

Church Transformation Conference Scheduled

Noted author and scholar, George Thompson, has been invited to lead participants in honing their skills for leading church renewal at a church transformation conference, sponsored by the Transformation Task Force, Saturday, June 3, 9-4 PM, at First Presbyterian Church, Corvallis.

Thompson's topic is "There's Good News in Church Transformation." He will look at transformation as a cultural and theological challenge, identify three ways that culture defines our churches, and show how to rediscover your congregation's central vitality. Thompson is associate professor of church administration and leadership at the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta. He grew up in Dallas, OR and was a pastor in the presbytery. He wrote *Futuring Your Church* and *Treasures in Clay Jars: New Ways to Understand Your Church* and recently edited *Alligators in the Swamp: Power, Ministry, and Leadership*.

Thompson's wife, Beverly, who is also an ordained minister with nursing, gerontology, and doctor of ministry degrees, will lead a session on appreciative inquiry, a new skill for congregational leaders.

"We recommend this conference for leaders of any congregation," George Furniss, Transformation Task Force member, states and adds, "Churches contemplating transformation initiatives are urged to send several representatives."

The cost of \$20 per person includes lunch. Register at www.cascade-presbytery.org. For questions or more information on transformation, contact Kate Whitehead at 800-926-3223 or kjwhitehead@cascade-presbytery.org or George Furniss at geofur@msn.com.



George and Beverly Thompson

Noted Scholar to Teach Certification Class At Cascades Summer Conference

Dr. Michael Jinkins, Academic Dean and Professor of Pastoral Theology at Austin Theological Seminary, will teach a certification class on Reformed Theology at Cascades Summer Conference July 9-14 on the campus of Reed College in Portland.

The course is intended for those seeking credentialing as Certified Christian Educators or Commissioned Lay Pastors, although others may attend if space allows. The class meets both mornings and afternoons for the entire week.

Jinkins is the author of over seventy articles and nine books, the most recent being *Christianity, Tolerance and Pluralism*. He just completed *Letters to New Pastors*, to be published by Eerdmans.

The Summer Conference brochure is available online at www.cascade-presbytery.org. Copies were also distributed to all churches of

the presbytery. Early registration is urged to ensure getting your first choice of classes. Offerings include a class with music clinicians Jim and Jean Strathdee, a quilting class, one on the Psalms with Jack Hodges, and "Perspective on Genesis" (the Horizons Bible study) led by Steve Maling. Other classes will explore the novel, *Giliad*, look at the links between spirituality and health and examine the claims made in the best-selling book, *The DaVinci Code*. For a complete list and descriptions, visit the website.

The conference is a popular event for individuals and families, with participants of all ages welcome. Childcare is provided for the youngest attendees, and there are complete programs for children and youth as well as adult classes and daily worship and keynote addresses. Dr. Steve Doughty will keynote the conference this year on the theme, "Living



Dr. Michael Jinkins

with Integrity in an Age of Crisis."

Individuals interested in providing paid childcare during the event, either as individuals or as a youth group interested in earning funds for mission trips, may contact Nancy Gaston by email at nancyg57@comcast.net or by phone at 360-574-0984.

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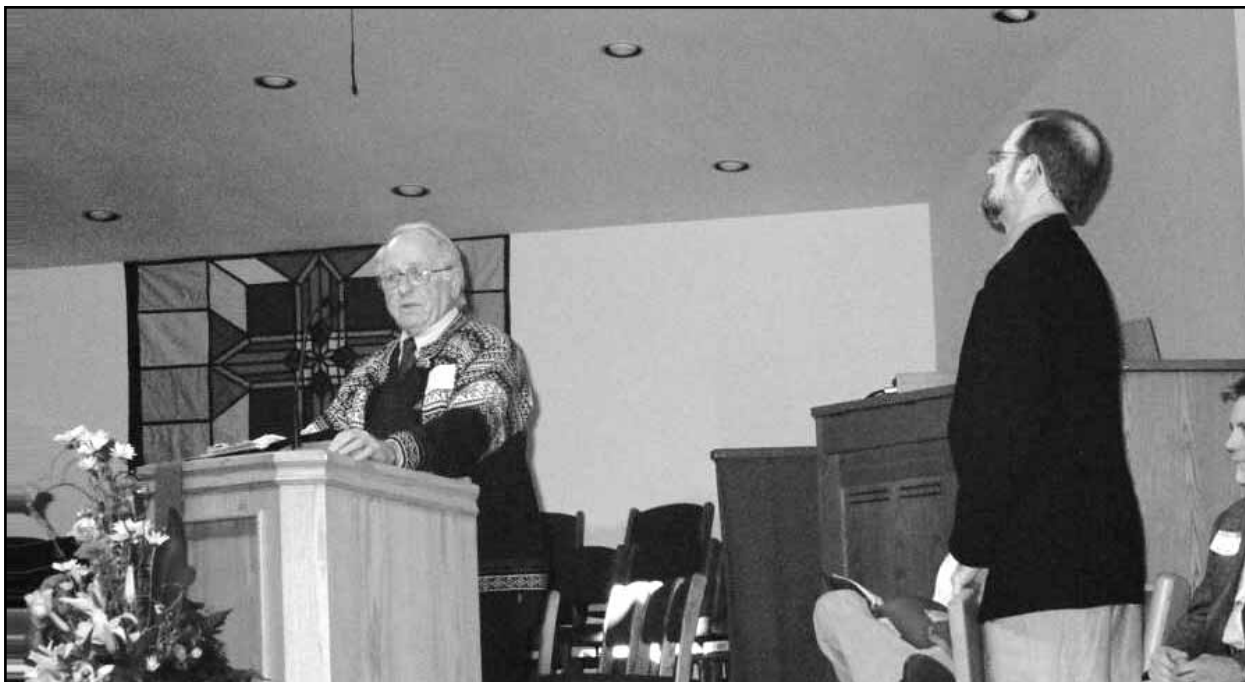
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Easter Blessings to All!



Alleluia!
Jesus Christ Is Risen!



At its March meeting, Chris Grew, COM-NE chair, celebrates the presbytery's action to designate The Reverend David Crow (HR) as Executive Presbyter Emeritus.



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The Easter Promise...

Jesus says
 I am the resurrection and the life.
 Those who believe in me,
 even though they die, will live.
 John 11:25-26

Co-Executives Serve beyond the Presbytery

By John Huenink

In the December/January issue of Omnibus, there was an article about Stated Clerk John Huenink's election to service as the 2006-2007 President of The Association of Stated Clerks of our denomination. He is not alone serving ministries beyond our bounds.

John Mahon is a member of the faculty for

Interim Ministry Training to be provided for the Synods of The Pacific, Southern California & Hawaii to be held at the Zephyr Point Conference Center at Lake Tahoe on July 23-28, 2006.

Hugh Anderson is the Treasurer for the Western Area Staff Conference and is on the Board for the Friends of the AMITY Summer English Program. In past years he has served on the denomination's Certification Council, as a member of the General Assembly Task Force on the Status and Role of Christian Educators, and as a clergy member of the

Governor's Conference on Juvenile Crime in Oregon.

Aleida Jernigan serves the denomination on The Advocacy Committee for Women's Concerns (ACWC) and on the Hispanic Strategy Task Force. She is a cabinet member of The Association of Professional Church Educators (APCE). She also serves as President of the Board of the Interchurch Center (the building where the presbytery's Portland offices are located).

Give thanks for the services of Cascades' staff to the church beyond Cascades' bounds!



**PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN**

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN
 Presbytery of the Cascades
Spring Gathering
All women are invited!

Saturday
 April 8
 9:00-2:30

Westminster Presbyterian Church
 2000 Oakwood Dr,
 Medford, OR

"Women of Faith"

Leaders: Shirley Patton, "Brazil"
 Joyce Fogle, "Horizons" study of Genesis
 Kahleen Waugh, worship leader

Registration required
(includes lunch)
Send \$10 check
 to Donna Brewer
 803 Ridge Drive,
 Medford OR 97504

Questions?

Phone Mary Lou Williams, 360-576-5364
 or Barbara Peebles, 541-459-2673

**Presbytery of the Cascades
 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.



**Special notice: Movie License needed for
 "The Passion of the Christ."**

The producers of the film "The Passion of the Christ" DID NOT release performance rights with the home entertainment DVD release. Even though 20th Century Fox is listed on the CVLI license producers list, this particular film is NOT included in the CVLI license. You may NOT show this film in your church without an additional public performance license. Swank Motion Pictures, Inc. is circulating an e-mail offering a paid public showing license for churches for Mel Gibson's movie, "The Passion of the Christ." www.swank.com (\$75 for each showing for audiences under 1000)

New resources available for your spiritual growth and edification:

Faith Lessons is a unique DVD series (from Zondervan) that brings God's Word to life with astounding relevance; an in-depth video tour of the buried, distant, or otherwise forgotten places where the stories of the Bible actually happened. By weaving together historical, cultural, religious and geographical contexts, teacher and historian Ray Vander Laan reveals keen insights into the scriptures' significance for modern believers. These illuminating lessons afford a new understanding of the Bible that will ground your convictions and transform your life.

#1: The Prophets and Kings of Israel (1999) A visit to biblical archaeological sites, has a study guide. Ask for: DVDBCX001

#2: The Life and Ministry of the Messiah (1999) Eight study sessions beginning with Jesus' birth and then looking at Jesus as Rabbi and Living Water. Comes w/leader's guide. Ask for: DVDBB2002

#3: The Early Church. Five study lessons w/guide. Ask for: DVD BB4004.

