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Co-Executive Presbyters Prepare for New Responsibilities

Editor's Note: As announced in the last issue of Omnibus, the presbytery will soon have, for budgetary reasons, three co-executives instead of the current four. Jack Hodges is resigning to allow this change to occur.

Effective July 1, our elected staff members--Hugh Anderson, Aleida Jernigan, and John Mahon--will be designated as "Co-Executive Presbyters with equal authority, compensation, and particular responsibilities as assigned by the Personnel and Administration Committee of the presbytery with the concurrence of the Presbytery Council." What will this mean in practical terms?

- Co-Executive Presbyters will retain responsibilities for the day-to-day running of their respective regional offices (Portland, Eugene, Phoenix).
- Each Co-Executive Presbyter will serve as

the executive for their respective region (NE/NW, Central, South) and work with ministers and congregations of that region.

- Each Co-Executive Presbyter will serve as staff resource to particular presbytery-wide programmatic committees (see chart on page 8).
- Each Co-Executive Presbyter will serve as a staff resource in specific areas usually seen as "head of staff" responsibilities. Thus, in that particular area the "buck would stop" at that co-executive presbyter's desk. These will be as follows:

1. Ecumenical and larger church relationships will be the responsibility of Aleida Jernigan in the NE/NW (Portland) office.

2. Finance/loans/property issues will be the responsibility of John Mahon in the Central (Eugene) office.

3. Personnel and administration will be the responsibility of Hugh Anderson in the South (Phoenix) office.

As out-going Co-Executive Presbyter Jack Hodges said upon announcing his resignation, effective June 30, "The team concept we have as co-executives is unique; no other presbytery has our configuration. I think it is a great strength and the sum is far greater than any one person." Indeed, we are fortunate to retain three gifted co-executive presbyters with broad strengths and unique talents who are seasoned and dedicated church leaders and who serve with great respect for and trust in one another, and great love for every congregation. Your prayers and support for Hugh, Aleida, and John are requested as they prepare for this transition and for our presbytery as together we "live into" the implementation of our new staff design.

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The Presbytery of the Cascades
 Will have a Stated Meeting

June 24-25, 2005

Milwaukie Presbyterian Church
 2416 SE Lake Road, Milwaukie, Oregon

The proposed docket will be posted on www.cascadespresbytery.org and mailed to presbyters and churches about June 10, together with background papers, maps, and information about lodging. The meeting will convene at 1:30 p.m. Friday and adjourn by mid-afternoon Saturday.

Significant docket items will include: review of finances for 2005, adoption of new standing rules, reports from the Personnel and Administration Committee and Presbytery Council on staffing transitions, and presentations and preaching by Dr. Howard Rice. An Orientation Luncheon for new presbyters -and others wanting additional orientation--will be held on Friday, with reservations to be made by not later than Friday, June 17 with the office of the Stated Clerk, 503-227-5486 or 800-495-4114.

News Briefs

Items gleaned from the Omnibus mail include these:

• **Equalization Formula:** Stated Clerk John Huenink reports that, in order to equalize the number of minister and elder commissioners to presbytery, starting in June the churches listed alphabetically from Bandon, First, through Oregon City, First, will be entitled to one additional elder commissioner for the next three meetings. See <http://cascadespresbytery.org/commissioners.html>.

• **A mission trip to Uganda** is being planned for about August 12-22 by Connie Earwood of Back to God Ministries, to help with the construction of a school building and to encourage teachers. For more information, contact Connie at 503-642-3170 or earwood@easystreet.com. To learn more about the organization, visit www.gobacktogod.com. Youth groups and adults are welcome.

• **Effective Preaching in a Postmodern World**, a conference for clergy, is slated for July 7-9 at Whitworth College, Spokane. Keynoters include M. Craig Barnes from

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Southminster Sponsors Somali Bantu Gardens

Southminster, Beaverton, is allowing the use of some of its land for urban gardening by Somali Bantu refugees settled locally. The Bantu will supplement their diets and incomes by growing vegetables, fruits and medicinal herbs. The Westminster Foundation provided funds to pay for water, fencing and communications.

The Somali Bantu are a people without a country. After fleeing ethnic persecution in Somalia, they have been in a refugee camp in Kenya, where they can remain only short term. They cannot return to Somalia. Bantus

were prime targets for slave traders in the 1700s and 1800s, so have had a difficult life for centuries. The situation was worsened by civil war in Somalia in 1991-1992.

The resettlement is a joint effort of the U.S. Department of State and many Christian denominations. Lutheran Family Services is the designated representative in several states. Oregon will eventually be home to approximately 240 of the refugees, who arrive in small groups after receiving instruction in literacy and the use of modern appliances and equipment

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MEDIA RESOURCE CENTER

The Media Resource Center is located in Mt. Tabor Presbyterian Church, 5441 SE Belmont, Portland.

You may reserve videos in person on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30-5:00 (please call first); by phone at 503-445-4999 or 866-200-8660, or by linking through the presbytery website, www.cascadespresbytery.org.



Thanks to volunteers Melissa Olmstead, who took materials to the Educators' Event, and Leala Harris, who provided them for the mission conferences.

The following are some of the resources given the Media Center by the Opening Doors Task Force of presbytery.

WHAT'S NEW AND RELEVANT IN YOUR MEDIA RESOURCE CENTER?

The Best Friends Approach to Alzheimer's Care. by Virginia Bell & David Troxel. This book contains a "how to" guide for the first comprehensive model of Alzheimer's care that is easy to understand and learn. With this "Best Friends" model the reader will be able to develop the know-how for responding to any situation. Health Professions Press, 1997

A Healing Homiletic: Preaching & Disability. by Kathy Black. Nashville, Recommended for pastors, this book provides a new method of preaching about healing, based on scripture, for understanding the needs of people with disabilities. Abingdon Press. 1996

Joy In Our Weakness: A Gift of Hope from the Book of Revelation. by Marva Dawn. A theological and practical guide for those who suffer, this book was born out of the author's own struggles with physical limitations and chronic illness, and it is intended to help the whole church learn how to find joy in every circumstance of life, especially in trials and sufferings. William B. Eerdmans Publishing: Grand Rapids, 2002

Thinking in Pictures: and Other Reports from My Life With Autism. by Temple Grandin. Written by a woman with autism, this book gives insights into how people with autism think and cope. Vintage Books Random House: New York, 1995

