

Cascades Presbytery Appoints New Mission Co-Worker

Kristi Van Nostran has been appointed Companionship Facilitator with the Joining Hands Against Hunger Network, El Salvador. National Church World Mission extended the offer after she was recommended by Cascades Presbytery. Kristi was commissioned at the June Presbytery Meeting and again at the General Assembly held in July. She left to begin her duties in El Salvador on September 20.

As the Joining Hands Network facilitator, Kristi Van Nostran will be helping to build bridges of solidarity between coalitions of churches in the United States and a network of churches, grassroots groups and Non-Governmental Organizations in El Salvador. Together they will work to combat the root causes of poverty and suffering through community education, advocacy, alternative economic activities, lifestyle changes and spiritual grounding. The goal is to restore the wholeness of God's creation and the healing of the human family through prayer, mutual visits, humble accompaniment, and mutual transformation.

PC(USA) Mission Co-worker: Kristi Van Nostran

A native of the Pacific Northwest, Kristi grew up in First Presbyterian Church in Vancouver, Washington. As a young adult she was actively involved in the Presbytery of the Cascades serving several summers as staff at Camp Magruder on the Oregon Coast. Kristi is a 2003 graduate of Pacific Lutheran University, where she studied Spanish and Religion. In addition to mission service, Kristi has directed an adult English language program in Oregon and a youth outreach program in Texas for Latino middle and high school students.

Kristi's love for Central America began



Kristi (left) with siblings Kari, Jeff and Allie, and parents Yvonne and Rev. Bill Van Nostran

when she took her first Spanish classes and grew tremendously during two terms as a Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) mission volunteer in Guatemala. With support from her home church, she worked with the denomination's Reconciliation & Mission program from 2005 to 2006, where her duties included women's health and domestic violence education, advocacy and empowerment training. She returned to Guatemala in 2008 for seven months to help facilitate mission partnerships between Presbyterians in the United States and Guatemala. In El Salvador, Kristi hopes that her faith will continue to

grow and that she can encourage others to faithfully pursue God's mission.

To contact Kristi and/or to receive her newsletter updates, please email kristi.van-nostran@gmail.com. Support for Kristi and her work with Joining Hands El Salvador can be donated online at <https://gamc.pcusa.org/donate/E200479/> or by check to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), PO Box 643700 Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700, #E200479 on memo line. Congregations may send support through Presbytery or by check to the address above; please reference #D507545.

Grounding Earth Care in Prayer Nov. 6

The interplay of prayer and caring for creation is the focus of the Sixth Annual Creation Care event of the Eco-Justice Team of Congregational Support. The November 6 event starts with registration at 8:30 a.m. and runs from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 3737 Liberty Road South, Salem.

The keynote speaker for the event is The Rev. Sam Hamilton-Poore, author of *Earth*

Gospel: A Guide to Prayer for God's Creation and Director of the Program in Christian Spirituality and Assistant Professor of Christian Spirituality at San Francisco Theological Seminary. He is an ordained Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), having served congregations in North Carolina, Missouri, and Iowa. He teaches at the Center for Nature and Christian Spirituality at Westminster Woods.

A closing presentation will feature a dialogue between Hamilton-Poore and Paul Galbreath on worship and spiritual formation in the context of creation care. Galbreath is Professor of Preaching at Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Virginia who is exploring the relationship of worship to the practice of caring for creation in daily life. As part of a sabbatical, Galbreath has selected congregations in Oregon, Washington and British Columbia to be part of his study.

A panel of congregations that have integrated care for creation into congregational life will follow the morning keynote address by Rev. Hamilton-Poore. Afternoon workshops on different facets of how congregations can care for creation will use the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s new Earth Care Congregations program as a framework.

Worship and prayer will be woven throughout the workshop and there will be times for participants to share ideas, hopes,

and challenges with each other. The cost for the event is \$25. Seniors and students are \$20. People who register by October 22 get \$5.00 off registration. Registration includes locally grown lunch and a packet of useful information. Please check the Presbytery of the Cascades website, www.cascadespresbytery.org for more information and online registration.

To register: Call Dawn at 1-800-926-3223. Teams of three or more from a congregation are strongly encouraged to attend. Books by speakers and that apply to the theme will be available for sale.

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OFFICIAL NOTICE

The Presbytery of the Cascades will have a Stated Meeting

November 12-13, 2010
at

First Presbyterian Church
4300 N Main St, Vancouver, WA 98663

Information on the docket and on the pre-presbytery workshops will be posted on the website, www.cascadespresbytery.org. Background papers for the meeting, maps, and information about lodging in the Vancouver area will be available mid-October.

Board of Pensions Special 2011 Training Program

The Board is bringing a professional and personal e-learning program to active Benefits Plan members for 2011. These 10 stress and conflict management courses and simulations are being offered through SkillSoft, a leading provider of on-demand e-learning solutions.

Topics for these self-paced courses and simulations include "Handling Conflict," "Time Management and Balance," "Effective Meeting Leadership," "Connecting and Communicating With Others," "Workforce Generations," and "Emotional Intelligence."

The courses will be offered Monday,

January 03, 2011 - Wednesday, November 30, 2011, through any high-speed Internet-connected computer.

The program fee is \$25.00 per registrant. This fee helps cover some of the costs of offering the SkillSoft courses and simulations to active plan members.

Register by Monday, November 15, 2010. Click here to learn more and register for the program: <http://www.cvent.com/EVENTS/Info/Summary.aspx?i=891b3e3f-01cb-4be8-8762-6339590becf4>. Online registration is the only registration option for this educational program.

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MEDIA RESOURCE CENTER

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

Although the Media Resource Center is usually only staffed on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, you may ask any employee at Mt. Tabor Presbyterian Church to let you in at other times and days. There is a clipboard for checking out items, for three weeks - longer if needed for a study. Items can be renewed if there are no "holds". You may reserve by phone at 503-445-4999 or 866-200-5660, or by linking through the presbytery website, www.cascadespresbytery.org.



New in the Resource Center for youth ages 8-12: The *Torchlighter Series*. DVDs roughly 30 minutes each.