#4: On the Death & Resurrection of the Messiah (3 hrs) Done in the format of a teacher talking to his class - sitting on the banks of the Jordan River. Ask for: DVDBBX002

The Tabernacle : (DVD 28 mins.) Hard to visualize passages of scripture come to life in this three-dimensional computer-generated detail. The Table of Shewbread, the Altar of Incense and the Ark of the Covenant will no longer be just mental images.

From: Entertainment for Eternity. Ask for: DVDBC1001

Easter videos for adults & children: Check under "Church Seasons" on the Media Resource Center's web page for specific titles/descriptions. We're on line 24/7 now !

Congregations: If you would like me to e-mail you this column, just let me know. It would be very much appreciated if you'd include it in your newsletters. There is usually one item featured in each Presbytery CEE electronic newsletter.

Maureen O'Rourke, Center Director



Cascades Viewpoints

By Hugh Anderson

Time flies. It was almost four years ago, at the June 2002 meeting of Cascades Presbytery, when we unanimously approved **Discovering God's Call to the Presbytery of the Cascades** with its Mission Statement - "To serve God by nurturing, supporting and celebrating our common ministries" - and five Vision Statements. Those five Vision Statements were fleshed out two years later with the approval of a new structure for the working of our beloved Presbytery.

Four Support Committees - Congregational Support, Professional Support, Relational Support and Mission Support - were created to join the Book of Order mandated ecclesiastical committees. In addition, administration and corporation committees were empowered to take on the responsibilities we assumed when we created our own Presbytery Personnel System and Mission Treasury System. Added to all this change was the major "hiccup" when budgetary issues forced us to reduce staff, cutting back in program and appointed staff but especially going from four co-executives to three.

Still through it all, individuals have worked hard to make this new structure succeed. As promised when first approved, we are now in the midst of an evaluation process. Council has appointed a special task force composed of previous moderators of presbytery. They have begun their work of review. As with almost everything else in "Discovering God's Call," it has taken longer than expected but there will be opportunities for input from all and eventual recommendations for Council to act upon that will make what, I think, is a good system even better.

Throughout this time, the concern I have heard most often about our new structure is about the demise of the Christian Education Committee. As the person who staffed that committee in the old structure, I, too, miss the camaraderie and creativity and fun that occurs

when educators get together. However, I think we have something even better in our new structure. Every Support Committee is now doing Christian Education. Every Support Committee gets to experience that camaraderie and creativity and fun. And just look at some of the results that have occurred!

The Congregational Support Committee has produced that wonderful poster, colorfully illustrated with children's art. It reminds us of all that Congregational Support Committee does, including much in Christian Education. They are the ones that can help congregations with curriculum. They are the ones who coordinate the many activities of youth ministry for the presbytery, from Middle School Mania to CPYA to the national Youth Triennium. They are the ones who put on the spring Leadership Fair in the northeast/northwest regions and have begun a similar event in the fall for the south/central regions. All this does not even include the education that occurs in evangelism, eco-justice, disabilities and stewardship.

The Professional Support Committee oversees the work of the Media Resource Center. It also provides resourcing to educators [through the educators' event and the Association of Presbyterian Church Educators], church administrators [through the Administrative Personnel Association] and ministers [through events such as the Epiphany Retreat and the Lectionary Retreat as well as through programming for those newly ordained (NOPS) on into those in the midst of their ministry with The Company of Pastors and beyond to those honorably retired]. New and exciting this year is the creation of the Cascades Lay Institute which provides an opportunity for anyone to learn more about what it means to be a presbyterian by studying reformed theology, biblical interpretation, presbyterian polity, preaching, worship, administration, pastoral care and Christian education.. Read more about the Lay Institute elsewhere in this issue.

The Relational Support Committee is providing adult education on tough issues through its theological discussion group. The pilot group is now ready to help other groups form in order to discuss the differences that seem to be dividing our church. Relational Support also oversees the work of the Communications Team which brings us the webpage, Cascades Electronic Express and this excellent newsletter Omnibus, all of which educate and inform us of what is happening in our beloved Presbytery.

The Mission Support Committee is living up to its mandate to "initiate, encourage and support mission beyond the capabilities of the local congregation." Together it does what no one church can do. It provides Cascades Summer Conference, now in its 57th year. It also offers thirteen different camping opportunities this summer. It opens to us the world through mission partnerships and peacemaking conferences. And it opens our minds through reflection on racial/ethnic justice and worldwide concerns.

I could say much more about Christian Education from the perspective of our structure but I want to save room to talk about staff. We have four Program staff highly trained in education - Interim Camp Coordinator Sarah Lewis; Media Resource Center Director Maureen O'Roarke; Peacemaking & Hunger Action Advocate Don Shaw; and Eco-Justice Educator Jenny Holmes. But wait, there is even more. This Presbytery is also blessed by having as its three co-executive presbyters, individuals who are trained and highly committed to Christian Education. I am a Certified Christian Educator and have served on our denomination's Certification Council as well as its most recent General Assembly task force on the status and role of Christian Educators. John Mahon has served in the past and Aleida Jerigan currently serves on the Association of Presbyterian Church Educators Governing Cabinet. We all three bring a passion for Christian Education that spills over into all of our work.

Reflecting on all this, I am reminded of what a seminary professor once said to me about evangelism. He said that the worst thing a congregation could do was to create an evangelism committee. The reason being is that once that committee is created, then nobody does evangelism because it is seen as someone else's responsibility. "We have a committee to do that." they say. The same holds true for Christian Education. We do not have a specific Christian Education Committee that people can expect to do all the education in the Presbytery. In our new structure, everybody is now doing Christian Education. And aren't they doing wonderful things!

The Clerk Answers

(This is the first in a new series in the Omnibus in which Cascades' Stated Clerk will share his answer to a question asked. If you have a question, you may e-mail him at jchuenink@cascadespresbytery.org.)

Question: What is the difference between a minister, a reverend and a pastor?

Answer: The terms are often confused because they are frequently used incorrectly and because different church traditions use them differently. Within the Presbyterian tradition, an individual becomes a minister by virtue of ordination to that office (one of three ordained offices for Presbyterians, the others being elder and deacon) and the requirements of preparation and ordination are listed in Chapter 14 of The Form of Government in The Book Of Order. When ordained as a Minister of Word and Sacrament, an individual is authorized to use the title "The Reverend..." The use of the article is appropriate because "reverend" is a title similar to "the honorable" and the word should not be used without the article. The proper formal address for a minister is "The Reverend Mr/Ms/Dr/etc Ima Calvinite." The title "pastor" is not conferred by ordination, but by installation. A properly ordained minister may receive a call for his/her ministerial services and when installed in the pastoral position by action of the presbytery, the title "pastor" may be used. Not all ministers serve as pastors. Some are educators, counselors, chaplains, administrators, even stated clerks, and they are not pastors (although they may have some pastoral functions of care and oversight). It is also possible for an elder to be a pastor because an elder may serve as a "Commissioned Lay Pastor" for a congregation or congregations under the provisions of G-14.0800ff in The Book of Order.

Next question.....



Educators Event

Mt. Angel Abbey

April 19-20

"On Holy Ground"

led by Spiritual

Director

LaVae Robertson

Registration forms available
online at

www.cascadespresbytery.org

or contact Roberta Schlechter

503-232-7537

Positively Presbyterian

Central Region

By Bill Dittler

The United Campus Ministry at Westminster House has welcomed Rev. Leah McCullough to the ministry team. Leah shared the following: "As a student, campus



McCullough's Installation.

ministry provided me with an incredible community of friends and mentors who nurtured and challenged me on my faith journey. We played, prayed, laughed, cried, worshipped, worked, partied and just hung out together. Campus ministers and peer leaders embodied hospitality, creating a safe place for me to be myself and inviting me to learn, grow and stretch. These experiences had a profound impact on my life and led me to serve God in campus ministry. It is my hope and prayer that I too, with God's help, can help to create loving and welcoming communities that support and encourage young adults on their journey."

From Pastor Jim Howe, **Community, Waldport**, "In the past, people did without some things in order to make room for Christ. They went without certain kinds of food during Lent, but perhaps we could turn off the television and make room in our lives to make a phone call, or read a good Christian book, and step away from the busyness of life. Unplug and let God have more of your silence, worship and volunteer time for the common mission we have. It is going to take a joyous surrender to Christ to be the people that fulfill the vision and mission God has given to us. Christ is Lord and our loving Savior longs to have all of our lives so that he can conform us to the cross and the risen life of joy."

The **Community, Redmond** church will be observing their Centennial this year. Their mission spirit is reflected by this note in Pastor Rob Anderson's column. "Our congregation has been making plans to literally open up our church as a shelter for homeless families. While we had hoped to start this new ministry, called Jericho Road, in the third week of February, we're in a holding pattern...Our steering Committee is working with Redmond city officials to insure that we have successfully prepared our facilities to accommodate overnight lodging."

"Lent is the time when we prepare for Easter. Break the spell of the secular world and journey with us to the cross. Who knows what you will discover about yourself and about God," writes Pastor Don Shaw, **John Knox, Keizer**.

Pastor Bruce Cameron, **Peace, Eugene**, comments on Lent. "It is not really a custom

in our heritage 'to give up a little something for Lent. More often these days we are encouraged to take on something new. The point of both 'giving up' and 'taking up' something is that we recognize a shifting of gears in the church calendar. And that change in ecclesiastic seasons offers an opportunity

for change in our own lives."

"How does the church keep up with all the changes in the culture as well as within our congregation?" This question is put to the congregation of **Westminster, Eugene** by Pastor John Pierce. He continues, "the numbers in the congregational membership have not dropped much, but the make up of our membership has changed. Back in 1997 we developed a long range plan for Westminster. It was to be good for 10 years. It has now been nine years and many changes in our world. It is time to begin to look at our congregation and make plans for our future. Plans are necessary, but of greater necessity is that we discern where God is calling us. This is a process that needs to be done together...Your job is twofold: first, pray for God's direction in this process; second, participate fully in the process."