In the Shadow of God's Wings: Grace in the Midst of Depression by Gregg-Shroeder, Susan. This is a bold personal statement about living with chronic depression and discovering gifts of God in the midst of depression. Gregg-Schroeder has served as a church pastor and coordinator of mental health ministries for the California-Pacific annual conference of the United Methodist Church. Upper Room Books: Nashville, 1997

The 36-Hour Day: A Family Guide to Caring for Person with Alzheimer's Disease, Related Dementing Illnesses, and Memory Loss in Later Life. by Nancy L. Mace & Peter V. Rabins, M.D. This book remains the "bible" for families giving care to persons with dementia and covers an extremely wide range of topics including an explanation of various dementing disorders, care techniques, characteristic problems of dementia, family issues, nursing homes and other living arrangements, genetics, financing and legal issues, drug therapies, etc. Johns Hopkins University Press, 1999

Waist High in the World: A Life Among the Non-Disabled.

by Nancy Mairs. A memoir of Mairs' life as she loses her body to multiple sclerosis. Beacon Press: Boston, 1996



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Youth Participate in Mission Conference for First Time



New Best Friends: Youth and Leaders at the Mission Conference

In the first year that the presbytery's Mission Conference included youth participants, 25 students and eight adults came from five churches. They spent part of the weekend with the regular adult lay program; they also had time to talk about their experiences and to build friendships with other youth with a similar passion for mission.

Rick Ufford-Chase, moderator of the General Assembly, spent quality time with them on the beach playing ultimate Frisbee and in personal conversation time on Saturday night. He challenged the youth to think of themselves as leaders of the church right now and to lead the church with innovative and creative ideas. "Don't always wait for people to give you permission to get things done. You will meet with resistance, but the church needs your vitality and leadership if it is to survive," said Ufford-Chase.

Aimee Moiso, a candidate for ministry, shared her experiences in Ghana and Israel with the students and led them in a Bible study to help them envision the kind of world God intends for us to bring about. And Kris Voss-Rothmeier gave them practical ways to begin thinking about domestic and interna-

See "Youth" on page 5

Voices

Misled on Divestment in Israel?

by **Jacque French, Southminster, Beaverton**

When I read in the newspaper last June that the General Assembly passed a resolution to divest in companies in Israel, I sold my shares of an Israeli company. Many others strongly objected to the news, even threatening violence if the resolution wasn't dropped. Taking a stand on the unending violence between Israel and Palestine was a big risk for PC(USA). But the news media got it wrong and divided the church on yet another issue. As a member of the national MRTI (Mission Responsibility Through Investment) committee, I should have known better.

The purpose of MRTI is to study issues of corporate responsibility as they relate to the resolutions of our church concerning peace and justice. We have a procedure in place for phased selective divestment. At our fall meeting, we had several guests very concerned about what divestment would mean for members and friends of the church who were connected with the corporations that would come under consideration and for the Jewish community.

It was a tense meeting as we carefully clarified the process and defined the criteria for selecting corporations that were contributing to and profiting from the continuing conflict. Although there are no corporations working in Palestine, we agreed to include Palestine in the plan.

The step now in process is to identify corporations, and that requires careful research. When the staff has the information, they will assess it according to the criteria established

by MRTI. At our next meeting in August, the committee will be presented with A, B, C etc. companies (no actual names) and how they relate to the criteria.

While we were at our recent spring meeting, a person was arrested and charged with writing threatening letters to our staff. Meanwhile, other denominations have contributed support and joined in the action. Meetings are going on within the denominations and between them, with a sharing of information.

The committee will select the most grievous corporations, according to our criteria, to work with before we know their identities. Then we will work to change non-responsible behavior regarding environmental and justice issues of other corporations.

First we will try to establish dialogue with high-level management. If agreed to, this will involve correspondence and meetings with representatives and associates of our committee and in some cases the entire committee.

If the corporation refuses to cooperate or our talks break down, we will recommend the approval of a shareholder proposal to the General Assembly Council. With approval, we will draw up the proposal with the support of the Interfaith Committee of Corporate Responsibility, composed of membership of 256 churches and foundations. A shareholder resolution brings bad publicity to the corporation, and they often agree to continue talks or to change behavior to prevent a proxy vote. The voting is not binding to the corporation, but it does express the values of shareholders. Our committee will make any recommenda-

tions for divestment to the General Assembly for a vote, but that will not be until the GA meets in June 2006. My hope is that by then there will be a resolute peace accord and no need to divest.

For more information on the process, go to www.pcusa.org/mrti.

Jacque French
Southminster Church
Member, MRTI Committee

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Pittsburgh Seminary and Charles Bartow from Princeton Seminary. For more information and to register, visit the website www.whitworth.edu/faithcenter (Click on Upcoming Events).

- **Correction:** To report changes and additions for Omnibus mailing, please call 503-227-5486. The number was wrong in the last issue.

- **Renovare** international conference is slated for June 19-22 at the Adams Mark Hotel in Denver. Theme is "The With-God Life: The Dynamics of Scripture for Spiritual Transformation." Register online at www.renovare.org/2005ic.

- **"Mysticism, Empowerment and Resistance,"** a summer seminar with Marcus Borg, Joan Chittister and John Dominic Crossan, will be held at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Portland June 15-17. Sponsored by The Center for Spiritual Development. To sign up or for more information, visit the website, www.center-for-spiritual-development.org.

Cascades Viewpoints

When my colleagues asked me if I would like to write this "Viewpoints," I said to myself, "Well, OK. I could call this 'The Last Quack of a Lame Duck.'"

Your elected staff--the four co-executives and the stated clerk--meets often and helpfully. We have such good communication and share so well.

Last November, we took time to explore the road we've traveled these last few years. We reflected on questions such as "What has gone well with us?" and "What has not come off quite so well?" We engaged in affirmations and asked each other questions; sometimes we pushed and prodded.... Quite simply, we shared together as colleagues in ministry.

Certainly "Discovering God's Call to the Presbytery of the Cascades" is an affirmation. It represents a major shift in the way our presbytery does business. But it is far more than that: It is a shift in the way we see ourselves and what it is that we are about as a part of the Body of Christ. "Discovering God's Call" is standing solidly behind congregations, sessions, clergy, educators and other church professionals as we proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ.

To me, this seems all to the good. So maybe we ought to ask how we are doing in our proclamation. After all, a friend of mine was often moved to say, "Never forget the main thing is the main thing."

Looking at one of the more obvious markers, it seems clear that we need to focus again on the "main thing." In 2003, church membership decreased in the presbytery by 499. I am afraid our 2004 record is not much better.

