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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 click here: [CEE September 24, 2008](#). Send names, church, and email addresses of your church officers, staff and friends to the [CEE newsletter](#) to sign up. **Due date for next CEE: October 2.**

PRESBYTERY NEWS

Presbytery of the Cascades meets at First, Portland, Nov. 7-8

[More Information](#)

General Assembly action plan to address world hunger

All Presbyterians are invited to join in an important new churchwide initiative, which we pray will make a difference in the lives of those who are suffering in the wake of the global food crisis.

Read about the General Assembly action and the year-long plan, beginning in October. [Details](#)

New Theological Reflection Groups to form in presbytery

All are welcome to join one of the new Theological Reflection Groups, dedicated to exploring the difficult theological issues facing the church today. Following up on the successful experience of the initial group, the Presbytery Relational Support Committee is forming new groups to begin in January. If you or your congregation would like to participate, or for more information, contact Janet Alpine (800-701-7313, jalpine@cascadespresbytery.org).

Pastor Transitions, September [Details](#)

Highlights of Presbytery Council September meeting [Details](#)

PRESBYTERY EVENTS

Public safety training for churches, Oct. 6, 7

The City of Portland Crime Prevention Program's public safety training for leaders and administrators in the faith community is two evenings: Monday and Tuesday, October, 6 and 7, 6:00-9:00 p.m. Read the [flyer](#) and [Information/Registration](#).

Preaching skills focus of Lay Institute, Oct. 17-18

The **Cascades Lay Institute** will be led by the Revs. Cynthia and Michael O'Brien with emphasis on preaching. For all who wish to become lay pastors. No charge. [Information](#)

Youth - Mania for Middle School, Oct. 17-19

Middle School Mania 2008 is thrilled to welcome speaker Greg Bolt (First Presbyterian, Bend) to the October 17-19 gathering at Canyonview Camp near Salem. Registrations received before September 30 are \$75; after September 30 are \$80. Mania's 2008 theme is "Not Alone." Space is limited, be sure to register soon for this incredible weekend of worship, study, small groups, games, new friends, and so much more! [Details](#)

Food production sustainability conference at Trout Lake, Nov. 1

Come to the Columbia Gorge for First Presbyterian Church in Trout Lake, Washington's Fall Conference on Saturday, November 1 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Trout Lake School. Lunch will be available for \$3—reservations requested. [Details](#)

Youth – Cascades Presbytery Youth Assembly 2008, Nov. 21-23

CPYA 2008 annual high school retreat presents "Hearing the Call," with speaker Mike Yankoski, author of "Under the Overpass" (www.undertheoverpass.com), November 21-23 at Canby Grove Conference Center. Early registration deadline is Nov. 3 for \$65; registrations after Nov. 3 are \$70. Small group discussion, recreation, worship, and elective seminars are all part of the weekend. [Details](#)

Classes and workshops at Menucha

Ask Menucha about some reduced charges on Quilting and Watercolor workshops. Spiritual expression through art: **Quilting Your Spiritual Journey workshop, Oct. 12-17** and **Watercolor Techniques workshop, Nov. 16-21**. Valuable help for non-profits: **Principles and Techniques of Fund Raising Nov. 16-21**. [Information](#).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ordination service October 5

All are invited to the Ordination of Rebecca Sanders Bruner on Sunday, October 5 at 3 p.m. at Lake Grove Presbyterian Church. Reception follows.

In Memoriam

Isaih Jones, former campus pastor at Oregon State University, died September 21 in California.

New cooperative preschool opens at Kenilworth Kenilworth church, Portland announces Early Childhood Center.

[Details](#)

Two Board of Pensions seminars set in October; register by Sept. 26

[Information](#). For registration, [Board of Pensions website](#). Questions? 800-701-7313.

- **Growing into Tomorrow. . .Today: October 27-28** for those aged 50 and older.
- **Getting in Shape Fiscally: October 29** to help those under 50.

Ongoing Peacemaking resources available:

Any church that would like to receive a new email newsletter for 'Commitment to Peacemaking' churches can join the listserve here. [Subscribe](#)

Peacemaking Offering two-minute PowerPoint at: [Powerpoint](#)

Election resources from the Presbyterian Washington Office at: [Election](#)

Fall workshops by Oregon Interfaith Power and Light

Workshops for churches on energy stewardship, climate justice and green building are planned throughout the state. See the complete list of dates, topics and locations: [Details](#)

'Celebration Works' concert series announced at First, Portland

The new series of nine concerts are all on Sunday afternoons at 3 p.m. [Details](#)

Urgent needs for help with storm damage near and far

- Presbyterian Disaster Assistance responds quickly to areas damaged by natural disaster and continues help long term, too. The PDA representative, Phyllis Wright, for Clatsop and Columbia counties recovery says that work crews are especially needed this fall. Families need help repairing homes damaged by last winter's storms. Long term [Recovery updates](#).
- Recent hurricanes in Texas and Louisiana have taken a toll of the inventory of Gift of the Heart kits. An urgent appeal for the kits has been issued to help families affected by the storms. [Details](#)

Touchpoints issues available; submissions for next issue due Oct. 1

A copy of the [current issue](#) is free to each congregation. [Submit for next issue](#) by Oct. 1.

Curriculum give-away table at Presbytery, Nov. 7-8

Please bring recent curriculum resources not being used at your church and share them with others at the next Presbytery meeting, November 7-8 at First, Portland.

New Energy Policy now online

The Presbyterian Church, USA has long been a leader in providing theologically and biblically grounded thinking and church policy on energy and environmental stewardship matters. During this time of energy crisis and climate destabilization, this thinking, and guidance is more important than ever. [The Power to Change: U.S. Energy Policy and Global Warming](#), a resolution passed by the 218th General Assembly, lays out a clear and well documented path toward sustainability and equity to protect future generations. Please call the Eco-Justice Team at 503-281-8175 if you would like help in implementing the resolution. [Information](#)

Rural Ministry Fellowship open for applications

The Center for Lifelong Learning at Columbia Theological Seminary is accepting applications for a year-long Rural Ministry Fellowship. [Details](#)

Media Resource Center feature

Getting It Together; Spiritual Practices for Faith, Family, and Work is by Carol A. Wehrheim (115 pgs). Shows how a Christian foundation of faith can provide a sense of balance amidst the struggle of everyday obligations. Includes a leader's guide and is an ideal resource for individual or group study. Five sessions and is an easy read. Call 503-445-4999 or email [Media Resource Center](#) to have it sent to you.

USEFUL INFORMATION

[Minimum Terms of Call for 2009](#)

[Terms of Call 2008 form](#)

Per Capita for 2008 is \$21.41 each member, based on church membership as of 12/31/06.

[Christian Education help for churches](#)

[July, 2008 Presbytery Highlights.](#)

[Theological Reflection Group final report.](#)

[Clergy transitions, June-July, 2008](#)

Updated [Churches](#) and [Committees](#).

[CEE archive](#) - Cascades Electronic Express (CEE) newsletters available.

[Church staff positions open](#)

Organist, musician: Tigard, Calvin

Choir Director: Portland, Savage Memorial

Youth Director: Salem, Westminster; Newberg, and Milwaukie

Children, Family and Nursery: Bend, First; Eugene, Central, and Portland, Colonial Heights

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[Cascades Electronic Express \(CEE\)](#)

[Presbytery website](#)

[Presbyterian Church \(USA\)](#)

[Omnibus newsletter](#), deadline: **Nov. 17 for Dec.-Jan. issue**

[Presbytery Nominating Committee](#)

[Presbyterian Women](#)

[Presbytery Forms](#)

[Deadlines and due dates](#)

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