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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: **July 7, 2011.**

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PRESBYTERY NEWS

Presbytery Meeting in Tigard, June 24-25

Make plans to attend the Presbytery of The Cascades Meeting on Friday and Saturday, June 24-25 at Calvin Presbyterian Church, Tigard, OR. [Information](#) A few [teaser](#) questions for you to answer before the meeting!

J. Herbert Nelson to speak at Presbytery meeting, June 24-25

Dr. J. Herbert Nelson of the General Assembly Office of Public Witness (OPW) in Washington, D.C. will lead a pre-presbytery workshop on the work of that office and will preach at worship on Friday evening. More about Dr. Nelson: [Information](#)

Aleida Jernigan new president of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO)

The Rev. Aleida Jernigan, co-executive presbyter of the northwest and northeast regions of the Presbytery of the Cascades, has assumed the role as president of the EMO Board of Directors. Congratulations, Aleida! Announcement [details](#)

Pastor's Leadership Workshop in Salem, June 21-22

Pastors, please consider attending the workshop, "**Leading in Times of Discontinuous Change**" with Alan Roxburgh and Mark Lau Branson in First Presbyterian Church, Salem, OR. This extraordinary opportunity has been arranged for you by the Presbytery and Synod of the Pacific. **Register by June 14.** [Information and Registration Form](#)

Attention church treasurers!

Important information from the Stated Clerk's office regarding church employees: Employee health insurance premium refund information - [Details](#).

Helpful information from Pension website

Clergy and churches will find directions for using a helpful link on the Board of Pensions website here: Benefits Connect [Information](#).

Online conference includes input from everyone, June 22

(**Note: Videos are to be uploaded by June 15**). "Making room for little shots." Your congregation is invited to make a simple 8-minute video with your thoughts on where and how God is working in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and the future of the church. The videos will all be played for everyone to see on June 22. [More](#) information.

PRESBYTERY EVENTS

Mission Co-Worker, the Rev. Debbie Blane, visits Cascades, June 18-27

Debbie, minister member of Cascades Presbytery, will be available to visit churches to tell of her work. She will also be at the June Presbytery meeting. [More Information](#)

First 'Round Table' for advance planned giving, July 8

Lay leaders and clergy are invited to exchange ideas and materials for endowment programs and advanced giving plans on Friday, July 8, 1-3 p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian in Eugene. Eric Chavis of Presbyterian Foundation will facilitate the meeting. Please reserve with 541-228-1805 or nmholloman@gmail.com

Appreciating God's Creation – A Faith Exploration in Kayaks! July 23

The Presbytery's Eco-Justice Team is expanding its efforts to get people connected with the beauty of God's Creation by offering a kayak trip in a calm-water wetland south of Newport called the Beaver Creek Natural Area. (**More information on Presbytery home page.**)

Franklin Covey '7 Habits...' seminar at First, Salem, July 26-28

First Presbyterian in Salem is offering the three-day "**7 Habits of Highly Effective People**" seminar July 26-28 at the church. The convenient location makes the event economical. [Covey poster](#)

2011 National PEC Faith & Environment Conference, Aug. 31-Sept. 3

"God's Earth: Too Big to Fail? An Eco-Justice Conversation among Faith, Science and Culture." Aug. 31-Sept. 3 at [Highlands Presbyterian Camp and Retreat Center](#) in the mountains of Colorado. Registration [here](#). Get all the latest info on the Presbyterians for Earth Care conference on the "[Too Big to Fail](#)" blog [here](http://toobigtoofail.wordpress.com/) <http://toobigtoofail.wordpress.com/>.

Lectionary Retreat, Sept. 26-27

"Images of God and the Divine-Human Relationship." Dr. Terence Fretheim is the facilitator for the conference, held at Shalom Prayer Center, Mt. Angel, Oregon. This retreat is open to anyone who preaches and/or teaches throughout the church year. Space is limited to 30 participants, and we encourage early registration. [Online Registration](#). [Flyer](#)

Presbytery mission trip to repair homes in New Orleans, Oct. 29-Nov. 5

Another mission team from our presbytery is headed to New Orleans for October 29-November 5 this year. Would you like to be part of this unforgettable experience? Residents of New Orleans and other areas still need help repairing damage from Hurricane Katrina. [New brochure](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastoral transitions in Cascades Presbytery

Pastoral changes, retirements, memoriam notices, and church anniversaries - [Transitions](#)

Worship workshop set in Grand Rapids, MI, July 25-28

"Embodying a Reformed Liturgic" is the theme of the Association for Reformed & Liturgical Worship gathering. [Brochure and Registration](#) (PDF) Details here: www.arlw.org/

Let's Move! Connecting food, health and stewardship of land

The PC(USA) has become involved with the First Lady's Let's Move Initiative because of its commitment to ending childhood poverty, hunger and obesity. [Information](#)

Presbyterian camps begin exciting summer

Information for Presbytery of the Cascades summer camps for all ages is on the [Presbytery website](#) or contact Biz Larkin, Camp Coordinator, at 503-460-3024, www.campcascades.org, or email biz@campcascades.org.

Eastminster Church experiences God's continuing story

This past winter, Eastminster, Portland, formed a partnership with Human Solutions to open the Warming Center in the church for homeless families and single women. It has brought them "rewards beyond imagination." But several years before that, the church met a homeless man who became their friend. Read the story here - [information](#).

New book in the Media Resource Center, *The Turnaround Church*

The Turnaround Church, by Mary Louise Gifford (97 pgs, 2009) is available in the Resource Center. The story of Wollaston Congregational Church United Church of Christ, a 130-year-old congregation that once was thriving in ministry, membership, mission, music, and money. For half a century, however, the church had slowly declined and was considering closing its doors. Then they hired a new, optimistic seminary graduate. Addressing a wide audience, Gifford shows church leaders they have options and reason for hope. People in dying churches will find assurance that they are still a part of the body of Christ. Clergy serving these struggling churches will discover tools and resources to help them guide change. Judicatory leaders will appreciate an inspiring story they can tell about a church that turned around in spite of the odds. ***The Turnaround Church***, while not a prescription for all churches, is a call to make long-lasting, life-sustaining changes. *Maureen O'Rourke-Director*, Presbytery of the Cascades Media Resource Center (503-445-4999) or (1 866-200-5660), mediarc@cascadespresbytery.org.

USEFUL INFORMATION

Per capita from congregations due for 2011 - \$22.90 each member

[Monthly Remittance Form](#) for 2011

IRS 2011 Standard Mileage Rates: \$.51/mile employees and \$.14/mile volunteers.

[Highlights of Presbytery meeting: March 2011](#)

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 \(PDF\)](#)

OMNIBUS Presbytery newsletter - [Omnibus](#)

OMNIBUS newsletter submission deadline: **July 12 for Aug-Sept, 2011 issue**

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

Church staff openings:

Youth Director PT, Calvin, Tigard

Contacts:

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

[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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