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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 see the graphics or open links in this newsletter, please find CEE on the website: [www.cascadespresbytery.org/CEE-2-20-2007.pdf](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/CEE-2-20-2007.pdf)

**Due date for the next CEE issue: March 1**

**Make sure all your church officers and staff receive this Presbytery CEE newsletter.** Send names, church, and email addresses to: [cee@cascadespresbytery.org](mailto:cee@cascadespresbytery.org). All church members are welcome to sign up, too.

## PRESBYTERY UPDATE

### Cascades Leadership Fair, Feb. 24

With 16 different workshops offered and keynote speaker Rick Ufford-Chase, there is sure to be something for everyone. Saturday, February 24 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Lake Grove Presbyterian Church in Lake Oswego. [www.cascadespresbytery.org/navigateLF2007.html](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/navigateLF2007.html)

### Presbytery meeting in Medford, March 9-10

Time to make your lodging arrangements for the Presbytery meeting scheduled in beautiful southern Oregon, March 9-10. Watch for the background information which has been mailed to all commissioners. Meeting notice: [www.cascadespresbytery.org/Presbytery-Notice-3-07.pdf](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/Presbytery-Notice-3-07.pdf)

### Reformed Worship conversation before Presbytery, March 8

Anyone interested in reformed worship and how it is practiced in their congregation is welcome to join the Worship Design Team for discussion on March 8 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at Westminster Church, Medford. Contact David Hutchinson, 503-287-1289 or [dhutch@westprespd.org](mailto:dhutch@westprespd.org).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Nominations for Tualatin Peacemaker Award due March 15

Tualatin Presbyterian promotes peacemaking in their local area by awarding a Peacemaker Award every year to honor an individual or group that best demonstrates the spirit of peacemaking. **Nominations must be received by March 15, 2007.** The award will be presented at the Tualatin Peacemaking Concert on May 6 - an opportunity to recognize the efforts of all of those nominated for the award. Information: [www.cascadespresbytery.org/Peacemaker.pdf](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/Peacemaker.pdf)

### Welcome Marjorie Robinson to Portland office

Marjorie is the Administrative Assistant to Aleida Jernigan, NE/NW Co-Executive Presbyter. She comes to the presbytery with experience as church secretary at Bethany Presbyterian Church, Portland and more recently First Presbyterian Church, Great Falls, Montana. She is looking forward to meeting folks at the Cascades Presbytery Leadership Fair, which she has faithfully attended since 2003.

### Medical Ministry Fund grant applications due March 31

**Attention all churches:** Check the information on the Hilda V. Thompson Medical Ministry Fund to see if your church qualifies to apply for a grant. The Synod Mission Partnership Committee hopes every church will see the information. [www.cascadespresbytery.org/2007MedicalGrant.pdf](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/2007MedicalGrant.pdf)

## **New Eco-Palm Project helps farmers, protects ecosystem**

For use on Palm Sunday: Information about the Eco-Palms Project is at [www.pcusa.org/palms](http://www.pcusa.org/palms). Note that orders **must be placed by March 14** for Palm Sunday, April 1.

## **Summer Camp information online now**

Want to meet new friends, have fun and get to know God better this summer? Registration: [www.campcascades.org](http://www.campcascades.org), 503-460-3024 or 1-866-200-5559.

## **'OPENING DOORS' grant deadline extended to July 31**

The deadline for submitting grant applications for church barrier removal projects to the Presbytery *OPENING DOORS* Task Force is now July 31. This popular program has provided funding to more than 30 Presbytery churches, focusing on physical and programmatic barriers. Applications: [www.cascadespresbytery.org/ODTF-Grant-App-Rev1-21-07.pdf](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/ODTF-Grant-App-Rev1-21-07.pdf). For more information or for an on-site survey of your church, contact Rick Parfrey, 503-638-0109 or [parfrey@msn.com](mailto:parfrey@msn.com).

## **Presbytery Nominating Committee would like your help**

Help recruit outstanding leadership to fill classes and vacancies for 2007. Contact Dawn Champoux at [dawnc@cascadespresbytery.org](mailto:dawnc@cascadespresbytery.org) or 1-800-926-3223. Information about committees and submission forms are available at [www.cascadespresbytery.org/NominationForm.pdf](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/NominationForm.pdf) and [www.cascadespresbytery.org/CommitteeResponsibilities.pdf](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/CommitteeResponsibilities.pdf).

## **PRESBYTERY EVENTS**

### **Energy and Climate Stewardship Advocacy Day, Feb. 26**

Meet from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 600 State St., Salem. Governor Kulongoski's sustainability advisor will keynote. Early registration is \$15 (must be received **by February 22**); it will be \$20 on the day of the event. Lunch is included. Call 503-221-1054, ext. 214 for more information or to register and go to [www.emoregon.org](http://www.emoregon.org).