- **John Bunyan** John spends his days in prison, separated from his wife and children. Living in the cold, stone cell is the price he pays for going against the established state religion. If only he would agree to stop preaching, John could walk out a free man! Why does he choose to stay in jail, and how will he serve his Lord in this wretched place? Find out in this episode of *The Torchlighters*.
- **Gladys Aylward** The missionary who led 100 orphans 100 miles to safety through war-torn China. The movie *The Inn of the Sixth Happiness* (with Ingrid Bergman) was based on her story.
- **Perpetua** I had never heard of this saint until this series arrived. It is the year AD 203 in Carthage, North Africa. Perpetua, an affluent young mother, is charged with converting to Christianity and is sent to prison. But her freedom can be secured easily. All she has to do is offer one pinch of incense in honor to the Roman gods. What will her decision be? This episode of *Torchlighters: Heroes of the Faith* presents one of the most influential, true stories of the Early Church.
- **Richard Wurmbrand** In war-torn Romania, there is only one way for churches to get the protection of the government: give their support and allegiance to the communists who are in control. Instead, Pastor Richard Wurmbrand chooses to speak up for Christ, thereby placing his own life and the lives of his family in great danger. When Richard's choice lands him in a communist prison, his faith and witness are tested to the limits. See how this *Torchlighter's* amazing story continues to impact the world today.
- **Amy Carmichael** As little Preena is snatched away from the most gentle woman she has seen in months, she wonders how she will ever again find a way out of the temple, where she is held against her will. How will she find the missionary known as Amy Carmichael, the one who wears a cross and serves a different sort of God? Meanwhile, Amy is also consumed by the awful truth she has learned about the plight of the "temple girls." Will Amy's faithful determination be enough to free Preena from the powerful customs and superstitions that keep her hostage?
- **Jim Elliot** Geared for children ages 8-12, this stunning, half-hour, action-packed program uses top quality animation to bring to life the story of missionary martyr Jim Elliot. The adult version of the DVD is titled: *Beyond the Gates of Splendor* and we own the full length (96 min.) and abridged versions.
- **Eric Liddell** Pressure to follow public opinion couldn't get much stronger. National hero Eric Liddell is Scotland's pride and joy. The entire country is eager for their running celebrity to sprint past the rest of the world and bring home Olympic gold in the 100-meter race. But when Eric makes the stunning announcement that he won't race on Sunday because of his religious convictions, he is soon labeled a disgrace and a traitor. See how Eric's famous stand during the 1924 Olympics prepares him for even greater challenges as a missionary to China during World War II.

Renovaré is a nonprofit organization that advocates, encourages, and resources intentional living and spiritual formation. Drawing from the example of Jesus Christ and the historical Church, Renovaré encourages people to develop renewed, sustainable, and enriched spiritual lives. The Resource Center has purchased all four kits published by this organization. This video series gives groups a deeper look into some of their key books, offering study guides and questions, and video interviews with the authors themselves. By visiting the website you can learn more about [Streams of Living Water](#) (featuring Richard J. Foster, Dallas Willard, John Ortberg, Jack Hayford, and others from the Renovaré Ministry Team), [Celebration of Discipline](#) (featuring Richard Foster), [Renovation of the Heart](#) (with Dallas Willard), and [God Views](#) (by Curt Cloninger). They are each 12 or 13 sessions long.

Maureen O'Rourke, Director



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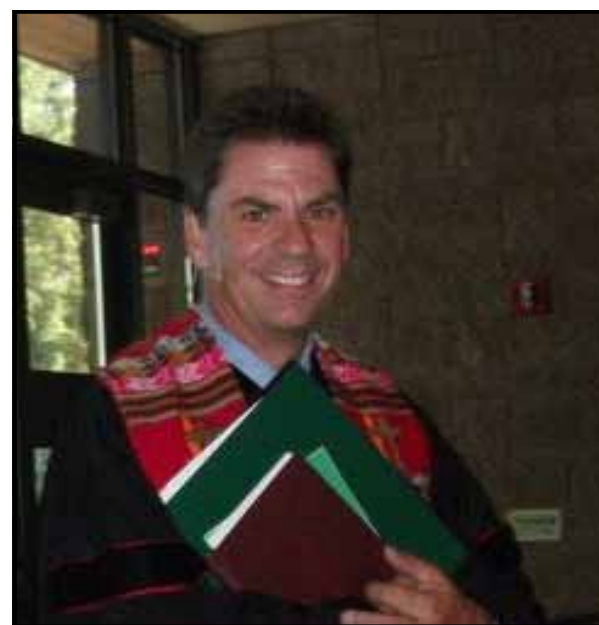
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Rev. Dr. Steven Koski

Cascades Pastor Wins Earth Words Sermon Contest

In August, the Rev. Dr. Steven Koski of First Presbyterian Church in Bend was announced as the grand prize winner of 2010 Earth Words Contest. The annual sermon contest is sponsored by Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon's Interfaith Network for Earth Concerns to encourage and celebrate sermons that deepen understanding of the relationship of faith and care for Earth. To see transcripts of the winning sermons and guidelines for the 2011 contest go to www.emoregon.org/power_light.php.

Cascades Viewpoints

By John Mahon

"My grandmother was 14 years old... when she made an appointment with her Presbyterian minister to tell him that she felt called to the ministry. 'I'm sorry,' he said, 'You must be mistaken. God doesn't call women into the ministry.'" (So relates UCC's Martin Copenhaver in CHRISTIAN CENTURY, August 10, 2010.) Fortunately, today most Presbyterians think differently about women as pastors. By the way, Copenhaver's grandmother had a fulfilling ministry as a pastor in another denomination.

I'm concerned about pastors. Today there are more expectations about them than there is money to pay them. Pastors today are expected to be more than preachers and counselors. They are expected to be experts in leadership development and evangelism, and of course, with the declining economy they are expected to be fundraisers to boot! And when the pews aren't filled and the offering plates are empty, pastors are the first ones blamed.

To complicate matters, our culture is

in transition. Old assumptions like that of Copenhaver's grandmother's pastor linger in the background. New assumptions are not yet in place. Living in the Northwest, we know first hand that going to church on Sunday morning is the last thing that most people think of doing. Thirty years ago, I learned how to do church here in Oregon and took that knowledge with me to Utah to organize a church that was different than the dominant culture. Today the Presbytery NCD (New Church Development) team under the leadership of Scott Peterson (Cooper Mt.) is planning several NCDs, including Wilsonville and Happy Valley, with possible new styles.

With all this change, it is helpful to take the long view. Psalm 46 advises, "Be still and know that I am God." As Archbishop Romero pointed out, "We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work...We plant the seeds that one day will grow...We lay foundations that will need further development... We cannot do everything...and this enables

us to do something...It may be incomplete but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest."