While congregations received a total of 1,553 into the fold, 2,341 sheep vanished from the flock, a net decrease of 788. That's moving toward a decrease of 1,300 folk in two years. Yet unknown is the diminution occurring right now.

Clearly, we need to turn this around. The proclamation of the Good News of Jesus Christ is just too important for us to not be alive in the Spirit. And just as clearly, people in our world are hungry for good news. I so love what Dietrich Bonhoeffer said in his book *Life Together*:

"It is not simply to be taken for granted that the Christian has the privilege of living among other Christians. It is by the grace of God that a congregation is permitted to gather visibly in this world to share God's word and sacrament. They know that the visible fellowship is a blessing.

"Therefore, a Christian needs another Christian who speaks God's Word to him. We need them again and again when we become uncertain and discouraged.... And that also clarifies the goal of all Christian community: we meet each other as bringers of the message of salvation."

So, here's a "main thing" kind of question: Has your congregation been meeting people "as bringers of the message of salvation"? The Congregational Support Committee is deeply involved in transformation. They are looking for congregations who want to be involved in transformation, who want to be

"on fire" with the good news. If your congregation has lost members, why not give your presbytery office a call and say, "Sign us up to be an outpost of the Good News in our community. We want to be engaged in transformation."

At the Missions Conference in May, speaker after speaker challenged us to reach beyond ourselves into new realms of mission. I have the conviction that if a congregation wants to grow it begins by looking beyond itself; it seeks to align itself with what God is doing in the world. In becoming one with God's people in the world, growth occurs, the congregation lights up, new life emerges. As has been said, "The church exists by mission as a fire exists by burning."

The truth is that none of us are lame ducks in this adventure of being Church; we are all invited into active service as ambassadors of the Kingdom.

And in the process we will be stretched, pulled, tugged, very often surprised, formed and transformed into something beyond our imagination. And the joy and exhilaration we experience will be palpable ... touched, felt, handled, tangible, recognizable, clear to the mind and heart, and a witness to the very One who has called us into service.

I believe that kind of Christianity is--in a word--fabulous!

—Jack Hodges,
Co-Executive
Presbyter



Positively Presbyterian

Northeast Region

Janet Wylie, Reporting

Colonial Heights, Portland, is celebrating the call of the Rev. Linda Stewart-Kalen as their pastor beginning June 15. They bid farewell to Michael O'Brien who served as Interim Pastor for the last two years. And **Covenant, Gresham**, has welcomed the Rev. Judith Ann Richards who will serve as their interim pastor. After ten years in ministry together, **Columbia, Vancouver**, has said farewell to Pastor Heidi Husted, who has received a call to serve with World Vision in Seattle.

Eastwoods, Vancouver, celebrated their fifth anniversary on Pentecost Sunday. Pastor Scott Phillips noted that the Book of Acts does not tell about building campaigns and program development. Rather, we hear of the faithfulness of women and men telling the story of Jesus and people responding and giving themselves to the continuation of the telling of the story—even as **Eastwoods** continues to tell the story of Jesus today.

Smith Memorial, Fairview, celebrated Holy Humor Sunday on April 10. Highlights included kazooing and whistling their praises, receiving the offering in kids' beach pails, greeters with hand buzzers shaking hands, and participating in the ancient tradition of a Christian celebration of God's last laugh over death. **First, Vancouver**, had to continue Holy Humor to a second Sunday due to the large number of jokes and humorous stories the congregation sent to the pastor.

Springwater, Estacada, is planning to construct a labyrinth in the meditation garden as part of an outdoor project. The paths will be packed gravel with various plants between the pathways. A labyrinth is not a maze, but is a pilgrimage to help the walker focus on and feel closer to God. And **Gateway, The Dalles**, has started construction of a classroom building to be completed by September.

Rose City Park, Portland, works with the Hollywood Farmers' Market vendors who donate surplus produce to be sold to members of the congregation—and the proceeds go to support hunger-related projects. And **Colonial Heights, Portland**, is offering the use of their planter boxes to the community. All they ask is that the gardeners share a portion of their produce with FISH.

Laurelhurst, Portland, recently "entertained" a great bunch of firefighters who responded to a burning smell. No, it was not the potatoes the youth were baking for the annual congregational meeting but was a furnace problem resulting in a very strong acrid odor. Worship moved to the narthex, and even though the firemen could not stay for lunch, they did sign the Church Visitors' Book.

Savage Memorial, Portland, has been infested with "elves." These elves were responsible for putting on (and cleaning up after) the church rummage sale, decorating the sanctuary for Easter (and cleaning up) and renovating the old manse, which will serve as the home for the new custodian. Were they really elves? Or were they Saints of God, working on behalf of the church?

And **New Life-Eastminster, Portland**, was honored with a visit from Dr. Syngman Rhee as they journey toward the merger of New Life and Eastminster Presbyterian Churches. He shared with them about Ministry, Mission and Evangelism in their "faithful effort to be 'One in Christ.'"

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Central Region

Bill Dittler, Reporting

Pastor Rob Anderson shared these reflections with the **Redmond** congregation in their newsletter, *The Lamplighter*:

"In George Stevens' biblical epic, 'The Greatest Story Ever Told,' John Wayne made a cameo appearance as a Roman centurion who leads Jesus to his crucifixion. Stevens, not known for stopping actors as they delivered their appointed lines, screamed, 'Cut!' when John Wayne said his only line, 'Truly, this was the Son of God.'

" 'Duke, you're referring to the Son of God here. You've got to deliver the line with a little more awe.'

Stevens shouted, 'Action!' This time Wayne paused for a moment and solemnly declared: 'Aw, truly this was the Son of God!'

Now that we've celebrated Easter, we have the same opportunity that John Wayne had. We have the duty to decide how we will tell others what we experienced on Easter. Will we hold our lines and simply not say anything and move on as if nothing significant has taken place? Will we be in awe over the experience and share the good news with joy and conviction?"

In the **Prineville Presbyterian**, Pastor Cheryl Bourne points out, "Now is the time to plant seeds! Actually every day is a day to plant seeds—of faith, that is! Most Presbyterians are afraid of the word, 'evangelism.' It is a BIG word and it brings to mind images of knocking on strangers' doors and standing on street corners waving the Bible at everyone who passes by. So instead of using the big scary 'E' word, I will use the phrase, 'planting seeds.' Jesus gives us the command in Matthew 28 to preach the gospel to the ends of the world. How do we do that in an environment where we don't want to be pushy? Actually it is not really that hard! Try using PIES - Pray, Invite, Encourage and Serve."