### **Interfaith Symposium, March 24-25**

Northwest Interfaith Community Outreach and Interfaith Network for Earth Concerns (Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon program) are two of the sponsors. Read more about the two-day event: [www.cascadespresbytery.org/NICO-02-12-2007.pdf](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/NICO-02-12-2007.pdf)

### **'Women of the West' featured in Moro event, March 24**

*A Western Heritage Gathering: Women of the West* is Saturday, March 24, 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Moro Community Presbyterian Church, Moro, Oregon. Five women, including author Jane Kirkpatrick, are guest speakers for the mini-conference in recognition of March as Women's History month. Register by March 15. <http://cascadespresbytery.org/WestWomen.pdf>

### **'Putting Creation Care into your VBS,' April 13**

How to supplement existing VBS curricula, find curricula having a creation care focus, and use environmentally responsible materials. The Friday, April 13, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. event at Westminster Presbyterian, Salem, is led by Karen Keady of Westminster Church in Eugene, an experienced VBS organizer, educator and resource conservation expert. Workshop is sponsored by the Eco-Justice Team of Presbytery's Congregational Support Team. Registration and information: [www.cascadespresbytery.org/CreationCare-for-VBS.pdf](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/CreationCare-for-VBS.pdf).

### **PW Spring Gathering in Corvallis, April 21**

All women are invited to Corvallis First Presbyterian Church from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 21 for Cascades' Presbyterian Women's Spring Gathering. Theme is "Creation Celebration!" this year. Keynote speaker is the Rev. Roula Alkhouri, and the Rev. Linda Gebetsberger leads the Bible Study. All details are here: [www.cascadespw.org](http://www.cascadespw.org).

## **Brownsville Church celebrates 150 years, April 22**

All are invited to the day of celebration and rejoicing, Sunday, April 22, beginning with Worship at 11:00 a.m., followed by food, music and historic displays throughout the 100+ year-old building. An old-fashioned singing time ends the day. History of the church founding is closely tied to Oregon history, and community residents and churches are planning to join in the celebration. **Do you know any former members or pastors?** Please send contact information to Clerk Cheri Cross, Brownsville Presbyterian Church, 198 Washburn Street, Brownsville, OR 97327.

## **Cascades Educators' Event, April 24-25**

"Generations in the Church," Read more about the event and Forrest Palmer, guest speaker.  
[www.cascadespresbytery.org/2007Edu-Event.pdf](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/2007Edu-Event.pdf)

## **Cascades Mission Day (formerly Mission Conference), May 5**

Plan to attend the **2007 Mission Day Event** which replaces the annual Cascades Mission Conference this year. The event **is Saturday, May 5, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.** at **John Knox Presbyterian Church**, Keizer, OR. Registration fee of \$15.00 per person includes lunch. Our keynote speakers are: The Reverend Dr. Sirirat at Pusurinkham, pastor of Prachakittisuk "Happy People" Church, Thailand and Viktor Makari, who serves as Coordinator for the Office of the Middle East and Europe within the Worldwide Ministries Division of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Brochure and registration from Marjorie Robinson in the Portland Presbytery office, [marjorie@cascadespresbytery.org](mailto:marjorie@cascadespresbytery.org) or [www.cascadespresbytery.org/MissionDayEvent07Letter.pdf](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/MissionDayEvent07Letter.pdf).

## **Whitworth Lay Pastor program, June 11-15; 18-22**

The Whitworth College Diploma in Lay Pastoral Ministry Program helps train, equip and support laypeople for paid and unpaid lay-leadership positions in the Presbyterian Church (USA) and other denominations. [www.whitworth.edu/FaithCenter/ClergyLay/Certificates/LayMinistryDiploma.htm](http://www.whitworth.edu/FaithCenter/ClergyLay/Certificates/LayMinistryDiploma.htm)

## **Add Summer Conference to your plans, June 24-29**

Cascades Summer Conference on the lovely Reed College campus in SE Portland features activities and workshops for church members, staff and families:  
[www.cascadespresbytery.org/CascadesSummerConf2007.pdf](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/CascadesSummerConf2007.pdf)

## **USEFUL INFORMATION**

**Touchpoints**, an annual anthology of poems and essays by clergy and laity:  
[www.cascadespresbytery.org/Touchpoints2007.html](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/Touchpoints2007.html) or 1-800-701-7313.

**Church staff openings** - [www.cascadespresbytery.org/Jobs.html#B](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/Jobs.html#B)

Staff openings in music, children, youth and nursery listed on our website.

### **Contacts**

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**Presbytery of the Cascades website:** [www.cascadespresbytery.org](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org)

**Cascades Presbyterian Women:** [www.cascadespw.org](http://www.cascadespw.org)

**Presbyterian Church (USA)** [www.pcusa.org](http://www.pcusa.org)

**Omnibus newsletter:** [omnibus@cascadespresbytery.org](mailto:omnibus@cascadespresbytery.org), deadline: **March 19**-for April-May issue

**Forms on our website** [www.cascadespresbytery.org/Forms.html](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/Forms.html)

**Deadlines, due dates** [www.cascadespresbytery.org/Deadlines.html](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/Deadlines.html)

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