At synod forum in August, one of my colleagues shared an experience he had. He was contacted after thirty years by one of the youth in a former church he served. The former youth just wanted to say, "Thank you." Several years ago, a non-denominational movement suggested that we make October pastor appreciation month. A good practice for all of us would be to take time to thank our pastors. Ministry today is not an easy calling.

Copenhaver concludes his article in Christian Century with the true story of one of his colleagues. His colleague was experiencing the challenges of being a pastor. "Have you thought of doing something else?" Copenhaver asked. "Sure," said his friend, "but I believe God called me into this work, and I haven't received any other instructions." Pray for your pastor. He or she needs your prayers.

Attention High School Youth - CPYA 2010 – November 19-21

The Cascades Presbytery Youth Assembly (CPYA) is an annual fall event that attracts high school students from all over Oregon and southwestern Washington. Using Micah 6:8 (Seek justice, love mercy, walk humbly with God), participants will learn what it means to follow the way of Jesus Christ.

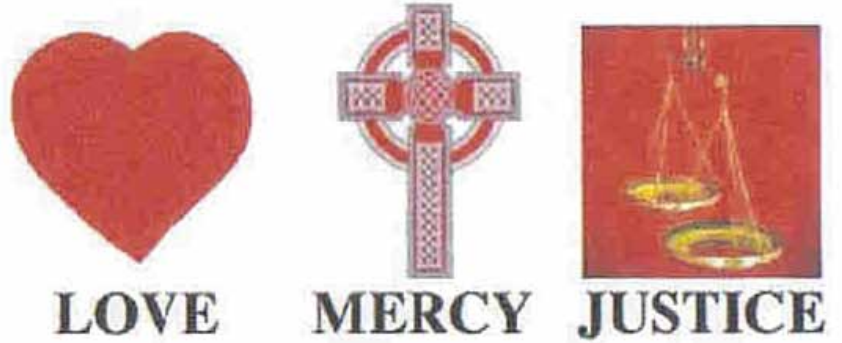
CPYA will be held at The Macleay Christian Retreat Center (Salem area). An amazing site with a huge gym, swimming pool, great worship center, dorm style lodges and

is centrally locate.

For one incredible weekend, we have the opportunity to explore areas of our faith through elective seminars, small group sharing, singing, large group gatherings, focusing on worship and bringing our hearts before God. It is our hope that you will come away with ideas to help you grow in your relationship with Jesus Christ.

And don't forget...this special weekend is packed with group games, free time to hang-out at the Coffee Shop, swimming, basketball, volleyball, kickball, movies & popcorn. Saturday night fun: Obstacle course, Wii and More!!

Cost for youth and adult leaders is \$75 on or before October 22, 2010 and \$100 afterwards. Camperships are available prior to October 22. To register, fill out the forms at <http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/2010docs/CPYA2010.pdf>. Send the forms and registration fee to Geane Schaaf, 2070 Alder Avenue, Reedsport, OR 97467. Contact Schaaf with questions or concerns at 541-271-5473 or ggschaaf@charter.net.



Rev. Dr. H. Herbert Nelson II will be the keynote speaker, a third-generation Presbyterian pastor who has been named the new Director of Public Witness for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). He is the founder/pastor of Liberation Community Presbyterian Church in Memphis, Tennessee. It is the first African American church developed in the Presbytery of Memphis in 46 years. The church community is dedicated to evangelizing the poor to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

Herbert, as he is commonly known, serves as pastor, workshop leader, consultant and writer. He gave up a position in a thriving middle class area in Greensboro, North Carolina, because he wanted to be more actively involved in social justice work.

**The saint is saint,
not because he (or she)
is good but because
he (or she) is transparent
for something that is
more than [they] are.**

Paul Tillich

**All Saints Day
October 31, 2010
Celebrate the Saints
Of your Congregation**



Ask the Clerk

Q. What business did the General Assembly meeting send out to Cascades Presbytery for our vote this year?

A. The 219th General Assembly sent a number of amendments to the constitution of the Presbyterian Church USA. These amendments have to be approved by a majority of all the presbyteries in order to institute changes in the constitution, which includes the *Book of Confessions*, and the *Book of Order*. This year, the Office of the General Assembly recommends that presbyteries consider the proposed amendments at each of the three meetings of presbytery, rather than all in one meet-

ing as is usually done. This would allow for more adequate preparation, consideration, and informed discussion on issues that have the potential to bring big changes in the way we Presbyterians work together.

Our plan is to discuss and vote on the proposed "New Form of Government" at the November 12-13 meeting at First Presbyterian Church, Vancouver, Washington. At the March 11-12 meeting in the South, we will vote on other amendments to the Book of Order, including the ordination standards amendment. Finally, at the June 24-25 meeting in the Northwest, we will discuss and vote on the inclusion of a new confession, the "Belhar Confession" into the *Book of Confessions*.

The Stated Clerk's office is in the process of disseminating the "New Form of Government" document and interpretive materials at this time. I believe the information will be most useful if it is sent out earlier than the other Presbytery papers so that Presbyters will have adequate time to

familiarize themselves with the document. It has potential to bring much change in the future. If approved by a majority of the presbyteries, it would take the place of the "Form of Government" part of the *Book of Order*. The "Directory for Worship" and "Book of Discipline" would not change. You can find the document on the Presbytery website or the PCUSA website. There will also be links posted in the CEE. Hard copies are available at the Presbytery offices. Please call us if you want one.

You will be hearing more about the other amendments from me later in the year, as time draws near for our presbytery to consider them. Information about them is available on the PCUSA website. In the meantime, I hope presbyters and all church members will learn all they can about the proposed "New Form of Government." If you have questions as to how we are planning to consider and vote on the proposed amendments to the constitution this year, please call me.

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Central Region

By Bruce Smith

Congratulations to Pastor Ric Neese, **Chapel by the Sea, Lincoln City** who was elected to be the Moderator of the Presbytery of the Cascades for the 2010-2011 term.

Pastor Denise of **John Knox, Keizer** occasionally finds herself in a casual gathering where some individuals who find out that she is a pastor want to go into some detail as why they no longer participate in a church. At that time she sometimes mentions, "Someone might need you there."

United, Albany designated July as a "Let's Get Rolling Month" to generate funds for the purchase of a new 14 passenger bus. The previous bus provided good transportation for church events, and worship for seniors and youth, but the time had come when it had to be retired. The new bus will be air-conditioned, wheelchair accessible and equipped with safety seats for children.