The **Oakville News** reaches folks in the Shedd area. Pastor John Carpenter summed up the place of the church in the life of the community: "Once the Oakdale School closed its doors, the Oakdale Church stood alone as the hub of the community. In addition to worship services, our fellowship events and small group gatherings draw the community together and meet the need for companionship and a sense of belonging. This is no doubt our greatest strength and our major role in our area of the Willamette Valley. Our expanded facilities will help us better fulfill that role, as well as our greater purpose of drawing people into a loving relationship with Christ. Whether folks know it or not, that really is their deepest longing and need."

Christ's Church Methodist and Presbyterian United Monmouth, communicates through *Foothill Notes*. In his column, "Further Ado," Pastor Chris Whitehead shared this insight. "It is not enough to want to fight for justice—you have to do it with genuine love for your oppressors, according to Dr. M. L. King, Jr. That is hard. Really hard. So hard that I do not think it can be done by human means. It can only be done if we let

Christ work through us—working for justice for all, with love for all."

The congregation of First, Lebanon received this news about fellow members Ed and Anita Harriman. "The Lebanon Fire District presented to Ed and Anita Harriman the Captain W. Bruce Parton Community Service Award. Those who receive this award have put the needs of the community above all else."

"The ministry of the Holy Spirit has always been a bit of an enigma, because, as scripture says, the Spirit blows where it will. We can neither anticipate it nor direct it. What we can do is celebrate the transforming power that is the work of the Spirit." -- Pastor Don Shaw, **John Knox, Keizer**.

South Region

Ann Moore, Reporting

Eight churches on the south coast—actually seven plus Myrtle Point, which is almost at the coast—will work together this summer on a combined mission study to be used with future church information forms. Representatives from **Brookings, Gold Beach, Bandon, Coos Bay, North Bend, Lakeside, Reedsport and Myrtle Point** gathered in early June for instruction and encouragement in gathering data for each of their areas concerning demographics, history of their churches and communities, changes in the community over the life of the church and the economy. The group will meet again in the fall to share and compile data.

In 2004 Brookings, Gold Beach and Bandon entered into a friendship coalition called the South Beach group.

Many churches in the region plan mission trips to Mexico. Brookings youth and adults will join folks from Jacksonville and Davenport, Washington, to build 11 x 22 foot two-room wood frame houses "for families who previously lived in cars, drainage pipes, the Tijuana dump and other such places," according to the *Messenger* newsletter. This is a new mission experience for **Brookings**. Past trips were to Sheldon Jackson College in Sitka, Alaska.

Westminster, Medford's mission trip group is ecumenical. It includes Bethany Lutheran and Presbyterians from **Gold Beach**, Four Square Gospel Church in Lebanon, **Tualatin Presbyterian** and **North Bend Presbyterian**. They will build the same kinds of houses in Mexico.

Ashland will do their mission with another program in Baja California. They will work with orphans "to take part in the privilege of bringing healing and meaningful memories to orphaned children," according to Nikki Perrine, Ashland's education director. **Bandon** mission trip participants will also work in an orphanage.

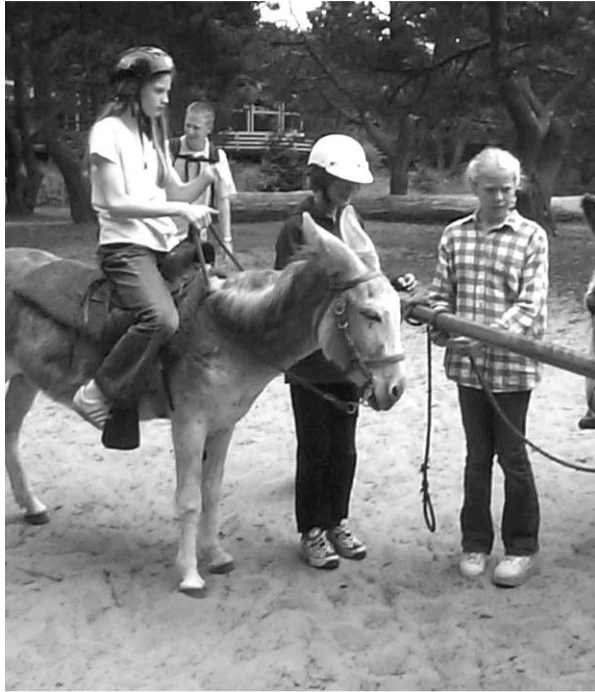
Music on compact discs from the last five years at **Bethany, Grants Pass**, is for sale for \$10. One disc has 23 selections from **Bethany's** choir featuring cantatas, worship and solos. Another CD features 29 selections of praise music. Money earned will go into the mission fund.

Brookings celebrated 50 years of ministry by dedicating their expanded building.

The newly re-shaped building includes a turned-around sanctuary, large windows, and an entrance visible from the street. The offices, classrooms, sanctuary, and fellowship

Not by Chance

by Sharon Franklin



Fifth and sixth grade campers ride donkeys at Magruder.

Zach greeted me at camp registration with a scowl and let me know immediately that he was only there because his dad made him come. A sixth grader, he was spending the summer with his father who lived nearby and knew about the camp, but Zach didn't go to any church. He doubted that much of anything "cool" would happen all week. I told him that I thought he'd probably find something that he liked--there were lots of choices--but let's just take it one day at a time. I introduced him to his counselor, and off he went, obedient but guarded and reserved.

He maintained his reserve into the first couple of days, participating without a lot of enthusiasm or motivation. Gradually he began to form relationships with his counselor and other staff members and, eventually, boys in

Alder Street Sextet to Play at First, Portland

First Presbyterian, Portland, closes this season of its Celebration Works recital series with a performance by the Alder Street Sextet. The five wind players and one pianist provide music for worship at First Presbyterian once a month. Their recital, on Sunday, June 12, at 3:00 pm, will repeat some of the congregation's favorite music.

The recital will open with "Umoja" by V. Coleman, based on African call-and-response vocal music. Next will be "Miniatures" by African-American composer William Grant Still, evoking the folk music of the Americas.

New Resource on Water Informed by Cascades Presbytery

In April 2001, water to about 1,000 Klamath Irrigation project farmers was shut off with little warning due to a court ruling on endangered species, creating great distress. A resolution at the 213th General Assembly of PC(USA) called attention to the need for humanitarian assistance. It also included the following controversial statement: "...affirm that the taking of water rights is taking private property and that just compensation is due."

