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**Due date for the next CEE issue: February 15**

**Make sure your church officers and staff all receive the Presbytery CEE newsletter.** Send names, church, and email addresses to: [cee@cascadespresbytery.org](mailto:cee@cascadespresbytery.org).

## FEATURED EVENT

### Cascades Leadership Fair – sign up for Feb. 24

Cascades Leadership Fair is just two weeks away. With 16 different workshops offered in addition to keynote speaker Rick Ufford-Chase, there are sure to be choices for church members, officers and clergy. The Cascades Leadership Fair is Saturday, February 24 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Lake Grove Presbyterian Church in Lake Oswego. **Register by February 16** for this great annual event! See [www.cascadespresbytery.org/navigateLF2007.html](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/navigateLF2007.html).

## PRESBYTERY UPDATE

### New tax regulations on contributions to churches

**It is not as simple as it was in the past!** Churches are to comply with the new regulations, and compliance may require revision of “that’s how we’ve always done it” church accounting and donor-acknowledgement practices. Current regulations: <http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/2007-IRS-rules.pdf>

If a church fails to comply with the regulations and a donor is therefore unable to claim contributions to the church as tax-deductible charitable giving, the donor might be understandably upset! Specific information is available in Internal Revenue Service (IRS) publications and in the book *Church & Clergy Tax Law*. Contact Cascades’ Stated Clerk if you have questions, for although he is neither a tax professional nor an attorney, he may be able to recommend a variety of resources for reference.

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

Plan to come to beautiful southern Oregon for an inspiring weekend.

Meeting notice: [www.cascadespresbytery.org/Presbytery-Notice-3-07.pdf](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/Presbytery-Notice-3-07.pdf)

## FEBRUARY EVENTS

### ‘Prepare-Enrich’ training seminar, Feb. 8

Designed to help facilitators (clergy, counselors, lay leaders) learn how to administer all five Prepare-Enrich Inventories and provide feedback to pre-marital or married couple using six exercises. [www.cascadespresbytery.org/Prepare\\_Enrich\\_Pfab.pdf](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/Prepare_Enrich_Pfab.pdf)

### All invited to Vancouver, First’s 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Feb. 18

First Presbyterian Church, Vancouver invites everyone to the 125th Anniversary Celebration Sunday, February 18 at 11:00 a.m. Guest speaker will be **Dr. David W. Johnson**, Director

of Practice of Ministry and Spiritual Formation Programs at Austin Theological Seminary. The **anniversary party** follows at the church. [www.firstpresvancouver.com](http://www.firstpresvancouver.com)

### **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).

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **'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 to schedule an on-site survey of your church, please 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).

**Featured resource from the Media Center: *An Inconvenient Truth*, DVD** by Al Gore. An eye-opening and compelling view of the future of our planet. Become part of the solution! 96 min. [www.cascadespresbytery.org/mediarc.html](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/mediarc.html) (**Note:** Churches are invited to add this announcement to bulletins or newsletters.)

### **Mission: 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.

### **Time to plan for Summer Camps!**

Want to meet new friends, have fun and get to know God better this summer? Register for Summer Camp now! Registration online is available at [www.campcascades.org](http://www.campcascades.org), or through the Presbytery website, [www.cascadespresbytery.org](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org). If you need a brochure mailed to you, call the Presbytery Camp Office, 503-460-3024, toll-free 1-866-200-5559.

## **FUTURE EVENTS**

### **National Stewardship Conference, March 12-14**

The National Stewardship Event is in Denver, Colorado, March 12-14. Keynote speaker is Rick Ufford-Chase, and the Rev. Eugenia Gamble will be worship leader. Many exciting workshops are offered. Phone 888-728-7228 X5676.

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

"Generations in the Church," [www.cascadespresbytery.org/2007Edu-Event.pdf](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/2007Edu-Event.pdf)

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

Cascades Mission Day is *Mission Conference*, in Keizer this year with a new format. Keynote speaker is the Rev. Dr. Sirirat at Pusurinkham, pastor of "Happy People" Church, Thailand. Registration; \$15.00 which covers lunch. Contact Aleida Jernigan in the Portland Presbytery Office or Don Shaw at John Knox Presbyterian Church, Keizer to register.

### **Annual Retreat for Interim Pastors, May 14-16**

#### **Vallombrosa Center, Menlo Park, CA**

Keynote speaker is Dr. Boyd Stockdale who, along with participants, will address some of the many issues with which interim or temporary pastors need to be prepared to deal. Here is an opportunity to network with other interim pastors from the West. More information is available from George Gilchrist, [Geogilch@aol.com](mailto:Geogilch@aol.com) or 510-207-6972.

### **Whitworth Lay Pastor program begins, June 11**

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. The next program takes place June 11-15 and June 18-22.

[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 southeast Portland features Dr. Wm. P. Robinson, President of Whitworth College, speaking on "Proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the 21st Century." Activities and workshops for church members, staff and families:

[www.cascadespresbytery.org/CascadesSummerConf2007.pdf](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/CascadesSummerConf2007.pdf)

### **Triennium youth event draws 21 from Cascades, July 17-22**

Excitement is building as 18 youth and three leaders from 13 churches in our presbytery prepare for the trip to Purdue, IN in July. Registration is complete. Lynette Nelson will send information to attendees by email soon. Contact her with questions, [dandl10@comcast.net](mailto:dandl10@comcast.net) or 360-254-8088.

## **USEFUL INFORMATION**

*Touchpoints*, an annual anthology of poems and essays by clergy and laity:

[www.cascadespresbytery.org/Touchpoints2006Order.pdf](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/Touchpoints2006Order.pdf) or 1-800-701-7313.

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

**Parkdale, Community** – Church musician

**Eugene, Westminster** - Director of Youth Ministries

**Vancouver, Cascades** - Part-time Choir Director

**West Linn, Emmanuel** - Part-time Nursery Caregiver

**Salem, First** – Church Organist

**Portland, Chinese** – Church pianist or organist/choir director

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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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