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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: **Oct. 6, 2011.**

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PRESBYTERY NEWS

Peacemaking Offering reminder

It's not too late! Your congregation can be part of the 30th annual Peacemaking Offering of our denomination. This offering is usually received on World Communion Sunday, October 2 this year. The offering is divided as: 25% stays with the local congregation for peacemaking projects; 25% goes to presbytery to support the environmental and social justice ministries of our presbytery, and 50% goes to the Presbyterian Peacemaking program as they work to promote peace and justice in the world. For more details and resources, see [Information](#) or contact Don Shaw, peaceandhunger@cascadespresbytery.org, 503.302.4656 or 541.548.8637.

Community Mission Grant applications available; State of Oregon only, due Oct. 28

The Community Mission Grants Team of the Mission Support Committee of Cascades Presbytery announces grant monies available. Programs that serve the needs of people in the State of Oregon, such as hunger issues, child or spousal abuse, and shelters are eligible to apply. [Application](#)

Presbytery Stated Meeting schedule

- November 11-12, 2011, at First Presbyterian Church, Corvallis, Oregon
- March 9-10, 2012, at Mt. Tabor Presbyterian Church, Portland, Oregon
- June 15-16, 2012, at First Presbyterian Church, Ashland, Oregon

PRESBYTERY EVENTS

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](#)

Transformation Workshop, featuring Kevin Ford, Oct. 1

The Transformation Workshop is Saturday, October 1, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at Westminster, Salem. Kevin Ford's expertise includes strategic planning, organizational development, market research, and leadership development. Ford was a principal speaker at the PC(USA) National Transformation Conference in 2010. To read his full biography [click here](#). This event is open to everyone—pastors, church leaders and members. Reach out to other churches in your community you think might be interested and invite them to attend as well. [Flyer](#)

Registration deadline: September 19. Early registration is encouraged: [registration form](#).

Cascades Lay Institute, Oct. 21-22

"Christian Nurture: The Ministry of Education" will be taught by the Rev. Rebecca Chancellor at the Lay Institute, October 21-22. [Information](#)

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

Remembering Sept. 11: A Tenth Anniversary Interfaith Service, Sept. 11

The Interfaith Service is at 6 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 1838 SW Jefferson St., Portland. Please join us for this service that will include reflections from interfaith leaders, music and the lighting of peace candles. [More information](#).

Hunger and the Budget Crisis conference, Sept. 17

The Oregon Bread Team invites all to the "Hunger and the Budget Crisis – a faith-based call to action" conference on Saturday, Sept. 17, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Mercy Corps Global Headquarters in Portland. Information from Mike Hiland, breador@frontier.com or 503.625.2847.

'Raw Faith' film screening to benefit EMO, Sept. 18

A one-time matinee screening of the nationally acclaimed film, "Raw Faith" on Sunday, Sept. 18 in the Hollywood Theatre will support the work of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon. Made in Portland, the documentary follows two years in the life of Marilyn Sewell, retired senior minister at First Unitarian Church in Portland. [Poster](#) and [Information](#) about the event.

Moving Planet: Take alternative transportation to worship, Sept. 23-25

Moving Planet is an international day of action promoted by author and Methodist Sunday School teacher Bill McKibben's nonprofit, www.350.org. Moving Planet calls upon our leaders and institutions to move toward cleaner forms of transportation and energy now. The official date is Saturday, Sept. 24, but groups are encouraged to take part on any day around that time. www.350oregon.org/resources

- **Moving Planet Portland:** A Climate Action Fest. 12 to 3 p.m. Sept. 25 on the Rose Garden Commons, Portland. [More information](#).

S3 group study grants for church professionals, apply by Sept. 30

Applications are due September 30 for group study grants available to clergy, educators, and other church leaders through Columbia Theological Seminary's S3 Project, (Sabbath, Study, Service). [More information](#).

Collins Lecture with Fr. Richard Rohr, 'Restoring Sacred Balance,' Oct. 26-27

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon presents the 2011 Collins Lecture with [Fr. Richard Rohr](#), "Restoring Sacred Balance: The convergence of contemplative traditions & social action." [Register securely online now](#). Download [event brochure](#) or [poster](#). [More information](#).

National Tentmaking Conference for part-time pastors, Nov. 4-6

The annual conference for tentmaking pastors is set for Friday, November 4 through Sunday, November 6. [Brochure](#)

Highlights of June, 2011 Presbytery meeting [Read them here](#)

Read about actions and elections. You can add your comments to proposed Presbytery staffing changes on the "Comment on Staffing Policies" link on the [Presbytery website](#).

Media Resource Center open three evenings in September

Presbytery's Media Resource Center will be open the first three Wednesdays in September from 5:30-7 p.m. in addition to regular hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays. All are invited! Evening sessions in September will be hosted by Rev. Linda Stewart-Kalen. Browse at your leisure, and

items can be checked out. Location is in Mt Tabor Presbyterian Church at 55th and SE Belmont. Maureen O'Rourke, Director, 503-445-4999, 1-866-200-5660, [E-mail](#).

USEFUL INFORMATION

2012 [Minimum Terms of Call](#) Information

Attention church treasurers: Employee health insurance premium refund [Details](#).

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

Helpful information from Pension website - Benefits Connect [Information](#)

Pastoral transitions in Cascades Presbytery July-August 2011 - [Transitions](#)

[Monthly Remittance Form](#) for 2011

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

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: **Sept. 13 for Oct.-Nov., 2011 issue**

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

Church staff openings:

[Youth Director](#) part-time, Smith Memorial, Fairview

[Children and Families Ministry Coordinator](#) part-time, Cooper Mountain, Aloha

[Children and Youth Director](#) part-time, Bethany, Grants Pass

Contacts:

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[Deadlines and due dates](#)

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