To address concerns about the church's social environmental policy, the 214th General Assembly directed the Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy to investigate. It developed recommendations, a report and a study guide to clarify the church's policy

his cabin and other campers in general.

By the end of the week, he had emerged as a very popular, involved camper, one that could be identified as a leader. On the last night, Zach was pretty quiet. The next morning during worship, we shared about what the week had meant to us. Zach raised his hand. I wondered what he would say and hoped that it would be positive. He said, "I liked this week because you talk about important things here. I don't want to leave." I shared knowing looks with several of the counselors and staff. We were silently praising what had happened to Zach that week.

But what happened to Zach didn't happen by chance. The relationships built by counselors and staff were definitely intentional--as they are with each child who comes to our camp. Before they even arrive, each has been prayed over and carefully placed in a small group of children and counselors that will together become a family during the week.

One-on-one relationships are an important part of camp. It is a highly relational experience as we live and play together 24 hours a day. Counselors have more time in one week to minister to campers than youth pastors have in a year, and as much quality time as parents have in six months, according to some studies. Bonds are formed that translate experiences into character formation. The influence for change is great where relationships are valued. And isn't that exactly how Jesus disciplined the twelve, living and traveling with them in a relational ministry?

Camp also has other significant values that make it a unique opportunity for growth. Genuine community is experienced. Separation from home removes the familiar physical and social supports. Camp becomes the place to try new things, meet new people

Also slated are a sextet by Hungarian composer Rezco Sugar, an arrangement of the beautiful "L'Adorazione dei Magi" from Ottorino Respighi's depiction of three Botticelli paintings for symphony orchestra and the exuberant "Sextour" for piano and winds by Francis Poulenc.

The Alder Street Sextet musicians are: Maria Choban, piano; Janet Bebb, flute; Ann van Bever, oboe; Nanita McIlhattan, clarinet; Karen Bjorge, horn and Boyd Osgood, bassoon. Tickets are available at the door at \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and seniors.

on limited water resources and takings.

This presbytery helped convene a consultation in Medford to hear diverse views of stakeholders, and the controversial statement was rescinded. A major recommendation was that in case of limited water resources, in-stream use by declining species and reserved rights of Native Americans take priority was accepted with the caveat that each situation must be judged on its own merits.

For a copy of the statement and a worthwhile congregational study, go to www.pcusa.org/oga/publications/limited-water.pdf. At presbytery on June 24, the Eco-Justice Team will hold a pre-presbytery workshop on the topic.

and have new adventures.

Children who are constantly surrounded by the noise of TVs, computers, video games and our fast-paced world find themselves in a quiet, serene place in nature where people become everything.

Camp immerses us in God's creation and its mysteries. Nature reveals God's power and existence to us in a unique way. Combining that with staff members who value their relationship with God and with their campers creates a perfect backdrop for spiritual development or new spiritual awareness.

Those who have a meaningful camping experience often return again and again as leaders. They understand the value of camp



Rope swinging at Magruder.

experience and seek it even in their adult lives. A survey commissioned by Christian Camping International noted that more than half the people in full-time Christian ministry today had made life-changing decisions at camp.

So, where is Zach? I don't know. But I do know that seeds were planted in him on a deep level. It's my prayer that they have been nurtured and watered by others.

There's nothing like camp. Ask anyone who's been there, and visit the website, www.cascadespresbytery.org, to see what camp experiences await you and those you love.

"Loyalty to a petrified opinion never yet broke a chain nor freed a human soul."

—Mark Twain

"Whoever is careless with the truth in small matters cannot be trusted with important matters."

—Albert Einstein

Youth... *(continued from page 2)*

tional mission within the Presbyterian Church. Several commented that they learned a lot about missions, about what the Presbyterian Church is currently doing and about what we're all called to do.

One of the most powerful outcomes of the weekend was the opportunity for the youth to get to know one another. Two groups talked about doing a mission trip together this coming summer and, judging by how late they stayed up on Saturday night, they formed close relationships with one another.

Cascades Group Working for the Peace, Unity and Purity of the Church

In light of the theological diversity of our denomination and the theologically based conflicts that all too often emerge, the Presbyterian Church (USA) has created a reflection group titled the "Theological Task Force on the Peace, Unity, and Purity of the Church (PUP)." Twenty Presbyterians, chosen for their theological diversity, have spent the last four years meeting and sharing together in worship, prayer, fellowship, and study - all for the purpose of developing a model of dialogue and discernment to be used in the exploration of various theological issues that have been points of conflict within our denomination.

In 2004, PUP recommended "that every presbytery be encouraged to create intentional gatherings of Presbyterians of varied theologi-

cal views to covenant together to discuss the affirmations in the task force's preliminary report, and to utilize the resources being developed by the task force."

The Relational Support Committee (RSC) of our presbytery is forming an intentionally diverse theological reflection group. We hope to build on the model developed by PUP, fostering understanding and trust through corporate worship, prayer, fellowship and study.

The RSC will first solicit recommendations from our co-executive presbyters. From these recommendations, they will select a clergy and a lay member from each region, with two additional at-large members to serve as co-chairs - for a total of ten people. The RSC will present the reflection group at our June

presbytery meeting for commissioning.

The group will then begin a three-year program, meeting three times a year. Between gatherings the members will work through selected readings on topics that will be engaged at the following meeting. Throughout this process, the group will communicate to congregations and presbytery through Omnibus and reports of the RSC at presbytery meetings. The goal is to use the model of this theological reflection group to inspire similar local groups.

Brian Boisen and LaVae Robertson have been selected as the co-chairs. They are currently working to recruit group members and are planning their initial retreat for the Shalom Prayer Center at Mount Angel on September 20-21. They ask you to keep this important work in your prayers.

Positively Presbyterian (Continued from page 4)

hall are all visible from the entrance interior for a centralized flow, according to Pastor Warren Muller. He added that the new and larger windows allow natural light in every room. It is all handicap-accessible; there are no stairs. Showers were also added so visiting youth groups can sleep in the church and take showers. The church welcomes visitors and youth group overnights.

Northwest Region

Jeanne Rich, Reporting

Imaginative expressions abound as Northwest churches report on life in their congregations.

Pastor John Lacey, Clatsop Plains

Pioneer, Warrenton, wrote that a friend calls the time following Easter "afterglow." It is the time when the disciples "connected the dots" between Easter and Pentecost as "They learned to wait for God to move before they made a move.... In short, they began to be the Church."

