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Due date for the next CEE issue: March 29

Are all your church officers and staff receiving this Presbytery CEE newsletter? Send names, church, and email addresses to: cee@cascadespresbytery.org. All church members are welcome to sign up, too.

PRESBYTERY UPDATE

Transitions

New pastors, ordinations, installations, pastoral changes, transfers, retirements:
www.cascadespresbytery.org/Transitions-01-03-2007.pdf

March meeting summary

Highlights of Presbytery meeting in Medford, March 9-10, 2007
www.cascadespresbytery.org/Presbytery-Hi-lites-03-07.pdf

APRIL EVENTS

Post-Easter Sabbath Retreat, April 9-11

Menucha Conference Center offers a "no-agenda" retreat for pastors and educators,
www.menucha.org/events/details/no_agenda_retreat.html

Putting Creation Care into Your VBS Programs, April 13

Need ideas for your Vacation Bible School? Learn how to incorporate creation care themes using existing VBS curricula or learn about curricula that have a creation care focus. The workshop will also explore creative options for using environmentally responsible materials that save church funds. Our main leader is Karen Keady, experienced VBS organizer and educator and resource conservation expert from Westminster Presbyterian in Eugene. The workshop is 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Salem. Suggested donation is \$3 for materials. The workshop is sponsored by the Eco-Justice Team of Presbytery's Congregational Support Team. A registration flyer is available on Cascades website. Contact Jenny Holmes, je restore@aol.com.

Register by April 12: www.cascadespresbytery.org/CreationCare-for-VBS.pdf

Fahed Abu-Akel speaks at Calvin, Tigard, April 15

Former Moderator of the General Assembly, Dr. Fahed Abu-Akel will be at Calvin Church, Tigard on Sunday, April 15 to preach at 9:00 and 10:45 a.m. and lead an afternoon workshop on peace in Israel and Palestine. He was born in Palestine. www.cascadespresbytery.org/abuakel-promo.pdf

Women-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!" with keynote speaker, the Rev. Roula Alkhouri. All details are here: www.cascadespw.org.

Earth Day Sunday, April 22

Find resources to use: www.cascadespresbytery.org/CreationCareEvents.html
www.nccecojustice.org/faithharvestworship.html -- www.nccecojustice.org/network/index.html

'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 churches, focusing on physical and programmatic barriers. Applications: 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.

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

National Presbyterian Men's Conference, April 27-29

All men are invited to Louisville, KY: www.presbyterianmen.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Free hymnals and pew Bibles for small churches

You can receive up to 50 Bibles and Presbyterian Hymnals through a special PCUSA project. Contact Pastor Paul Belz-Templeman in Aurora for more information, 503-678-5701 or belz_templeman@yahoo.com

Summer camp-Register now: Early Bird registration ends April 1!

Register online for Presbytery Summer Camps at www.campcascades.org, or call the camp office 503-460-3024/1-866-200-5559 for a brochure. Don't miss this opportunity for your \$25 discount.

Featured resource in the Media Center: From your free lending library, *The Wall* video. A dramatic account of a dialogue between the two prisoners condemned to be crucified with Jesus. In poignant discourse, the two men grapple with their fear of death and the prospect of an eternal fate (Note: Churches are invited to add this announcement to bulletins or newsletters.)

www.cascadespresbytery.org/medianews.html

New book received from Cynthia Campbell

A thank you to the presbytery was received from Cynthia M. Campbell, president of McCormick Theological Seminary, with a copy of her new book, *A Multitude Of Blessings* (Westminster), which grew out her lectures at Cascades Summer Conference a few years ago.

FUTURE EVENTS

Mission-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, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.** at **John Knox Presbyterian Church**, Keizer, OR. Registration fee: \$15.00, includes lunch. Brochure: marjorie@cascadespresbytery.org or www.cascadespresbytery.org/MissionDayEvent07Letter.pdf.

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

The program educates persons for lay-leadership in the Presbyterian Church (USA) and other denominations. www.whitworth.edu/FaithCenter/ClergyLay/Certificates/LayMinistryDiploma.htm

Cascades Summer Conference at Reed – coming soon! June 24-29

Brochures are available at your church or on the website. It's a tradition! Tell your friends. Note the exciting class opportunities. There is something for everyone! Early registration discount applies until May 1. www.cascadespresbytery.org/CascadesSummerConf2007.pdf

Whitworth College Institute of Ministry, July 9-13

Hear from three pastor-leaders who have played an enormous role in shaping the church's understanding and proclamation of the gospel over the past 50 years: Eugene Peterson, Roberta Hestenes, and Earl Palmer. www.whitworth.edu/wim

National Presbyterian Evangelism Conference, Aug. 31-Sept. 3

Come to Nashville, TN; pre-conference events on August 30-31. Speakers are Jim Wallis, Martha Sadongi, Jerry Cannon, and Virstan Choy; a variety of workshops offered. More information: www.pcusa.org/evangelism

Creation Care Fellowship on the Oregon Coast, Sept. 22

The Oregon Coast in late summer is a great place to be. The Eco-Justice Team of Presbytery and Eco-Justice team of **First, Newport** invite all who are interested in enjoying God's good creation to the event. www.cascadespresbytery.org/CreationCareEvents.html

Presbytery Evangelism Conference with Dr. Stan Wood, Oct. 4-6

The Evangelism Committee of Cascades Presbytery is sponsoring a presbytery-wide conference, with Stan Wood as our keynote presenter. H. Stanley Wood Ph. D. is Associate Professor of Congregational Leadership and Evangelism at San Francisco Theological Seminary. This will be a three-day conference, with presentations given in the Medford area on October 4; the Portland area on October 5, and an all-day presentation in the Corvallis area on October 6. More information available soon, and brochures will be at the June Presbytery meeting.

National Eco-Justice Conference at Mo Ranch, TX, Oct 25-28

Save the date; start planning to attend. Outstanding speakers.
<http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/CreationCareEvents.html>
www.prcweb.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=events&fuse=conference

USEFUL INFORMATION

Presbytery Nominating Committee information www.cascadespresbytery.org/NominationForm.pdf
Touchpoints, an annual anthology by clergy and laity: 1-800-701-7313.

Church staff openings in music, children, youth, nursery- www.cascadespresbytery.org/Jobs.html#B
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Cascades Electronic Express: cee@cascadespresbytery.org

Presbytery of the Cascades website: www.cascadespresbytery.org

Cascades Presbyterian Women: www.cascadespw.org

Presbyterian Church (USA) www.pcusa.org

Omnibus newsletter: omnibus@cascadespresbytery.org, deadline: **May 21** - for June-July issue

Forms on our website www.cascadespresbytery.org/Forms.html

Deadlines, due dates www.cascadespresbytery.org/Deadlines.html

Changes to CEE list and Presbytery directory (or to unsubscribe): 503-227-5486, 800-495-4114 or CEE@cascadespresbytery.org.

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