First, Corvallis opened the Dennis Hall in September for limited activities. There will be a dedication of this new facility during the morning worship service on October 17, 2010.

Since 1989 Andy La Tomme, member of the **Church of the Siuslaw, Florence** began the practice of making myrtle wood crosses with macramé necklaces and giving them to church members. The crosses were so popular he entered into the cross making business. The first one was presented in June, 1990 and the thousandth one was given in May, 2010. All recipients had to provide him with their autograph, and he has names of individuals from around the world. Also their newsletter passes on this bit of Bible study humor... The Sunday school teacher was describing how Lot's wife looked back at Sodom and was turned into a pillar of salt, when little Jason interrupted, "My mommy looked back once while she was driving," he announced triumphantly, "and she turned into a telephone pole!"

From the **Prineville newsletter** there is this reflection: while teaching a class of juniors in a church school, the teacher asked, "What do you think long-suffering means?" A little girl immediately replied, "I think it has something to do with marriage."

First, McMinnville dips into the past and prepares a segment of their church history called "Flash Back." This is accomplished by a team called the "First Presbyterian History Squad" which reviews archives relating to activities in the church at least one hundred years old.

Some members of **First, Bend** are participating in the ICES USA international cultural exchange program to bring several students from Europe and Asia to Deschutes County for the 2010-2011 school year. The families are enthusiastic about sharing their homes with students aged 15-18 who have been screened for emotional/intellectual maturity.

The youth at **Community, Redmond** participated in a fundraiser at the Deschutes County Fair by taking pictures of children on a pony. The pony rides were free but the parents and/or grandparents had to "pony up" for the pictures.

Northeast Region

By Nancy Gaston

The larger church, beyond our local communities, dominated the news from some Northeast Region congregations recently. Speaking of the General Assembly of PC(USA), the newsletter of **Savage, Portland**, remarked, "The 219th General Assem-

bly demonstrated Presbyterian governance at its best," with a spirit of civility and unity as they attempted to "discern the mind of Christ." Savage was privileged to have three Youth Triennium delegates, Emily Seiler and Paige and Jack Barr, who'll be sharing their stories.

First, Vancouver, reported on a mission trip by their "ambassador," Koang Chuol, to his home village and congregation in Ethiopia. He took gifts to Parish Mallow, the Presbyterian church where he was educated and where he worshiped until he left the village fifteen years ago. This was his first trip home. Koang returned with a letter of thanks, signed by all 132 members of Parish Mallow so they can be held in prayer by First, Vancouver.

Gateway, The Dalles, also shared the story of an African mission visit. The eight members of their Kenya Short-term Mission Team returned with news about the programs and ministries they visited, including Overcomers in Christ (a ministry to the disabled), Light and Power Company (mentoring of young men) and the New Life Baby Home in Nairobi. There's more information on the church website.

Many churches share the good news about collaborative projects and programs closer to home. **Evergreen Community, Mill A, WA**, reports on the "Fifth Sunday Sing," which, as its name implies, meets when there is a fifth Sunday in a month. Neighboring churches in the Columbia Gorge—from Goldendale, Rufus, Klickitat, Bingen and The Dalles—gather for sharing, singing, prayer and food. **Eastminster, Portland**, which has been in a 3-month discernment period to determine how the small congregation should continue to serve and leave a community legacy. They are in dialogue with the nonprofit, Human Solutions, about hosting an overnight Warming Center for homeless persons.

Outreach to homeless person has taken on a very personal form for some members of **Moreland, Portland**. In cooperation with a homeless advocacy group called JOIN, they are hosting a series of events to build relationships and friendships with 10-15 Portlanders who are transitioning into housing. As Co-Pastor Tom McKnight notes, "Homeless people, almost always, have run out of relationships. Their support network has collapsed. This effort is to create relationships and support with monthly gatherings.

Innovative and collaborative music programs have also made news. **Smith Memorial, Fairview**, will be hosting a Keyboard Lab in partnership with the Rodgers Company. This is a pilot program for affordable keyboard instruction in churches. And **Colonial Heights, Portland**, has the services of an accomplished trumpet player who is serving as Musician in Residence. In return for practice space, Logan Thane Brown will share his music once a month in worship.

Many church newsletters have very similar stories about their very similar ministries—knitting groups, Bible studies, photo directories, church school classes. But some also sound a unique note. **East Woods, Vancouver**, reports some "Shocking News." They have installed an AED—Automatic External Defibrillator—for use following heart attacks. These devices calculate whether a shock is needed, and how strong the shock should be, so that a life can be saved when every minute counts.

Most congregations have a time to share prayer concerns in worship services, but **First, Oregon City**, goes one step further. Members of their Prayer Team Ministry are

available after the service for one-on-one prayer. They make clear the Prayer Team is not a substitute for corporate prayer, but as an added opportunity.

Programs to serve hungry people abound, but **Columbia, Vancouver**, added a unique twist when they combined forces with Turning Point Church to provide a much-needed square meal to the carnival workers setting up the rides at the recent Clark County Fair. More than 150 hot, tired, and hungry workers shared a much-appreciated meal.

Environment issues concern almost all our congregations, and it's interesting to see how various churches make a difference a little at a time. At **Springwater, Estacada**, it's one window at a time. Members are encouraged to sponsor new energy-efficient windows for the fellowship wing of the church. For \$300 each, six families bought the new windows that weren't in the budget.

St. John's, Camas, has embarked on a "Raze the Roof" campaign to remove layers of old, inefficient roofing materials and install a sound replacement. Milwaukie Presbyterian has a Green Team that replaced emergency fluorescent hallway lights with energy-efficient LED bulbs that use one twentieth as much energy. A window, a roof or a light bulb at a time, congregations practice care of God's creation.

Rose City Park has gone beyond light bulbs and windows and completely remodeled its sanctuary to make it more accessible and flexible. Changes include door handles, railings, and ramps to accommodate disabilities; improved lighting and sound; places for wheelchairs and an ADA restroom.

And speaking of accessibility, East Woods, Vancouver, invited animals to a special service for Blessing our Animal Companions. Animals of all sorts were welcomed, but with this suggestion: "Should your pet not be comfortable in this setting, or have questionable social skills, you may prefer to bring a photograph."