McKenzie Valley, Waltherville, has welcomed new Pastors George Furniss and Sandra Larson. Pastor George writes, "Wilderness is a metaphor for the season of Lent. The forty days of Lent symbolize the forty days of Jesus' testing in the wilderness. The forty days of Lent also remind us of the forty days of Israel's wilderness experience after escaping from Egypt. Each of us has wilderness experiences in our life. We confront spiritual dryness, confusion, challenge and even disorientation. Sometimes suddenly, sometimes gradually, the terrain doesn't look familiar. We have to get our bearings. Sandy and I will preach on 'Wilderness Time' during Lent. We'll look at the positive benefits of wilderness experience for getting our bearings. We will search for God's paths through the wilderness where Jesus goes ahead of us to construct God's way. Ah, for that sigh of relief that comes from discovering the right trail!"

From **First, Creswell**, comes this joyous note: "Early in the morning on January 4, 2006, the top half of the upper part of the steeple was placed onto the church. The steeple has been a long time coming but with its elegant design it was worth the effort. What a wonderful way to pay tribute and begin our year long, 100th birthday celebration... soon (it) will be a comfortable, familiar, and recognizable sight in Creswell as though it has been there...at least for 100 years!"

Northeast Region

By Janet Wylie

Springwater, Estacada has formed a Mission Study Committee to help the congregation articulate "what is going on" and "what should be going on" at the church. They are "discerning" how to balance the inward practices of their faith life (prayer, meditation, study) along with the outward practices of their faith life (service, compassion, justice work, witness) as well as the practices of worship, stewardship and reconciliation. As Pastor Eileen Parfrey points out, "'Discern' is one of those fancy Biblish words. It's a holy way of saying, 'trying to figure out what we're supposed to be doing.' What makes this 'figuring' out holy is that we do it together, we do it in the presence of God, and we are intentional about asking God's opinion about which way to go."

Moro Community, Moro has a cure for the midwinter blahs—so keep this in mind for next year. Originally begun as a quick snack before Sunday afternoon table games, it has evolved into a way to continue the fellowship of Sunday morning. Members bring a crock pot of soup, or anything that would go with it—breads, dips, deserts or whatever and the church provides coffee and punch. Friends are invited and everyone enjoys a warm meal followed by games and fellowship.

Moreland, Portland continues a "Secret Pal" tradition connecting adults and youth with children over a six-week period of time during Lent—culminating in a "Secret Pal" revealing party. The Preschool-Kindergarten children at **First, Oregon City** make special "Thinking of You" cards each month to send to the homebound members of the congregation. **Rose City Park, Portland** has begun a Prayer Shawl ministry where prayer is included in the knitting of shawls so the recipient is surrounded with warmth, comfort, and prayer.

Piedmont, Portland has just started publishing a monthly newsletter and sending it to Omnibus-NE, c/o the Portland presbytery office so their news can be shared with the presbytery. The big headline in the February issue was the marriage of Pastor Sarah Coakley to Charles Lewis. Even though it was a surprise to the church, the congregation was able to put together a wedding reception (including cake) in less than one hour the next Sunday. Piedmont also catered the luncheon at the Leadership Fair in late February with their delicious spinach salad. And to top it all off, Piedmont has a potluck breakfast in conjunction with a cleanup day at the church.

Savage Memorial, Portland with assistance from **First, Newberg** sent two trucks and a trailer loaded with relief supplies to Ocean Springs and Gautier, Mississippi. It was a long drive, but the tools, cleaning supplies and furniture were all deeply and genuinely appreciated. **Moreland, Portland** is working with Northwest Medical Teams to send another team to Mississippi and Louisiana. Many other churches in the Northeast region reported special offerings for disaster relief both in the United States and abroad. In addition, many of our churches support local food banks and other organizations offering help to those in need in our own communities.

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Cascades Lay Institute Created

The Professional Support Committee is pleased to announce the creation of the Cascades Lay Institute. The purpose of the Institute is to provide regular opportunities for those who are interested in becoming Commissioned Lay Pastors to be able to complete the required training in the eight areas of study within a two year period.

It is not just for those who want to be Commissioned Lay Pastors, however. The Cascades Lay Institute is for anyone who wishes to learn more about what it means to be Presbyterian. Workshops will be held in the following areas of leadership - Bible, Reformed Theology, Polity, Preaching, Leading Worship, Pastoral Care, Teaching and Church Administration.

The first event of the Cascades Lay Institute was held on February 17-18 at the First Presbyterian Church of Roseburg. Eleven individuals came to work with the Revs. Scott Dalgarno and Cheryl Bourne in the area of preaching. Each read and discussed the book *Best Advice for Preaching* by John S. McClure. And each prepared a ten minute sermon to be delivered to the group for their

feedback.

Other events scheduled by the Cascade Lay Institute for 2006 include:

Leading Worship: The Rev. Jeff Sievert will guide participants through reflection on the theology and practice of worship with a look at the Directory for Worship and practical advice on liturgy, the church year, leading worship and conducting weddings and funerals. This event will be held on May 5-6 in Eugene.

Reformed Theology: As part of Cascades Summer Conference, this extended class on the history of theology and the confessional tradition of the Presbyterian Church will be led by Dr. Michael Jenkins, professor of theology at Austin Theological Seminary. Summer Conference meets from July 10-14 at Reed College in Portland.

Pastoral Care: This class will be held on October 13-14 at a place yet to be determined and will focus on pre-marital counseling, grief work, home and hospital visitation, crisis intervention and referral.

In 2007, classes will be offered on the other four areas: Polity, Church



Revs. Scott Dalgarno and Cheryl Bourne lead the first workshop for the institute in the area of preaching.

Administration, Bible and Teaching. For more information, contact the south office at 800-701-7313.

The Institute has been developed by the Commissioned Lay Pastor Certification Committee, a sub-group under the Professional Support Committee. It is composed of representatives from the four regional Committees on Ministry, the Committee on Preparation for Ministry and those commissioned lay pastors who have completed the training process.

Art Exhibits and Recitals in April and May at First Presbyterian, Portland

Celebration Works, **First, Portland's** series of recitals and art exhibits, continues in April and May with recitals on April 30 and May 21, and an art exhibit featuring the works of painter Sunny Allen Smith. Tickets for all concerts are on sale at the door. Ticket prices are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and seniors. Art exhibits are free and open for viewing on Sundays from 9:00 until noon, during Celebration Works concerts, and Monday through Friday by appointment. The church is located at 1200 SW Alder in downtown Portland, with entrance to most concerts at the Chapel doors on Alder between SW 12th and 13th. Parking is now available in **First, Portland's** new underground parking garage located at SW 12th and Morrison.

At 3:00 on Sunday, April 30, the Stuber/Price Piano Duo, with pianists Jon Stuber and Patricia Price, will perform works for piano four hands, including the *Liebeslieder Waltzes*, Op. 52, by Johannes Brahms. The section leaders of the First, Portland's Chancel Choir (Anita Lundgren, Kristen Buhler, Daniel Burnett and Ben

Kinkley) will join Stuber and Price to sing these lovely dances as Brahms originally conceived them for duo piano and a quartet of singers. Other works on the program are *Six Impromptus*, Op. 66 (*Pictures from the East*) by Robert Schumann and two sets of dances, *Three English Dances* by Roger Quilter and *Spanish Dances* by Moritz Moszkowski. This concert will take place in the Sanctuary and will feature First, Portland's unusual mahogany Steinway grand piano.

On Sunday, May 21, the Alder Street Sextet will perform a program of music for piano and winds entitled *From Mozart to Martinu*. The concert is at 3:00 pm in Chapel Hall. In conjunction with Portland's month of Mozart in honor of the great composer's 300th birthday, the Alder Street Sextet plans to perform *Mozart's Quintet in E-flat Major for Piano and Winds*, K. 452. This work, one of Mozart's favorites, is a beautifully balanced conversation between the winds and the piano. The group will also present the Sextet by Czech composer Bohuslav Martinu, a saucy and jazz-inspired work for piano, flute,

oboe, clarinet and two bassoons. Also on the program are *Kleine Kammermusik*, a woodwind quintet by Paul Hindemith, and the *Sonata for Horn and Piano* by Bernhard Heiden.

Sunny Allen Smith: A Retrospective will be the exhibit shown in Chapel Hall from March 26 through May 28. A former elementary school teacher, Sunny Allen Smith has been painting since her retirement from teaching in 1990. What began as an enjoyable yet challenging hobby has become a necessary and meaningful part of her life. Her work expresses a broad range of interests from the whimsical to the serious. It reflects strong interest in design, value contrast, color, texture, pattern, rhythm and, very often, storytelling. Smith finds it exciting to try new techniques and media while seeking her "inner voice" as a painter.

For further information, please visit the church's web site at www.fpcpx.org or call Ann van Bever at 503-228-7331.

Congregations Invited to Cents-Ability

The Cents-Ability Program for hunger relief was introduced on March 10 at the presbytery meeting. An outgrowth of Two-Cents-A-Meal, first launched in 1975 by Presbyterian Women, Cents-Ability brings giving into the 21st century.

With Cents-Ability, a special can is placed on the dining table. As God is thanked for the meal, we remember those who do not have healthy food and clean water and put some change in the can. Once each month, the congregation collects all of the coins during the worship service. The money collected is sent to the Cascades Presbytery Hunger Fund. As the fund grows, grants will be given to local hunger relief organizations that are supported by Presbyterian congregations. The Presbyterian Hunger Program provides a notebook full of promotion, education and worship resources, placemats, and a poster and can labels that can be customized for each congregation. With these materials, it is easy to make Cents-Ability a part of your congregation's hunger ministry. Children are enthusiastic about the hands-on nature of Cents-

Ability and many of the resources are meant for children.

