



# General Assembly Reflections Shared

*Editor's Note: I invited those I knew who attended General Assembly to share their observations for the Omnibus. Stated Clerk John Huenink did so in his Viewpoint's Column. I asked them three questions: (1) What was most significant? (2) What was the environment/atmosphere like? (3) What would be important for the person in the pew of the local congregation to know about General Assembly? And then gave them the freedom to respond however they wished.*

**Nancy Smith, Elected Commissioner, Elder:** My statement answers number three. "For the person in the pew...Why do you believe it is important for them to be aware of what's happening in the larger church?" We are a connectional church, more than ever before we experienced this. With all the diversity in our church, different ages, different ethnic groups, different theological views, we were able to be open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We didn't know where God was leading us. There were thousands of people or "The Great Cloud of Witnesses" from all over the world praying for the General Assembly this year. If we believe at all in the Power of Prayer, we have to believe God's will was done.

**Hyun Kim, Elected Youth Advisory Delegate (1)** I'm quite sure that most of the



**Hyun Kim, Cascades' Youth Advisory Delegate, shares reflections at Presbytery meeting about his experience at General Assembly.**

people will consider the Peace Unity and Purity (PUP) report the most significant action in this GA. Just the loads of letters, DVDs, and books all centered around Recommendation 5 alone shows how much weight it had. I think sometimes the PUP report gets overplayed and people make too much of it, but it is still certainly the most significant action we took. **(2)** I'm not really sure what I expected from the environment before I went to GA, but I remember being fairly confident that I would feel slightly out of place. I was wrong. YADs were very well integrated into the system and I felt like my voice was being heard. I was making a difference. What I did notice though was an interesting struggle between making decisions based on politics and what Jesus would like us to do. Sometimes we as delegates in the General Assembly started to think like our legislators on Capitol Hill instead of stewards seeking the will of God. There was one particular issue (Irish adoptions) that was voted down in my committee purely because somebody mentioned that it could cause conflict with the Catholic Church. Sure, everybody agreed that it was a good cause and what was being done by the Catholic Church was unjust, but were afraid to support the request because of political reasons. I just thought that was interesting because every single delegate sincerely just wanted to seek the will of God - they all didn't want politics to interfere. But subconsciously, it did. **(3)** People need to understand the decisions we made on wedge issues like the PUP report. When people don't clearly understand what happened and only go on what the grandson of a neighbor's stepbrother said, misunderstandings happen and conflict ensues. Understanding is a key element to unity.

**Hugh Anderson, Staff:** My first General Assembly was twenty years ago when I was elected a commissioner to the assembly in Biloxi, Mississippi. What impressed me about this year's General Assembly, that I have not always seen in previous ones in these many years that I have been attending, was the level of courteous debate and respectful listening. Perhaps this is an off-shoot of the Peace, Unity and Purity Task Force report. Their experience filtered into the assembly's experience. There were no loud outcries, boisterous protests or



**Rick Parfrey accepts the 2006 Nancy Jennings Award on behalf of the Opening Doors Task Force on Disabilities in the Presbytery of the Cascades, presented by the Rev. Sue Montgomery, Presbyterians for Disabilities Concerns consultant for accessibility and mobility, at the PHEWA awards celebration.**

*Photo by Joseph Williams*

heckling of speakers. This mutual respect enabled the Assembly to move through its business and produce results that I believe are centralist rather than extremist in nature. If the center holds, then so will the church.

**Kathryn Scott, Elected Commissioner, Elder:** The feelings that came out of GA for

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## Who Cares?

### Congregational Care Teams Do!

Is there anyone in your congregation who needs help? Perhaps someone who is caring for a chronically ill spouse, raising grandchildren, parent or sibling of someone with developmental disabilities or ADHD, living with mental illness or alone with age-related limited abilities.

Churches traditionally are places where caregivers and those needing care look for help. Churches respond to those emotional, spiritual, and practical needs through the efforts of pastoral staff, Stephen Ministers, Deacons, and Elders.

Congregational Care Team Ministry (CCTM) is a program developed by National Health Ministries, PC(USA), [www.pcusa.org/health/national](http://www.pcusa.org/health/national). CCTM pulls together volunteers who provide the hands-on emotional and spiritual support, coordinating, supporting, and equipping as needed. A CCTM's approach does not replace a congregation's existing care responses, but it does increase the effectiveness of a congregation's existing programs, spreading the work load and building a caring community that remains motivated and equipped.

Through Cascades Presbytery's *OPENING DOORS* Task Force on Disabilities, a CCTM Training Workshop will be offered on Friday, October 20 at **Lake Grove, Lake Oswego**. This is an opportunity for team leaders, deacons, and others interested in congregational care to learn more about this ministry. Workshop participants will receive practical training on organizing and equipping a care team ministry tailored to their particular congregation's needs. To register, contact Rick Parfrey at (503)638-0109 or [parfrey@msn.com](mailto:parfrey@msn.com).

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me were: 1. A real joy to be working directly for the future of my church. 2. A thrill to be rubbing shoulders with people whose names I knew and never expected to meet. 3. A sense of integrity on every one's part. We will never completely agree on the future or the total substance of being Presbyterian, but we know that we have to talk to each other and share our love for Christ with each other. We know that to survive, we must be determined to stay together. 4. A sense of what it means to be Presbyterian - the history that stretches over 300 years in the United States, including the ups and downs of the relationships within and outside the PC(USA). 5. A sense that we have much to accomplish in the years ahead. 6. A desire to work with the next generation of leaders. They are already living the future and they have a great sense of fairness and a desire to get past bias and create a world that is just and equitable. 7. A strong belief that the future of the church is safe in the hands of the young people who love this church. 8. Some day I hope to go again if I could be so lucky.

**Bob Gillespie, HR, Observer: (1)** For me it was to sit and watch the Committee process on the issue or overture to remove G-0108b from the Book of Order. First, who spoke to retain it, mostly men by a long shot and to remove it mostly women again by a significant margin. Those for "it" talked, talked, talked. Against would call the previous question. Each time the vote to remove would lose by a small margin. Finally the men wised up and called the question and it passed!! Then the men voted on the motion to remove. And the motion to remove was defeated by just two votes, and we still have 06 which won by a large majority on the GA floor. The major victory was, of course, the PUP (Peace Unity and Purity) report being accepted without much of a battle. The other significant issue was the one of divestment. This committee worked very hard in a spirited but cooperative manner. They chose a small committee to work out an acceptable report which both maintained our

original position with a more acceptable approach - again a result of the "peaceable kingdom." (2) It also seemed to me to be a more "peaceable kingdom" than I had anticipated. (3) If the people in the pew knew the way this Presbyterian Church (USA) works they would feel much better about our broader and diverse denomination.

