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## **PRESBYTERY NEWS**

**Highlights of June Presbytery:** [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**

### **'Sounds of Hope' Benefit Concert features Bryan Duncan, Aug. 25**

Sherwood Presbyterian Church hosts a fundraiser for AIDS orphans in Zambia on Saturday, Aug. 25 from 6-8:30pm at Stella Olsen Park in Sherwood. The concert features Dove-award winning artist Bryan Duncan. A freewill offering will be taken. Learn more: [www.hope4zambia.org](http://www.hope4zambia.org).

### **'Exploring our Reformed Faith,' Old Scotch Church, Sept. 21-22**

At Tualatin Plains Presbyterian in Hillsboro, the seminar features Dr. John L. Thompson leading sessions on: **"Secrets Behind the Slogans:** Things most people don't know about the Reformed tradition..." [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 to enjoy God's good creation at the event. Brochure:

<http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/CreationCare9-07.pdf>. Please publicize the event in your

September church newsletters; examples:

<http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/CreationCare9-07letter.pdf>

### **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)

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

**"Keeping Up the Motivation for Transformation,"** 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Saturday, September 29, at Albany United Presbyterian. Rev. Jack Schutte, experienced leader of mission outreach, is keynote. Register with Dawn Champoux, Presbytery Central Region or contact George Furniss, chair, Transformation Task Force, at [geofur@msn.com](mailto:geofur@msn.com).

Information: [www.cascadespresbytery.org/O907Transformation\\_Conf\\_Letter.pdf](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/O907Transformation_Conf_Letter.pdf).

Register online: [www.cascadespresbytery.org/Transformation2007RegOnline.html](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/Transformation2007RegOnline.html) .

### **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.

### **NEW ON CEE**

#### **Apply to attend 'Joining Hands with Bolivia' Youth Congress**

Young adults age 18-36 are encouraged to apply to represent Cascades Presbytery at the January 10-13, 2008 Youth Congress in Bolivia. Read more about Cascades' connection to Bolivia.

[www.cascadespresbytery.org/JHBAppl.pdf](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/JHBAppl.pdf). **Apply by Sept. 10.**

#### **Centering Prayer series begins Sept. 22**

First Presbyterian of Portland hosts an Introduction to Centering Prayer Series facilitated by a trained presenter from Oregon Contemplative Outreach. All are invited to experience this spiritual discipline and explore the contemplative dimension of the Gospel in daily life on Saturday, September 22 followed by six meetings. [www.cascadespresbytery.org/FPCcenteringPrayer.pdf](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/FPCcenteringPrayer.pdf)

#### **Oregon wildlife and global warming presentation available**

Contact Warren Aney, chair of Presbytery's Eco-Justice Unit, to plan a presentation for a group, [aney@coho.net](mailto:aney@coho.net). Read more: <http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/Eco-JusticeWarrenAney.pdf>

#### **Submit writings to *Touchpoints* by Oct. 1**

Writers are invited to submit essays, stories or sermons on the theme of "Blessings" this year to the Presbytery publication, *Touchpoints*. <http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/2007Touchpoints.pdf>

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Installations:** the Rev. Wm. A. Heming in Merrill August 19; the Rev. Thomas Fitz Neal at Columbia, Vancouver, September 9, and the Rev. Sun Moon Jhee at Vancouver Korean on September 16.

#### **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.

#### **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.

**Featured resource from the Media Center** - ideas for your fall Stewardship Campaign: **The Confident Steward**, a set of 8 CDs, each one a different subject: Direct Mail, Every Member Visitation, Consecration Day, Small Group Meetings, Telephone Commitment, Congregational Dinner, Sunday Worship and Personal Delivery. They can be checked out as a set or individually. [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)

## **REGIONAL AND NATIONAL EVENTS**

### **National Elders' Conference, Aug. 29-31**

Consider sending up to two elders from your church: [www.pcusa.org/eldersconference](http://www.pcusa.org/eldersconference)

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

Keynote speakers include Jim Wallis, Jerry Cannon, and Virstan Choy [www.pcusa.org/evangelism](http://www.pcusa.org/evangelism)

### **World Mission Conference, Oct. 2-6**

For Presbyterians passionate about mission – [www.pcusa.org/missioncelebration](http://www.pcusa.org/missioncelebration).

### **Presbyterian Pastoral Care Network conference, Oct. 8-11**

'From Surviving to Thriving' conference on clergy wellness, [www.pastoralcarenetwork.org](http://www.pastoralcarenetwork.org)

## **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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