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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 Dec-09-2008](#). 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: December 18.**

### NEW IN THIS ISSUE

- End of year deadlines for 2008 giving
- *Omnibus* newsletter Dec.-Jan. issue now available on website
- EMO statement on Mumbai attacks
- Mission Yearbooks for sale in Portland office
- Albany church receives large gift
- Youth mission trips to Louisville available
- CPYA inspires Redmond youth group to change lives
- Summer camp information available now
- NW Oregon storm damage still needs repair, one year later
- Presbyterian Stewardship Conference in Kansas City, March 9-11

### PRESBYTERY NEWS

#### End of year deadlines for 2008 giving

- **Partnership Giving, Per Capita, and Designated Giving must** be postmarked by **Dec. 31, 2008** to be applied to your 2008 statements. All checks received in the Presbytery office postmarked after that date will automatically be applied to 2009. Thank you!
- **TEF reminder: Pledges and offerings to the Theological Education Fund (TEF)** for Presbyterian seminaries are to be sent to the Portland presbytery office and must be postmarked by **Dec. 31, 2008** for 2008 credit. Thank you!

***Omnibus* newsletter Dec.-Jan. issue now available on website:** [Current Issue](#)

### PRESBYTERY EVENTS

#### Cascades Lay Institute on Church Administration in Eugene, Feb. 6-7

David Hutchinson leads the workshop. No charge. **Register by Jan. 30.** [Flyer](#)

#### Leadership Fair in Portland, 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 500<sup>th</sup> Birthday" and The Rev. Dr. LindaJo McKim. Her talk is, "What Happens in Worship?" Find out why this event is a must for many. [More information](#)

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### EMO statement on Mumbai attacks

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon issues a [statement](#) on the recent brutal attacks on innocent people in Mumbai.

#### Mission Yearbooks for sale in Portland office

If you forgot to order your 2009 Mission Yearbooks or Children's Books, it's not too late. The NE-NW office has 25 adult Mission Yearbooks and six children's books. They are first-come, first-serve, so call Marjorie at 503-227-5486 x 205 right away if you are interested. Purchase as many as you need until we run out. Books may be picked up at the Presbytery office, or shipped to you at cost plus shipping. Adult books are \$5.06 each, and children's books are \$6.50 each.

### **Albany church receives large gift**

A gift of approximately \$1 million will establish a general endowment fund to benefit United Presbyterian Church in Albany, founded in 1912. "We've been blessed with the grace of giving," said co-pastor, the Rev. Glenn Edwards. [Presbyterian News Service](#)

### **Youth mission trips to Louisville available**

YouthWorks and Presbyterian Church (USA) are partners in offering summer mission trip experiences for *your* youth group in Louisville. [Information](#)

### **Theological Reflection Groups to form; register by Dec. 15**

Following the successful experience of the initial Theological Reflection Group, the Relational Support Committee (RSC) announces formation of new groups dedicated to exploring the difficult theological issues facing the church today. Registration **deadline is December 15**; new groups will begin in January. Janet Alpine at the South Presbytery office will coordinate the formation of these new groups with RSC. If you or your congregation would like to participate or for more information, email [Janet Alpine](#) or phone 800-701-7313.

### **Cascades Pulpit Exchange planned for April 26; sign up by Jan. 31**

[Information](#) on how you and your congregation can participate

### **CPYA inspires Redmond youth group to change lives**

More than 200 high school students attended the Cascades Presbytery Youth Assembly (CPYA) recently. The keynote speaker, Mike Yankowski, wrote of his experience as a homeless person in *Under the Overpass*. His stories and the event have had a ripple effect in the Redmond congregation and community and impacted the lives of a group of homeless men. It's a great Christmas story and will also inspire you, give you faith in the future, and make you glad to be part of Cascades Presbytery and CPYA. This is their [story](#).

### **Summer camp information available now**

The 2009 Presbytery Camp season is well into the planning stages. Brochures will be mailed out in January, and the dates and locations are already posted on the [camp website](#). Please email [Biz Larkin](#) or phone her at 503-460-3024 with questions.

### **NW Oregon storm damage still needs repair, one year later**

This week is the one-year anniversary of the December, 2007 storms which hit along the coast in Tillamook and Clatsop counties plus the flooding in Columbia County. There is still much to be done, but one can't see the damage except blue tarps on roofs. [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](#)

### **Menucha programs**

Information on early winter programs at [Menucha](#):

- **Developing Major Gifts, Jan. 12-14.** Setting up and maintaining a major gift program.
- **Wright Lecture Series, Feb. 8-11.** Hear a series of keynote addresses by Stan Wood of San Francisco Theological Seminary.
- **Valentine's Day Marriage Enrichment Retreat, Feb. 13-15.** Join clergy couple Bill Arnold and Margaret Ann Fohl for a weekend of marital encouragement.

### **Samaritan Counseling Center workshops**

[Relationship Enrichment Series](#): Beginning January 15

[PAIRS for Couples](#): February 7 & 14

## **Columbia Seminary conferences**

[Columbia Seminary offers weekend for prospective students, Feb. 20-22](#)

[Columbia Offers 'Learning Together in Ministry,' Mar. 10-12](#)

## **Presbyterian Stewardship Conference in Kansas City, March 9-11**

Elders, pastors, presbytery staff and volunteers are invited to workshops at "Stewardship Kaleidoscope" in Kansas City, MO, March 9-11. [Information](#)

## **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.

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

[Christian Education help for churches](#)

November, 2008 Presbytery meeting [Highlights](#)

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

[Pastor Transitions, November](#)

[Updated Presbytery Directory](#)

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

### **[Church staff positions open](#)**

**Youth Director:** Vancouver, Eastwoods

**Children, Family and Nursery:** Vancouver, Eastwoods, and Portland, Colonial Heights

**Choir Director:** Yachats, Community

### **Contacts:**

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

[Presbytery website](#)

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

[Omnibus newsletter](#) deadline: **Jan. 14 for Feb.-Mar. issue**

Moderator's Blog on Presbytery website - join the [discussion](#).

[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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