**Marilyn Allen, Elected Commissioner, Minister:** General Assembly was a time to connect with the larger church. I went to a state I'd never been in before, to work with people I'd never met, from places I'd never heard of. We shared many of the same concerns about the church, though often we had different opinions about solutions. We shared music and scripture, laughter and tears, hopes and concerns and, on occasion, fear. We also shared an unwavering trust that God would continue to work in our church on all levels, even though we weren't quite sure how. The Peace, Unity and Purity recommendations which we adopted ask us to live together, even in times of uncertainty, to trust God and to trust each other. I pray that we may do just that.

## Gale McDonald Death Noted

Gale R. McDonald, an elder at Kenilworth Presbyterian Church of Portland, died on the morning of Sunday, June 4. She was a member of the staff of The Synod of the Pacific in The Presbytery of the Cascades from 1979-1990 and served as Support and Interpretation Consultant staff to Cascades' support and communications ministries. Gale managed and shaped Omnibus in its early years. Her passionate zeal in interpreting stewardship, mission and mission support laid foundations for Cascades' historic records in congregational giving for mission.



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## Norm Austin Death Reported

The Rev. Norman Eugene Austin died just before midnight on July 4, in Salem only two days before his 75th birthday.

Norm was born on July 6, 1931 in Encino, New Mexico and was raised in that area. He attended The College of The Sequoias in Visalia, CA (1952-53) and Lewis & Clark College (1953-56), from which he received a B.A. degree. He then attended Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, earning a B.D. degree in 1959, and was ordained as a Minister of Word and Sacrament by The Presbytery of New Albany on May 24, 1959.

Norm served churches in Indiana, Wyoming, Montana, Nebraska, and Kansas. He was granted the status of Honorably Retired by The Presbytery of Southern Kansas in August of 1996, following which he moved to Keizer, Oregon, was received as a member of The Presbytery of the Cascades, and became Parish Associate at Westminster, Salem.

Norm was always an active presbyter, serving two presbyteries as Stated Clerk, four presbyteries as Moderator of Committees on Ministry, and two presbyteries as Treasurer. He served also on Christian Education, Stewardship, and Evangelism committees. In The Presbytery of the Cascades, he was an active and valuable member of The Committee On Ministry-Central (1997-2000)

Norm was an active participant in Lions Clubs, food cupboards, local chambers of commerce, and with the CROP walk. He was organizer/president/secretary/ board member for an organization called "Mother To Mother" which provided ministries to single women with children and few resources.

Information about Norm's life and ministries is on Cascades' website, [www.cascadespresbytery.org](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org). A service honoring his life was held July 28 at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Salem. Let us mourn with all who mourn Norm's death and let us give thanks for his many ministries of love and care and faithful service to God in the name of Jesus, Our Christ.

### 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](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org).



The 2006/2007 Horizon's Bible Study is focusing on Genesis. The Media Resource Center carries the popular Public Affairs Television series **Genesis** hosted by Bill Moyers. This is a set of five videos with two 30-minute segments on each tape. For more details, check out the center's catalog for this and other resources about Genesis. From the Presbytery of the Cascades home page, [www.cascadespresbytery.org](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org), choose Media Resource Center (in the middle on the left) to open the Center's page. Type in the keyword, "Genesis," or do an author search, "Moyers," for the series mentioned above.

One of our most popular authors is Presbyterian minister, Ken Bailey. Both the DVD and the video of **Decoding the DaVinci Code** have arrived. It's subtitled, **"Historical Reality vs. Murder Mystery Mythology."** Although you are welcome to borrow it from the Media Resource Center, if you want one for your own library, the DVD is only \$15 plus \$2 postage, from the Presbyterian Media Mission ([www.pmm4u.org](http://www.pmm4u.org))

The Relational Support Committee purchased a set of eight CDs regarding stewardship. These are meant to be played in the computer (no audio attached). This center has a set, and each regional Presbytery office also has a set that can be checked out. Titled **Confident Steward**, they help a congregation decide if it would like to do a stewardship campaign by direct mail, every member visitation, consecration day, small group meetings, commitment by telephone, congregational dinner, during Sunday worship, or personal delivery.

This center has approximately 1,600 videos/DVDs and 200 books. Most of the books are from the Alban Institute. The only cost is the return postage. Take advantage of it!

I'll be away the first two weeks of September, but volunteers may be in on Tuesdays and Thursdays. I'll be attending the second half of my certification training to be a nationally certified resource center director. This is held at Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, VA.

Grace and peace,

**Maureen O'Rourke**

Before Pentecost  
the disciples found  
it hard to do easy things;  
after Pentecost  
they found it easy to  
do hard things  
*Adoniram Judson Gordon*

## Cascades Viewpoints

By John Huenink

You've heard of "partially obstructed" cheap seats at concerts? Well, that's what I had at the 217th General Assembly in Birmingham in June. My assigned seat was in the middle of the "Clerks' Zone" where my view of the stage in front was from a distance that made even "two-meter-man" Cliff Kirkpatrick appear to be only a few inches tall. Worse yet, there was a platform for cameras which blocked my view of half of the stage. I could not see Cascades' Commissioners or YAD except when they were at a microphone and their images were projected on the jumbotron-like monitors in the hall.

The convention center in Birmingham is immense, and the hall in which the GA met is huge. Unfortunately, however, it was all at the same level (except for the stage in front and the mid-hall platform which obstructed my view). I felt sorry for those seated even farther back - in the visitors' section - for there were no risers or bleachers provided. I can understand why they might not have been available, for the rental of such equipment is very costly! Were it not for the large video monitors suspended from the ceiling, it would have been very difficult. Actually, the best viewing was available on the streaming video on the Internet. It was the same video available in the plenary meeting-hall screens. I hope that some people in The Presbytery of the Cascades "sat in" on the 217th GA via the Internet.

## Voices

### Reflections at a Turn in the Road

By Ann Bowersox, Campus Pastor, Koinonia Center, University of Oregon

As I find myself preparing to leave this campus ministry position, I realize that I am quickly approaching a place where my view of it will be in the rear view mirror. And, since as they say, "hind sight is always 20/20," I thought that this might be a good time to humbly offer my 20/20 clarity of campus ministry and the presbytery's support of campus ministry.

