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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 Nov-5-2008](#). 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: November 13.**

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PRESBYTERY NEWS

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.

'Percept' contract ending; 'Mission Insite' new provider

On the request of the New Church Development team, the Congregational Support Committee is changing demographic providers from Percept to Mission Insite. If churches want reports from Percept, they need to run them prior to Nov. 15, the contract ending date. When our Mission Insite account is established, access information will be provided to churches and pastors.

Leadership Fair set for Feb. 28

Plan now to attend the Presbytery Leadership Fair Saturday, Feb. 28 at First Presbyterian Church in Portland. Keynote speakers will be The Rev. Dr. Donald K McKim, speaking on "Celebrating John Calvin's 500th Birthday!" and The Rev. Dr. LindaJo McKim, whose address is "What Happens in Worship?" The day includes the two addresses, lunch and workshops in the morning and afternoon. [More information](#)

Moderator's Blog on our Presbytery website

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

Risk Management Workshops, Nov. 5, 6

Three identical workshops are scheduled by Covenant Presbyterian Insurance Program (CPIP) - 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. 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](#)

PRESBYTERY EVENTS

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 and 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), Nov. 21-23 at Canby Grove Conference Center. Early registration deadline Nov. 3, \$65 or after Nov. 3, \$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](#)

Celebrate Peace at Peace Presbyterian Church, Dec. 6-7

Peace Presbyterian in Eugene invites everyone to a Celebration of Peace on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 6-7. Read about the gift shop, Celtic music and a concert on Sunday. [Information](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Energy Trust offers audits and incentive to congregations

If your congregation is in the territory of PGE, Pacific Power, NW Natural or Cascade Natural Gas, your energy efficiency upgrades may qualify for incentives on heating, lighting and kitchen equipment. They also provide energy audits which are free if you take action on recommendations. See [EnergyTrust](#). John Knox Presbyterian Church in Keizer is featured on the [Congregation Initiative Fact Sheet](#). With a \$1,853 incentive from Energy Trust of Oregon, they installed roof insulation when replacing the roof, saving 2,000 therms of natural gas each year.

Volunteers still needed for repairs in NW Oregon

Phyllis Wright is the coordinator for presbytery volunteers in Clatsop County and Astoria. Who can do estimates on homes or cut and split log? There are also jobs in Columbia County and Vernonia to do drywall, painting and laying blocks. Details about storm damage needs: [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](#)

Montreat Young Adult Intentional Community open to applicants

Applications are being accepted now for the Winter 2009 program of the new Young Adult Intentional Community at Montreat Conference Center. [Information](#)

Rural Ministry Fellowship open for applications to Nov. 10

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

News from Columbia Seminary:

[Joseph Roberts Named to Huie Chair, Will Head Center for Preaching](#)
[Anna Carter Florence Named to Peter Marshall Chair of Homiletics](#)
[Rodger Nishioka Named to Benton Family Chair of Christian Education](#)

Menucha February events

- Stan Wood, Associate Professor of Congregational Leadership and Evangelism at San Francisco Theological Seminary, will give a series of keynote addresses at Menucha February 8-11. Click on Programs at www.menucha.org.
- Join clergy couple Bill Arnold and Margaret Ann Fohl for a weekend of playful marital encouragement for Valentines Weekend February 13-15. Number of couples is limited. Registration information under Programs at www.menucha.org.

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

DVD: *A Clear View of the Birth of Jesus* by Dr. Ken Bailey. Four half-hour lectures by a Middle Eastern expert. These studies provide fresh understandings of the Christmas story, such as: If the Holy Family was in a dirty stable, why didn't the shepherds move them at once to their own homes? Dr. Bailey is **the most** popular checkout author from the Resource Center. Contact [Media Resource Center](#), 503-445-4999, or [Website](#).

USEFUL INFORMATION

[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

Youth Director: Salem, Westminster and Newberg

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

Contacts:

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

[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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