Northwest Region

By Bud Frimoth

(Editor's Note: We welcome Bud as our new Positively Presbyterian reporter. When I asked him to join us for this volunteer opportunity, I learned that this wasn't a new adventure for him at all! Bud started the Positively Presbyterian column in 1990, handling all four regions at once! Thanks for joining us again, Bud. We are blessed.)

Clatskanie's "Lifeline" was chock full of stories like one from a member. Kurtz Carpenter wrote about "The door was opened" which led Kurtz into a teaching career.

Pioneer, Warrenton had a "Ponderings" by the pastor particularly on how one approaches the Bible as answer or as a means of questioning so dialogue can continue.

Multnomah, Portland shared information on the "Connection Card" which replaced sign-in sheets. Everyone in worship will fill one out making it easier for visitors to feel welcome and not obvious because members are also doing it too. The cards are collected in the offering.

Hillsboro's Koinonia newsletter used the back side to cleverly list special events in the life of the church. With Pastor Michael on sabbatical, church officers are stepping up responsibilities. Church activities like a youth retreat to Mt. Hood and special breakfasts still hold true.

St. Andrew's, Portland's newsletter contained reflections from their co-pastors' sabbatical which leads directly into the con-

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Third Annual *Kirkin of the Tartans*

First, Salem (770 Chemeketa St. NE) will hold a traditional Scottish *Kirkin of the Tartans* at **11 a.m.** on Sunday, **October 31** to mark Reformation Sunday and the origins of the Presbyterian Church in Scotland in the 16th century. The service will include a procession of thirty-five tartan banners which have been purchased by church members of Scottish lineage. The Oregon State Defense Force Pipe Band of Salem will accompany the processional, led by the Beadle of the Kirk bearing the congregation's historic Bible.

The origins of Presbyterianism are rooted in the act by the Scottish Parliament in August 1560 to adopt the *Scots Confession*, written by the Reverend John Knox (and five other clergymen) that forbade the Catholic mass. Knox was a firebrand style of preacher who, like Martin Luther forty years earlier in Germany, challenged the religious practices of the mid-1500s.

The association of tartans with the *Kirkin* also has an historic connection in representing the deep family connections of the peoples residing north of England, the Scottish Highlands. Several times in Scottish history, the wearing of tartans was cruelly suppressed by the English monarchy. A long-standing oral tradition suggests that, during the many decades of suppression, clan members would secretly bring small swatches of tartan to worship services and receive a *Kirkin* ("blessing").

Centuries later in April, 1941, at the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in Washington D. C., the Rev. Dr. Peter Marshall inaugurated the first *Kirkin* in the U.S. This unique service of worship was not only a celebration of family and clan kinship but also



Members of First, Salem get into the spirit of "Kirkin of the Tartans."

served to rally Americans to the aid of the British who were struggling to defend themselves against the Nazi regime. The *Kirkin* concept gradually took root in other churches and is now celebrated in every state. Many Protestant denominations have adopted this "traditional" service, rooted historically in the Reformation.

First, Salem invites everyone to the *Kirkin* and encourages the wearing of kilts, tartan (or any plaid) skirts, sashes, shawls,

and tartan ties. Arrive early to hear the **Piping on the Green** at 10:40, and stay for refreshments and more pipe tunes at the close of worship. Parking is available on the streets near the State House (limited space in parking lot). *Directions:* from I-5 or US 99, take SR 22 to 12th Street NE -then to Chemeketa St. between College and Winter. Look for the tall white steeple.

Preaching this day will be the **Rev. Dr. Del Burnett**, Head of Staff.

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gregation entering into a "Rethink Church" phase. This will lead into in-depth discussions on where in the "emerging church" stream the congregation is ministering.

"Hilltop Notes" is the vehicle for **Calvin, Tigard** parishioners. Notes included information about a new sacred music group for very ill persons, a special free youth concert with Justin Klump, and the parish nurse program including flu shots.

Lake Grove, Lake Oswego's "View" invites members and friends to "The New Family Ritual - Saturday Evening Worship" at 5 p.m., a more casual service geared especially to families of all sizes. Music in church comes from sanctuary choirs, youth choirs and bell ringers for various ages.

First, Newberg's "The Pew News" includes a marvelous piece called "Grace, Grit and Gratitude" by Jan McGilliard. She writes of the various transitions made during our journey through life. She closed with these words, "I hope to have the grace to accept the changes and challenges that will inevitably come, the grit to persevere, with gratitude to God for all that has been, is and will be."

Tualatin Plains' "Aspire" newsletter included a thoughtful piece about tides and faith by Pastor Zimmerman. Unique is their historical cemetery which received funds to hire a contractor to train and assist them in regular maintenance. They are a very "alive" church.

Bethany, Portland's pastor Dave challenged the congregation to "move beyond Heran," the Old Testament story. By the looks of their new ministry teams they are moving through "Upreach" - what happens before, during and after worship; "Inreach" - their spiritual and community development; "Outreach" - communicating outside the

edifice and "Resource" - business & administration.

Plymouth, St. Helens' "Mission Moment" tells how Claudia Eagle felt greatly moved by her experience as a commissioner to General Assembly. She challenges the congregation to be God's light as a spirit filled church. Church motto: Open hearts, open minds in a family of faith.

Southminster, Beaverton listed the "Life" of the church from "Lemon-aiders" to Wee Wisdom pre-school and their gracious "Celebration of Creativity" event which are

only beginnings to their ministries.

Orengo, Hillsboro - Pastor Mark challenges those returning to school to take a closer look at what they know about Jesus. Then in Rachel's Ramblings is a bountiful list of what the youth did in "The Great Kindness Challenge" - washing cars for charity, taking cookies to the police station, flowers to care center residents, water to construction workers on a 90+ degree day, and the list goes on.

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TRANSITIONS

Welcome New Pastors

- **The Rev. William E. Hoffman [HR]**, transferring from the Presbytery of National Capital

Pastoral Changes

- **Elder Katherine Stewart**, completed service as Commissioned Lay Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Gold Beach, on August 31, 2010

Church Anniversaries

- **Peace Presbyterian Church, Eugene**, November 6, 1960, 50 years
- **Multnomah Presbyterian Church, Portland**, November 26, 1920, 90 years
- **Smith Memorial Presbyterian Church, Fairview**, December 16, 1890, 120 years
- **Moreland Presbyterian Church, Eugene**, December 23, 1885, 125 years
- **First United Presbyterian Church, Myrtle Point**, December 24, 1890, 120 years

In Memoriam

- **The Rev Sang J. Kim**, May 15, 1915 - June 12, 2010
- **The Rev. Sally D. Weber**, January 30, 1945 - August 23, 2010
- **The Rev. Larry E. Trogen**, January 13, 1933 - September 15, 2010.