While my job security may no longer depend on your support of campus ministry, I have come to be convinced that the future viability of our denomination is, in a large part, connected with campus ministry. That feeling has recently been confirmed by our denomination. In the midst of drastic downsizing and job cuts, the PC(USA) has elected to keep the campus ministry coordinator position. That decision itself speaks clearly and eloquently of the importance of this attention to young adults.

Research has shown that involvement in campus ministry is a primary "bridge" during the time when young adults leave high school and all the expectations that their home environment may have had about church attendance and the time they eventually "settle down" (often in their mid to late 20s) and decide to look for a church "home" for themselves. Involvement in campus ministry often provides another set of bread crumbs, if you will, for finding their way back to a faith community from the wanderings of young adulthood.

Research also shows that campus ministry is a strong bridge between college and seminary. A faith community in college is a good environment in which to listen for a call to

The 217th GA saw the debut of "Les," a less-paper electronic distribution of information and way of tracking GA business through committees and on the floor in plenary sessions. Although no longer in perpetual update mode, Les is still available at [www.pcusa.org/ga217](http://www.pcusa.org/ga217) and can provide you with news and answers to all questions about what the General Assembly did in Birmingham.

What Les cannot provide to you is my viewpoint on the 217th General Assembly. Although I was in a "cheap seat" with partially obstructed view, what I saw (in addition to many backs) was a gathering of Presbyterians who have great affection and hope for our denomination. It is one thing to love the church of one's membership or service, but governing bodies can seem so large and impersonal and remote and mysterious. At Cascades' meetings, I like my view from the clerk's table. I get to see the faces of our sisters and brothers and I watch for those who seem frustrated by lack of understanding. It is not uncommon for me to leave my position so that I might offer assistance to get a presbyter back on track - or even to suggest to the moderator that full assistance is needed if there are more than a few furrowed brows or beclouded faces.

I could not see faces on the floor of the 217th General Assembly, but I visited committees and had many conversations with my sisters and brothers from all parts of our family. With

ministry, or a call to any of life's other vocations. Indeed, it is a good place to begin an adult conversation with God.

So, what does all this have to do with the Presbytery of the Cascades? Well, you as a presbytery are, and have been for a long time on the cutting edge of campus ministry. You have long known the value of presbytery-supported campus ministry. While money has been (and still is) tight, and while there have been noticeable cuts in campus ministry, still, the core is there. I thank you for that, not for myself, although I have deeply enjoyed my time at the Koinonia Center - it is clearly the best job in the presbytery - but for others.

I thank you for your support for campus ministry - for the community it provided a young graduate student who moved across country to the University of Oregon and found the stability and support she needed to succeed during her first year in a very rigorous program.

I thank you for your support for a young Japanese student who found the Koinonia Center a safe place to learn about our culture. She eventually professed her faith in Christ and was baptized. She also was able to find comfort and solace when word came of her brother's death, half a world away.

I thank you for your support for a young woman who heard God's call to ministry and is now under care of this presbytery and heading to seminary this fall. I thank you for your support for a young man who is gifted in many ways, but is using his campus ministry home in part to try to discern what a "still small voice" is really nudging him to do.

I thank you for all this and more. But most of all, I thank you for your commitment to the church's future leadership. Thank you, and thanks be to God.



**John Huenink, president of the Association of Stated Clerks, presented the 2005 C. Fred Jenkins Constitutional Services Award at the Middle Governing Bodies dinner. Photo by Danny Bolin.**

only few exceptions, their affection and hope for our denomination was real and freely expressed. It is clear that there are many issues on which Presbyterians disagree, but it is clear also that there is real affection for our calling as people of faith and hope that God's Spirit can and will work in and through us to resolve our entrenched differences of opinion. What is needed is for us to try! The world and our communities are so in need of faith and hope and the good news which is ours to share! There is so much to be done! Can and will we devote our energies to our ministries and mission instead of the internal politics and "wars" of church differences? I know we can; I hope we will!

### The Clerk Answers

(The Cascades' Stated Clerk, John Huenink, shares the answer to a question he receives. If you have a question, you may email him at [jhuenink@cascadespresbytery.org](mailto:jhuenink@cascadespresbytery.org).)



**Question:** Why are there no "Right Reverend," "Very Reverend," or "Most Reverend" Presbyterians?

**Answer:** Good question—for the issue is fundamental in Reformed Theology. Let me respond first from personal experience. In my service of ordination to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament, the "charge to the ordinand" was given to me by a professor at San Francisco Theological Seminary, The Rev. Dr. Aaron Ungersma. Clad in his full European academic regalia, he began his charge with these words: "Well, John, you are now as reverend as you are ever going to be" and then outlined how Presbyterian/Reformed theology does not have gradations in office and how authority pertains to the office rather than to the person (as I noted in my "The Clerk Answers" offering in the April-May, 2006 *Omnibus*, which I presume prompted the question for this response). Presbyterian ministers may be installed to certain functions, but their ordination status does not change.

In other ecclesiastical traditions, particularly in the Roman Catholic/Anglican/Episcopal denominations, authority pertains to a person and when set apart to particular service within the church (as to the office of bishop or any of a variety of other offices), the title and status of the minister changes. What results is a bewildering-to-many-Presbyterians variety of titles (vicars, rectors, archdeacons, deans, abbots, bishops, primates, prebendaries, canons, etc.) each one with a particular title and form for address. Space here does not permit a full explanation of all of the various titles, but I recommend for your learning the following websites as good resources: [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The\\_Reverend](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Reverend) and [www.crockford.org.uk/standard](http://www.crockford.org.uk/standard). [Note in the wikipedia article that the title "protopresbyter" is used in the Eastern Orthodox church. Wouldn't "Protopresbyter" be a great title for the office I serve instead of the often-misunderstood title of "Stated Clerk?" Too bad the title is already taken!

# Positively Presbyterian

*Editor's Note: Sadly, we must bid Bill Dittler and Janey Wylie a fond farewell. These will be their last columns. They have both been extraordinarily faithful in sharing the news of their region with the presbytery and we have been blessed by their commitment to the Omnibus. We give thanks for their excellent service to this paper.*

## Central Region

By Bill Dittler

**Nestucca Valley, Pacific City** Pastor Ron Carter: "We are going into a building program that is going to require a mustard seed faith. When the shell is up, it will take sweat equity, plus some effort in fund raising." Building Committee: "It appears that the building of the new sanctuary is on its way. Think of it in these terms. We have left Egypt and are on our way to the Promised Land. Only time will tell what obstacles we meet on the road. County Planning has given us the green light to continue."

