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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-3-6-2007.pdf

Due date for the next CEE issue: March 15

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

Presbytery meeting in Medford, March 9-10

Commissioners and visitors meet at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Medford this weekend, March 9-10. Background information has been mailed to all commissioners and is on the website: www.cascadespresbytery.org/Presbytery-Notice-3-07.pdf. See you there!

Reformed Worship conversation before Presbytery, March 8

All are welcome to join the Worship Design Team for discussion on March 8, 7:00 p.m. at Westminster, Medford. Call David Hutchinson, 503-287-1289 or dhutch@westprespx.org.

MARCH EVENTS

Service of Prayer for Peace, March 16

Join in prayer at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, March 16, at Kenilworth Presbyterian Church, Portland and support those who are participating in the Vigil for Peace in Washington, D.C. that day. Information: www.cascadespresbytery.org/PeacePrayerService-3-16-07.pdf

Fund raising course planned at Menucha, March 19-23

"Principles and techniques of Fundraising" is designed to help non-profit organizations and churches raise funds to carry out their missions. Information and brochure: www.menucha.org/events/details/fundraising.html

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

'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.** www.cascadespresbytery.org/WestWomen.pdf

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In Memoriam – Details, www.cascadespresbytery.org/Memorium.html

H. Milton Gardiner died on Thursday, February 22, 2007 in Florence, Oregon.
Edward V. Wright died Friday, February 16, 2007 in Portland.

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.** Information: www.cascadespresbytery.org/Peacemaker.pdf

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 from the Media Center: *Making Love Last a Lifetime-Biblical Perspectives on Love, Marriage, and Sex.* A video/DVD for singles and marrieds in small groups, a congregation-wide event, or a powerful tool for evangelism. Ask for KTIC4002. www.cascadespresbytery.org/mediarc.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. Our presbytery is mentioned in the preface.

FUTURE EVENTS

Post-Easter Sabbath Retreat, April 9-11

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

'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 event is Friday, April 13, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian, Salem. Workshop is sponsored by Presbytery's Eco-Justice Team. Registration and information: www.cascadespresbytery.org/CreationCare-for-VBS.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.

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. and historic displays throughout the +100-year-old building. History of the church founding is closely tied to Oregon history. **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

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.

Add Summer Conference to your plans, June 24-29

Brochures are being distributed to each congregation at Presbytery in Medford, March 9-10. Be sure to pick up your packet and get the word out. Note the diverse and exciting class opportunities. There is something for everyone! Early registration discount 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

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

The Presbytery Evangelism Committee presents fall events in three locations: Medford area Thursday evening, October 4; Portland area Friday evening, October 5, and an all-day presentation in Corvallis on Saturday, October 6. More details will be available at a later date.

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

Save the date; start planning to attend. It isn't too early to ask your church or presbytery now to designate budget for scholarship assistance to help you or others attend.

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 Presbyterian Women: www.cascadespw.org

Presbyterian Church (USA) www.pcusa.org

Omnibus newsletter: omnibus@cascadespresbytery.org, deadline: **March 19**-for April-May issue

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

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

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