To become a Cents-Ability congregation, please contact Don Shaw at: [\[hunger@cascadespresbytery.org\]\(mailto:hunger@cascadespresbytery.org\). The Presbytery Hunger Team will be glad to help you launch this worthwhile and fun program at your church.](mailto:peaceand-</p>
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Eugene Scottish Festival Set for May 19 and 20

The fourth annual Eugene Scottish Festival is scheduled for Saturday, May 20 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Peace, Eugene. A special concert featuring lively performances by local musicians will be held Friday, May 19, 7 p.m.

A fun event for the whole family to enjoy, there are food vendors as well as a Scottish Tea Room and authentic Scottish Bangers (sausages) for sale. At other booths one can buy old fashioned Scottish style milled oatmeal or do a high tech computer search to map one's Scottish family tree and just about everything in between. Vendors include artists, craftsmen and many Scottish products.

The Scottish Dog parade is a favorite for the younger guests and is open to all dogs of Scottish heritage and "pretenders." Be sure

to visit the Scottish Heritage Museum and gift shop. The festival is truly authentic, with many vendors, clans and festival volunteers dressed in traditional Scottish wear. It's the perfect chance to wear one's family Tartan!

The Friday evening concert features performances by The Caledonians, Tom's Kitchen and Junior National Fiddle Champion, Rebecca Lomnick. It's sure to be a lively evening, but seating is limited. Tickets cost \$10.

Come and experience a wee bit o' Scotland in Eugene! Peace, Eugene is located at 3060 River Road, Eugene, Oregon, 97404, (541) 688-2218. Contact Debbie Serra for more information, Ddserra@msn.com, (541) 689-4748.

Positively Presbyterian (Continued from page 4)

Northwest Region

by Jeanne Rich

Water, water everywhere. It has even permeated the Northwest region newsletters in ways that remind us of both the physical and spiritual influence this substance has on our lives. "The practice of baptism," according to Pastor Jeff Sievert, **Reedville, Aloha**, "is the master narrative for our life together..." He says, "Wimpy faith will not do." Pastor Dudley Weaver, **First, Portland**, outlines a new *Baptismal Ministry* for children. He writes, "Too often we have reduced baptism to 'a little water on the head'.... It is, however, a gift of extraordinary grace and a commitment of significant responsibility." So the church has begun a program in which the pastor will not only counsel the parents and "review with them the significance of this sacrament" prior to the baptismal service, but each family will be given a copy of *When Your Child Is Baptized: What Parents Need to Know*. They will also "receive a baptismal candle and a family liturgy to be lighted and read each year on the anniversary of the baptism." On the anniversary of the baptism, each child will be remembered with a card and listed on a prayer page in the first Sunday bulletin of the anniversary month. Pastor Weaver concludes with the hope that all "as the baptismal liturgy exhorts us, 'remember with joy our own baptism.'"

In March, **Multnomah, Portland** published a thank you letter from Siapolo Village Headman Patrick Syankaya describing the effects of contaminated water after the village was relocated in 1958 to a region where "People drew their drinking water from dams and shallow wells which were not protected....causing diarrhea and bilharzia especially in children." In 1963 the Siapolo people moved again, "to the upper land where we are today. Water for both our livestock and for ourselves proved to be a problem. In 2003, God moved and touched our village. We were privileged to have a water well sunk in Siapolo Village by donors through World Vision International. The donors were Multnomah Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. Life in the village has changed. People are pleased to have adequate drinking water in the village. Our women and children are no longer covering long distances to draw water.... Diarrhea and bilharzia are a thing of the past. We thank the Multnomah Church for everything they have and are still providing for the community of Siapolo."

During this Lenten season, two Northwest churches are "Walking to Jerusalem."

Calvin, Tigard, hopes to add together exercise miles from swimming, biking, and running, as well as walking, to "hopefully get us to Jerusalem by Palm Sunday." (No mention of walking on water, though.) **Lake Grove, Lake Oswego**, reports they began January 22 to keep track of miles walked "to collectively walk the 6,923 miles between LGPC and Jerusalem during the twelve weeks leading up to Easter." They are encouraged by the Health and Wellness Team to use this opportunity for physical fitness as well as for "spiritual growth by focusing on weekly Bible verses and devotions." At journey's end "participants can share in foot washing, as we remember Christ's example before His passion."

Rain or shine, these celebrations are noteworthy: **St. Mark, Portland**, recognizes its 60th anniversary on April 28; **First, Vancouver**, began a yearlong celebration of 125 years in February; the session of



Olivet, Glendale Pastor Buck Tohill plays cards with children.

Hillsboro approved a new health ministry and announced its new Parish Nurse, N.J. Smith RN; **St. Andrew's, Portland**, welcomes Chris Dungan as Parish Associate; **First, Portland**, expands its social service ministry through Julia West House by calling Patricia Warman to service as its Program Director.

In late February, more than \$12,000 was raised to combat world hunger at a "30-Hour Famine" staged by middle and high school members of **Lake Grove, Lake Oswego**. Sixty-one members of Fish Company (middle school students) and Entheos (the high school youth group) participated in the church-sponsored fast that found them taking part in a planned program that included fellowship, devotionals, a scavenger hunt, food collection, movie and communion.

South Region

By Ann Moore

First, Gold Beach had a fire January 3 which destroyed the sanctuary. The congregation met for the next two Sundays in Bethany Lutheran's youth building. The congregation now uses the Seventh Day Adventist Church until the work is completed on their own building - probably by summer. The extra-large Bible that ordinarily rested on the lectern survived the fire. It had been moved to the pulpit's low shelf when poinsettias decorated the chancel.

First, Myrtle Point also occasionally meets elsewhere. Interim Pastor John Hubbard reported the congregation meets one Sunday a month with the Methodists for wor-

ship and potlucks. One month the two congregations meet at the Presbyterian Church, the next month they meet at the Methodist church. The other Sundays they meet in their own space.

The peace making committee from **First, Lakeview** sent a portable communion set to Lakeview Presbyterian Church in New Orleans, La. That church was inundated with flood waters. The congregation is worshipping temporarily with Carrollton Presbyterian Church, also of New Orleans.

Olivet, Glendale's Wednesday after school program "is wonderful," said Pastor Buck Tohill. Elementary school is out at 1:15 on that day. Many children have no one at home to check in with, so they hang around town. The church which is close to the school opened its program in October. The children walk down the street for food, games, crafts, some music, and a lot of one-on-one contact with adults, which many do not have at home. Buck reported the school administrators say this contact is making a big difference in behavior at school. Volunteers come mostly from Olivet. Persons from other churches and the community also help out.

Bill Taylor, retired from **Eastminster, Portland** is interim at **First, Coos Bay**. One of the special honors he received at Eastminster is Cook of the Year, 2005. Bill said he catered the mother-daughter banquet for 27 years, as well as many other church functions. His multi-course dinner for six was a regular auction item to benefit Snow-CAP. Bill's hobbies include stained glass, latch hooking, water color painting and writing.

Camp #	Grades	Camp Title	Dean	Dates	Camp	Before April 1	After April 1
101	K-3	Mom and Me	Rev. Cynthia O'Brien	June 2-4	Magruder	\$160	\$185
102	6-8	Music, Art, & Drama	Bette Carroll	June 18-23	Magruder	\$235	\$260
103	9-12	Counselor-In-Training CIT	Liz Simmons & Rev. Mark Smith	June 18-23	Suttle Lake	\$235	\$260
104	3-4	Youth	Talena Coplin	June 18-23	Suttle Lake	\$235	\$260
105	5-6	Youth	Rev. Thomas Nolen	June 18-23	Suttle Lake	\$235	\$260
106	6-8	Middle School	Rev. Drew Hulse	June 25-30	Suttle Lake	\$235	\$260
107	4-6	Fishing Camp	Rev. Dana Perreard	July 2-7	Suttle Lake	\$235	\$260
108	6-8	Middle School	Rev. Glenn Edwards	July 16-21	Magruder	\$235	\$260
109	3-4	Youth	Rhonda Walton	July 16-21	Magruder	\$235	\$260
110	K-3	Dad and Me	Rev. Graig Flach	July 28-30	Suttle Lake	\$160	\$185
111	All ages	Family Camp	Althea Beam	July 29-Aug 5	Honeyman State Park	Fees vary, please refer to the Family Camp Registration Form	
112	9-12	Sr. High	Rev. Bill Van Nostran	July 30-Aug 4	Magruder	\$235	\$260
113	5-6	Youth	Sharon Franklin	July 30-Aug 4	Magruder	\$235	\$260

Register for camp now! Forms for registration can be downloaded from www.cascadespresbytery.org, where you can also register online. For more information contact Camp Coordinator Sarah Lewis at prescamp@cascadespresbytery.org, 503-460-3024, or toll-free 1-866-200-5559.



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.

