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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-8-28-07.pdf **Due date for the next CEE issue: September 6.**

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

PRESBYTERY NEWS

Clerks of Session: Attend a Record Review before Oct. 31

All congregations should have their Session minutes read by the end of October, so they can be reported to Presbytery at the November meeting. Session Record Reviews are scheduled throughout the Presbytery. Attend the reading that meets your schedule needs, even if in another region. Please notify the host if you plan to attend. Questions? Contact the Associate Stated Clerk in your region or call the Stated Clerk's Office, 1-800-495-4114. Schedule of readings:

www.cascadespresbytery.org/Record-Reviews-07.pdf

Help evaluate current presbytery structure

Everyone is invited to provide input to the Presbytery Evaluation Team as they evaluate the design, function, and implementation of the current presbytery structure since adopting Discovering God's Call. www.cascadespresbytery.org/SurveyGodsCall07.pdf

Order resources now for Theological Education and Peacemaking Sundays

Through Presbyterian Distribution Services, you may order resources for "Seminary Sunday," September 16, and Peacemaking/World Communion on October 7.

www.pcusa.org/seminaries/resources.htm and www.pcusa.org/peacemakingoffering
www.cascadespresbytery.org/CEE-PM-Offering-07.pdf

NEW ON CEE THIS WEEK

Cascades Lay Institute sessions are open to all, Oct. 12-13

"Nurturing the Faithful: Christian Education in the Presbyterian Church" Lay session is led by the Rev. Kathy Waugh October 12-13 in Myrtle Creek. **Register by Sept. 28.** Brochure:

www.cascadespresbytery.org/2007OctoberCascLay.pdf

'A Stewardship Tour of the Bible' brochures available

Old and New Testament stories demonstrate the importance of stewardship in the history and life of the church. The brochures are good for Minutes for Mission, bulletins, newsletter inserts or adult education classes. Copies are available free of charge from the South Presbytery office, 1-800-701-7313.

'Middle School Mania' youth retreat, Oct. 19-21

This year's theme is "High Energy;" don't miss a minute of the activities, songs, water sports, funny programs and outstanding speaker. www.cascadespresbytery.org/MSMania-Forms07.pdf

Simple ways to save energy in your home, Oct. 28

"Let There Be (Energy Efficient) Light! Simple Ways to Save Energy in Your Home," Sunday, October 28, 9:00-10:10 a.m. Westminster Church, Portland. The class focuses on lighting. Questions are encouraged. www.cascadespresbytery.org/CreationCareEvents.html

Plan ahead: CPYA event is Nov. 16-18

Mark your calendars now for the popular annual Cascades Presbytery Youth Assembly (CPYA) on November 16-18.

COMING EVENTS

Presbyterian Polity class for educators, Sept. 14-16

Polity class for Certification offered at Menucha. Read more: www.cascadespresbytery.org/PresbyterianPolity07.pdf

'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

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

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: www.cascadespresbytery.org/CreationCare9-07.pdf. Please publicize the event in your September church newsletters. Examples: 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

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. Information and registration: www.cascadespresbytery.org/0907Transformation_Conf_Letter.pdf.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Installations: the Rev. Thomas Fitz Neal, **Columbia, Vancouver**, September 9, and the Rev. Sun Moon Jhee, Vancouver Korean September 16.

Touchpoints: Submit **by October 1** essays, stories or sermons on the theme of "Blessings" to the Presbytery publication, *Touchpoints*. www.cascadespresbytery.org/2007Touchpoints.pdf

Cascades Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering dates announced: September 22 for South-Central Regions at Tri-City United Presbyterian in Myrtle Creek and **September 29** for the Northwest-Northeast Gathering at Multnomah Presbyterian Church, Portland.

Outdoor Camp Coordinator position open: Contact Aleida Jernigan, Portland Presbytery office.

Campus Ministry at Western Oregon University position:

www.cascadespresbytery.org/071007CAMPUS_MINISTRY_POSITION.pdf

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/JHBAppI.pdf. **Apply by Sept. 10.**

Community Mission Grant application deadline extended to Sept. 15

Focus for the grants (formerly known as Mission Grants) is "Eliminating Hunger in the local community." Hunger-related community programs are considered. Deadline **September 15**, www.cascadespresbytery.org/Community-Grant-2008.pdf or in the Portland Presbytery office. Information: marjorie@cascadespresbytery.org.

Faith and Environment: Fall events to inspire congregations

A complete event reference list of events from now through 2007 from "Interfaith Network for Earth Concerns," a Program of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon. www.cascadespresbytery.org/EcoEvents-fall2007.pdf

USEFUL INFORMATION

Church staff position openings include:

Part-time Children's Ministries at Calvin, Tigard and First Presbyterian, Vancouver WA.

Secretarial position, full-time at Westminster Pres., Portland

Nursery positions available at St. John's, Camas WA and Emmanuel, West Linn.

Part-time preschool assistant teacher at Multnomah, Portland

Youth staff positions open at Valley Community and Milwaukie in Portland

Minister of Music needed at Valley Community, Portland.

Church Organist position at Rose City Park, Portland

Job descriptions here: www.cascadespresbytery.org/Jobs.html#B

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Cascades Electronic Express: cee@cascadespresbytery.org

Presbytery of the Cascades website: www.cascadespresbytery.org

Presbyterian Church (USA) www.pcusa.org

Omnibus newsletter: omnibus@cascadespresbytery.org, deadline: **Sept. 17** for Oct./Nov.

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

Cascades Presbyterian Women: www.cascadespw.org

Highlights of June Presbytery: www.cascadespresbytery.org/Highlights06-2007.pdf

Presbytery pastor transitions: www.cascadespresbytery.org/Transitions-04-26-2007.pdf

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

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

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