Haiti Earthquake Recovery Village Moves to Westminster, Medford for Summer Mission Project



High school students and adults lived on the church grounds for a week in simple Haitian-type shelters built of sheets, string and sticks. They left during the day to work in pre-arranged home improvement jobs in the community to raise money for purchasing actual shelters for Haitian relief. Their goal was to provide 12 permanent structures for the Haitians. They ended up with 15 complete homes, raising \$18,000. Each home shelters ten displaced persons, has a water filtration system and siding that withstands hurricane winds. Friday evening of their campout a helicopter arrived with a food drop of oranges and bananas outside the camp.



What the inside of make-shift shelter looks like in use. Austin Van Winkle, Charlie Durand, Nolan Villanueva and Ryan Erskine sleep in their "bunks."

Order Mission Yearbooks now!

The 2011 Mission Yearbook is at the printer and will be in the hands of Presbyterians by the end of October. If you haven't already done so, don't forget to order your Mission Yearbooks. The single copy price is \$10.50 plus shipping, and it drops to \$9.50 for 10 or more copies. Bulk pricing is available for as few as 24 copies.

Order by November 1 to guarantee availability. Call (800) 524-2612 or order online at <http://store.pcusa.org/9781571530929>. Ask for or type in item #9781571530929.

See page 268 where our Presbytery is featured. The daily devotionals inspire thousands of Presbyterians daily as they uphold the mission of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in intercessory prayer.

The current 2010 Mission Yearbook is now \$1.00 per copy! Use the "Buck-a-Book" promotion to encourage congregations to use this fabulous mission resource for only one dollar per copy plus shipping

Join Churches Around the World to Celebrate Food for Life and Food for All Sunday October 10 and/or 17

Be one of the PC(USA) congregations to participate in the Churches Week of Action on Food. The Week of Action on Food occurs every year on the week that contains World Food Day, which is always October 16.

You and your congregation will be connected to thousands of people, churches and communities around the world in a movement calling for change in the way food is grown, sold, distributed and shared. It is

a time to lift up the voices of small-scale food producers, particularly women, to have choices on what crops to grow and how they can grow these crops. The goal is also to ensure that all people have access to affordable, healthy and culturally appropriate food.

Find ten pages of liturgical and mission oriented resources at this website: http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/Liturgy_Food_Worship.pdf.

2010 Peacemaking Offering

2010 is the thirtieth anniversary of the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program and the Peacemaking Offering, following the adoption by the General Assembly of Peacemaking: The Believers' Calling, which called for a new emphasis on peacemaking across the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

This year as your church plans to receive this Offering, remember the peacemakers of years past — in your congregation, presbytery, synod and the denomination as a whole. Make this year a time to renew your commitment to peacemaking as part of your calling as a follower of Christ, who not only

taught us the ways of peace but is our peace.

The Peacemaking Offering was created in 1980 to support the efforts of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to live out a deeper commitment to peacemaking as part of our faithfulness to God. It is one of four special offerings designated by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s General Assembly.

Most churches receive the Offering on World Communion Sunday, the first Sunday in October, which this year is October 3. We encourage churches to use whatever Sunday works best for them.

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South Region

By Ann Moore

First, Brookings is letting Southwestern Oregon Community College use space for a parenting class. The college's main campus is in Coos Bay.

Merrill's August mission trip to Kleos in Chiloquin was a success. Fifteen persons from the church participated in the cleaning of kitchen and classrooms and hauling off tons of waste. This is a large foster care facility on 110 acres. Some from the church stayed over the weekend, others commuted from Merrill. Kleos has an annual duck race for a fundraiser. Workers accurately counted 7,000 plastic ducks! They plan to return in October for more clean-up.

First, Bandon needed to replace an old,

heavy and sagging ping pong table, which they rarely used because of its condition, but when it was unfolded and upright, much enjoyed by persons of all ages. The youth raised money for its replacement by selling personalized ping pong balls which will be entered in a drawing for a grand prize. All the balls were subscribed and the First Presbyterian Personalized Ping Ball Tournament will happen soon!

First, Roseburg expanded its youth group by joining with St. George Episcopal Church, Faith Lutheran Church and First United Methodist Church. The first meeting is October 10.

First, Medford began a new "After School" program with the enrollment of 18 youngsters in kindergarten and first grade. Many of them are graduates from the child care center and took part in the Summer

Day Camp. Monte and Carol Holst hosted youngsters at their ranch where they were able to ride the horses, swim in the Applegate River and partake in a luncheon feast.

United, Reedsport has two new 21-cubic foot freezers for Project Blessing, a community food collection and distribution service. They replaced old freezers that were not efficient users of energy. The church collects and distributes fresh garden produce as well as staple food items for the needy.

Westminster, Medford's praise band went "on the road" this summer to St. Rita's 2010 Festival of Praise Concert Season. They appeared at an August 15 Sunday evening concert at the Grotto Amphitheater in Gold Hill. Other groups provided music in the same time slot from the end of June until the end of August.



Prayer Calendar

The Professional Support 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.

