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Welcome to the Presbytery of the Cascades email newsletter! Please share this information with others in your congregation. To sign up, send names, church, and email addresses for you, your church officers, staff and friends to [CEE newsletter](#). Due date for submissions to next CEE: **January 6, 2011**.



**Christmas blessings  
from the Officers and Staff of  
The Presbytery of the Cascades**

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## **PRESBYTERY NEWS**

### **End of year deadlines for 2010 giving**

- **Partnership Giving, Per Capita, and Designated Giving** must be postmarked by Dec. 31, 2010 to be applied to your 2010 statements. All checks received in the Presbytery office postmarked after that date will automatically be applied to 2011. Thank you.
- **Seminary Support** reminder: Pledges and offerings to the Theological Education Fund (TEF) for Presbyterian seminaries are to be sent to the Portland presbytery office and must be postmarked by Dec. 31, 2010 for 2010 credit. Thank you.

### **IRS announces 2011 Standard Mileage Rates**

The 2011 IRS mileage rates are \$.51/mile for employees and still \$.14/mile for volunteers.

## **PRESBYTERY EVENTS**

### **Leadership Fair offers keynote speaker and workshops, Feb. 26**

Noted author, preacher and speaker Anthony (Tony) Robinson presents the keynote address at the Cascades Leadership Fair Sat., February 26 at First Presbyterian in Vancouver. His topic will be "Congregation Next: A New Thing God is Doing." In addition to the keynote speaker, a variety of workshops will be offered during the day-long event. [Flyer](#) **Sample articles** in [MS Word](#) and [Adobe PDF](#) formats and **sample bulletin items** in [MS Word](#) and [Adobe PDF](#) formats.

### **'Preaching' subject of Lay Institute, Feb. 18-19**

Cascades Lay Institute meets in Dallas, OR with the Rev. Robert Elder leading the "Preaching" class on Friday and Saturday, February 18-19. Mark your calendars. [More Information](#)

### **Cascades Educator's Event, April 26-27, 2011**

The event for Cascades' Educators will be at Mt. Angel Retreat Center. [Flyer](#)

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Earth Care Summit gathers and inspires congregations going green, Jan. 31**

A networking opportunity between congregations, community agencies and businesses that are involved in the greening process and caring for creation is set for Monday evening, Jan. 31 in Portland at Neveh Shalom Congregation. Information: [Green](#).

### **OPENING DOORS grant application deadline changed to May 15**

**Please note** that the deadline for receiving *OPENING DOORS* grant applications in the Presbytery Central Office is **now May 15** (previously July 31). It's important for churches to note the new date because of the time it takes to plan, prepare and submit applications. Applications can be conveniently downloaded from the [Presbytery website](#). Questions may be directed to Rick Parfrey at [parfrey@msn.com](mailto:parfrey@msn.com).

### **All invited to join Presbyterian Communicators Network**

Everyone who's interested as well as newsletter editors, film makers, photographers, website managers and social networkers are invited to join the Presbyterian Communicators Network. You will find plenty of helpful information, resources and tidbits on the site along with networking opportunities and early notification about upcoming events and conferences. Go to the website, <http://presbycom.ning.com/>, and sign up now.

### **Homeless Family Warming Center at Eastminster**

"Human Solutions" operates a new 60-bed warming center for homeless families at Eastminster, Portland from Nov. 1-March 31 from 7 p.m.-7 a.m. There are many ways to help with this new service. See [information](#).

### **Pastor Nominating Committees invited to Call Fair, Decatur, GA, March 4**

Columbia Theological Seminary's event is designed to help connect graduating seniors with congregations and organizations that have openings for leadership positions. [Student Placement and Internships/Placement](#)

### **Registration open for the 2011 Presbytery Summer Camping season**

Find camp schedules and registration information for summer at [www.campcascades.org](http://www.campcascades.org) and [Presbytery website](#), and information about the new confirmation camp weekend ([Flyer](#)) and counselor in training (CIT) weekend ([Flyer](#)). [On-line registration](#) and discounts for early registration. Elizabeth Larkin, Camp Coordinator, [biz@campcascades.org](mailto:biz@campcascades.org). Confirmation camp and note from a camper: [Information](#).

### **Media Resource Center Christmas video**

"**A Good and Perfect Gift** - a Christmas story" (24 min.) video tape. Set in New Mexico, a single mother and her child encounter a fugitive from the law in their home after returning from church. The need for trust, and the transforming power of love are the dominate themes. 503-445 4999 or 1-866-200-5660, Maureen O'Rourke, Director. Maureen plans to be in the Center Dec. 21 and 23 during afternoons.

## **USEFUL INFORMATION**

Presbytery Nov, 2010 meeting [Highlights](#)

Pastoral changes—[Transitions Nov. 2010](#)

Order 2011 Mission Yearbooks now; Cascades featured on page 268 - [Yearbooks](#)

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Please consider if you are called to serve. [Presbytery Nominating Committee](#).

Board of Pensions [Form ENR-111](#), revised 1/10

Minimum [2011 Terms of Call \(PDF\)](#)

Per Capita Rate for 2010: \$22.55, based on church membership as of 12/31/2008.

OMNIBUS Presbytery newsletter: [Current Issue](#)

OMNIBUS newsletter submission deadline: **Jan. 17 for Feb./Mar. 2011 issue**  
Cascades Electronic Express (CEE) newsletter past issues - [CEE archive](#) -

### **Church staff openings:**

Youth Director, First, Cottage Grove • Gateway, The Dalles  
Children and Family Ministry Coordinator, Cooper Mountain, Aloha  
Pastoral care visitor, Central, Eugene

### **Contacts:**

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