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[www.cascadespresbytery.org/CEE-7-17-2007.pdf](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/CEE-7-17-2007.pdf) **Due date for the next CEE issue: July 26.**

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## **PRESBYTERY NEWS**

### **GA sends document on central convictions of PC (USA)**

General Assembly recently issued an important document on central convictions of the PC(USA)'s faith and life in response to mischaracterizations of the church. For all ministers, elders and church members to read: "[The Church's One Foundation Is Jesus Christ Her Lord](#)"

### **Sheldon Jackson College closes for one year**

Many in Cascades Presbytery have volunteered on work crews, and many congregations have given support to Sheldon Jackson College. The Board of Trustees of the historic college has decided to suspend academic operations for one year while school officials consult with government, community and educational leaders in Alaska to determine a financially viable future for the 130-year old school. Please keep the college in your prayers. [www.pcusa.org/pcnews/2007/07396.htm](http://www.pcusa.org/pcnews/2007/07396.htm)

## **Notices**

**In Memoriam:** Service for **the Rev. Douglas M. Still**, who died July 1, 2007, is at First Presbyterian Church, Cottage Grove on Thursday, July 26 at 6:30 p.m. Read about his life:

[www.cascadespresbytery.org/0707DouglasStill.pdf](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/0707DouglasStill.pdf)

**Highlights of the June Presbytery meeting:** [www.cascadespresbytery.org/Highlights06-2007.pdf](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/Highlights06-2007.pdf)

**Presbytery pastor transitions:** [www.cascadespresbytery.org/Transitions-04-26-2007.pdf](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/Transitions-04-26-2007.pdf)

### **Camp and Campus Ministry positions open in Presbytery**

Here's your chance to work with children, youth and adults in settings of growth and fun.

- Find out about the Presbytery **Outdoor Camp Coordinator** position by contacting Aleida Jernigan in the Portland Presbytery office.
- **Campus Ministry at Western Oregon University** position information is here, [www.cascadespresbytery.org/071007CAMPUS\\_MINISTRY\\_POSITION.pdf](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/071007CAMPUS_MINISTRY_POSITION.pdf)

## **COMING EVENTS**

### **PW annual quilt show in Reedsport, July 20-22**

The Annual Quilt Show sponsored by Cascades Presbyterian Women is at the United Presbyterian Church, Reedsport, from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. on July 20-21 and from 12:30-4:00 p.m. on July 22. Expect to find many quilts on display, a merchants' mall and tea room. For more information contact Diana Pearson, 541-271-2894 or the Reedsport church, 541-271-3214.

### **'Sounds of Hope' Concert for AIDS Orphans, Aug. 25**

Sherwood Presbyterian Church is hosting this fundraiser for Zambian orphans at Stella Olsen Park in Sherwood. The concert features Dove-award winning artist Bryan Duncan. A freewill offering will be taken. Learn more at [www.hope4zambia.org](http://www.hope4zambia.org).

### **'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, leading sessions on: "**Secrets Behind the Slogans:** Things most people don't know about the Reformed tradition, even if they know the mottos and clichés." [www.cascadespresbytery.org/RefTheology2007.pdf](http://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](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/CreationCareEvents.html#B)

### **Lectionary Retreat with Michael Lindvall, Sept. 24-25**

"Preaching the First Gospel: Subtle and Subversive Matthew." Come to Mt. Angel to hear the Rev. Michael L. Lindvall, writer and pastor on preaching strategies for the Gospel texts for the coming year. Laity and pastors are welcome. Brochure: [www.cascadespresbytery.org/2007RetreatFlyer.pdf](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/2007RetreatFlyer.pdf)

### **New: Congregation Transformation Conference—is this for you? Sept. 29**

"**Keeping Up the Motivation for Transformation**" is the theme of the conference Saturday, September 29, at Albany United Presbyterian Church. Rev. Jack Schutte, just retired executive of Sierra Mission Partnership and experienced leader of mission outreach, is the keynoter. Hours are 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Cost is \$10, including coffee break and lunch. There will be important information for churches thinking about transformation initiatives and for those already engaged in the process. Register with Dawn Champoux, Presbytery Central Region office. For more information, contact George Furniss, chair, Transformation Task Force, at [geofur@msn.com](mailto:geofur@msn.com).

