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**Are all your church officers and staff receiving 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**

### **Change in insurance carrier**

Many churches in the Presbytery have insurance coverage with Covenant Presbyterian Insurance Program (CPIP). Covenant Presbyterian Insurance Program (CPIP) has changed the insurance brokerage firm relationship to the Willis Group from Heffernan Insurance. Insurance renewals from CPIP under the Willis Group will be sent out in May. As a result of this change, Heffernan has indicated they will compete independently for business and are in the process of sending out policy renewal packages. The Presbytery is not recommending which insurance provider to use; **that is a matter for local churches to determine**. A letter from **Cascades' Board of Trustees** is being sent to churches outlining the issues involved.

## **APRIL EVENTS**

### **EMO invites all to interfaith services, April 22 (and May 20)**

"How do we as people of faith support all religious beliefs?" is the theme of an interfaith service Sunday, April 22, 4:00-5:30 p.m. at Congregation Neveh Shalom, 2900 SW Peaceful Lane, Portland. Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon is one of the sponsors of these events. A second service is Sunday, **May 20**, 4:00-6:00 pm at Muslim Educational Trust, 10330 SW Scholls Ferry Rd., Tigard with the theme, "How do we as people of faith support families?"

### **Portland CROP Walk recruiter meeting, April 22**

Recruiters from congregations and groups meet on **April 22, 2:00 p.m.** at First Christian Church in downtown Portland. Each church or group should designate a recruiter to attend the meeting to obtain instructions for the **May 20 Walk**. Contact Bill Lang, [melbill4@netzero.net](mailto:melbill4@netzero.net).

### **Food stamp challenge begins April 23**

What is it *really* like to be hungry? About 700,000 Oregonians know. Join Oregon Faith Roundtable Against Hunger (OFRAH) and Governor Ted Kulongoski in taking the food stamp challenge beginning April 23. [www.cascadespresbytery.org/FoodStampChallenge07.pdf](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/FoodStampChallenge07.pdf)

### **Cascades Educators' Event – sign up soon, April 24-25**

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

### **Women's Conference, April 25**

Samaritan Counseling Center sponsors a women's conference, "Women of Strength, Women in Transition," Wednesday, April 25, 4:00-9:00 p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian, Portland. [www.sccpdx.org/events.html](http://www.sccpdx.org/events.html)

## National Presbyterian Men's Conference, April 27-29

All men are invited to Louisville, KY: [www.presbyterianmen.org](http://www.presbyterianmen.org)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Rural pastors (and commissioned lay pastors) offered fellowship

If you are a pastor in a small church in a rural setting, you may apply for a fellowship in rural ministry at Columbia Theological Seminary. **Completed applications are due June 1.** [www.cascadespresbytery.org/Rural-Ministry-Fellow-App07.pdf](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/Rural-Ministry-Fellow-App07.pdf)

### GA Youth Advisory Delegate for 2008 sought

Is there a youth in your congregation who would represent the Presbytery of the Cascades well as a Youth Advisory Delegate (YAD) at the 218<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, June 21-28, 2008 in San Jose? Applicants must be age 17-23 and recommended by their session. Completed forms are **due August 1, 2007.** [www.cascadespresbytery.org/YAD2008.pdf](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/YAD2008.pdf)

### Online resource center celebrates one year

"The Thoughtful Christian," an ecumenical online resource center for Protestant church and group use, has had enthusiastic reception in the first year. [www.TheThoughtfulChristian.com](http://www.TheThoughtfulChristian.com)

### Presbytery Summer Camp-Register now

Looking for a fun, faith filled adventure? Sign up for Presbytery Summer Camp now, and don't forget to remind youth and families in your congregation! Camps are filling up fast; only a few spaces are left for Mom and Me camp in June. Sign up online at [www.campcascades.org](http://www.campcascades.org), or call the Camp Office 503-460-3024/ 1-866-200-5559 to request a brochure.