At **Bethany, Portland**, Pastor Brett Becker writes that the church needs to get "back to basics." An unnamed friend said, "Most churches are A-B-C churches-we need to move beyond that!" These churches focus on Attendance, Buildings and Cash. He is encouraging Bethany to become a D-E-F church focusing on Discipleship, Evangelism, and Faithfulness, of course not forgetting the ABCs.

Other NW churches are seeking to be faith-

ful congregations. Melodic strains stir the imagination at **St. Andrews, Portland**, as Pastor Patricia Campbell-Schmitt cites the familiar song, "It only takes a spark to get a fire going," She describes transformation as "that shift in which the congregation moves from being oriented to maintenance to conceiving themselves as a mission outpost." She and her husband Pastor Tom are inspired by the "number of folk at St. Andrews who are fanning the spark" for transformation. We will watch for flames to appear from this "mission outpost."

And at **Plymouth, St. Helens**, Pastor Marilyn Allen encourages her congregation to "Arise, shine; for your light has come." Can you hear the notes hanging in the air? She explains that, no matter the typical season for the song, the congregation has been working on "how to be a light of God in our community." We'll be looking for the shining of that beacon as well.

Women's spring retreats and meetings highlight themes that focus on the D-E-F church. At **Valley, Portland**, a program of WINGS (Women in God's Spirit) had Lyn Jenks, pastoral psychotherapist at Samaritan Counseling Center located at Valley, speak on the theme "Finding Your Spiritual Path." At **St. Mark's, Portland**, the women retreated to Menucha to reflect on "Finding God in Our Midst" with Rev. Vicky Curtiss, Spiritual Director.

Youth in the NW region are also building a

D-E-F church. Mike Nevens and Jeremy Twombly, Youth Directors at **Multnomah, Portland**, describe "A philosophy of missions that shifts its emphasis from short-term outreach effort to the longer term." The youth are raising funds to help missionaries Carlos and Olga Pena build a church in Mexico; in future years they will "send youth to Mazatlan to minister alongside the Penas." Multnomah has made a significant commitment to support this effort with financial contributions toward purchasing the property and building supplies, in addition to sending qualified construction workers when the time comes.

Multnomah, Portland, has also welcomed Michael Lukman as choir director. He has worked in Singapore with adult, youth, preschool music programs and instrumental groups as well as doing short-term ministries in India. It is said that he "has a deep love for Jesus Christ and a desire for the choir to 'know a piece of music so well that we can sing from our hearts.'" **Valley, Portland**, has an opening for Children's Ministries Program Director, a part-time position for ministry to children age 3 through grade 5. **First, Newberg**, is looking for a Church Secretary/receptionist.

VBS trivia: The most favored curriculum locally for VBS 2005 is *Serengeti Trek*. Roaring for the Lord may be heard throughout the region in July and August!

Removing Barriers to Living at Home

By Irene Tegeler, OPENING DOORS Task Force

We may think the need for a cane, walker, or wheelchair belongs to the elderly, but that just isn't so. At the age of 55 I found myself confined to a wheelchair, and the issue was how to make our home more accessible. Being an architect, I had already dealt with some of these issues for others, but now it was my turn to look at what needed to be changed for me to maintain a level of self-sufficiency and independence.

We of the OPENING DOORS Task Force on Disabilities have put together a packet of useful information that could help anyone in your congregation facing a similar situation or living with physical limitations brought on by age-related circumstances. ADA standards and state building code requirements don't always address the issues so we have gone beyond and added many more practical applications. This packet will be mailed to all churches within the next month to be placed in your resource center and shared with persons or families within your congregations who might benefit.

Being able to stay in one's home if at all possible is very important, as I have learned.

Westminster Foundation Conducts Planning Retreat

The Westminster Foundation of the Presbytery of the Cascades met in April to discuss the strengths of current Campus Ministry programs at western Oregon universities and develop approaches to address important challenges facing those ministries.

Led by Lou Balmer, Westminster Board Chair, and facilitator Milton Dennis, an experienced United Way executive, board members and campus ministers discussed approaches to develop and strengthen the role of Jesus Christ in the lives of students and the university communities. Campus ministers attending were Denise Mosher, Western Oregon University; Beth Crawford, Oregon State University; Ann Bowersox, University of Oregon and Elizabeth Winslea, Portland State University.

By stressing program creativity, flexibility and availability to students and faculty, our ministries are able to make a real impact on students who are forming the beliefs and practices that they will carry into their lives after graduation. Our campus ministries also add to

the education of the whole person by participating in the broader academic and social life of the university community and occasionally breaking down barriers and mediating between interfaith and ecumenical cultures when differences surface.

Building on these strengths, the group identified some important challenges to be incorporated into campus ministry plans:

- Ensuring a safe and welcoming facility for students and staff;
- Developing strong, supportive relationships with university leaders, staff and faculty;
- Establishing effective programs and initiatives tailored to the needs and issues of the university communities;
- Developing effective, committed student leaders to empower and sustain the ministry; and
- Ensuring the availability of sufficient funding, staffing and facilities to carry forward the campus ministries.

Additional challenges included the importance

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Local Presbyterians Make News

Among the members of our presbytery featured in various publications recently are these:

· The **Rev. Roula Alkhoury** has a sermon published in the March/April issue of Church & Society journal. Roula is the Associate Pastor of First, Bend.

· The **Rev. Hugh Anderson**, Co-Executive Presbyterian - South Region, has a letter to the editor in the latest (summer 2005) issue of Ideas, a publication of the Congregational

Ministries Division of PC(USA).

· **Anitra Kitts Rasmussen** is one of two Presbyterians who won awards recently in a media competition sponsored by the Religion Communicators Council. Anitra is in seminary at San Francisco Theological Seminary and is on the staff of Covenant Network of Presbyterians. She won an award of excellence (first place) for the video, Turning Points: Stories of Change and Transformation in the Church.

· The **Rev. John Carpenter** was featured in an article in the Corvallis Gazette-Times. John is pastor of Oakville, Shedd, and the article focuses on the sense of community felt in the "little country church" and points out that the congregation has doubled in size in recent years, with typical worship attendance of about 100. The church was founded in 1850



Prayer Calendar

The Theology, Spirituality and Worship Committee is pleased to present this Prayer Calendar for Cascades Presbytery. Every congregation, minister member, candidate and committee is listed on a day appropriate to them. You are invited to use this list in your daily devotions. Please contact the South office if there are any additions or corrections.