**Community, Redmond** senior high youth participated in activities including collection of non-perishable food items, making "Random Acts of Kindness" bags, and making a fingerprint mural of the world on the Youth Room wall. The mural will serve as a lasting reminder of the terrible effect of hunger in the world. Each of the 20,000 fingerprints represents one child who will die each day as a result of hunger and hunger related illness. The program, 30-Hour Famine, was supplied by World Vision International.

The Redmond church also has a bus ministry. Recent trips included a day trip to Portland to visit the Fabric Depot; another trip to Portland to visit the Albertina Kerr Center for lunch; and a tour of historic Shaniko, Oregon.

Ryan Doughty, Director of Student Ministries at **Calvin, Corvallis**, shared two components that he feels are important to a Christian life. "I really believe that authenticity is key to developing Koinonia. Authenticity is when we allow people to see and even invite them into the other six days of our lives." He continues, "The second key component is integrity. If authenticity is the inward decision to allow others to see us how we really are, integrity is the response to that act of grace. Integrity is the genuine care and concern for others and lovingly creating an environment of grace for people to share their struggles."

Pastor Montee Kennedy of **Siuslaw, Florence** writes regarding the church year, "...after Pentecost we are beginning what the church calendar calls "Ordinary Time. It will last for the rest of the church year - until Advent begins at the end of November.

"Ordinary" does not mean that this time is routine or uneventful. But it does mean that we are not in one of the seasons when our attention is drawn to a specific day or event, like the birth of Jesus or the resurrection. This time is like the coals that are burning for a long period of time. During this time, each Sunday stands on its own, not related to another day or event."

**First, Bend** is expanding its midweek LOGOS program for youth, and in the fall will include a program for children in the third, fourth and fifth grades. That group will be known as FROG (Friends Relying on God). The High School ministry is known as TYG, standing for The Youth Group. The Middle School Program will be known as SALT Teens (Serving and Learning Together Teens). In Bend,

LOGOS was started with a middle school program in 2003. The growth has been steady and has been fueled by many committed adults.

## Northeast Region

By Janet Wylie

Cascades Presbytery is fortunate to have International Peacemakers from the PCUSA Reconciliation and Mission Program visit this fall. Kristi Van Nostran, member of **First, Vancouver**, and daughter of Pastor Bill Van Nostran at **Northminster, Portland**, will be available to visit your church with Emerson Morales-Ortega during the week of September 29-October 5. **First, Vancouver** has already requested Kristi and Emerson's presence for worship on World Communion Sunday, October 1, and invites everyone to join them to hear Kristi and Emerson share their stories.

It's not too late to do some summer reading—especially since summer in the Pacific Northwest runs from July through September. Pastor Cynthia Reyes Fillmore, interim pastor at **Columbia, Vancouver**, suggests that summer can be a good time to experience renewal in body and soul as well as a time to experience renewal spiritually. Two books she recommends to help with growth in your relationship with God are *Shaped by the Word* by M. Robert Mulholland, Jr. for an approach to reading scripture that emphasizes spiritual formation; or *Prayer: Finding the Heart's True Home* by Richard Foster for an understanding of different types of prayer. Over at **Savage Memorial, Portland**, the "Books to Inspire" list includes *An Introduction to the New Testament* by Raymond E. Brown, *Saved by the Light* by Dannon Brinkley, *The Fred Factor* by Mark Sanborn, and *Life Strategies* by Phillip C. McGraw. For kids, the **Savage Memorial, Portland**, reading list includes *Blueberries for Sal* by Robert McCloskey, *Knots on a Counting Rope* by Bill Martin, Jr., and *The Best Way to Play* by Bill Cosby. **Piedmont, Portland**, is reading Anne Lamott's book on faith, *Plan B: Further Thoughts on Faith*. **Smith Memorial, Fairview**, suggests some light reading from Jan Karon's Mitford series as well as musical reading from their new hymnal, *Worship and Rejoice* from Hope Publishing.

Portland Urban Network (PUN) churches in the Portland area, including **Piedmont, Colonial Heights, and Northminster** in the northeast region, are sharing a summer intern from San Francisco Theological Seminary, thanks to funding from other congregations in the Portland area. In addition, a grant was received which will provide funding for a parish nurse for PUN churches. Other ideas shared by PUN churches include developing a "Christmas Wish List" for things that aren't covered by the budgeted income. **Northminster, Portland**, has received a \$2,000 grant from the North Portland Trust Fund to help fund a "North Portland Free Clinic" offering inexpensive, basic healthcare in their neighborhood.

**Cherry Park, Troutdale** Pastor Tom Young provides "food for thought" as the fall approaches—school starts—and the church calendar fills up. "One of the great gifts God has given us is the capacity to anticipate, to look forward to something...To anticipate is to have a reason to set your heart on the future. It is so easy to have negative anticipation, to let mind and emotion dwell on fear and apprehension or to worry about a possible loss of security or health or job or loved one...God created us to anticipate, to have a God-given positive picture of our future—to give us a reliable reason for the

home within us. What are you anticipating? Something negative that leaves you feeling empty? Or the positive future that God promises: answers to our prayers, blessings in the lives of our children, grandchildren, the gift of eternal life, God's continued work in our lives? Take a moment now to anticipate the goodness of the Lord. "Let not your hearts be troubled. Trust God, trust also in me!! John 14:1."

## Northwest Region

Jeanne Rich, reporter

Churches in the Northwest Region have been celebrating. Three churches welcomed a total of 21 young people into membership after having participated in Confirmation Classes: **First, Portland** (7), **Plymouth, St. Helens** (7), and **St. Andrew's, Portland** (7). Hmmm, seven each

Other milestones were marked: **St. Mark, Portland**, congratulates Pastor Barbara Campbell on having received her Doctor of Ministry Degree on May 20 from San Francisco Theological Seminary; **Hillsboro** noted that Laura Dickman "received an award on June 9 in celebration of her leadership of Presbyterian Frontier Fellowship, on occasion of her 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary!" **First, Newberg's** Pastor Peter Blank, while planning a wedding with Diana Marie Carter for July 23, reflects on 20 years of ordained ministry with "Here are some of the truths I have learned: The butterflies never go away" and "I don't ever want (them) to go away" but "the key is to get them to fly in formation." Hmmm, any butterflies at the wedding?