May 2006

- 1 Dennis Dusek, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 2000
- 2 Stasia V. Van Buskirk, candidate for the ministry, Oak Hills Presbyterian Church, Milwaukie • Anne E. Zimmerman, ordained this day in 1993
- 3 Marcia L. Muir, candidate for the ministry, Lake Grove Presbyterian Church, Lake Oswego
- 4 Jill Holseth, candidate for the ministry, Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, West Linn
- 5 Central Presbyterian Church, Eugene - chartered this day in 1855
- 6 Mary C. McKnight & Thomas D. McKnight installed as co-pastors, Moreland Presbyterian Church, Portland, this day in 2001
- 7 Olivet Presbyterian Church, Glendale - chartered this day in 1901
- 8 Bea Genevro, Certified Christian Educator
- 9 Renn J. Turner Sanderman, candidate for the ministry, Valley Community Presbyterian Church, Portland
- 10 Gerald M. Allin, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 1998
- 11 Richard D. Diller, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 2004 • Synod of the Pacific begins its meeting this day through May 13
- 12 Helen E. Lewis, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 2001
- 13 Robert L. Sanders granted Honorably Retired status this month in 1995
- 14 First Presbyterian Church, Lakeview - chartered this day in 1911 • Hillsboro Presbyterian Church - chartered this day in 1967 • J. Bradford Kent, ordained this day in 1966, serving as interim pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Bandon
- 15 First Presbyterian Church, Salem - chartered this day in 1869 • Presbyterian Church of Clatskanie - chartered this day in 1904
- 16 M. Burton Alvis, granted Honorably Retired status in 1973
- 17 Elliott Bernadel-Huey, ordained this day in 1987 • Charles O. Willming, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 1996 • Yong Chul Chung, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 1983
- 18 Steven R. Parker, installed as pastor of Bethany Presbyterian Church, Grants Pass, this day in 1986
- 19 Lake Grove Presbyterian Church, Lake Oswego - chartered in 1925 • Dwayne & Victoria Brown installed as co-pastors of First Presbyterian Church, Roseburg, this day in 2002 • Presbytery Council meets today and tomorrow, Rebecca Hazen, Chair
- 20 Marc D. Andresen, installed as pastor of Calvin Presbyterian Church, Corvallis, this day in 1990 • Mark E. Newton, installed as pastor of Mt. Scott Park Presbyterian Church, Portland, this day in 2001
- 21 Frances Elton, candidate for the ministry, First Presbyterian Church, Portland
- 22 Committee on Ministry - Central Region, David W. Allison, Chair
- 23 Chong Hee Han ordained this day in 1986
- 24 First Presbyterian Church, Astoria - chartered this day in 1877 • Mission Support Committee, Sid Birt, Chair
- 25 Sally D. Weber granted Honorably Retired status this month in 2002
- 26 Hope Presbyterian Church, Rogue River - chartered this day in 1901 • Christopher L. Whitehead, ordained Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), this day in 1991, serving as stated supply at Christ's Church, Monmouth
- 27 Kristin A. Schmor, inquirer for the ministry, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Medford
- 28 Aimee C. Moiso, candidate for the ministry, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Portland • Westminster Foundation, Lou Balmer, Chair
- 29 Kathleen Brinegar, inquirer for the ministry, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Salem
- 30 Robert Bulkley, Vice Moderator, Northwest Region
- 31 Michael R. O'Brien, ordained this day in 1992 • Guigui Roberts, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 2002 • John A. Waide, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 2005 • Michaela R. Drummond, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 2005

June 2006

- 1 Orenco Presbyterian Church, Hillsboro - chartered this day in 1909 • Bruce M. Sexton installed as pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Mill City this day in 1997 • Carley J. Friesen, ordained this day in 1986, serving as interim associate pastor at Mt. Tabor Presbyterian Church, Portland • Paul H. Kimmel, Jr., granted Honorably Retired status this day in 1985 • Jae Doo Chung, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 2003 • Beth Crawford, ordained this day in 1998 • Richard A. Brown, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 2004
- 2 John Knox Presbyterian Church, Keizer - chartered this day in 1963 • Scott E. Phillips, installed as pastor of Eastwoods Presbyterian Church, Vancouver, this day in 2002
- 3 William J. Jackson, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 1985
- 4 Grace Presbyterian Church, Portland - chartered this month in 1926 • Wilbur G. Wood, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 1994
- 5 Ernest N. Greenlund, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 1980
- 6 Calvin Presbyterian Church, Tigard - chartered this day in 1965 • Michael K. Gillespie, ordained this day in 1982, serving as chaplain at the Veterans Administration Hospital, Roseburg
- 7 David B. Van Dyck, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 1990
- 8 Mark V. Rainey, installed as pastor of Orenco Presbyterian Church, Hillsboro, this day in 1986 • Stephen Dietrich, installed as associate pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Corvallis, this day in 2003
- 9 Robert H. Roach, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 1989 • William H. Creevey, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 1997
- 10 Community Presbyterian Church, Tulelake - chartered this day in 1935 • Gateway Presbyterian Church, The Dalles - chartered this day in 1956 • A. Michael Brown, installed as pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Vancouver, this day in 2001
- 11 H. Rodney Landes, ordained this day in 1972, Director of Samaritan Counseling • East Woods Presbyterian Church, Vancouver - chartered this day in 2000
- 12 William C. Dixon, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 1999
- 13 Evergreen Community Presbyterian Church, Cook, Washington - chartered this day in 1954 • Gregory D. Ikehara-Martin, installed as pastor of Presbyterian Church of Laurelhurst, Portland, this day in 2004
- 14 Calvin Presbyterian Church, Corvallis - chartered this day in 1958 • Sherry Johnston, ordained this day in 1981 • First Presbyterian Church, North Bend - chartered this day in 1903
- 15 Bethany Presbyterian Church, Portland - chartered this day in 1873 • S. Ann Richards, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 2001
- 16 John C. Huenink, ordained this day in 1968, serving as Stated Clerk, Presbytery of the Cascades
- 17 Harold E. Kurtz, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 1989 • Donald R. Shaw, ordained this day in 1969, serving as stated supply pastor at John Knox Presbyterian Church, Keizer
- 18 John D. Dennis, ordained this day in 1962, serving as pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Corvallis • John C. Heidbrink, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 1991 • Jean Ellen Herzegh, ordained this day in 1989, serving as chaplain at Legacy Emanuel Hospital, Portland
- 19 Edwin J. Casper, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 1987
- 20 Robert R. Woodcock, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 1989 • Philip A. Nessel, installed as pastor of Tri City United Presbyterian Church, Myrtle Creek, this day in 2004
- 21 Jon O. Nestor, ordained this day 1992, serving as counselor at Olympic Pastoral Counseling Center, Newport
- 22 Stephen J. McShane, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 1986
- 23 Robert O. Ellerby, ordained this day in 1974, serving as parish associate at First Presbyterian Church, Oregon City
- 24 Paulette Mixon-Weller, ordained this day in 2001
- 25 Mark T. Frey, ordained this day in 1979, serving as

- Western Area Board of Pensions representative • Catherine A. Rutledge-Gorman, ordained this day in 1989 • Warren J. Muller, ordained this day in 1972
- 26 United Presbyterian Church, Reedsport - chartered this day in 1919
 - 27 Barry B. Heath, ordained this day in 1971, serving as Director of Pastoral Care, Salem Hospital • John A. Hubbard, ordained this day in 1997, serving as Chaplain, Providence Hospital, Portland
 - 28 Leonard "Len" Tang, ordained this day in 1998, serving as organizing pastor at Sherwood Presbyterian Fellowship • Christopher E. Von Lobedan, ordained this day in 1992
 - 29 W. Michael McCall, installed as pastor of Hillsboro Presbyterian Church, this day in 1986 • R. Michael Stuart, ordained this day in 1986, serving as Chaplain at St. Charles Medical Center, Bend
 - 30 John R. Lacy, ordained this day in 1971, serving as interim pastor at Calvary Presbyterian Church, Portland • Donald W. Taylor, installed as pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Newport, this day in 1991 • J. Philip Park, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 2001 • Richard J. Cochran, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 1985 • Michael A. Grunwald, ordained this day in 1985 • Harold A. Fisher, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 1992 • Donald R. Purkey, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 2000, serving as interim pastor of Clatskanie Presbyterian Church • Jack D. Hodges, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 2005, serving as stated supply pastor at Kenilworth Presbyterian Church • Douglas D. Rich, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 2004

Presbytery of the Cascades Current Status of Open Churches

VACANT

Lakeside, Community

SEEKING INTERIMS or STATED SUPPLY

PREPARING TO ACTIVELY SEEK

Bandon

Brookings

Coos Bay, First

Gresham, Covenant

Myrtle Point, First

Portland, Calvary

Portland, Valley Community (Associate)

Yachats, Community

ACTIVELY SEEKING A PASTOR (CIF submitted to Louisville)

Clatskanie

Merrill, Community (Designated Pastor)

Portland, Chinese

Portland, Sunset (Associate)

Tigard, Calvin

Tulelake, Community (Half-Time

Designated Pastor)

Vancouver, First (Associate)

INTERVIEWING (Finalists identified)

Eugene, Central

ACTIVELY SEEKING IN SPECIALIZED MINISTRY

Presbytery Commissions Peacemakers

Cascades Presbytery will send a team to join ninety other persons from more than twenty presbyteries to gather in the Holy Land for an educational event on Israel and Palestine. The event will be held from April 25 to May 5.

Bruce Armstrong, **Columbia, Vancouver**; Mel Olsen, **Oak Hills, Milwaukie**; Don Shaw, **John Knox, Keizer**; Kim Smith, **Westminster, Portland**; Mike Stuart, St. Charles Medical Center in Bend were commissioned by the presbytery at its March meeting after being carefully selected to be on the Cascades Presbytery Team. Applicants were solicited through the summer and early fall, and the Mission Support Committee of our presbytery appointed a selection committee to determine who would make up the team.

The event, co-sponsored by the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program, the Presbyterian Office of the Middle East and Europe, and the International Center of Bethlehem of the Evangelical Lutheran Church was announced last summer. The purpose of the event is to "explore new models of education, action, and advocacy for a just peace in the Middle East." Goals include meeting with Christians in Israel/Palestine, meeting with others living in Israel/Palestine, including religious and community leaders, to explore the



Moderator Ettlich commissions this peacemaking team on behalf of the presbytery. From left to right, they are Don Shaw, Kim Smith, Bruce Armstrong, Mel Olsen and Mike Stuart.