November 2010

- 1 Larry E. Trogen, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 2001
- 2 Michael A. Shaw, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 2000
- 3 Jennifer Pratt, candidate for the ministry, Valley Community Presbyterian Church, Portland
- 4 Beverly Crow, Vice Moderator, NE region
- 5 Committee on Ministry - Northeast Region, Tom Young, Chair
- 6 Peace Presbyterian Church, Eugene - chartered this day in 1960 • Gregory H. Thorson, installed as pastor of Community Presbyterian Church, Sandy, this day in 1988 • Jeannine M. Graham, ordained this day in 1994, serving as associate professor of religious studies at George Fox University
- 7 Amanda Golbek, inquirer for the ministry, Rose City Park Presbyterian Church, Portland
- 8 Judith Ann Richards, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 2006
- 9 Cherry Park Presbyterian Church, Troutdale - chartered this day in 1936
- 10 Kwang Ho Kim, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 2006
- 11 Karen K. Renner, installed as associate pastor of First Presbyterian Church, McMinnville, this day in 2001 • Shereda Benfield, ordained this day in 1980, serving as stated supply pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Cottage Grove
- 12 Sharon H. & Glenn C. Edwards, installed as co-pastors of United Presbyterian Church, Albany, this day in 1995 • Cascades Presbytery meets today and tomorrow, Richard Neese, moderator
- 13 Prineville Presbyterian Church - chartered this day in 1977
- 14 James "Jim" T. Hazlett, ordained this day in 1976, serving as pastor of Gateway Presbyterian Church, The Dalles • David G. Robinson installed as pastor of Community Presbyterian Church, Cannon Beach, this day in 1993
- 15 Faulder Colby, ordained this month in 1973, serving as staff psychologist at the Monroe Correctional Facility, Monroe, WA
- 16 M. Blair Cash, ordained this day in 1989, serving as Sports Information Director at George Fox University, Newberg • Tualatin Plains Presbyterian Church, Hillsboro - chartered this month in 1873 • Lorraine (Lori) O. Boehning, installed as associate pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Medford, this day in 2008
- 17 First Presbyterian Church, Dallas - chartered this day in 1889 • Community Presbyterian Church, Parkdale - chartered this day in 1909 • Jennifer D. Martin, ordained this day in 2002, serving as campus pastor at University of Oregon Koinonia Center • Linda S. Gebetsberger, ordained this day in 2002
- 18 Mt. Tabor Presbyterian Church, Portland - chartered this day in 1892
- 19 Marcia L. Muir, ordained this day in 2006
- 20 Community Presbyterian Church, Lakeside - chartered in 1947
- 21 Roberts A. Anderson, installed as pastor at Community Presbyterian Church, Redmond this day in 1999 • Gregory J. Lund, installed as pastor at Oak Hills Presbyterian Church, Milwaukie, this day in 1999
- 22 Kristin Hamilton-Sutherland, ordained this day in 1998

- 23 David H. Hutchinson, installed as associate pastor at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Portland, this day in 2003 • Laurie M. Vischer, installed as associate pastor at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Portland, this day in 2003 • Barbara J. Campbell, installed as pastor at St. Mark Presbyterian Church, Portland, this day in 2003 • Sayer C. Strauch, ordained this day in 1998
- 24 Isabelle F. Davis, ordained this day in 2002
- 25 Community Presbyterian Church, Redmond - chartered this day in 1906 • Wendy A. McAninch, ordained this day in 1984 • Melinda A. Smith, ordained this day in 1990
- 26 Multnomah Presbyterian Church, Portland - chartered this day in 1920 • Calvary Korean Presbyterian Church, Portland - chartered this day in 1989 • Elizabeth M. Kitamura, ordained this day in 1994, serving as Chaplain at Providence Elderplace, Portland
- 27 Peace Memorial Presbyterian Church, Klamath Falls - chartered 1947
- 28 John E. Merner, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 1985
- 29 Christ's Church: Methodist and Presbyterian United, Monmouth - chartered this day in 1978
- 30 Beaverton Korean Presbyterian Church, Beaverton - chartered this day in 1986 • W. Scott Dalgarno, ordained this day in 1980, serving as interim pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Portland

December 2010

- 1 Westminster Presbyterian Church, Medford - chartered this day in 1958 • James F. Patten, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 1991
- 2 Susan M. Carleton, ordained this day in 1984, serving as Department of Human Services, Social Service Specialist and parish associate of First Presbyterian Church, Roseburg
- 3 Donald R. Caughey, ordained this day in 1973 • Patricia F. Berger, installed as pastor of Covenant Presbyterian Church, Gresham, this day in 2006
- 4 Robert G. Griffen, ordained this day in 1977 • David W. Dendy, installed as pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Klamath Falls, this day in 2004
- 5 Peter B. Funch, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 2005
- 6 Tri-City United Presbyterian Church, Myrtle Creek - chartered this day in 1954 • Brookings Presbyterian Church, Brookings - chartered this month in 1953
- 7 Kathleen E. Brinegar, ordained this day in 2008, serving as stated supply pastor of Community Presbyterian Church, Oakland • Gordon S. McClellan, installed as pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Corvallis, this day in 2008
- 8 Duncan C. Cameron, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 1997
- 9 St. Johns Presbyterian Church, Camas - chartered this day in 1883 • Savage Memorial Presbyterian Church, Portland - chartered this month in 1946
- 10 Jack C. Randall, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 1994
- 11 Bethany Presbyterian Church, Grants Pass - chartered this day in 1887 • Mt. Scott Park Presbyterian Church, Portland - chartered this day in 1946
- 12 Robyn M. Eddy, ordained this day in 1999, serving as Director of Youth & Family Ministries at Central Lutheran

- Church, Eugene
- 13 Douglas G. McClure, ordained this day in 1981, in private practice as a counselor
- 14 Community Presbyterian Church, Sandy - chartered this day in 1952
- 15 Richard L. Rohrbaugh, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 2001
- 16 Smith Memorial Presbyterian Church, Fairview - chartered this day in 1890
- 17 Carol Prichard, inquirer for the ministry, First Presbyterian Church, Astoria
- 18 Covenant Presbyterian Church, Gresham - chartered this month in 1959
- 19 Edward T. Alora, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 1990
- 20 Wesley R. Lachman, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 1991
- 21 Kathy Scott, webmaster, Presbytery of the Cascades
- 22 Maureen O'Rourke, Media Resource Center Director
- 23 Moreland Presbyterian Church, Portland - chartered this day in 1885 • First Presbyterian Church, Woodburn - chartered this day in 1898
- 24 First United Presbyterian Church, Myrtle Point - chartered this day in 1890
- 25 Christmas - Give thanks for God's inexpressible gift
- 26 John M. Salmon, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 1999, serving as parish associate at St. Mark Presbyterian Church, Portland
- 27 Thomas R. Teply, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 1987
- 28 John R. Braund, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 1999
- 29 W. Douglas Counsell, granted Honorably Retired Status this day in 2005
- 30 Heidi L. Bolt, installed as associate pastor of Community Presbyterian Church, Redmond, this day in 2007
- 31 Robert J. Gillespie, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 1992 • Mary Wright Gillespie, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 1998 • Alan W. Jackson, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 2009 • John O. Hasenjaeger, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 2009 • David A. Nelson, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 1996



Presbytery of the Cascades Current Status of Open Churches

Vacant

Corvallis, First (Associate Pastor)
Lakeside, Community

Preparing to Actively Seek

Eugene, Westminster (Associate Pastor)
Klamath Falls, First (Associate Pastor)
Medford, Westminster

Actively Seeking a Pastor (CIF submitted to Louisville)

Bend, First (Associate Pastor)
Portland, Westminster
Vancouver, East Woods

Celebration Works Series Opens 2010-11 Season

First, Portland announces the ninth season of its unique series of concerts and art exhibits, Celebration Works, with an organ concert on October 31, a string duo concert on November 21, and two ongoing art exhibits. The concerts are on Sunday afternoons at 2 p.m. in the church sanctuary.