Gratitude for dedicated lives to the church was expressed in newsletters. At **Calvin, Tigard**, a farewell dessert reception honored Interim Pastor Dick Wiggers and his wife Jeni for their two-year ministry at Calvin. The church has called a new pastor, Dr. Robert A Garwig, from Detroit, Michigan. **Lake Grove, Lake Oswego**, called the retirement of two faithful women "A Lasting Legacy" when it announced, "that after nearly twelve wonderful years of service, Doris Marsh has decided to retire from her position as Director of Children's Ministry...[and] that after ten equally wonderful years of service, Linda Thomson has also decided to retire from her position as Children's Ministry Assistant." New on the youth scene at **Multnomah, Portland**, is Heather Hellman from the California bay area, where she served as Youth and Children's Ministry Director for **First, Newark, California** since 2002. She is married to Valentine and they have two children.

Service in disaster areas has been provided by many from this Presbytery, from youth groups to retired individuals, and stories of the experiences are being heard. In May, Rob Bonna and Helen Stevens from **St. Andrews, Portland**, joined others from Grants Pass on a Presbyterian Disaster Team in New Orleans. Rob writes these thoughts about the experience:

"New Orleans was a humbling experience. The extent of the damage and repercussions of the flood and hurricane were beyond my comprehension. Several hundred thousand people are not back as there is nothing for them to come back to. No tax base to pay for the clean up, no people to hire to do the work, since there are few places for them to live. So much chaos about what should be done, how to pay for it, who will do it...On and On and On. We lived in folded plastic-covered cardboard tents.

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They also supplied small cots for us so we were not directly on the floor. We ate well!...The job of our team was to gut two houses. We arrived and the houses were filled with stuff...furniture, old food, pots, pans, dishes, towels, clothing. You name it, it was inside. All had to be removed. Then down came the cupboards, wallboards, insulation, ceiling, more insulation falling on your face (*ugh*), and then remove all the nails.

"The house I started on probably should have been bulldozed as there was so much existing termite damage. Plus it was only one of thousands of houses. It was daunting, dirty, smelly and disgusting...neighborhoods were like ghost towns. When we drove to the Lower Ninth Ward where a levy broke, the houses, cars and debris were all stacked on top of each other in a mess that I could not see the end of. Just last week they found two more bodies amongst the debris.

"Overall, I felt that the work to be done in the city of New Orleans was so immense, that my few days of work were like throwing a pebble in the ocean. A few ripples but no big waves. Also, knowing what I do about construction, I knew that it would have been better to simply bulldoze the house I was working on and start fresh. That part of the experience left me feeling a bit confused, but I believe that this is where God was telling me to trust in Him and that the meaning (for lack of a better word) of my visit was not necessarily about things we can see, like two-by-fours, wallboards and windows, but perhaps had a much deeper meaning whose full effect cannot be currently grasped....Thanks be to God for the opportunity and I thank St. Andrews so much for sponsoring my mission work."

## South Region

By Ann Moore

**First, Lakeview** celebrates its 95th birthday this year. The church received its charter in 1911 with 17 members. Before that, it was Lakeview Institute, which began in 1883 as a private tuition school with a Presbyterian pastor serving as principal. It was the first high school in Lakeview. When the sanctuary was built in 1917, it was the most isolated of any Presbyterian facility in the United States. The first ministers lived in the basement. It was a missionary church until 1945. The present sanctuary was built in the mid 1960s.

**What's up, Docs?** Larry Bunnell, **Peace, Klamath Falls**, received his doctor of ministry degree May 20 from San Francisco Theological Seminary. Dwayne Brown, **First, Roseburg** was awarded his doctor of ministry from Austin Theological Seminary on May 21.

Summer fun is to meet new people at **Westminster, Medford**. In June groups of three twosomes shared an informal meal. In



**There's lots to be done on the campus of the new Jacksonville church, but that hasn't stopped the congregation from worshipping in the new sanctuary, topped by a traditional bell tower.**

July, then August, each twosome did the same with two new twosomes. Three months of summer brought 12 new friends!

**First, Central Point's** Purple Mountain Majesties – the red hat ladies who wear purple dresses, sat on a replica of Mt. McLoughlin for the church's "America the Beautiful" float in the city's July 4th parade. Pear trees were the fruited plains, and two parishioners striking an American gothic pose with pitchfork represented the church's community garden. The hand-bell choir, Shepherd's Bells, rang America the Beautiful. The float won first prize for theme and second prize overall.

**First, Jacksonville** finally worshipped in their new sanctuary June 25, 2006, more than 10 years from when the congregation had their first prayer meeting on the site. The land was earmarked for a church when the property was purchased, but squabbles over land use regulations sent the building through years of appeals and remands. Jacksonville, an historic mining town that sprang to life in 1852 with the discovery of gold, is on the National Register of Historic Places.

The new church is a short walk from the small historic 1879 church. The bell from the old building was moved to the new bell tower. It rings to begin each worship service.

Contractor R. A. Murphy was assisted by volunteers. "Church volunteers who worked tirelessly on the project saved the church thousands of dollars," said Pastor Larry Jung.

"They installed siding, painted, scraped, sanded, applied varnish, etc." Jerry Mathem, Sam White, Dave Henderson, Gene Cosslette, John Johnston, Hugh Barker, Chuck Eccleston, Neal Smith, Jim Oaks, Del Arellano, Marshall King and Chuck Long worked every day on the project for many months. They were joined by "weekend war-



**The sanctuary of the new First, Jacksonville features open truss ceiling construction, and flexible floor seating. Controls for audio, visual and lighting are in the small balcony above.**

riors" Dan Dressler, Josh Offord, Mike McClain, Greg Johnson, Dave Franklin, Jamie Harrell, Jim Dekoekko, Rob Waddell, Carl Casebeer, Mike and Jared Hooper, and Steve Offard. Twenty or so others volunteered on a more part-time basis.

Church elder Doug Gardner, who teaches building construction and math at Crater High school in Central Point, is giving his summer to build the administration building. Tim Engberg, Randy Templeton and Corey Baysinger donated their labor with plumbing and electrical work for the administration building.

## Financial Planning Workshops set for All Ages

### Getting in Shape Fiscally Seminar

How "fiscally fit" are you? The Board of Pensions of the PC(USA) is presenting its fiscal planning workshop October 12, 2006 at First, Woodburn, to help folks answer that question. Space is limited to 15 participants.

