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**Due date for the next CEE issue: April 12**

**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.

**New issue of *Omnibus* on website**

The April-May *Omnibus* is available here, [www.cascadespresbytery.org/Omnibus4-5-2007.pdf](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/Omnibus4-5-2007.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](http://www.menucha.org/events/details/no_agenda_retreat.html)

**Congo missionaries speak at Camas church, April 10**

St. John's Church in Camas, WA, invites everyone to learn about the wonderful hospital mission work in the Congo from two of the hospital staff. Come on **Tuesday, April 10**, 7:00 p.m. in the church Fireside Room. More information, [www.cascadespresbytery.org/Congo.pdf](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/Congo.pdf)

**Putting Creation Care into your VBS programs, April 13**

Learn how to incorporate creation care themes using existing Vacation Bible School curricula or learn about curricula that have a creation care focus. The workshop, sponsored by the Eco-Justice team, is April 13, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Westminster in Salem. **Register by April 12:** [www.cascadespresbytery.org/CreationCare-for-VBS.pdf](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/CreationCare-for-VBS.pdf)

**All invited to hear Fahed Abu-Akel speak in Tigard, April 15**

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

**Earth Day Sunday focuses on food, April 22**

Find resources for your church to use for this year's Earth Day theme, "**The Food that Sustains Us.**" A new study and action resource, "**Our Daily Bread: Harvesters of Hope and Gardeners of Eden**" follows the theme. [www.cascadespresbytery.org/CreationCareEvents.html](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/CreationCareEvents.html)  
[www.nccecojustice.org/faithharvestworship.html](http://www.nccecojustice.org/faithharvestworship.html) -- [www.nccecojustice.org/network/index.html](http://www.nccecojustice.org/network/index.html)

## 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)

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

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Invitations from Bandon and Brownsville

- All are invited to the installation of the Rev. Roberta (Bobbi) Neason as Pastor of **First Presbyterian Church in Bandon** on **Sunday, April 15** at 4:00 p.m.
- Everyone is invited to celebrate 150 years with **Brownsville Church** on **Sunday, April 22**, beginning with Worship at 11:00 a.m. and historic displays throughout the +100-year-old building. Information from Clerk Cheri Cross, Brownsville Presbyterian Church.

### Prayer support

**For health concerns:** Isaiah Jones, former OSU campus minister and Chris Whitehead, former pastor at Christ's Church, Monmouth.

### 'OPENING DOORS' Task Force lists resources

Local resources for people with disabilities and older adults: **Network of Care** ([www.networkofcare.org](http://www.networkofcare.org)) and **Disability Compass** ([www.disabilitycompass.org](http://www.disabilitycompass.org)). Both cover a wide array of social services. Brochures available by emailing the *OPENING DOORS* Task Force in care of Rick Parfrey at [parfrey@msn.com](mailto:parfrey@msn.com) or contacting agencies directly.

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

Register online for Presbytery Summer Camps at [www.campcascades.org](http://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:** *Plays Of The Passion*, by Linn Creighton, (1998) Eight plays that lead up to Jesus' passion with the last play set just after the resurrection. They can be read by individuals, study groups, or actors, preferably amateurs. Minimal props are required. Could be presented in a variety of settings including the worship service: *John the Baptist, The Woman at the Well, Zacchaeus, The Rich Young Ruler, Simon the Pharisee, Nicodemus, Claudia Procula, and Magdalene.* [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. **May 3** at Northminister Presbyterian, Portland; **May 4** at First Church, Creswell, and **May 5** at Peace Memorial, Klamath Falls. Register with the South Presbytery office at 1-800-701-7313 (no charge).

### Third speaker added to Cascades Mission Day, May 5

Mark Hare, serving in Haiti, is the third dynamic speaker at our one day Mission Event May 5. Mark reinforces current agricultural work with diversification and integration of raising small animals and growing crops in the small areas family homes. More about Mark, [www.cascadespresbytery.org/MarkHare.pdf](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/MarkHare.pdf). 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. Registration fee: \$15.00, includes lunch. Brochure: [marjorie@cascadespresbytery.org](mailto:marjorie@cascadespresbytery.org). Full information, [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)

### **Cascades Summer Conference at Reed is 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](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/CascadesSummerConf2007.pdf)

### **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. <http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/CreationCareEvents.html#B>

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

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.

### **National Eco-Justice conference at Mo Ranch, TX, Oct 25-28**

Save the date; start planning to attend. Outstanding speakers. [www.prcweb.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=events&fuse=conference](http://www.prcweb.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=events&fuse=conference)

## **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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**Presbytery of the Cascades website**: [www.cascadespresbytery.org](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org)

**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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