**Wanted! Counselors in Training.** Youth in grades 10-12 may sign up for the CIT Camp July 1-6 and learn leadership skills. See: [www.cascadespresbytery.org/CIT-Camp.pdf](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/CIT-Camp.pdf)

### Featured resource from the Media Resource Center: "Pentecost Offering"

promotes and interprets the offering, one of the four special offerings of the PC(USA). Pentecost Offering gifts touch lives in the U.S. and around the world, providing hope for children at risk and supporting life-changing ministries with Presbyterian youth and young adults. Why not use some of your local congregations' collections to send low income youth to one of our Presbytery's camps? [www.cascadespresbytery.org/medianews.html](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/medianews.html)

## FUTURE EVENTS

### 'Cultivating Stewardship' workshops set for May 3, 4, and 5

Choose a location convenient for you and plan to hear the Rev. Fred Milligan, Associate for Stewardship Education, PC(USA), present a workshop on "Cultivating Stewardship." Each workshop is 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. on **May 3, 4, and 5.** Register at 1-800-701-7313 (no charge). See brochure on the website: [www.cascadespresbytery.org/2007StewardshipEvents.pdf](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/2007StewardshipEvents.pdf)

### Cascades Mission Day, May 5

Sign up soon for the **2007 Mission Day Event** on **Saturday, May 5, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.** at **John Knox Presbyterian Church**, Keizer, OR. Three outstanding speakers! Registration and brochure, [www.cascadespresbytery.org/MissionDayEvent07Letter.pdf](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/MissionDayEvent07Letter.pdf)

### Cascades Lay Institute in Eugene, May 18-19

Learn church administration, leadership skills and more about what it means to be Presbyterian. Read more: [www.cascadespresbytery.org/CascadesLayInstitute2007.pdf](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/CascadesLayInstitute2007.pdf)

## Missionaries from India speak in Eugene, May 19, 20

The dramatic story of Rural Presbyterian Church in India will be told by the Rev. Philip Prasad and his wife, Elizabeth at Eugene's Westminster Presbyterian, Saturday, May 19 at a 6:00 p.m. dinner and on Sunday, May 20 at 8:30 and 11 a.m. [www.cascadespresbytery.org/Missionaries-India.pdf](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/Missionaries-India.pdf)

## Oregon Hunger Conference, May 31

The 2007 Oregon Hunger Conference, "Challenging Clergy, Congregations and Community" is set for May 31 by the Oregon Faith Roundtable Against Hunger (OFRAH). Save the date!

## Retired ministers meet, June 14-17

The Association of Retired Ministers, with spouses or survivors, meet June 14-17, in Denver. For more information see: [www.pcusa.org/olderadults/armss.htm](http://www.pcusa.org/olderadults/armss.htm)

## Summer Conference - Calvary Korean Choir sings, June 27

Cascade's annual Summer Conference, June 24-29, at Reed College will enjoy evening events, such as poetry reading, movies, hymn singing and a special concert by the Calvary Korean Presbyterian Choir, June 27 at 7:00 p.m. You will surely enjoy the amazing gifts God has given this talented group through their voice and instruments. Bring some of your fellow conference members. To let us know you are coming, call Marjorie, at 503-227-5486 Ext. 205.

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

## Regional training for interim ministry, Aug. 5-10

The Synod of Alaska NW offers Interim Ministry Training at The Palisades Retreat in Federal Way, WA. Interim Training is intended for those presently engaged in interim ministry and those inquiring about this ministry. Registration is limited; the **deadline is July 6**. For a brochure, contact your regional Presbytery office or Margi at 1-800-495-4114 x201.

## National elders conference, Aug. 29-31

Please consider sending your elders to the first ever National Elders Conference August 29-31 in Nashville. The theme is "Elder as Spiritual Leader--Reclaiming the Call." See [www.pcusa.org/eldersconference/](http://www.pcusa.org/eldersconference/).

## USEFUL INFORMATION

**Pastor transitions**, [www.cascadespresbytery.org/Transitions-01-03-2007.pdf](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/Transitions-01-03-2007.pdf)

**Presbytery Highlights**, [www.cascadespresbytery.org/Presbytery-Hi-lites-03-07.pdf](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/Presbytery-Hi-lites-03-07.pdf)

**Presbytery Nominating Committee** [www.cascadespresbytery.org/NominationForm.pdf](http://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](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/Jobs.html#B)

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**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: **May 21** - for June-July 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)

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

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