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Welcome to the Presbytery of the Cascades email newsletter. Please share this information with others in your congregation. To sign up, send names, church, and email addresses for you, your church officers, staff and friends to [CEE newsletter](#). Due date for submissions to next CEE: **January 31, 2012.**

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PRESBYTERY NEWS

Presbytery meeting planned in Portland, March 9-10

The Presbytery of The Cascades meets on Friday and Saturday, March 9-10 at Mt. Tabor Presbyterian Church, 5441 SE Belmont St, Portland, 503-234-6493. [More Information.](#)

Board of Pensions funding for a Clergy Colleague Group in the presbytery

The Board of Pensions is pleased to invite you to submit a proposal for funding for a Clergy Colleague Group in our presbytery. These groups are a wonderful opportunity to strengthen your clergy community by helping pastors establish and maintain strong peer relationships. For details, read the [brochure](#) or contact Gwen Holmes Abrams at gholmesabrams@pensions.org or at 800-773-7752 (800-PRESPLAN), ex. 7453. To apply, please complete the [form](#) available on Pensions.org.

Stewardship Kaleidoscope event, March 12-14

Registration for the 2012 Presbyterian Stewardship Kaleidoscope has opened. [You may register online.](#) Paper registration forms have been mailed to all presbytery and synod offices. [Download the electronic brochure and registration form.](#) Note the valuable and useful workshops available.

PRESBYTERY EVENTS

Transformation Workshop, 'The Power of Purpose,' Feb. 11

Anthony Robinson returns to Cascades Presbytery to lead a workshop on Saturday, February 11, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Columbia Presbyterian Church in Vancouver, WA. [Flyer and Registration Form](#) and [Online registration.](#)

Lay Institute addresses Polity Questions, Feb. 17-18

"Polity Questions for the Local Congregation in Light of the New Form of Government" will be led by Stated Clerk, Cathy Quackenbush at the February 17-18 Lay Institute, beginning Friday at noon and ending about 4 p.m. on Saturday. [Lay flyer](#)

Cynthia Campbell and Fred Holper to keynote 2012 Leadership Fair, Feb. 25

The Rev. Drs. Cynthia Campbell and J. Frederick "Fred" Holper are slated to give the keynote address, "Preaching What you Practice," at the Cascades Leadership Fair at First Presbyterian,

Portland, on Saturday, February 25, 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. In addition to the keynote, they will each offer workshops in the afternoon that will develop the theme. **Register by February 10.**
new- [Publicity](#) for congregations and [Registration Form](#).

Educator's Event features Candace Hill, April 17-18

"Family Education and the Contemporary Church" is the theme of this year's conference for church educators. Register by April 3. [Information and registration.](#)

Pulpit Exchange set for April 22

All congregations in Cascades Presbytery are invited to participate in the fifth pulpit exchange on April 22. Those who participated in previous years reported very positive experiences. The Relational Support Committee hopes your congregation will take part this year. [Information and registration form](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All invited to ordinations January 15 and 22

- **The Rev. Barnabas Sprinkle's** installation as pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Medford, is Sunday, January 15 at 3 p.m.
- **The Rev. Adam Walker Cleveland's** installation is Sunday, January 22 at 3 p.m. as associate pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Ashland.

Ministering to those making end of life health care decisions, Feb. 4 or 11

Clergy and church professionals are invited to a workshop with Gretchen Brauer-Rieke on February 4 or 11 in Portland. [Brochure.](#)

'Global Warming' National Preach-In and Teach-In, Feb. 10-12

Interfaith Power & Light is inviting faith leaders to give a sermon or lead a reflection on global warming during the National Preach-In and Teach-In 2012, February 10-12. Some congregations will host film screenings and discussions. Others will run scripture study or youth activities around the topic of global warming. [More information.](#)

'Bread and Wine: A Lenten Journey' at Menucha, Feb. 10-12

No time to plan a retreat for your congregation? Consider coming to Menucha as a group to "Bread & Wine: A Lenten Journey," Friday-Sunday, February 10-12. Prepare for Lent and draw closer in community by making bread together in Menucha's kitchen, traveling to Hood River area wineries for tastings, worshipping together and more: [Lenten Journey.](#)

Earth Care Summit: Environmental Justice and Faith, Jan. 30

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon invites all congregations striving to care for creation and our communities to learn, share, and be inspired at the third annual Earth Care Summit on January 30, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., Highland Christian Center, 7600 NE Glisan St., Portland. New [information.](#)

Leadership and Confirmation camp retreats for youth, Mar. 9-11

Presbytery camp opportunities for youth and youth groups are at Suttle Lake Camp March 9-11. The **Leadership Retreat** is for high school students and offers training for staff positions in summer camps. **Confirmation Retreat** offers a program for churches to bring confirmation classes for a retreat with other youth groups. For more information, please contact Biz Larkin at biz@campcascades.org or at [503-460-3024](tel:503-460-3024). [Leadership flyer.](#) [Confirmation flyer.](#)

Preview spring curriculum in Resource Center

Spring 2012 Presbyterian curriculum is now in the Resource Center and is available to be previewed. For adults - Being Reformed: Faith Seeking Understanding series; for Youth - Faith Questions mini-courses (four or six sessions), and for Elementary and Preschool - We Believe. This is a well thought out curriculum. I encourage you to check it out. Maureen O'Rourke, C.R.C.D., Presbytery of the Cascades Media Resource Center, 5441 SE Belmont St, Portland, OR 97215, 503 445 4999, mediarc@cascadespresbtery.com.

USEFUL INFORMATION

November 2011 Presbytery meeting: [Highlights](#)

Pastoral [Transitions](#) November-December 2011

2012 [Minimum Terms of Call](#) Information

Attention church treasurers: Employee health insurance premium refund [Details](#).

New form of government resources available: [nFOG Documents](#)

Helpful information from Pension website - Benefits Connect [Information](#)

[Monthly Remittance Form](#) for 2011

IRS 2011 Standard Mileage Rates: \$.555/mile employees and \$.14/mile volunteers.

Presbytery on Facebook – [Join Us On Facebook](#)

Please consider if you are called to serve. [Presbytery Nominating Committee](#).

Board of Pensions [Form ENR-111](#), revised 1/10

OMNIBUS Presbytery newsletter - [December 2011-January 2012](#)

OMNIBUS newsletter submission deadline: **Jan. 16, 2012 for Feb/Mar issue**

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

Church staff openings:

- Youth Director part-time, Smith Memorial, Fairview
- Children's Ministry and Nursery Care part-time, Colonial Heights, Portland
- Youth and Family Director part-time, Faith Evangelical Lutheran, Roseburg OR

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

[Presbytery website](#)

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

[Presbyterian Women](#)

[Deadlines and due dates](#)

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