As a result of his sabbatical, John Mahon is planning a return trip to Greece, Turkey and Holy Land next April. More information: centralgp@cascadespresbytery.org

MORE EVENTS

First-century followers of Jesus, Oct. 12-13

How did Christianity evolve? Bernard Brandon Scott and James A. Veitch explore the variety of ways early Christians expressed their beliefs about the identity of Jesus and the meaning of his life, death, and teachings. Southminster Church, Beaverton, Friday and Saturday, Oct. 12-13. www.cascadespresbytery.org/southmin-seminar.html

Reedville 100th anniversary features Howard Rice, Oct. 20-21

The Presbytery is invited to attend the third and final celebration of the centennial of Reedville Presbyterian Church, and the 20th ordination anniversary of its current pastor, Jeff Sievert, on Oct. 20-21. Howard Rice speaks on both days.
www.cascadespresbytery.org/ReedvillePresCelebrates100-2007.pdf

Florestan Trio opens series at First, Portland, Oct. 21

The sixth Season of Music and Art at First Presbyterian, Portland, opens Sunday, October 21, at 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary with the Florestan Trio playing Mendelssohn. More details, 503-228-7331 or www.fpcpdx.org.

USEFUL INFORMATION

Outdoor Camp Coordinator position: Contact Aleida Jernigan, Portland Presbytery office.

Church staff positions: www.cascadespresbytery.org/Jobs.html#B

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Cascades Electronic Express: cee@cascadespresbytery.org

Presbytery of the Cascades website: www.cascadespresbytery.org

Presbyterian Church (USA) www.pcusa.org

Omnibus newsletter: omnibus@cascadespresbytery.org, deadline: **Nov. 19, for Dec-Jan. '07-'08**

Presbytery Nominating Committee www.cascadespresbytery.org/NominationForm.pdf

Cascades Presbyterian Women: www.cascadespw.org

Highlights of June Presbytery: www.cascadespresbytery.org/Highlights06-2007.pdf

Presbytery pastor transitions: www.cascadespresbytery.org/Transitions-04-26-2007.pdf

Forms on our website www.cascadespresbytery.org/Forms.html

Deadlines, due dates www.cascadespresbytery.org/Deadlines.html

Changes to CEE list and Presbytery directory (or to unsubscribe): 503-227-5486, 800-495-4114 or CEE@cascadespresbytery.org.

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