The Getting in Shape Fiscally Seminar is for **lay and clergy members of the PC(USA) Benefits Plan in their 20s, 30s and 40s**. Spouses and fiancés/fiancées are encouraged to attend when possible.

This financial planning seminar helps participants to understand their current situation, make the best use of Plan benefits and tax laws, gain control of spending, and save for personal goals.

There is no Board of Pensions seminar reg-

istration fee. Participants are responsible for the cost of travel, meals and lodging. Confirmation packets will include lodging information and meal payment instructions.

To register, visit the Education Team's secure online registration system at: <https://www.pensions.org/membered/index.asp>.

### Growing into Tomorrow..Today Seminar

Are you ready for retirement? This workshop held October 10-11, 2006 at the Menucha Retreat Center will allow participants to explore the answer to this question. Space is limited to 30 participants.

No matter whether you are anxious about retirement or hoping the next fifteen years fly by, our holistic pre-retirement planning semi-

nar explores transition issues in health, lifestyle and finances.

The Growing into Tomorrow..Today Seminar is for **lay and clergy members of the PC(USA) Benefits Plan age 50 and older**. Spouses and fiancés/fiancées are encouraged to attend when possible.

There is no Board of Pensions seminar registration fee. Participants are responsible for the cost of travel, meals and lodging. Confirmation packets will include reservation instructions for meals and lodging at Menucha Retreat Center.

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# Cascades Summer Conference Explores "Walking in Integrity"

By Nancy Gaston

Over 120 Presbyterians from Cascades, Eastern Oregon and Olympia presbyteries gathered at Reed College July 9-14 for worship, recreation, music, learning and exploration of the theme, "Walking in Integrity in an Age of Crisis" with keynote speaker Steve Doughty.

Doughty led the group in discovering the meaning of crisis, in defining integrity, and in exploring what it means to be a person of integrity, including simplicity of focus—shedding from our lives everything that does not matter. One group of attendees continued the dialogue with Steve in a "talkback" class after the morning gathering.

Internationally known musicians Jim and Jean Strathdee led singing each day and also directed the choir. Their class, "Fun with Music," was lively and well attended. Other classes included those on liturgical dance, spiritual journey as collage, examining The DaVinci Code, emotional intelligence in children, the books of Genesis and Psalms, themes of integrity in Marilynne Robinson's novel Gilead, cultural responsibility, and many names for God.

Full programs for children, mid-highs and high school students as well as child care for the youngest attendees made for a rewarding week for people from age two to eighty (or so—we didn't ask ages of anybody over eighty). Each day began with worship led by Anitra Kitts and ended with a contemplative worship time led by Linda Gaines from Olympia Presbytery.

This first year at Reed College in Portland was so successful that the conference will be held at that site next summer. People appreciated the compact, shady campus, the accessible buildings and the good food, as well as the ability to commute from anywhere in the greater Portland area.



**The senior highs' creative version of the Jonah story: Did you know he rode a Gray Whale Bus?**



**Eleanor Ferguson (with classmates in background) sharing what she learned.**



**Jean and Steve Doughty relax in afternoon free time.**



**Jim and Jean Strathdee leading choir practice.**



**Denice Lucas, Kim Otis and Aleida Jernigan staffing the registration table.**



**Moving to the beat of the Strathdees' music.**

## Peacemaking Offering Received October 1, 2006

October 1 is World Communion Sunday, the day the Peacemaking Offering is usually received by Presbyterian churches. The theme, "Swords into Plowshares: Living the Ways of Peace," is taken from the great vision of peace found in Isaiah 2:2-4, when the peoples of the world stream to the mountain of the Lord and learn from God how to live in peace. What they learn from God leads them to action: they change swords and spears, instruments of war that are no longer needed, into plowshares and pruning hooks, imple-

ments used in the peaceful work of producing food for people.

It is recommended that 25 percent of the offering received be retained by each congregation, 25 percent be used by synods and presbyteries, and 50 percent be used by the General Assembly ministries through the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program.

A Peacemaking Offering packet containing resources to help churches promote the offering was sent to each congregation in May. They include a poster, minutes for mission,

worship resources for World Communion Sunday, children's activities, bulletin inserts, reproducible art, a coin box, a place mat (new this year), and an offering envelope. A limited number of packets are also available through the Portland office of the presbytery - contact Margi Brown, 1-800-495-4114 x201 or 503-227-5486 x201. To order additional copies of individual resources, use the order form in the packet, call 1-800-524-2612, or order online at [www.pcusa.org/peacemakingoffering](http://www.pcusa.org/peacemakingoffering).



# Prayer Calendar

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## September 2006

- 1 Charles F. Falconer, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 1999 • Rebecca L. Hazen, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 2005
- 2 Jennifer Hampton, candidate for the ministry, Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, West Linn
- 3 Rolland C. "Ron" Carter ordained this day in 1955, serving as stated supply pastor at Nestucca Valley Presbyterian Church, Pacific City
- 4 Peter B. Hutton, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 1991, serving as parish associate at First Presbyterian Church, Corvallis
- 5 Richard L. Clippinger, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 1999
- 6 Elizabeth Winslea, ordained this day in 1998, serving as co-pastor of Sunnyside Centenary United Methodist Church & Lincoln Street United Methodist Church • Presbyterian Church of Laurelhurst, Portland - chartered this day in 1892
- 7 Jenny Holmes, Restoring Creation Enabler for Cascades Presbytery
- 8 Committee on Preparation for Ministry - Roger Smith, Chair
- 9 D. Hugh Peniston, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 1983
- 10 Craig S. Roberts, ordained this day in 1995, to mission work in Japan • George M. Shuman, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 1975, serving as parish associate at Southminster Presbyterian Church, Beaverton
- 11 Theodore W. Buck, ordained this day in 1983 • Richard C. Wiggers, ordained this day in 1983, serving as interim pastor at Calvin Presbyterian Church, Tigard
- 12 Roger J. Newell, ordained this month in 1984, serving as professor at George Fox University • Paul Belz-Templeman, installed as pastor of Aurora Presbyterian Church, Aurora, this day in 2004 • Dorothy Franklin, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 1999, serving as interim pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Trout Lake and Evergreen Presbyterian Church, Cook, Washington
- 13 Richard P. Zimmerman, installed as pastor of Tualatin Plains Presbyterian Church, Hillsboro, this day in 1998
- 14 Constance S. Wilkerson, ordained this day in 1994, serving as stated supply pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Central Point • Elizabeth T. Boatwright, installed as associate pastor of Lake Grove Presbyterian Church, this day in 2003
- 15 Peter Santucci, installed as pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Lebanon, this day in 2002
- 16 David P. Prichard, installed as pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Astoria this day in 2001 • David M. Crow, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 2003 • Presbytery Council meets today, Ernie Ettlich, Chair
- 17 Kenneth "Woodley" M. White, installed as pastor of Milwaukie Presbyterian Church this day in 1995 • Brian L. Heron, ordained this day in 1989, serving as chaplain at Laurelhurst House Assisted Living
- 18 W. Scott Dalgarno, installed as pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Ashland, this day in 1994
- 19 Pioneer Presbyterian Church on Clatsop Plains, Warrenton - chartered this day in 1846 • David C. Dornack, installed as pastor of Rose City Park Presbyterian Church, Portland, this day in 1999 • M. Rene Minshe, installed as pastor of Valley Community Presbyterian Church, Portland this day in 2004
- 20 C. Harold Van Zee, granted Honorably Retired sta-