July

- 1 Forster W. Freeman, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 1994
- 2 John W. Pressly, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 1974 o Karen Dehart, youth worker, Community Presbyterian, Parkdale
- 3 Elwyn G. Tesche, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 1981
- 4 John W. Goff, ordained this day in 1971
- 5 First Presbyterian, Central Point - chartered this day in 1908 o First Presbyterian, Cottage Grove - chartered this day in 1855 o Jan Noller, Certified Christian Educator
- 6 Eugene C. Kinney, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 1988
- 7 Don A. Gibbs, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 1991, serving as stated supply, Community Presbyterian, Parkdale
- 8 Cascades Presbyterian, Vancouver - chartered this day in 1979 o Kathleen J. Waugh, installed as associate pastor of First Presbyterian, Medford, this day in 2001
- 9 Oakville Presbyterian, Shedd - chartered this day in 1850 o Rose City Park Presbyterian - chartered this day in 1909
- 10 McKenzie Valley Presbyterian, Wlterville - chartered this day in 1988 o Vancouver Korean Presbyterian - chartered this day in 1988 o Cascades Summer Conference today through July 15: The Rev. Dr. Brett Webb-Mitchell, Keynote Speaker
- 11 Edward L. Neuenfeldt, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 1993 o Tammy L. Stampfli, installed as pastor of United Presbyterian, Reedsport, this day in 2004
- 12 Community Presbyterian, Moro - chartered this day in 1887 o Judy E. Marshall, ordained this day in 1981 o First Presbyterian, McMinnville - chartered this day in 1851
- 13 Community Presbyterian, Malin - chartered this day in 1924 o Hillary Walters, youth worker, First Presbyterian, Portland
- 14 Maureen Bernie-Lawson, education assistant, First Presbyterian, Portland
- 15 James J. Holeman, inquirer for the ministry, Columbia Presbyterian, Vancouver
- 16 Springwater Presbyterian, Estacada - chartered this day in 1889 o First Presbyterian, Merrill - chartered this day in 1905
- 17 Mark A. Duntley, ordained this day in 1983, serving as Dean of the Chapel, Lewis & Clark College o Benjamin M. Paroulek, ordained this day in 1977, serving as interim associate pastor of Valley Community Presbyterian, Portland
- 18 Donald A. Schwab, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 1975
- 19 Warm Springs Presbyterian - chartered this day in 1874
- 20 First Presbyterian, Bend - chartered this day in 1903 o Daniel P. Myers, installed as pastor of First Presbyterian, North Bend, this day in 1986 o Steven C. Mabry, ordained this day in 1980
- 21 Terri J. Jimenez-Sutton, ordained this day in 1991 o Marilyn Allen, installed as pastor of Plymouth Presbyterian, St. Helens, this day in 1996 o Denise Y. Mosher, ordained this day in 1996, serving as campus pastor at Western Oregon University
- 22 Robert A. Gruwell, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 1991 o Nicki Perrine,

- children's & youth educator, First Presbyterian, Ashland
- 23 Carolyn S. Hampton, ordained this day in 1978 o David C. Hampton, ordained this day in 1978
- 24 Kathleen E. Owens, inquirer for the ministry, First Presbyterian, Corvallis
- 25 Cynthia M. King-Guffey, ordained this day in 1993 o Anitra Kitts Rasmussen, candidate for the ministry, Rose City Park Presbyterian, Portland
- 26 Seung Kim, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 1989
- 27 William E. Taylor, installed as pastor of Eastminster Presbyterian, Portland, this day in 1975
- 28 Mark A. Smith, ordained this day in 1982 o Matthew DuCom, youth worker, Oak Hills Presbyterian, Milwaukie o First Presbyterian, Gold Beach - chartered this day in 1912
- 29 William J. Kirkman, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 1995, serving as parish associate of First Presbyterian, Ashland
- 30 C. Donald Krug, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 1986 o Cheryl A. Bourne, installed as pastor of Prineville Presbyterian this day in 2000 o Kenneth E. Campbell, installed as pastor of St. John's Presbyterian Church, Camas, this day in 2000
- 31 Leigh P. Taylor, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 1994 o Albert "Jack" Chan, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 1998 o David B. McCracken, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 2004

August

- 1 John L. Goodenberger, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 1987 o Diane Wells, bookkeeper, Presbytery of the Cascades o Jay Dee Conrad, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 2003
- 2 Community Presbyterian, Cannon Beach - chartered this day in 1930 o Cathy Eckard, children's educator, Sunset Presbyterian, Portland
- 3 First Presbyterian, Roseburg - chartered this day in 1873 o Dan Elliott, youth worker, Central Presbyterian, Eugene
- 4 Norman F. Few, ordained this month in 1958, serving as pastor of First Presbyterian, Creswell
- 5 First Presbyterian, Coos Bay - chartered this day in 1890 o Teri Walsh, children's educator, Calvin Presbyterian, Tigard
- 6 Robert B. Goodin, candidate for the ministry, Westminster Presbyterian, Portland o Thomas F. Johnson, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 2003
- 7 Karen Edes, youth worker, First Presbyterian, North Bend
- 8 Clayton F. Rice, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 1988 o Annette Simonsen, children's educator, First Presbyterian, Newberg
- 9 John O. Hasenjaeger, ordained this day in 1987, serving as stated supply, Mt. Adams Larger Parish
- 10 Barbara Feil, adult education, Sunset Presbyterian, Portland
- 11 Judith Harris, director of children's ministries, Westminster Presbyterian, Medford
- 12 Brian C. Craker, inquirer for the ministry,

