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www.cascadespresbytery.org/CEE-6-12-2007.pdf **Due date for the next CEE issue: June 21.**

Send names, church, and email addresses of your church officers, staff and friends to cee@cascadespresbytery.org.

PRESBYTERY UPDATE

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 luncheon meeting**, if required. **Thursday evening workshop:** Worship Planning, www.cascadespresbytery.org/Workshop6-21-07.pdf. **Friday morning workshops:** Criminal and Community Justice, The Emerging Church, and Steps to a Carbon Neutral Lifestyle, www.cascadespresbytery.org/Workshops6-22-07.pdf.

Changes in Book of Order - Amendment vote delays printing

It was not until May 30th that the voting on Proposed Amendment 06-A, ["Revisions of Form of Government, Chapter XIV..."; referred to the presbyteries by the 217th General Assembly (2006)] received the 87th vote of concurrence by a presbytery, thereby "passing" the proposed amendment and making it the new constitutional standard to take effect on June 23, 2007 (one year after the adjournment of the 217th GA). To read the amendment text before the new Book of Order is published in August, find the text at www.pcusa.org/generalassembly/amend.htm or in the "Proposed Amendments" booklet sent for Cascades' March Stated Meeting. More details at www.cascadespresbytery.org/BookofOrder6-07.pdf.

Order soon - New Books of Order may be ordered for \$7.50 each **before June 15** or \$10 after that date from Presbyterian Distribution Service at 800-524-2612 and <http://pds.pcusa.org>.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New-Community Mission Grants for 2008

A **new focus and timeline** for Community Mission Grants (formerly known as **Mission Grants**) are in effect for 2008. Focus is "Eliminating Hunger in the local community." Projects may include food banks, meal programs, growing produce in community gardens or other hunger-related programs. Application deadline is **August 1** at www.cascadespresbytery.org/Community-Grant-2008.pdf or in the Presbytery office. Site visits scheduled for September and October; funding decisions made in November, and payments begin January 2008. Questions: marjorie@cascadespresbytery.org or 503-227-5486 x 205.

Don't miss Cascades Summer Conference, June 24-29

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.

Reminder-OPENING DOORS grant applications due July 31

Access information about the *OPENING DOORS* grants and obtain copies of the application form from www.cascadespresbytery.org/OPENINGDOORS.html. To talk with someone about this program, please email openingdoors@cascadespresbytery.org. Applications **due July 31**.

Frimoth receives award for first book

Cascades Presbytery minister Bud Frimoth is the winner of the Presbyterian Writer's Guild Jim Angell Award for 2006 for his book, *Bring in the Clowns: A Metaphor for Ministry*. The award is presented for the best first book by a Presbyterian writer in 2006. Read more about Bud's book, www.cascadespresbytery.org/AngellAward2007.pdf.

Menucha conference center offers summer, fall courses

"Principles & Techniques of Fund Raising" for community and non-profit development, **August 6-10**. "Developing Major Gifts" on how to secure major donor gifts, **Oct. 29-31**. "Women's Spirituality Retreat" with LaVae Robertson and Kathy Stewart' **Nov. 2-4**.
www.cascadespresbytery.org/Menucha6-2007.pdf

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 Read note from Cascades' 2006 YAD: 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 or 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

Feature from the Media Resource Center: Behold The Man, (43 min.)

In this illuminating documentary, key questions related to the life and meaning of Jesus are addressed head on. Included are: Did Jesus really exist? Was he just a human being or more than this? Did he really rise from the dead? English theologian Michael Green is joined by American scholar Steven Notley, who is based in Israel, and Dutch scholar and author Jacob van Bruggen. Ask for DVPCX002. www.cascadespresbytery.org/mediarc.html

'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

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

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

Principles & Techniques of Fund Raising, August 6-10

For the second year, this course prepares non-profit organizations with tools and talents to strengthen their own mission in and for the communities they serve with the framework for operating a successful total development program. www.menucha.org

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.

Eco-Stewards camp program for ages 18-24, Aug. 9-13

Do you know a young person who is interested in church, camp and environmental concerns? Apply by end of June if possible. www.cascadespresbytery.org/Eco-Stewards2007.pdf

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.

Presbytery Pastoral Care Network conference, Oct. 8-11

'From Surviving to Thriving' is the theme of the annual conference in Louisville, KY, with a focus on "Four Practices of Clergy Wellness." www.pastoralcarenetwork.org

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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