- 21 Christine K. Dungan, ordained this day in 2002, serving as parish associate at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Portland • Committee on Ministry Northwest region, John M. Salmon, Chair
- 22 James P. Freda, ordained this day in 1970 • First Presbyterian Church, Newport - chartered this day in 1878
- 23 Howard V. Hannon, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 1987 • Karen S. Pollan, installed as associate pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Salem, this day in 2001
- 24 Catherine R. & Paul M. Quackenbush, installed as pastors of Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, West Linn, this day in 1995 • Diane M. Baques, ordained this day in 1989, serving as Hospice Chaplain, Visiting Nurse Association • Bruce R. Silver, installed as associate pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Medford, this day in 2000 • First Presbyterian Church, Corvallis - chartered this day in 1853
- 25 Philip U. Martin, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 1990 • Michael S. Foster, installed as pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Phoenix, this day in 2005 • Sylvia C. Dilworth, installed as designated co-pastor of Multnomah Presbyterian Church, Portland, this day in 2005
- 26 Holly Hayes Lucas, ordained this day in 1993 • John W. Ailstock, installed as pastor of First Presbyterian Church, McMinnville, this day in 2004 • Dana C. Perreard, installed as pastor of Community Presbyterian Church, Oakland, this day in 2004
- 27 Jennifer A. Butler, installed as associate pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Eugene, this day in 1992
- 28 Westminster Presbyterian Church, Eugene - chartered this day in 1952 • Donald M. Ludwig, ordained this date in 1997
- 29 Bruce J. Marten, installed as pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Oregon City, this day in 1996 • Debbie R. Blane, ordained this day in 2002
- 30 William F. Dittler, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 1994 • William E. Barlow, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 2000 • Patricia E. Vanderpol, ordained this day in 1984 • Chinese Presbyterian Church, Portland - chartered this day in 1973

## October 2006

- 1 James A. McAllister, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 1982
- 2 Timothy L. Winslea, ordained this day in 1994, serving as co-pastor of Sunnyside Centenary United Methodist Church & Lincoln Street United Methodist Church
- 3 Lorraine R. Stuart, ordained this day in 1982 • Ken Evers-Hood, installed as pastor of Tualatin Presbyterian Church, this day in 2004
- 4 Plymouth Presbyterian Church, St. Helens - chartered this day in 1959
- 5 Lloyd "Buck" Tohill, commissioned this day in 2003, serving as Commissioned Lay Pastor, Olivet Presbyterian Church, Glendale
- 6 Synod of the Pacific meets this day through October 8
- 7 Willis O. Case, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 1982
- 8 James R. Howe, installed as pastor of Community Presbyterian Church, Waldport, this day in 1995 • Bruce C. Armstrong, installed as associate pastor of Columbia Presbyterian Church, Vancouver, this day in 2000 • Jeffrey W. Bredeson, ordained this day in 1989, serving as stated supply pastor of United Presbyterian Church, Brownsville
- 9 W. Daniel Klingler, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 1999
- 10 John R. Ewing, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 1984
- 11 Andrew A. Plocher, candidate for the ministry, First Presbyterian Church, Corvallis

- 12 Alvin E. Fischer granted Honorably Retired status this month in 1996
- 13 David R. Allison, ordained this day in 1985, serving as Risk Manager, Sacred Heart Hospital, Eugene
- 14 Permanent Judicial Commission of the Presbytery of the Cascades
- 15 William P. Borgman, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 1993, serving as parish associate, Community Presbyterian Church, Waldport
- 16 Peter J. Blank, installed as pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Newberg, this day in 1994 • M. Ann Bowersox, ordained this day in 1983 • Joseph C. (Chris) Montovino, installed as pastor of Cascades Presbyterian Church, Vancouver, this day in 2005
- 17 George M. Furniss, ordained this day in 1976, serving as co-stated supply pastor of McKenzie Valley Presbyterian Church, Waltherville • Robert D. Stone, installed as pastor of Community Presbyterian Church, Moro, this day in 1999
- 18 Brownsville United Presbyterian Church - chartered this day in 1857 • Kenilworth Presbyterian Church, Portland - chartered this day in 1908 • Korean Presbyterian Church, Corvallis - chartered this day in 1999 • David Kwang Rae Park, installed as pastor of Korean Presbyterian Church, Corvallis, this day in 1999
- 19 Patricia M. & Thomas C. Campbell-Schmitt, installed as co-pastors of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Portland, on this day in 2003
- 20 Cynthia J. O'Brien, installed as pastor of Smith Memorial Presbyterian Church, Fairview, this day in 1996
- 21 Anne Stewart Miller, installed as associate pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Portland, this day in 2001 • Thomas C. Nolen, installed as associate pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Portland, this day in 2001
- 22 First Presbyterian Church, Mill City - chartered this day in 1894 • Reedville Presbyterian Church, Aloha - chartered this day in 1908
- 23 First Presbyterian Church, Portland - chartered this day in 1854 • Joyce L. DeGraaff, installed as pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Medford, this day in 1994
- 24 Aaron J. Beaty, installed as associate pastor of Bethany Presbyterian Church, Portland, this day in 1999 • Katherine A. (Katie) Pate, installed as associate pastor of Rose City Park Presbyterian Church, this day in 2004
- 25 Valley Community Presbyterian Church, Portland - chartered this day in 1942
- 26 Roberta D. "Bobi" Souder, ordained this day in 1997 • Christopher L. Ward, installed as associate pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Medford, this day in 2003 • Westminster Presbyterian Church, Portland - chartered this day in 1892
- 27 Columbia Presbyterian Church, Vancouver - chartered this day in 1954
- 28 Karen C. Fortlander, ordained this day in 1990
- 29 First Presbyterian Church, Oregon City - chartered this day in 1888 • Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, West Linn - chartered this day in 1961
- 30 David E. Buzza, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 1980
- 31 Randy L. Lodić, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 2005 • Eastminster Presbyterian Church, Portland - chartered this day in 1954



