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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:

**December 16, 2010.**

### NEW IN THIS ISSUE

- **Highlights of Presbytery meeting, Nov. 12-13**
- **Advent Message from Linda Valentine**
- **2011 Congregational Pledge Form and cover letter**
- **Christmas music presented in Presbytery congregations, Dec. 11 & 12**
- **Anthony Robinson to keynote Leadership Fair, Feb. 26**
- **Registration open for the 2011 Presbytery Summer Camping season**
- **Media Resource Center recommends useful book on ministry**

### PRESBYTERY NEWS

#### Highlights of Presbytery meeting, Nov. 12-13

Read about the meeting - [Highlights Nov. 2010](#)

#### Advent Message from Linda Valentine

Linda Valentine, executive director of the General Assembly Mission Council, brings greetings and reports of meetings with mission workers. [Greetings](#)

#### 2011 Congregational Pledge Form and cover letter - [2011 Congregational Pledge Form](#)

### PRESBYTERY EVENTS

#### Christmas music presented in Presbytery congregations, Dec. 11 & 12

- Bronn & Katherine Journey Christmas Concert Dec. 11, 7:30-9:30 p.m. at **Orenco, Hillsboro**, 503-640-8179. [Orenco Concert](#)
- Joyful Christmas music with Thomas Rheingans at the piano and two choirs of young people Saturday, Dec. 11, 7 p.m., **Valley Community, Portland**, 503-292-3537.
- Christmas music at **Yachats Community** at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 12 with choir, organ and handbells. [Yachats Flyer](#)

#### Anthony Robinson to keynote Leadership Fair, Feb. 26

Noted author, preacher and speaker Anthony (Tony) Robinson presents the keynote address at the Cascades Leadership Fair on Saturday, 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. [More information](#)

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

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

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Young adults sought for Youth Congress in Lima, Peru, Jan. 24-28

The Presbytery Joining Hands with Bolivia Coordinating Committee is seeking outstanding young adults (age 20-35) who will form a long-term relationship with peers in

Bolivia, Peru, Chile and Canada in addressing water issues of the world. [Information and Application](#)

### **Sierra Service Project new in Central America**

Youth and young adult groups will be interested in a new project that Sierra Service Project is launching in Central America. [Information](#)

### **Jewish, Christian, Islamic traditions together offer practical guidance in today's economy**

Mark Douglas, associate professor of Christian ethics at Columbia Theological Seminary, was one of 11 participants in the Caux Round Table, which convened this summer in Switzerland to address moral and ethical issues related to the current global economic crisis. [Statement](#)

### **Homeless Family Warming Center new 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](#).

### **Interfaith youth exchange program available in Portland area**

All youth groups that are interested are invited to be part of an interfaith youth exchange program in which youth groups from various faith traditions will have the opportunity to meet with youth groups from another faith tradition. The program is sponsored and promoted by the Interfaith Council of Greater Portland. [Return soon to participate.](#)

### **Various items available to churches, schools or community groups at Eastminster**

Eastminster Presbyterian Church continues to "clean house" in preparation for opening a warming center for homeless families and single women. Please contact Walt Lersch, [Treasurer@EastminsterPDX.ORG](mailto:Treasurer@EastminsterPDX.ORG) for more information on any of the following: Six modular office partitions, five units of portable theater staging, upright piano, Boy Scout ceremonial props (free), 70 metal folding chairs and carts, four church pews and one pastor's chair.

### **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 [www.cascadespresbytery.org](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org), 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).

### **Media Resource Center recommends useful book on ministry**

From the Alban Institute, a useful book of 152 pages: *The Grace of It All, Reflections on the Art of Ministry*, by F. Dean Lueking. "Any pastor, anyone who loves pastors, anybody struggling with a call to be a pastor will find here much insight, much encouragement, and much grace." Lueking has been a pastor for more than 44 years. "He is the real deal." 503-445 4999 or 1-866-200-5660, Maureen O-Rourke, Director.

## **USEFUL INFORMATION**

Calendar available for Advent - [Living the Advent Story](#)

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

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

Presbytery Nov, 2010 meeting [Highlights](#)

Presbytery on Facebook - [Join Us On Facebook](#)

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 2011: \$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

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