- Lake Grove Presbyterian, Lake Oswego
- 13 Richard C. Lang, ordained this day in 1975, serving as Campus Pastor at Southern Oregon University
- 14 Lisa Stine, youth worker, Westminster Presbyterian, Portland o Timothy S. Cayton, ordained this day in 1983, serving as re-entry chaplain, Oregon Department of Corrections
- 15 Committee on Representation of Presbytery o Dawn Smith, children's educator, Community Presbyterian, Parkdale
- 16 Richard K. Smith, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 1985
- 17 Gregory S. Tatman, inquirer for the ministry, Central Presbyterian, Eugene
- 18 Beth Keys, Christian educator, Presbyterian Church of Laurelhurst
- 19 Joseph E. Kurtright, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 1998, serving as parish associate at Southminster Presbyterian, Beaverton
- 20 John L. Anderson, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 1977
- 21 Edward V. Wright, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 1979 o Kenneth D. Henry, ordained this day in 1988
- 22 Heather Chase, candidate for the ministry, Tualatin Presbyterian o Pissy Sok, youth worker, First Presbyterian, Salem
- 23 Ronald W. Kincaid, ordained this day in 1981, serving as pastor of Sunset Presbyterian, Portland
- 24 Richard C. Neese, installed as pastor at Chapel by the Sea, Lincoln City, this day in 1997 o Melissa Walsh, youth worker, Calvin Presbyterian, Tigard
- 25 Melissa Olmsted, director of children's ministries, Westminster Presbyterian, Portland
- 26 Sandra L. Larson ordained this day in 1979, serving as parish associate, Westminster Presbyterian, Eugene
- 27 Leslee Fagan, children's educator, Calvin Presbyterian, Tigard
- 28 First Presbyterian, Ashland - chartered this day in 1875
- 29 First Presbyterian, Phoenix - chartered this day in 1875 o Brian R. Boisen, installed as pastor at Hope Presbyterian, Rogue River, this day in 1999 o J. Spencer Parks, installed as associate pastor of conference ministries/Menucha Executive Director, First Presbyterian, Portland, this day in 2004
- 30 C. Nolan Huizenga, inquirer for the ministry, First Presbyterian, Portland
- 31 Joan M. Pierson, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 2002 o Kent M. Organ, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 2004 o William H. Chalker, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 1987



Real all about coming events at
www.cascadespresbytery.org

Mission Support Described

By Sid Birt, Chair of Mission Support Committee

When the church engages in social and environmental justice issues, it is doing mission. This is not to make light of other things the church does, but when we say that the Mission Support Committee will "initiate, encourage and support mission beyond the capabilities of the local congregation," we are attempting to address things that promote the physical and emotional survival of humankind.

- We hope to make hunger obsolete through educating and advocating for changes

that address root causes of hunger and supporting direct food distribution.

- We want to create and promote camping experiences that will lay the groundwork to build young disciples who will continue to carry the mission of the church.
- We want to educate, advocate and monitor the Presbytery regarding racial/ethnic justice issues in our society.
- We desire to work for peace as it relates to the Middle East, the Patriot Act, the poor, militarism, and the use of energy.
- We would like to help bring about a united Korea.

- We want to gain a deeper understanding of the culture of youth, power and privilege that perpetuates isolation of elders and to equip congregations to be advocates and agents of change on behalf of our elder citizens.

- We look forward to entering into partnerships with poor, oppressed, and disadvantaged people who are seeking to change social systems that keep people in poverty and oppression.

- We would eliminate all policies and practices that discriminate against people based on "race," gender, age, sexual orientation, physical and mental conditions.

We wonder if the writers of the following words would not agree with the focus on mission we have listed:

"But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream." (Amos 5:24)

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach the good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord." (Luke 4:18-19)

There is a snag to carrying out our mission; it is called budget. Our budget, as is that of presbytery itself, is limited. We have money to meet, talk and plan, but when it comes to execution-that's another story. This is not an appeal for money. We simply want folks to know what we think mission in the Presbytery of the Cascades could be. Our committee may not have the funds to do much initiating or supporting beyond the capabilities of the local congregation, but we encourage local congregations to consider what we mean by mission and to do what they can to see that social and environmental justice takes place.

NEW CHART OF CO-EXECUTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES (See article on page 1)

	Hugh Anderson	Aleida Jernigan	John Mahon
Corporate Assignments	Committee on Ministry-South; Preparation for Ministry; Personnel & Admin	Committee on Ministry-NE/NW; Westminster Foundation	Committee on Ministry-Central; Nominating; Trustees
In Common	Presbytery Council; Committee on Ministry; Committee on Congregations	Presbytery Council; Committee on Ministry; Committee on Congregations	Presbytery Council; Committee on Ministry; Committee on Congregations
Supervision of Program Staff	Media Resource Director; Omnibus Editor; Webmaster	Camp Coordinator; Peace & Justice/Hunger Action Enabler	Eco-Justice Educator
Supervision of Appointed Staff	Administrative Assistant	Administrative Assistant; Receptionist	Administrative Assistant; Bookkeeper
Support ComStaff	Professional; Relational	Mission	Congregational
Assigned to	Mission Partnership; Media; Portland Urban Network	Ecumenical Relations; Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon	Cascade Mission Treasury Service; Finances & Budget; Property & Loans

Presbytery of the Cascades Current Status of Open Churches

VACANT

Lakeside, Community
Portland, Calvary
Portland, Kenilworth
Vancouver, Columbia (Head of Staff)
Yachats, Community

SEEKING INTERIMS or STATED SUPPLY

Brownsville
Corvallis, First (Associate)

PREPARING TO ACTIVELY SEEK

Eugene, Central

ACTIVELY SEEKING A PASTOR (CIF submitted to Louisville)

Bend, First
Florence, Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw
Lakeview, First
Merrill, Community
Phoenix, First
Portland, Chinese
Tulelake, Community
Vancouver, Cascades

OTHER

Milwaukie seeks half-time youth director & half-time CE director, all ages. Call 503-654-7782
Cascades, Vancouver, seeks part-time Director of Music. Call 503-866-1443

Westminster...

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of building and sustaining strong relationships with students' home churches, encouraging transition to local churches after graduation and developing supportive relationships with congregations in the university community.

Acknowledging the recent \$8,000 funding reduction by presbytery, the board announced a \$2,500 matching gift opportunity made available by a generous benefactor. Current and former board members will be asked to consider donating to the Westminster Foundation in order to support our campus ministry programs. Individuals or congregations seeking to contribute are asked to contact Lou Balmer (503-244-0494/LDBalmer@aol.com) for information and a contribution form.



Jack Hodges speaks to Central Region Stewardship Conference

Equipping the Saints: Engaging, Supporting and Celebrating Church Volunteers

Led by Nancy Gaston, President of the international Association for Volunteer Administration, this workshop will help you invite people into ministry?and then provide the orientation, training, encouragement, and recognition needed to help them use their gifts in service to church and world.

There are three opportunities, each from 9:30 A.M.- 2:30 P.M.

Saturday, Sept. 24, 2005
Northwest/Northeast Regions

Saturday, October 1, 2005
Central Region

Saturday, October 8, 2005
South Region

Registration: Look for more information and registration materials early in 2005. Your pre-registration is important for meals and to ensure handouts for each church.

Sponsored by: The Relational Support Committee
Funded by: your church's Mission Partnership Giving