"facts on the ground," to work with individuals and groups from Israel/Palestine to develop models for education, action and advocacy, and to share learnings with others in the United States.

The exact itinerary has not been released,

due to security concerns. However, expected destinations include Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Hebron and Galilee. Upon their return, team members will be available to itinerate within Cascades Presbytery in order to share their learnings.

Newly Installed Pastors Attend Discovery Retreat



Ten newly installed pastors and associate pastors participated in three days of orientation to the presbytery. Four staff joined them at Mt. Angel retreat center, March 20-22.

The retreat, offered twice a year, provides an opportunity for pastors to gain an understanding of how this presbytery does business. In addition, the mandatory sexual misconduct prevention training is now included.

Those attending the retreat are pictured. The men (left to right): John Mahon, Co-Executive Presbyter; Steven Koski, Pastor at First, Bend; Warren Rutledge, retired in Salem; Mike Pyburn, Pastor at Pioneer Presbyterian, Warrenton; Mark Willems, Pastor at Community, Parkdale; Peter Funch, retired; Montee Kennedy, Pastor at Siuslaw, Florence; Hugh Anderson, Co-Executive Presbyter. The women are (left to right): Aleida Jernigan, Co-Executive Presbyter; Gabrielle Chavez, UCC Interim Pastor at Eagle Creek; Barbara Rolph, retired; Chris Dungan, retired/Parish Associate at St. Andrews, Portland. Not pictured: John Huenink, Stated Photographer

St. Mark, Portland Celebrates 60 Years of Ministry

St. Mark, Portland will celebrate its 60th birthday on Sunday, April 30, 2006, beginning with worship at 10 a.m. Following worship a gourmet brunch will be served. Friends from Cascades Presbytery and the community

are invited to join the celebration.

The congregation was formed on April 26, 1946 as the Palatine Hill Presbyterian Church. The church was originally located on the campus of Lewis and Clark College which

was, at that time, a Presbyterian affiliated college. Later the church moved to its present location about half a mile north of the college at 9750 SW Terwilliger Blvd. across from Riverdale High School.

The Rev. Joanne Sizoo, who served as Stated Supply pastor for the congregation from 1988 to 1995 will return as guest preacher. Past members and pastors are invited to return as honored guests of the congregation. A jazz band will provide music for worship.

Following worship a gourmet brunch will be served. Donations for the brunch will go to the Youth New Orleans Mission Trip Fund. A team of six youth and four adults will be traveling to New Orleans in August to assist with clean-up in homes. During the brunch, guests are encouraged to bid on items as part of the Youth Mission's silent auction of donated art, local commercial services, dinners, and vacation rentals.

For more information call 503-244-8177 or visit the church's website, www.saintmark.presbychurch.org.

Proclaiming Christ in a Pluralistic World 2006 'Institute of Ministry' Theme

Whitworth College invites you to its 31st annual Institute of Ministry, July 10-14, 2006. Mark your calendar for this year's institute, which will address a topic at the forefront of challenges to ministry in the 21st century.

With so many truth claims emerging from conflicting worldviews, the church struggles to make itself heard. The 2006 institute will provide biblical and theological clarity about the person and work of Jesus Christ and our presenters will provide us with models of how to speak the truth of Jesus in a way that engages listeners - all for the sake of the gospel.

Participants can experience a week of spiritual encouragement, equipping for ministry

and uplifting workshops. We believe that attendance at the Whitworth Institute of Ministry will be an enjoyable and refreshing time for leaders in the church, both ordained and laity.

Institute activities feature a daily Bible hour, workshops, and an effective-preaching academy. Institute speakers include these acclaimed theologians and educators: F. Dale Bruner, James Edwards, Iain Torrance, Leanne Van Dyk, Gerald Sittser, Mark Labberton, Ron Pyle, and William P. Robinson.

Register online at www.whitworth.edu/wim or by phone at 509.777.4345. To receive early registration discount, please register before May 1.

The Israeli/Palestinian Quest for Peace

Editor's note: At the March presbytery meeting, four guests shared their perspectives of the Israeli/Palestinian situation and what needs to be done to resolve it. They were invited to summarize their comments for the Omnibus.

Hanan Zawideh Dudley was born in Ramallah shortly after the destruction of Palestine and immigrated with her family to the United States as a child. She comes from a Christian family, whose roots can be traced to the time of the Prophet Mohammed. Experiencing a typical American childhood in Detroit, Michigan, while still rooted in her family's Arab culture and tales of Palestine gives her a unique "insider's" view from both sides. She has been active with various movements championing Arab-American rights and Palestinian causes. Currently she is a member of The Association for One Democratic State in Palestine/Israel (www.one-democratic-state.org) and supports the work of Sabeel. She and her family have lived in Lake Oswego for 19 years, and she works as a realtor.

The "two state solution" will not lead to lasting peace. It has been tried before; in the American South it was "separate but equal;" in South Africa, apartheid.

By building the Wall, Israel is boxing itself into a corner of history that will shame it as a racist, apartheid state. Israel may control the land and lives of Palestinian Arabs, but it cannot control the will of the people. That will brought Hamas to power.

Why did Hamas win? Fatah has lost the connection with the fundamental dreams of Palestinians. Hamas connects with and keeps that dream alive: the right of Palestinians to return to their lands. Hamas rejects the idea that Palestinians must be satisfied to be caged in on a fraction of historical Palestine.

The one state solution is the only solution for peace in Palestine. The reality Israel is trying to create is unsustainable. It relies on massive military strength, continued subjugation of millions of people and the manipulation of American electoral politics.

If we as Americans adhere to the principle that "all men are created equal," we cannot and must not give support to a state whose founding principle is one of exclusivity, not inclusivity.

Robert Horenstein has been the community relations director of the Jewish Federation of Greater Portland since 1994. He is also a columnist for the Jewish Review and a free-lance writer, having been published in the Jerusalem Post, Jerusalem Report, The Forward, and local publications. Mr. Horenstein, who has a master's in Political Science specializing in Arab-Israeli affairs from Portland State University, teaches a course on the history of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict at PCC-Sylvania and Clark College in Vancouver. He lived in Israel 1984-85 and has visited Israel 16 times, most recently on a national interfaith (Jewish-mainline Protestant) mission last September. He is married to a "sabrah," a native-born Israeli, and has three children.

The policy of divestment currently being considered by the Presbyterian Church is ill-fitted for our shared vision of a peaceful resolution to the conflict.

For Jews, any policy that singles out Israel resonates in the Jewish consciousness with historic boycotts against Jewish companies and the Arab boycott against Israel. Divestment polarizes communities so that the policy of divestment, and not peace, becomes

the central issue.

Divestment validates Palestinian intransigence by giving hope that, ultimately, the world will allow Israel to be weakened and Palestinian extremist goals realized. Peace won't come until there's a genuine commitment on the part of the Palestinians to renounce violence that is grounded in a rejection of Israel's right to exist.

Given recent developments, divestment makes no sense. The Israeli public is so committed to a two-state solution that despite the mounting death toll to suicide bombings, it overwhelmingly supported the Gaza pullout and dismantling of Jewish settlements. By contrast, the Palestinians elected a radical Islamic group unabashedly committed to Israel's destruction. Do you really want to discourage Israel in the path that it's taking and reward the Palestinians in theirs?

Instead of divesting, the church should invest in one of the many meaningful coexistence programs that are attempting to foster a generation of Israelis and Palestinians that will live side-by-side.

Frank Afranji received his B.S. & M.S. engineering degrees in Illinois and his M.B.A. from Portland State University. Mr. Afranji has long been active in the area of Middle East peace and Palestinian-Israeli dialogue. He has served as President of the Interreligious Committee for the Peace in the Middle East, and as a Board Member of the City of Portland's Harmony Commission. Mr. Afranji has received recognition from many organizations, including the World Affairs Council of Oregon, Oregon Peace Institute, Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, and the New Jewish Agenda. He is often featured on radio and television in Oregon and in other regions of the country as a thoughtful speaker on the Middle East and Muslim-Jewish relations. Frank is Director of Transmission and Reliability Services at Portland General Electric Company.

Peace can readily be accomplished if Israel brings to an end its colonization of the West Bank and East Jerusalem. And if citizens, politicians and religious leaders in the United States are able of developing enough of a back bone to confront the extremist Israeli lobby (AIPAC) that added Capitol Hill to its list of occupations.

The extremists have successfully stifled Palestinian, Israeli and American voices calling for peace. The voices of those who realize that a Just Peace can only be achieved through the creation of two viable, democratic and secure states for the two nations in the Holy Land.

The dream of the two states with political but no economic boundaries is rapidly being transformed into a nightmare that is dooming the Christian and Muslim-Palestinian population to live in the largest and most notorious prison that recorded history has ever known. The 30-foot concrete wall complete with barbed wire and watchtowers is soon to complete its yoke around the necks and lives of millions of people while we, in the United States, who are capable of putting an end to this crime, are afraid or unwilling to practice what we perish. For those who say, but what can I do, the answer is rather simple, do what you believe Christ would have done when he witnessed grave injustice.

Daniel Isaak is rabbi of Neveh Shalom, a 1000 family member synagogue in Portland, and has served this congregation since 1993. He is married and has four children. He has been to Israel numerous times



Members of presbytery listen to guest speakers share their views about Palestine and Israel.

beginning in 1969-70 and 1974-5 when he spent academic years of study in Jerusalem at the Hebrew University. His father was a refugee from Nazi Germany coming to Palestine as an 18 year old in 1937, volunteering for the Royal Air Force in World War II, eventually joining his family immigrating to the U.S. in 1947. Rabbi Isaak has long identified with the Israeli Left and the Peace Movement, serving on the advisory boards of various American Peace organizations, including American Friends of Peace Now. When he came to Portland he was welcomed into the local chapter of the Inter-religious Council for Peace in the Middle East and participated post-9/11 in an Arab/Muslim/Jewish dialogue group, whose purpose was to create better relations and understanding between these communities and to seek avenues of agreement toward a peaceful settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict in the Middle East.

