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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 open links in this newsletter, please find CEE on the website: www.cascadespresbytery.org/CEE-5-29-2007.pdf **Due date for the next CEE issue: June 7.** Send names, church, and email addresses of your church officers, staff and friends to cee@cascadespresbytery.org.

PRESBYTERY UPDATE

News of Pastor changes: <http://cascadespresbytery.org/Transitions-04-26-2007.pdf>

Presbytery of the Cascades meeting, June 22-23

Proposed docket and workshops are now on the website, www.cascadespresbytery.org for the summer presbytery meeting at Valley Community Presbyterian, Portland. Remember to reserve for your Friday lunch if required. **Thursday workshop:** Worship Planning, www.cascadespresbytery.org/Workshop6-21-07.pdf. **Friday workshops:** Criminal and Community Justice, The Emerging Church, and Steps to a Carbon Neutral Lifestyle, www.cascadespresbytery.org/Workshops6-22-07.pdf.

***New deadline* - Register for Summer Conference by June 17**

Late registration has been **extended to June 17**. The conference will be held early this year, June 24-29 at Reed College in Portland. "Proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the 21st Century," is the focus of keynote speaker, Dr. Wm. P. Robinson, President of Whitworth College. Classes offer the opportunity to explore the theme further, touch base on one's creative side in music, visual arts, writing, or delve into a variety of biblical and theological topics. Brochure available online at www.cascadespresbytery.org. One can also register and pay online.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Installation: Everyone is invited to Craig Stein's installation as pastor of Eagle Creek Presbyterian Church on Sunday, June 3 at 2:00 p.m.

Hands-on mission opportunity in Gulf Coast, Oct. 20-27

Help is still needed in the Gulf Coast. Rebuild homes with a group from our presbytery, led by the Rev. Linda Gebetsberger. Read new information from Linda about the urgent need for workers. www.cascadespresbytery.org/Gulfmission.pdf

Schedule Julie Dunsmore's mission visit to your church for October

Julie Dunsmore will be itinerating in Cascades Presbytery October 19-26. She and her husband Bob - both are from Reedville, Aloha church - are the Presbyterian Mission staff persons in Bolivia for our Presbytery's Joining Hands partnership. Bob Dunsmore spoke to the March Presbytery meeting about Joining Hands. To schedule Julie Dunsmore in your church in October, please contact Don Shaw, peaceandhunger@cascadespresbytery.org, 503-302-4656, or a member of the Mission Support Committee from your region.

YAD-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 218th 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
www.cascadespresbytery.org/YAD.pdf

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; sign up online at 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

Palm Springs area house available for presbytery members

Cascades Presbytery pastors, spouses and presbytery members are invited to be guests in a vacation home for study time, vacations and getaways. The home is offered by the Rev. Ron Burns; contact him for details: ronburns@charter.net, 707-487-0789.

Feature from the Media Resource Center: "Michael the Visitor," Clay-animated adaptation of Leo Tolstoy's tale, *Truths We Live By*. Simon, a poor shoemaker, discovers a young man by the side of the road. He becomes Simon's invaluable assistant and helps strengthen his faith. When it comes time for him to leave, he reveals he is an angel. This inspirational story for young and old reminds us of God's faithfulness. Video, 30 minutes.
www.cascadespresbytery.org/mediarc.html

New - Restoring Creation has new Coordinator

Jenny Holmes, Cascades' Presbytery's Restoring Creation Enabler, is also the Moderator of the Presbyterians for Restoring Creation national network. Jenny announces a new coordinator for the network. Read more: www.cascadespresbytery.org/RestoringCreation.pdf

'Exploring our Reformed Faith' Seminar, Sept. 21-22

Held at Tualatin Plains Presbyterian (Old Scotch Church) in Hillsboro, the seminar features Dr. John L. Thompson of Fuller Theological Seminary. Read more:
www.cascadespresbytery.org/RefTheology2007.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. www.cascadespresbytery.org/CreationCareEvents.html#B

Presbytery Evangelism Conference, 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. Plan to attend the event in your area.

REGIONAL AND NATIONAL NEWS AND EVENTS

New deadline - Rural Ministry Fellowship, June 8

Note the new deadline for receiving applications for the inaugural Rural Ministry Fellowship scheduled to begin in the fall of 2007. For additional information and application instructions, visit www.ctsnet.edu/lifelong/pdf/LLL_RMF_bro_app07.pdf. Or you may contact Sarah Erickson, ericksons@ctsnet.edu or 404.687.4526.

Retired ministers, spouses, survivors meet in Denver, June 14-17

More information: www.pcusa.org/olderadults/armss.htm

Peacemaking Intergenerational Conference, July 3-8

"Jesus: Proclaiming Peace" is the theme of the Intergenerational Peacemaking Program Conference at Montreat Conference Center, NC, July 3-9. Gretchen Williver, Bend, is Director of the conference. Read more: www.cascadespresbytery.org/NationalPeace2007.pdf and www.pcusa.org/peacemaking/conferences/2007.htm

Whitworth College Institute of Ministry

July 9-13 - www.whitworth.edu/wim

New - Young Clergy Women Project, Aug. 6-10

Clergywomen under 40 are invited to the conference in Washington, D.C., August 6-10. Read about grants for the youngest and other details at www.tycwp.blogspot.com and www.cathedralcollege.org/pages/cnfrnc/conferenceSchdl7.shtml. Speaker: Anna Carter Florence.

National Elders Conference, Aug. 29-31

Please consider sending up to two elders from your church 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.

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

In Nashville, TN, August 31-Sept. 3, keynote speakers include Jim Wallis, Jerry Cannon, Virstan Choy and Martha Sadongi. See: www.pcusa.org/evangelism

New - Register for World Mission Conference, Oct. 2-6

A conference for Presbyterians passionate about mission will be held in Louisville, KY October 2-6. "A Celebration of Grace" is for mission volunteers, mission network participants, congregational, presbytery and synod mission leaders, and other mission supporters. Participants will gain new resources for mission participation. Go to: www.pcusa.org/missioncelebration.

USEFUL INFORMATION

Pastor transitions, www.cascadespresbytery.org/Transitions-04-26-2007.pdf

Presbytery Highlights, www.cascadespresbytery.org/Presbytery-Hi-lites-03-07.pdf

Presbytery Nominating Committee www.cascadespresbytery.org/NominationForm.pdf

Touchpoints, an annual anthology by clergy and laity: 1-800-701-7313.

Church staff openings in music, children, office, nursery- www.cascadespresbytery.org/Jobs.html#B

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Presbyterian Church (USA) www.pcusa.org

Omnibus newsletter: omnibus@cascadespresbytery.org, deadline: **July 16** for Aug.-Sept. issue

Cascades Presbyterian Women: www.cascadespw.org

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

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

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