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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-Jan13-2009.pdf](#). Send names, church, and email addresses of your church officers, staff and friends to the [CEE newsletter](#) to sign up. **Due date for submissions to next CEE: January 22.**

PRESBYTERY NEWS

New - Brad and Ali Kent serve in Bolivia Joining Hands partnership

The Kents' first [email](#) is available on our website. Check back regularly to learn of their adventures as they serve on our behalf as missionaries in Bolivia.

Brad and Ali Kent were commissioned at the November meeting of presbytery to serve as interim companionship facilitators for the PC(USA) Joining Hands mission partnership in Bolivia. See page one of the *OMNIBUS* [Current Issue](#) for details. The Kents began in early January and plan to return mid-July, 2009. As they will be serving as volunteers-in-mission on behalf of Presbytery of the Cascades, the presbytery is encouraged to support their ministry as generously as possible. Contributions may be sent to the presbytery office in Portland, marked "Kents" to be deposited into account #C40450.

PRESBYTERY EVENTS

New - Conference on church and ecology, Jan. 16-17

The Rev. Mark Brocker, Professor of Ethics, N.W. House of Studies, leads a two-day conference Friday and Saturday, Jan. 16-17 at [First Presbyterian Bend](#). Cost: \$15. See brochure, "[And God Saw That It Was Good.](#)"

New - Abundance and sustainability conference in Portland, Jan. 22-23

"**Radical Abundance: A Theology of Sustainability**" conference is at Grace Memorial Episcopal Church, Portland for clergy and laity of all faiths on Thursday and Friday, January 22-23 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Speakers will be heard on Trinity Institute's 39th National Theological Conference Via high-speed video link. [Information](#)

Cascades Lay Institute on Church Administration in Eugene, Feb. 6-7

David Hutchinson leads the workshop. No charge. **Register by Jan. 30.** [Flyer](#)

New - Church members meet with state legislators, Feb. 19

Interfaith Advocacy Day is Thursday, February 19, at St. Mark Lutheran Church in Salem, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Organized by Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, the annual event is for people of faith to learn about issues of interest to the religious community that will be coming before the legislature this session, and to speak with their elected representatives about these matters. See [Advocacy](#) for more details and registration information.

Leadership Fair offers inspiration and workshops, Feb. 28

Plan now to attend the Presbytery Leadership Fair Saturday, Feb. 28 at First Presbyterian Church in Portland. Keynote speakers will be the Rev. Dr. Donald K McKim, speaking on "Celebrating John Calvin's 500th Birthday" and the Rev. Dr. LindaJo McKim. Her topic is, "What Happens in Worship?" Other nationally known experts leading workshops are Jerry Van Marter and Diana Barber. Find out why this event is a must for many every year. [Brochure & mail-in registration.](#) [Online Registration.](#)

New - CIT Leadership Camp begins with weekend, March 6-8

Counselor in Training (CIT) Leadership Camp prepares high school students to serve as leaders in the presbytery's camping program and in their home churches. This year, the camp begins with a spring weekend at Suttle Lake. Call or email [Biz Larkin](#) with questions or call 503-460-3024.

[Information](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New - Latest update on need for firewood after winter storms

Small Oregon communities are in need of volunteers to help cut up downed logs into firewood. Recent storms causing downed trees and flooding have added to the recovery work from last winter's storms. Please call coordinator Phyllis Wright, cell 971-404-9405. [Recovery updates](#).

Mission Yearbooks for sale in Portland office

The Portland Presbytery office has only 15 Adult Mission Yearbooks and four Children's books for sale now. They are first-come, first-serve, so call Marjorie at 503-227-5486, x205 right away if you are interested. You may purchase just one, or as many as you need until we run out. Books may be picked up at the Presbytery office, or you can have them shipped to you at cost plus shipping. Adult books are \$5.06 each, and Children's books are \$6.50 each.

Cascades Pulpit Exchange planned for April 26; sign up by Jan. 31

[Information](#) on how you and your congregation can participate and how rewarding it can be.

Summer camp information available now

The 2009 Presbytery Camp season is well into the planning stages. Brochures will be mailed out in January, and the dates and locations are already posted on the [camp website](#). Please email [Biz Larkin](#) or phone her at 503-460-3024 with questions.

Presbytery 2009 Giving Booklet now online to help congregations

Included in the booklet are Presbyterian Partnership Giving examples and instructions, Stewardship Campaign resources, samples of Congregational Pledge Forms to Presbytery (due January 31, 2009), and more. [Giving in the Presbytery of the Cascades](#)

Menucha programs

Information on early winter programs at [Menucha](#) Retreat and Conference Center:

- **Wright Lecture Series, Feb. 8-11.** Hear a series of keynote addresses by Stan Wood of San Francisco Theological Seminary.
- **Valentine's Day Marriage Enrichment Retreat, Feb. 13-15.** Join clergy couple Bill Arnold and Margaret Ann Fohl for a weekend of marital encouragement.

Samaritan Counseling Center workshops

[Relationship Enrichment Series](#): Beginning January 15

[PAIRS for Couples](#): February 7 & 14

Manse available for lease

Contact Tri-City Presbyterian, Myrtle Creek, 541-643-9897. Thank you.

New - New issue of online journal addresses how Christians think about food

Contributors to @ this point (www.atthispoint.net) include Shannon Jung, professor at St. Paul School of Theology, and Columbia Theological Seminary faculty Charles Raynal, Kim Long, and Walter Brueggemann. Free Lesson plans for adult classes and discussion groups are also available online. [Fall Online Journal](#)

New - Walter Brueggemann's new book

In *A Pathway of Interpretations: the Old Testament for Pastors and Students*, Brueggemann offers advice on using religious traditions to study themes in biblical texts. [Brueggemann book](#)

New - Columbia Theological Seminary announces classes

[Course on Bible Study for Young People, February 27-28](#)

[Latino Immigration: Challenges and Opportunities for the Church, March 21](#)

["Calvin Now!" Is Focus of Colloquium, April 20-22](#)

New - Featured resources from the Presbytery Media Center

C.S. Lewis fans: We have a 20 minute video tape on his life and a 50 minute DVD about the writing of *The Screwtape Letters*. The DVD can be broken down into five 10 minute segments if used for a group study. And, both of them together are just plain interesting for your own edification. [Media Resource Center](#)

USEFUL INFORMATION

[Minimum Terms of Call for 2009](#)

Per Capita for 2009 is \$22.55 each member, based on church membership as of 12/31/07.

November, 2008 Presbytery meeting [Highlights](#)

[Pastor Transitions, November](#)

[Updated Presbytery Directory](#)

[OMNIBUS](#) newsletter, [Current Issue](#)

[CEE archive](#) - Cascades Electronic Express (CEE) newsletter past issues available

Contacts:

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

[Presbytery website](#)

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

[Omnibus newsletter](#) deadline: **March 17 for the April-May issue**

Moderator's Blog on Presbytery website - join the [discussion](#).

[Presbytery Nominating Committee](#)

[Presbyterian Women](#)

[Presbytery Forms](#)

[Deadlines and due dates](#)

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