The brokenness of the hopes and dreams in Palestine/Israel is palpable. Too much innocent blood has been shed. Too many children have witnessed the burial of parents, parents the heart wrenching devastation of maimed children, wives/husbands the eternal loss of beloved spouses.

The tragedy of Palestine/Israel is the legitimate claim that the two children of Abraham maintain to the same tiny piece of geography. Their claims are historic, religious, cultural, ethnic and incontrovertible.

Surprisingly the resolution to the conflict is not in heaven, nor beyond the seas as a group of well intentioned local Muslims and Jews learned when we sat together over several post 9/11 months to talk about the seemingly insoluble struggle. We shocked ourselves to discover that as former Israeli Prime Minister Peres noted, "We could see the light, but cannot find the tunnel." Compromise is desirable and possible. How to overcome distrust, marginalize extremists, eliminate terror, fulfill international agreements, and believe that peace is achievable, these are some of the major obstacles.

Our task as the religious community in America is that of honest broker, to establish and maintain momentum, to help Israelis and Palestinians to compromise on their maximalist goals so that they can disengage from each other in order that peace and security might reign.

These are the thus far unbridgeable prayers of those who suffer on both sides of this tragic divide.

Eco-Justice Resources and Events

Earth Day Sunday Resource focus on Katrina and Creation Care. The theme for the 2006 Earth Day Sunday is Katrina and its eco-justice implications. Resources include background on the interrelationship of poverty and environmental degradation in the Gulf Coast region, suggested youth activities, study questions, prayer and a sample liturgy. It can be found at

www.pcusa.org/environment/earthday.htm. This is a valuable resource for individuals or groups who plan to do mission work in the region and want to understand the broader context of the region. Louisiana is one of the most impoverished areas of the county and one of the most polluted. It is home to hundreds of hazardous waste sites from mines, factories, and chemical plants—the very industrial sites that produce many of our consumer goods such as vinyl siding, plastics and oil. Earth Day Sunday is April 23 on the Presbyterian Calendar but the resources can be used at any time.

“Choices of Abundance for Congregations in Community,” is a workshop hosted by **First, Portland**, with co-

Rogue Valley Peace Choir to Tour Japan

The Rogue Valley Peace Choir has been invited to sing in Japan this summer, highlighted by an invitation to sing at Hiroshima's Peace Park on August 6, 2006. Hideko Snider, First, Medford, who spoke at Presbytery in November, 2005, is a member of the choir and is helping to organize the trip.

Founded in 2003, the Rogue Valley Peace Choir is composed of over 100 members from throughout the Rogue Valley. The members' ages range from the teens to octogenarians and share a desire to inspire peace among themselves, their community, nation and world. “Through singing,” Snider says, “we open our hearts and minds to connect with others in the celebration of life, showing respect and compassion for others regardless of race, age, gender, religion, sexual orientation, disabilities, musical level or political persuasion.”

The Japan trip was first conceived by Snider who was a child in Hiroshima when



Presbyterian Disaster Relief on site in Mississippi.

Photograph by Denvy and Gail Sakowsky.

sponsorship by Presbyterians for Restoring Creation. It will highlight a presentation and workshop by Dr. Carol Johnston, Associate Professor of Theology and Culture at Christian Theological Seminary, Indianapolis, and ordained Presbyterian Church (USA) minister. The event will take place on June 3, 2006, 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM at 1200 SW

the city was destroyed by the atom bomb. Her mother, who loved singing, was among the hundreds of thousands killed. Her lifelong appeal for collective healing of war wounds in celebration of life resonated with many and a group of 38 are now hard at work making this trip happen.

The group will sing in the ancient city of Kyoto at Doshisha University. In Kobe they will sing with a famous male choral group whose selection includes a civil war melody, “Tenting Tonight.” In Hiroshima, the City of Peace, they will sing at Hiroshima Jogakuin, and in the Peace Park on August 6 on the 61st anniversary of the bomb.

Fundraising events are being planned: an afternoon party for donors April 30, annual Peace Choir spring concert May 21, and Japan Night May 6 at the Unitarian Church in Ashland. A special message of support for lasting world peace will be collected at the fundraisers, translated into Japanese and carried to Hiroshima.

Alder Street. Registration is at 9:00 AM. Parking in the church's new parking lot will be available.

Dr. Johnston will speak on biblical and theological foundations for eco-justice, and how congregations can move from a scarcity model, in community, in ways that model God's abundance. Participants will share what they are doing in areas of eco-justice, and there will be coordinated action planning sessions to include personal, intra-congregational and inter-congregational community perspectives.

For more information and to register, please call **First, Portland** and/or the Rev. Tom Nolen at 503-228-7331

Save the Date! The second annual Creation-Care Fellowship will be held on Saturday, September 30 at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Salem. It is sponsored by the Eco-Justice Team of the Congregational Support Committee of the Presbytery of the Cascades.

News Briefs

Easter Sunrise Service Scheduled.

Menucha Retreat and Conference Center and the Presbyterian Churches of East Multnomah County are hosting an Easter Sunrise Service, 6:30 a.m., April 16 on the grounds of Menucha. Everyone is invited. The service will be followed by the serving of Coffee, Tea, Juice, and pastries inside at Menucha giving everyone an opportunity to visit and a time of fellowship. Participating in the service will be The Rev. Spencer Parks, Executive Director of Menucha, The Rev. Chris Grewe, Co-Pastor, **Savage Memorial, Portland**, and The Rev. Thomas Young, Pastor, **Cherry Park, Troutdale**. For more information, contact Rev. Parks, 503-695-2243.

Opening Doors Wins Award. This team of the Congregational Support Committee has been selected to receive the Nancy Jennings Award from Presbyterians for Disability Concerns (a part of PHEWA) at the upcoming General Assembly in Birmingham. This award is “given to a person, congregation, or other PCUSA entity that affirms, supports and advocates for the gifts, rights and responsibilities of people with disabilities in the life of the church.” Members of this team are: Rick Parfrey, chair, Leon Bolen, Glenn Chilcote, Debbie Huskey, Eileen Parfrey, Mary Jane Sawai, Becky Tallman, Irene Tegeler.

There will be no Mission Conference in 2006. Planning for the 2007 Mission Conference is already beginning. It will be held at the Best Western Ocean View Resort in Seaside. The conference will take place from Friday, May 4, to Sunday, May 6, 2007. Watch the presbytery website, Cascades electronic express email newsletters and *Omnibus* for further information. The planning team is Judy Alford, Leala Harris, Rex Parker, Doug Rich and Duane Sich. Staff: Aleida Jernigan and Kim Otis.

Worship Preparation Assistance. The Rev. John Maynard, minister member of our Presbytery serving in Australia, recommends “Stepping-Stones: A Guide to Lectionary-Based Resources for Worship and Preaching” for ministers and laypersons doing worship planning. John is involved in maintaining the web page on behalf of the Synod of Victoria's Doctrine & Liturgy Committee. <http://vic.uca.org.au/doclit/worship/worshiplinks.htm>

Opening Door Grants Available Now

Looking for dollars for that long-standing barrier-removal project at your church? Funding is available from the Presbytery's Opening Doors Task Force on Disabilities for a wide variety of barrier removal projects including but certainly not limited to:

- Large print materials
- Assistive listening systems
- Power-assist door openers
- Ramps/walks
- Hardware replacement
- Elevators and lifts
- Curriculum for special needs students
- Restroom modifications
- Signage

Applications for the current 2006 funding cycle should be sent to the Central Region Presbytery Office by June 30, 2006.

(Note: Projects receiving funding need to be completed within 24 months of the grant award.)

To obtain an application form please contact:
Kate Whitehead (800) 926-3223, (541) 465-9173
kjwhitehead@cascadespresbytery.org

For more information on program specifics please contact:
Rick Parfrey (503) 638-0109, parfrey@msn.com

Presbytery Recognizes Katrina Volunteers

Teams from Cascades Presbytery churches are spending significant time in Mississippi helping with the Hurricane Katrina recovery effort. Salem, First, Hillsboro, and Christ, Monmouth have been sharing their experiences through blogs which can be accessed on the Presbytery's website, www.cascade-presbytery.org.

Living in tent cities built by Presbyterian



Volunteers are provided housing in these tent/cabins.

Photograph by Denvy and Gail Sakowsky.

Disaster Assistance (PDA), the teams spend several weeks to months at a time in the small town of Gautier, Mississippi located on the gulf coast. Some 1,700 homes were destroyed with an additional 5,000 homes seriously damaged.

"We'll be here for years," reports the team from Hillsboro. All three teams report a continuing need for financial assistance. Donations can be sent to the teams themselves, or to PDA. Go to the blogs, read their stories, and understand how God is working in extraordinary ways through these volunteers.

The Peacemaking Task Force of the Presbytery of the Cascades is honoring those congregations who have sent individuals or teams to the South to assist in hurricane relief work. Each such congregation will have the "Peace Plate" for one month, in recognition of their commitment. The Peacemaking Task Force is aware of only a handful of congregations who qualify for this recognition. However, it is believed that many others also have been involved. If your congregation has



sent either a team or individuals to the South **Veterans from the area serve the volunteers their meals.**

Photograph by Denvy and Gail Sakowsky.

to assist in recovery from Rita and Katrina, please contact either Kathy Conner: kathrynconner@comcast.net, (541) 753-4797 or Don Shaw: peaceandhunger@cascade-presbytery.org, (503) 302-4656 so your congregation can be properly recognized.