### **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**. Plan to attend the event in your area.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **All invited to installations**

**August 19 at 4:00 p.m.** - Installation service for **William A. Heming** at First Presbyterian Church, Merrill, OR. He will be ordained by North Puget Sound Presbytery on July 22.

**September 9 at 4 p.m.** - Installation service for the **Rev. Thomas Fitz Neal** at Columbia, Vancouver

**September 16 at 4 p.m.** - Installation service for the **Rev. Sun Moon Jhee** at Vancouver Korean

### **New: Community Mission Grant application deadline extended to Sept. 15**

We listened! After hearing from an applicant about the length of time the application process requires, the **deadline for submission was changed to September 15, 2007**. Remember, **our focus** for Community Mission Grants (formerly known as Mission Grants) is "Eliminating Hunger in the local community." Hunger-related community programs will be considered. Apply by **September 15** at [www.cascadespresbytery.org/Community-Grant-2008.pdf](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/Community-Grant-2008.pdf) or in the Presbytery office. Questions: [marjorie@cascadespresbytery.org](mailto:marjorie@cascadespresbytery.org) or 503-227-5486x205.

**Please help find a YAD: YAD for 2008 GA 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) Read note from Cascades' 2006 YAD: [www.cascadespresbytery.org/YAD.pdf](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/YAD.pdf)

### **More help needed for Katrina Relief, Oct. 20-27**

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

### **Schedule Bolivia missionary's visit to your church soon**

Julie Dunsmore will be in Cascades Presbytery **October 19-26** to speak to congregations about Cascades' "Joining Hands" partnership with Bolivia. Julie and her husband Bob (both are from Reedville, Aloha church) are the Presbyterian Mission staff persons in Bolivia for Joining Hands. Contact Don Shaw, [peaceandhunger@cascadespresbytery.org](mailto:peaceandhunger@cascadespresbytery.org), 503-302-4656.

### **Reminder: OPENING DOORS grant applications due July 31**

[www.cascadespresbytery.org/OPENINGDOORS.html](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/OPENINGDOORS.html) or [openingdoors@cascadespresbytery.org](mailto:openingdoors@cascadespresbytery.org).

**Feature from the Media Resource Center, "Turning Ink Into Blood - Resources for the Public Reading of Scripture"** by Rogers, Thomas G. and Wangerin, Walt - (2001) This kit was created to help lift up the importance of the reading of Scripture in worship and to assist congregations as they identify, recruit, train and support those who serve as readers. Two videos and a resource manual. [www.cascadespresbytery.org/mediarc.html](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/mediarc.html)

### **Menucha conference center, August-November**

'Principles and Techniques of Fund-Raising,'" **August 6-10**. "New Nonprofit Leaders Boot Camp," **Sept. 17-21**. "Developing Major Gifts," **Oct. 29-31**. "Women's Spirituality Retreat" with LaVae Robertson and Kathy Stewart," **Nov. 2-4**. [www.cascadespresbytery.org/Menucha6-2007.pdf](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/Menucha6-2007.pdf)

## **USEFUL INFORMATION**

**Pastor transitions**, [www.cascadespresbytery.org/Transitions-04-26-2007.pdf](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/Transitions-04-26-2007.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, office, 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)

**Presbyterian Church (USA)** [www.pcusa.org](http://www.pcusa.org)

**Omnibus newsletter**: [omnibus@cascadespresbytery.org](mailto:omnibus@cascadespresbytery.org), deadline: **Sept. 17** for October and November

**Cascades Presbyterian Women**: [www.cascadespw.org](http://www.cascadespw.org)

**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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