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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-01-08-08.pdf **Due date for the next CEE issue: January 17.** Send names, church, and email addresses of your church officers, staff and friends to cee@cascadespresbytery.org.

PRESBYTERY NEWS

Notice to churches: Oregon's new identity theft law

A key piece of Oregon's identity theft law took effect on Jan. 1, 2008. Oregon organizations are to have a plan in place to protect the sensitive data they collect, keep and share. More: www.cascadespresbytery.org/ID-theft-law08.pdf

Dates for 2008 Presbytery meetings and events – for your calendar

From our presbytery website, click on "Calendars" to find dates for meetings, deadlines for Publications, and Prayer Calendars: www.cascadespresbytery.org

Presbytery Director of New Church Development sought

Applications are being received until Feb. 15 for a new Presbytery staff position, Director of New Church Development (NCD), a full time position for two plus years. More at www.cascadesNCD.org. Contact Dawn, 1-800-926-3223 or dawnc@cascadespresbytery.org.

Presbytery 2008 summer camp dates – make plans now

Summer is fast approaching, and it is time to think about camp. The schedule is posted on our website. Look for the brochure in the mail in a couple of weeks. Read more: www.cascadespresbytery.org/campletter08.pdf

'An Ever-Present Witness,' from PC(USA) stated clerk

The January column for the church-at-large by the Reverend Clifton Kirkpatrick, Stated Clerk of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). www.cascadespresbytery.org/CKirkpatrick-01-08.pdf

PRESBYTERY EVENTS

Interfaith service for climate justice, Jan. 19

The Presbytery Eco-Justice Team invites all to "Gathering Hope: An Interfaith Service for Climate Justice," 7:00 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 19 as a prelude to Focus the Nation, a national teach-in on global warming on Jan. 31. www.cascadespresbytery.org/GatheringHope.pdf

Celebrate new building with East Woods, Vancouver, Jan. 26

With much excitement, East Woods Presbyterian Church in Vancouver announces an Open House in our new (and first) church building on Saturday, January 26 from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. The prayers and support of so many in our Presbytery family have been a huge part of God's leading us to this time, and we heartily extend an invitation to all the congregations in our Presbytery to join us for this celebration We look forward to welcoming you! More: www.cascadespresbytery.org/eastwoods-open-house.pdf

Healing and health ministries workshop for churches, Feb. 9

Join us as we explore the dimensions of a congregation's healing ministry with the dynamic Eugenia Gamble. Read more about the workshop, Sat., Feb. 9, 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
www.cascadespresbytery.org/Min_of_Healing2008.pdf

Presbytery Lay Institute in Eugene, Feb. 15, 16

The next Lay Institute is Fri. and Sat., Feb. 15 and 16 at Westminster Presbyterian in Eugene, led by the Rev. Patricia Berger, pastor of Covenant Presbyterian Church in Gresham. Contact Hugh Anderson or Janet Alpine in the South Presbytery office, 1-800-701-7313. More information and registration form:
www.cascadespresbytery.org/CascadesLayInstitute08.pdf

Cascades Leadership Fair features Marva Dawn, Feb. 23

Available online now: Brochure, registration, and sample bulletin and newsletter announcements, www.cascadespresbytery.org/Cascades-LF2008-info.pdf. Keynote speaker for the Leadership Fair at First Church, Vancouver is Marva J. Dawn, PhD, Christian theologian, author, musician, and educator. The Leadership Fair also provides great workshops along with networking and worship with others from our presbytery.

Summer Conference 'weekend edition' set for July 17-20

Plan to come to Bend this summer for Cascades Summer Conference, Thursday-Sunday, July 17-20. Mark Yaconelli is keynote speaker for the event, to be held in First Presbyterian Church, Bend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Volunteer Management course begins at PSU, Jan. 9

For those responsible for recruiting and managing volunteers, Portland State University's course on "Volunteerism and Volunteer Management" begins Jan. 9 at 6:40 p.m. Contact Sharon: 503.725.8221 or INPM@pdx.edu.

