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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: **Nov. 29, 2011.**

### NEW IN THIS ISSUE

- **Presbytery meeting at First, Corvallis, Nov. 11-12**
- **New federal regulations for cribs in churches and daycare facilities**
- **Columbia Seminary faculty news**
- **'God, Human Suffering, and the Minister,' Nov. 17-19**
- **Fundraising breakfast on World AIDS Day, Dec. 1**
- **Disciple-Making Church Conference, Jan. 16-20**
- **Menucha Retreat and Conference Center, Jan. 22-25 and more**
- **Earth Care Summit: Environmental Justice and Faith, Jan. 30**
- **Media Resource Center: New DVD for all ages on ocean change**

### PRESBYTERY EVENTS

#### Presbytery meeting at First, Corvallis, Nov. 11-12

- Visitors and commissioners may find [more information](#) here about the meeting at **First, Corvallis**. Seven pre-presbytery workshops are offered on Friday morning. Note that registration or reservations are requested for some workshops, meals and lodging. Car-pooling is encouraged in parking near the church.
- You can add your comments to proposed Presbytery staffing changes on the "Comment on Staffing Policies" link on the [Presbytery website](#).

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### New federal regulations for cribs in churches and daycare facilities

Church nurseries and daycares will be interested in new regulations for cribs: [Information](#).

#### Columbia Seminary faculty news

- [Columbia Theological Seminary faculty members contribute to new lectionary series on social justice](#). Jeffery Tribble, Sr., and Catherine Gunsalus González are among contributors to *Preaching God's Transforming Justice: A Lectionary Commentary, Year B, Featuring 22 New Holy Days for Justice*.
- [Old Testament scholar Kathleen M. O'Connor has two new books](#). Kathleen M. O'Connor, who retired earlier this year at Columbia Theological Seminary, is the author of *Jeremiah: Pain and Promise* (Augsburg Fortress) and the co-editor of *Breaking Bread, Building Justice: The Mission of the Church in the World of Hungers* (VDM, Germany).

#### 'God, Human Suffering, and the Minister,' Nov. 17-19

A Center for Preaching Event at Columbia Theological Seminary by Charles G. Adams, November 17-19 is "God, Human Suffering, and the Minister: Deliver Us from Evil." For additional information and to register, click [here](#) or call 404-687-4587.

#### Fundraising breakfast on World AIDS Day, Dec. 1

Portland's only HIV/AIDS day center holds a fundraising breakfast from 7:20 to 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, December 1. [More information](#) at Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon.

#### Disciple-Making Church Conference, Jan. 16-20

The Evangelism Office of the PC(USA) invites you to St. Pete Beach, Florida, January 16-20 for spiritual renewal and learning how your church can become disciple-making. [Brochure](#).

## **Menucha Retreat and Conference Center, Jan. 22-25 and more**

- **January Retreat for Pastors**, Jan. 22/23-25. [www.menucha.org](http://www.menucha.org)
- **Build Your Own Retreat**, whether it is completely silent or involves elements of spiritual direction. [Build Your Own Personal Retreat.](#)

## **Earth Care Summit: Environmental Justice and Faith, Jan. 30**

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon invites all congregations striving to care for creation and our communities to learn, share, and be inspired at the third annual Earth Care Summit on January 30, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., Highland Christian Center, 7600 NE Glisan St., Portland. [Learn more.](#)

## **Media Resource Center: New DVD for all ages on ocean change**

**A Sea Change: Imagine a World without Fish**, 83 min. DVD is available in the Presbytery Media Resource Center. It follows a retired history teacher and grandfather on his quest to discover what's happening to the world's oceans. His journey takes him to Alaska, California, Washington and Norway as he uncovers a crisis of which most people are unaware - ocean acidification.

"Optimistic, with a whole section of solutions at the end. Broad appeal for all ages." - Dr. Cat Dorey, Sustainable Seafood Advisor. Donation from Eco-Justice Educator, Jenny Holmes. The Resource Center 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**

Pastoral [Transitions](#) September-October 2011

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

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](#)

[Monthly Remittance Form](#) for 2011

IRS 2011 Standard Mileage Rates: \$.555/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: **Nov. 21 for Dec.-Jan. issue**

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

## **Church staff openings:**

- Youth Director part-time, Smith Memorial, Fairview
- Children's Ministry and Nursery Care part-time, Colonial Heights, Portland
- Accompanist/Organist part-time, Milwaukie PC, Milwaukie
- Youth and Family Director part-time, Faith Evangelical Lutheran, Roseburg OR

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