Voices

What Has Happened To My Country?

Harold E. Kurtz, Senior Associate, Presbyterian Frontier Fellowship

(Editor's note: This is adapted from an article that was published by the Presbyterian News Service on November 22, 2005. Written by one of our own minister members, honorably retired, the full article can be accessed through <http://pcusa.org/pcnews/2005/05624.htm>)

Lately I feel like a stranger in the United States. I am a remnant from what has been called the greatest generation. But it isn't the thinning ranks of my generation that leaves me feeling lost and confused. It is the debate about torture that has been swirling around me for months. I never imagined such a debate in my country. A single statement from the executive branch that torture is forbidden every place, all the time, by every agency and under all circumstances could stop all talk immediately. There could be an element of danger in that stance but virtue knows any sacrifice is worth a better future. We need to end the torture debate so the world will know my country would never become as the enemy.

My father fought in World War I. He was a quiet man who never talked about his service in France, but my mother's photo of him in his uniform is etched in the minds of his children.

As World War II broke out we were five boys and a little sister. Eventually all five of us boys would enlist. Three of us went into the Army Air Force for pilot training and one joined the 5th Armored Division. My youngest brother, Dudley, didn't want cold, mud and tents, so he joined the Navy.

It was common for families to have in the window a small white flag with blue stars indicating the number of sons serving. Mom could not find a flag with five stars on it, to upgrade the former one. They took a blue crayon and colored on it a fifth star. When memorabilia was divided up years later, the four older brothers awarded that flag to Dud as his keepsake — a silent reminder to us all of the sacrifice of our parents.

Dud ended up on a mine sweeper in Japanese waters. The brother in the ground forces landed with the Fifth Armored Division, D-day plus four, and fought clear into Germany till VE day. Half of his unit was killed or wounded. Three of us were Air Force pilots flying in Europe.

One day there was a knock on the door of our farmhouse. Mom looked out and saw the rural mail carrier's car stopped at the mailbox. She was afraid of its meaning. It was the custom of those carriers to hand deliver the registered letters from the government. Merle was missing in action. He had gone down in his P-51. Good news reached them within the month that he was a prisoner of war where he remained for eleven months.

As we served and as my parents waited, we did so with the strong belief that we were fighting an evil, an evil whose tactics we would never employ. We acted on values that we would always be proud of.

I flew with the Troop Carrier Command and on return flights after making deliveries to the front, we would stop at field hospitals and pick up the critically wounded. We arranged bunk like stretchers on each side of the plane to carry as many as possible and delivered those critical wounded to the base hospital. Friend and foe were alike. No one even asked.

I was dually trained to also serve as a glider pilot. When the army needed to jump the Rhine River, I landed with a glider load of airborne troops on top of the German army. We fought them for a strip of land where a pontoon bridge could be laid down. We rounded up hundreds of prisoners of war in that operation. When adequate space was captured, low flying B-24s dropped para packs from their bomb bays to re-supply us with ammunition and food. As we fought the German army outside of our perimeter, we shared our K-Rations with the prisoners inside.

As the war was coming to an end in Europe, we flew out our prisoners of war. They were a skinny, battered and beaten lot. We also flew out forced laborers who were in worse shape. But the sight that seared my soul was the survivors of the death camps. They were walking skeletons, hollow eyed. They barely had strength enough to climb up the steps into our planes. I could never be a pacifist, for such evil must never be given a free hand to rule the world.

What has happened to my country? I am mystified by a debate about torture that has extended over months. In the country we boys fought for, it wasn't even mentioned as a possibility for that was the enemy's tactic. I am an

evangelical Christian. Jesus tells us to eliminate our enemies—by making friends of them.

The harvest of 1944 was very difficult back on the farm. Dad, Mom and little sister Joyce were all alone. Meanwhile, the U.S. was finding it hard to keep and feed all the German prisoners of war in camps in Europe. They started bringing prisoners to the States in the empty, returning troop ships.

A camp was established near our home in eastern Oregon. Word was sent out that farmers could hire willing prisoners as farm laborers. They would be brought to the farm by a guard and the farmers would pay a daily wage. Most prisoners were delighted to have something to do and especially to be paid for their work so they could have spending money. Dad decided to use their help with the harvest of 1944.

Three or four POWs would be brought to the farm each day. Dad and his prisoners worked well together even without language. The prisoners brought their lunch. But Dad and Mom were concerned about those young Germans and especially Mom worried about their diet. Every day at noon, Mom cooked up a big pot of stew or rich soup to add to the lunch. I am sure that as she stirred the soup, my mother prayed that someone would care for her POW son.

My Dad must have thought of his son as well. One day when it was cold and windy, Dad talked the guard into letting the prisoners go in the house to eat their lunch. It was against general regulations but Dad pleaded their cause. One of the prisoners saw my Dad's guitar sitting in the corner and asked if he could play it. After tuning it up, the prisoners sang a song they must have learned from their guards, "Don't Fence Me In!" In that same bitter winter in Germany, Dad's prisoner son would be put in a railroad cattle car to be shipped south. Half of his fellow POWs in that car died on the way.

I am certain all of those German prisoners of war who worked on our farm went back to Germany not as enemies but as friends.

What has happened to my country that we even debate torture? What has happened to my country that has lost the will to make friends out of enemies?

Presbytery Highlights

Editor's Note: These are excerpted by the editor from highlights of the meeting prepared by John Huenink, Stated Clerk. See www.cascadespresbytery.org for more details.

With 271 presbyters in attendance, the Presbytery at its March 10-11 meeting at Calvin, Tigard:

- 1 Celebrated the retirement of William Taylor.
- 2 The Mission Support Committee presented a series of speakers on the topic of Israel/Palestine. The following were the guests of the presbytery for the presentation: Hanan Zawideh Dudley, Robert Horenstein, Frank Afranji, and Rabbi Daniel Isaak.
- 3 Al Contreras was introduced as having completed CLP training and is now certified to receive invitation to service as a Commissioned Lay Pastor.
- 4 Women Ministers of Word and Sacrament in the Presbytery were honored in recognition of the 50th Anniversary of the first woman ordained as Minister of the Word and Sacrament.
- 5 The report of the Personnel and Administration Committee included the introduction of Cheryl Andersen, Business



Moderator Ernest Ettlich (right) leads the service of recognition for William E. Taylor who joins the ranks of Honorably Retired clergy.

Eco-Justice Team, the presbytery acted to endorse the principles and objectives of The Oregon Interfaith Energy and Climate Charter.

- 11 Acted to enroll as Inquirers for Ministry of

Word and Sacrament Debra A. Garber (Westminster, Portland) and Elizabeth S. Leavitt (Valley Community, Portland).

- 12 Enrolled Rebecca E. Sanders, a member of Lake Grove Presbyterian Church, Lake Oswego, Oregon, as a Candidate for the Ministry of the Word and Sacrament
- 13 The Theological Education Fund Committee recognized those congregations which had contributed to the 2005 Theological Education Fund.
- 14 The Mission Support Committee report included an introduction of Leah McCullough (OSU Campus Minister).
- 15 Recognized those from Cascades who had participated in Hurricane Katrina relief work.
- 16 Commissioned those of the Israel/Palestine Peace Committee who are to travel to Israel and Palestine.
- 17 **AND OF SIGNIFICANT IMPORTANCE** changed the location of Cascades' July 7-8, 2006 Stated Meeting from Redmond to McMinnville, due to unavailability of lodging in Central Oregon on that weekend.



In honor of the 50th anniversary of women being ordained as Minister of Word and Sacrament, those women ordained and serving in the presbytery are recognized and given a standing ovation.

Manager, and Sarah Lewis, Interim Camp Coordinator. John Huenink gave thanks for Margi Brown as his new Administrative Assistant and for Kim Otis, his previous Administrative Assistant.

- 6 The Rev. Len Tang, organizing pastor of the Sherwood Presbyterian Fellowship new church development provided an update of this congregation.
- 7 Acted to designate The Rev. David M. Crow as Executive Presbyter Emeritus without duties or remuneration.
- 8 Cascades' Opening Doors Program is to receive a special award at the 217th General Assembly for its work advocating on behalf of disability concerns.
- 9 The Presbytery's Evangelism Banner was presented to Gateway Presbyterian Church in The Dalles.
- 10 The presbytery's Eco-Justice Team presented information about water management, creation stewardship, and climate change. On the recommendation of the

Official Notice

Cascades Presbytery will have a stated meeting Friday and Saturday, July 7-8 at First, McMinnville. Details will be on the website, www.cascadespresbytery.org and in the next issue of Omnibus.

Give to the One Great Hour of Sharing To Support Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Presbyterian Hunger Program
Self Development of People

Since 1949, Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through One Great Hour of Sharing to share God's love with people experiencing need. Our gifts support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, and community development that help people find safe refuge, start new lives, and work together to strengthen their families and communities. Recognizing that the hope we have in Christ is lived out in our hope for another, we respond with gifts that help our sisters and brothers around the world find hope for a bright future.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance receives 36% of undesignated One Great Hour of Sharing gifts, while Self Development of People and the Presbyterian Hunger Programs each received 32%.

Most congregations receive the offering on Palm Sunday, Easter Sunday or both. Others receive it throughout Lent.

Ask your Session to approve this offering and then locate the materials that were shipped to your church. To order additional materials, call Presbyterian Distribution Services at (800)524-2612.

Questions? Visit www.pcusa.org/oghs or contact Don Shaw, peaceandhunger@cascadespresbytery.org and (503)302-4656.