Delegates attend youth congress in Bolivia

Please pray for Rachele Hobson and Joe Kulm, Cascades Presbytery Youth Delegates; Shirley Stageberg from Cascades, and all who are attending the Youth Congress in Potosi, Bolivia, Jan. 9-13. Read more: www.cascadespresbytery.org/BoliviaYouthCongress.pdf

New book by Philip Park, 'Kimchi and Sauerkraut'

Presbytery member Philip Park's new book is "a multicultural memoir" about his life as a Korean American. He writes about being in the African American community during the Civil Rights era, and teaching and working with the Korean community in Japan.

Faith, Food and Fuel: conference downloads available

Audio files from a recent Presbyterians for Restoring Creation Conference may be downloaded at www.prcweb.org. Files include theologian Dr. Catherine Keller, energy expert Karl Rabago, and sustainable food advocate and writer Anna Lappe, as well as links to the PCUSA Hunger program page and photos.

Media Resource Center features

Pastor Rob Bell's "**Breathe**," part of the Nooma series, a "must see." (14 min.) How many of us ever think about our breathing, about the meaning of breathing? In the Bible, the word for breath is the same as the word for spirit. Read about the Nooma series at the Media Resource Center web page, www.cascadespresbytery.org/medianews.html

How to direct contributions to *Joining Hands with Bolivia*

Your assistance is needed in directing your contributions to the correct accounts for the work of Bob and Julie Dunsmore and the new partnership with Cascades Presbytery, *Joining*

Hands with Bolivia. Thank you to all who have begun supporting this mission. Please give your contributions through your local congregation. Instructions here: www.cascadespresbytery.org/JoiningHands-Bolivia.pdf

'Green congregations' highlighted on new webpage

For inspiration and sharing of information, the Eco-Justice Team is posting stories of congregations' green projects – large or small. More stories of creation stewardship will be posted as received; send your project stories to: www.cascadespresbytery.org/GreenCongregations.html

MORE EVENTS

Congregations invited to global warming 'teach-in,' Jan. 30

Can we as a nation cut global warming pollution roughly two percent a year for the next 40 years? What would it take? Participate in a national webcast conversation—"The 2% Solution"—on January 30, 2008. You can watch and participate via cell phone voting in your own gathering spaces. www.cascadespresbytery.org/FairTrade-GlobalWarming.pdf

Global warming course offered, Feb. 7-29

As a follow-up to the Global Warming Teach-in on Jan. 30, a Northwest Earth Institute four week discussion course about global warming and what individuals can do is offered at Franciscan Spiritual Center in Milwaukie. www.francisspctr.com/global-warming.php

'Challenge of Fundamentalism' Workshop, Feb. 9

Dr. Carol Dempsey leads a workshop on "The Challenge of Fundamentalism to Theology and Evangelization," Saturday Feb. 9, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Westminster, Portland. More information: www.cascadespresbytery.org/CDempseyWorkshop.pdf

APCE 2008 annual event, Feb. 13-16

The Association of Presbyterian Church Educators, for all persons serving in educational ministry, meets in San Diego this year. www.apcenet.org/events/annual-next.htm

USEFUL INFORMATION

Highlights of Nov. Presbytery: www.cascadespresbytery.org/Highlights-11-07.pdf
Transitions in the presbytery: www.cascadespresbytery.org/November07Transitions.pdf
Per Capita for 2008 is \$21.41 each member, based on church membership as of 12/31/06.
Terms of Call 2008 form www.cascadespresbytery.org/2008Terms_of_Call.pdf

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

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Presbytery Nominating Committee www.cascadespresbytery.org/NominationForm.pdf
Cascades Presbyterian Women: www.cascadespw.org
Forms on our website www.cascadespresbytery.org/Forms.html
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