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## **Christmas blessings from the Officers and Staff of The Presbytery of the Cascades**

### **NEW IN THIS ISSUE**

- End of year deadlines for 2009 giving
- IRS announces 2010 Standard Mileage Rates
- Presbytery Summer Camp schedule now available online
- Retirement celebration for John Goff, Jan. 10
- Bolivia update from 'Joining Hands'
- Menucha programs begin in spring
- Featured DVD from the Resource Center

### **PRESBYTERY NEWS**

#### **End of year deadlines for 2009 giving**

- **Partnership Giving, Per Capita, and Designated Giving** must be postmarked by **Dec. 31, 2009** to be applied to your 2009 statements. All checks received in the Presbytery office postmarked after that date will automatically be applied to 2010. Thank you!
- **Seminary Support** 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, 2009** for 2009 credit. Thank you!

#### **IRS announces 2010 Standard Mileage Rates**

The Internal Revenue Service has issued the 2010 optional standard mileage rates used to calculate the deductible costs of operating an automobile for business, charitable, medical or moving purposes. See the rates in effect beginning Jan. 1. [Information](#)

#### **Presbytery Stated Clerk position open**

The Presbytery of the Cascades (western Oregon and southern Washington) is searching for its next stated clerk. This is a  $\frac{3}{4}$  time position, working as member of a team with the three

presbytery co-executives. Applicants must be ordained elders or ministers in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). [Position description](#)

### **OMNIBUS Presbytery newsletter to be sent by email**

By mid-2010, the Presbytery newsletter, *OMNIBUS*, will be sent by email to most readers and will easily be read online. Saving mailing costs for 5,000 copies (and trees!) led to this decision by the Presbytery Communication Team. Please send your email address and emails for church staff, officers and any church members to [carolee@cascadespresbytery.org](mailto:carolee@cascadespresbytery.org) so you won't miss an issue. Those who do not have email may request a copy mailed to them or find copies which will be mailed to all churches. Thank you for your help in gathering email addresses!

## **PRESBYTERY EVENTS**

### **Cascades Lay Institute, Feb. 19-20**

"Preaching" is the topic of the next Lay Institute with the Rev. Rob Elder as instructor. February 19-20. Hours are Friday noon to Saturday at 4 p.m. at First, Dallas. [Cascades Lay Institute](#).

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Presbytery Summer Camp schedule now available online**

Find the new schedule at [www.campcascades.org](http://www.campcascades.org). Plan to attend one (or more) of these outstanding camps. Marisa Baum, long-time camper, has this to say: "Camps offered by the Presbytery of the Cascades are an amazing part of my life. Every summer, one of the highlights is Family Camp at Honeyman State Park. I've passed up a trip to Florida with my best friend to go! I have been attending since I was five; that's 10 years now. At Family Camp I can see my old friends and make new ones." She also mentions the variety of activities at all the camps and would strongly recommend any of them.

### **Retirement celebration for John Goff, Jan. 10**

All are invited to Milwaukie Presbyterian to celebrate the ministry of John Goff as he retires. On Sunday, January 10, he will preach in worship at both 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. There will be a retirement party at 3 p.m.

### **Bolivia update from 'Joining Hands'**

Find the December news from Jay Gregory in La Paz, Bolivia and learn more about our presbytery's relationship with the UMAVIDA organization. [Joining Hands with Bolivia](#)

### **'Giving your life away' retreat at First, Corvallis, Jan. 15-18**

"Compassion Teachings of Jesus and the Buddha" retreat will be led by Dr. Winston McCullough at First, Corvallis from Jan. 15 at 7 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Jan. 18. Contact Angie Greenwood at 541-758-3775 or [afgreenwood@comcast.net](mailto:afgreenwood@comcast.net).

### **Youth Group projects available for summer of 2010**

Sierra Service Project has been providing life changing service-learning experiences to youth and young adults since 1975. Home repair projects are on Indian Reservations in western U.S. and South Los Angeles. Please [visit the website](#) for current availability and registration information.

### **Menucha programs begin**

It will soon be time to think about camps for all ages. A bulletin insert explaining the new Presbyterian Way-Points camping and workshop program is available. Contact Scott Crane at Menucha, 503-695-2243 and see the insert here: [Information](#)

### **New book on family spirituality available**

*The Busy Family's Guide to Spirituality*, written by Presbytery member David Robinson, pastor of Community, Cannon Beach, is completely revised and updated from his previous award-winning book, *The Family Cloister*. The new book includes many practical activities for deepening family spiritual life together and is written for anyone involved with children. In bookstores and online.

## Montreat Conference Center plans renovations

Montreat recently received an award of approximately \$500,000 for renovations to the Left Bank building. [Belk Foundation to Underwrite State-of-the-Art Renovations](#)

## Annual Interim Pastors' Retreat, May 26-28

This event has been sponsored by pastors in San Francisco for the past seven years. For more information, contact George Gilchrist at 510-207-6972 or send e-mail to [Geogilch@aol.com](mailto:Geogilch@aol.com).

## Featured DVD from the Resource Center

*Star over Bethlehem* (30 min.) Filmed on location in the Holy Land, this film is laced with rites, ancient traditions, Biblical sights and ancient chants. It is the complete Christmas story. Ask for DVDA4003. Maureen O'Rourke will be in the [Media Resource Center](#) on Tuesday, **December 23** for needed resources. Phone 503-445 4999.

## USEFUL INFORMATION

Change or confirm pension members' salary information: Pensions.org [homepage](#).

Pastoral transitions in the Presbytery for October and November - [Information Highlights](#) of Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of the Cascades – November, 2009

Joining Hands Bolivia reports from Jay Gregory - [Update](#)

Cascades Presbytery in five of PCUSA [Top Ten lists](#) for giving in 2008.

Minimum [Terms of call](#) for 2010

Per Capita Rate for 2010: \$22.55, based on church membership as of 12/31/2008.

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[OMNIBUS newsletter](#) submission deadline: **Jan.11 for Feb-Mar issue**

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