Douglas Schneider

October 31: Organ Music for All Hallow's Eve and Beyond: St. Mary's Cathedral organist Douglas Schneider presents a thrilling program of music to get in the mood for All Hallow's Eve, also known as Halloween or All Saints' Eve. Including such favorites

as Bach's *Tocatta and Fugue in D Minor* and Boëllmann's *Suite Gothique*, the concert will be very appealing for young and old alike. (Reflector: place Sneider's picture)

November 21: Bridge Crossings: The M T Duo plays a program of string duet mu-



Mary Rowell

ing and solo performances. (Reflector: place Rowell's picture)

August 22–October 31: The Group of Five: The Group of Five, Candace Primack, Sue Lau, Erica Huber, Joan Carlson and Liz Garnand, present works in a variety of media, including watercolor, oils, mixed media, acrylic and collage. After meeting each other in an art class, the five women began paint-

ing together and now feel bound together by friendship and faith. Their show is not so much about making "Christian" art as about making pieces that speak to them as artists and women of faith.

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November 7-28: FPC Quilt Show: The long-standing FPC Quilters fellowship group presents their bi-annual show of new and old quilts. Some are historic, some are brand new, but all are interesting and tell a story.

Tickets for the concerts are sold at the door and are a bargain at \$12 for adults and \$10 for students and seniors. Art exhibits are open on Sunday mornings from 9 a.m. to noon and during concerts. Other viewings can be arranged by contacting the church office. There is no charge for viewing the art exhibits. **First, Portland** is located at the intersection of SW 12th and Alder in downtown Portland. Parking in the church's underground garage at SW 12th and Morrison is free during concerts and worship services. Visitors are warmly welcomed at all Celebration Works events. For more information, please visit the church's web site at www.FirstPresPortland.org.

Earth Care Summit: Make a Positive Impact

**January 31, Earth Care Summit,
5:00 to 8:30 p.m.
Congregation Neveh Shalom,
2900 Southwest Peaceful Lane,
Portland.**

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon's Interfaith Network for Earth Concerns invites all congregations interested in being better stewards of creation to a celebration and

gathering of congregations going green. The event will include a locally grown dinner and presentations from congregations about their greening efforts.

A tour of the LEED certified green building at Neveh Shalom will be provided along with a silent auction featuring green products and services. Resource people will share ideas and facilitate roundtables with a variety of topics applicable to congrega-

tions wanting to deepen their faith foundations for earth care. They will also put their values into practice including worship and creation, engaging leadership, getting the whole congregation involved, food and faith, and more.



Come network with other congregations and be inspired! Congregations are encouraged to co-sponsor and will receive a free registration. Regular registration is \$25 and discounts are available for students, seniors, groups of three or more and registrations before December 31. For more information contact Alison Warren at 503-221-1054 x210 or email awarren@emoregon.org.

Continuing Education Opportunity Learning about Healthy Congregations

The Transformation and Evangelism Teams of the Congregational Support Committee in cooperation with the Synod of the Pacific will host a Continuing Education opportunity for pastors Thursday & Friday, November 18 & 19 from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Shalom Prayer Center in Mt. Angel.

The Rev. Dr. Robert Conover, Mission Presbyterian and Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of the Redwoods will be presenting the Healthy Congregations program. This is a great opportunity for Continuing Education without having to travel outside the Presbytery.

What is Healthy Congregations? Healthy Congregations, Inc. is an ecumenical, educational program based on Peter Steinke's book "How Your Church Family Works" and the Bowen Family Systems Theory. This time-tested approach to congregational life is based on learning ways to respond to conflict, anxiety and change. It emphasizes the development of relationship building rather than willful and power based decisions. Focused on the strengths of congregations, it will be possible to face the differences in those settings with grace and truthfulness.

How do I receive a scholarship? The first 16 pastors to register and pay for their room and meals will receive Tuition Scholarships in the amount of \$255 to cover the workshop and materials. Everyone will need to pay for their room and meals.

How much does it cost? The cost for room and meals is \$120 for those arriving Wednesday evening and will include breakfast Thursday morning. The cost for room and meals for those arriving just prior to the beginning of the workshops on Thursday morning is \$74. Your first meal will be lunch

on Thursday. Tuition is \$255 if you do not receive one of the scholarships and will be due by October 18.

How do I register? Visit the Presbytery website at www.cascadespresbytery.org. You can register online with a credit card or print out a registration form and mail it in with a check.

Limited Availability: Room is limited and preference will be given to active pastors (those serving congregations or serving on Presbytery committees/teams). (Editor's note: The last email from Dawn Champoux in the Central Presbytery office indicates there is room for nine more people at this point, so if you're interested in attending please send your registration and payment in as soon as possible.)

International Peacemaker Pastor Luis Perez to visit First, Portland

International Peacemaker Rev. Luis Pérez Alanoca from the Independent Presbyterian Church in Bolivia will be giving a presentation at **First, Portland** on Tuesday, October 5. A Potluck Dinner at 6:30 p.m. is followed by Pastor Luis' presentation at 7:30 p.m. Pastor Luis Pérez Alanoca talks of peace and justice issues from the perspective of the Independent Presbyterian Church in Bolivia.

Besides pastoring a church, Reverend Luis is the president of the Independent Presbyterian Church in Bolivia and leads the "Joining Hands for Life" network within the Presbyterian Hunger Program in that country. He works on issues of gender equality, water

and air pollution, fair trade, and poverty. Luis is married and has three sons.

International Peacemakers is a program of the Presbyterian Church(USA). Rev. Luis Pérez Alanoca is one of five international partners visiting the United States this year.

First, Portland is located at 1200 SW Alder Street in Portland. Access to the Parking Garage is from northbound SW 12th Street. For further information, contact Ted Magnuson, chair, Missions, First Church Portland at 503-590-7998 or at ted@tedmagnuson.com. Please bring a side dish or dessert to complement our soup and bread dinner.