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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-Jan 27-2009.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: February 5.**

## **PRESBYTERY NEWS**

### **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. **The Cascades Leadership Fair** is for everyone, with stimulating keynoters and a wide variety of helpful workshops for church leaders and members. Find out why this event is a must for many every year. [Brochure & mail-in registration](#) | [Online Registration](#) | [Sample bulletin and newsletter announcements](#)

### **Presbytery 2009 Giving Booklet now online; pledges due Jan. 31**

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

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

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

### **Cascades Pulpit Exchange planned for April 26; sign up by Feb. 6**

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

## **PRESBYTERY EVENTS**

### **Interfaith Advocacy Day in Salem, 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.

### **New-Disaster Response Training, Feb. 26-28**

"Out of Chaos, HOPE" The Synod of the Pacific in connection with the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) of the PC(U.S.A.) is hosting a three day training event. All pastors, elders or church staff within the bounds of the Synod are invited to attend. [www.synodpacific.org](http://www.synodpacific.org) [PDA Training scheduled](#)

### **New-Interfaith Climate Stewardship Advocacy Day, March 4**

The event is 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Hudson Hall, Willamette University, Salem, sponsored by Oregon Interfaith Power and Light, a project of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, and co-sponsored by Willamette University Chaplain's Office, congregations and organizations, including the Eco-Justice Team of the Presbytery of the Cascades. The day consists of advocacy training and briefings on climate and energy legislation. Participants will visit with their legislators. Register at (503) 221-1054 ext. 201. The cost is \$15.00; \$10 for students and seniors. Scholarships available.

### **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](#)

### **New-Stewardship Kaleidoscope in Kansas City, March 9-11**

You will find great potential in this event for you, staff, pastors, elders, treasurers, financial secretaries and others responsible for cultivating the spiritual discipline of stewardship in your congregations. Early registration discount deadline is February 23, 2009. [Information](#)

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **New-Mission speakers to visit Cascades Presbytery in fall**

PC(USA) will be sending missionaries to tell their stories this fall under a program called Mission Challenge 2009. Exact dates have not yet been established, but there will be a missionary in Cascades Presbytery between the last week of September and late October. If your congregation might be interested in hosting a missionary or in being kept informed as details become available, please contact Don Shaw, 503-302-4656 or [peaceandhunger@cascadespresbytery.org](mailto:peaceandhunger@cascadespresbytery.org).

### **New-National Presbyterian Pastors' Sabbath week, April 17-20**

On April 17, Presbyterian pastors from all over the country will gather for a time of rest and renewal — a time to break bread with those in common vocation. Come to the [Sabbath!](#)

### **New-Current needs in Clackamas County after winter storms**

Due to rains, there have been landslides in parts of Clackamas County. The county is in need of volunteers to help muck out homes, clean up debris, cut downed trees now. Later there may be needs to do interior recovery to some homes. Please call coordinator Phyllis Wright, cell 971-404-9405. [Recovery updates](#).

### **New-Church History Seminar for local churches, April 30-May 3**

Designed for persons interested in the management and preservation of records and writing congregation history, the Presbyterian Historical Society presents the annual Local Church History Seminar from April 30 through May 3 in Montreat, NC. [Information](#)

### **New-Young Adult Ministries meeting in Austin, May 27-30**

Are you ready to JAM? Save the date and plan to attend the Young Adult Ministries JAM Session May 27-30 in Austin, TX. This is a gathering and jam session for PC(USA) young adults and those who care about and work with them. It is hosted by Presbyterian Assoc. of Collegiate & Higher Ed Ministries (PACHEM). [Register online](#)

### **New-Art show, classes and writer's fair at Westminster, Portland**

Don Young will be teaching a three-session class on paper art and collage, and discuss bringing forth the art from within, Saturday mornings February 14, 21, and March 7, in the Great Hall. Open studio dates are listed. Writer's Fair is set for Saturday, February 28. [Read more](#)

### **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.

### **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.

### **Brad and Ali Kent serve in Bolivia Joining Hands partnership**

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

### **New-Featured resource from the Presbytery Media Center**

New DVD from the Media Resource Center: ***Reflections on Psalm 23 for people with cancer.*** (Thirteen 8-minute segments) Ken Curtis, founder of Vision Video, was diagnosed with advanced cancer and then decided to journey to Israel and seek out King David's home. Psalm 23 was a vital part of his spiritual healing. The resulting meditations provide a combination of candid personal experiences and some of the spiritual resources available through this time-honored Psalm. [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

### **Church staff openings:**

Music Director, part-time – Eastminster, Portland

Youth Director, part-time – East Woods, Vancouver

### **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](#)

[Deadlines and due dates](#)

[Additions or changes](#) to CEE list and Presbytery directory (or to unsubscribe): 503-227-5486 or 800-495-4114.

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