Check the website regularly for  
breaking news:

[www.cascadespresbytery.org](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org)

## Video Conference Meetings Save Time, Funds

Shown is one of several video conference meetings held recently using the presbytery's new equipment in Portland, Central, and South offices. Planned by the Communications Team and Relational Support Committee for efficient use of our resources, video conferences save travel time and expense of staff and committee meetings. An interview with a student in seminary was conducted by the Committee on Preparation for Ministry by video conference recently, saving costs of plane ticket, lodging, and meals. Those who participated are still learning how to look at the small camera when talking, but are enthusiastic about meeting across the miles with the new technology.



**Communications Team members in the Portland office meet by video with members in the South office. L-R Donald Purkey, Nancy Gaston, Ken Brown, Carol Mooney and Kathy Scott in Portland. On the screen from the Phoenix office are Kathy Waugh and Hugh Anderson. Shirley Hercher in Portland also participated in the meeting.**

## From Where I Sit: Dark and Messy Rooms

By Jo D'Archangelis

(Editors note: Adapted by permission from a longer version in the Spring 2006 issue of *Wings: A Faithletter For United Methodists With Disabilities And Those Who Care About Them*. D'Archangelis writes and edits *Wings*. She may be contacted at [jodalis@aol.com](mailto:jodalis@aol.com).)

In his book, *A Mile In My Shoes: Cultivating Compassion* (Upper Room Books: 2005), Trevor Hudson refers to Jean Varnier, founder of L'Arche residential communities, who in 1964 shared his home with two men with physical and mental disabilities. Varnier, shocked at the anger and resentment he experienced trying to relate to these men, wrote of himself: "That, I think, was what caused me the most pain: to discover who I really am, and to realize that maybe I did not want to know who I really was! I did not want to admit all the garbage inside me."

Hudson says that even the best of us must at times uncover what he calls this "hidden poverty" within ourselves and learn to deal with such negative emotions. He suggests we

imagine our heart as a dark and messy room. Jesus, carrying a lantern, stands at the door and knocks. We ask him to enter. Once inside, his lantern lights up all the dark corners. He shares bread and wine with us and tells us that no matter how messy our lives he will always be with us.

As I read this, I was reminded of the resentment we who are severely disabled sometimes experience — in regard to ourselves and our recalcitrant bodies. Although I have adapted well over many years to my ever-increasing limitations, I still have dark moments when I feel betrayed by my own body. The simplest tasks become missions impossible, and I wonder in frustration and anger what's wrong with me. Oh, on the outside I may smile my-disability-doesn't-matter-and-I-am-just-like-everyone-else smile. But inside I feel broken and useless. I am becoming more of a burden to everyone in my life, and to myself.

Now at those times I adopt Hudson's suggestion and envision myself sitting in the dark and messy room of my despair. I am listening to recorded voices telling me over and over

again that God would heal my body and make it whole if only I had enough faith.

Jesus knocks at the door, but it's hard to hear him above the voices. Without waiting for a "come in," he enters, switches on the naked light bulb hanging from the ceiling, and turns off the CD player. Sitting down at the rickety, three-legged table across from me, he picks up the stale bread scattered around on it. He gives the bread to me saying something about his having "a broken body too" and tells me to be patient with my body for "it's doing the best it can."

He then fishes a half-empty bottle of grape juice out from under the table and pours the juice into two chipped glasses. He lifts his glass to me and says, "Don't listen to the garbage that others tell you or to the garbage you tell yourself. You are my sister and our father has a purpose for you. No matter how messy your body is, no matter how messy your life is, I am with you. Here's to true healing and wholeness...."

I drink the juice and eat the bread. It all tastes pretty good and I feel a lot better.

## Menucha Offers a Variety of Experiences

The Menucha Retreat and Conference Center is a community-based outreach ministry of **First, Portland**. Menucha (which is Hebrew for "ever-changing stillness") was purchased by the church in 1950 to provide guests "the gift of contentment" — the comfort of needs well met and the freedom to engage in purposeful work. Purposeful work is work for which people have a passionate intention, but which daily demands may interrupt or block. The center's mission is to offer the finest retreat and conference center experience possible by providing opportunities for reflection, spiritual discovery, renewal, education and enrichment for individuals, families and communities

Upcoming events are outlined below. Contact the center through its web page: [www.menucha.org](http://www.menucha.org), or phone Scott Crane, program director, at 503-695-2243.

**Building a Garden Labyrinth:** a hands-on experiential learning workshop with Lisa Moriarty, labyrinth builder and facilitator. Be a part of the team that will construct the Menucha Labyrinth! Learn the skills you need to build your own garden labyrinth. More information is available on Menucha's updated web page, [www.menucha.org](http://www.menucha.org). Space is limited. September 22-24, 2006.

**Women's Spirituality Retreat:** The Practice of Spirit Nurture will be led by two Spiritual Directors from our Presbytery, LaVae Robertson and Kathy Stewart. This weekend retreat will give women the opportunity to experience several different styles of meditation

and spiritual exercise that have deepened the life of the faithful. More information posted on our website. Held October 13-15, 2006. Register online at [www.menucha.org](http://www.menucha.org)

**Spirituality at the End of Life:** Keynote presenter Richard Groves of the Sacred Art of Living Center, Bend Oregon. His and his wife Mary's pioneering work in this area have led them to develop the Anamcara Project, a series of classes designed to train people to be spiritual friends for those nearing the end of their lives. Material gleaned from workshops at this conference will equip pastors, chaplains, adult children, hospice personnel, and others as they meet the needs of loved ones who are nearing the end of their lives. More information and registration posted on our website, [www.menucha.org](http://www.menucha.org). October 23-25, 2006.

In tandem with this conference, First, Portland is offering a course on Death and Dying: A Christian Perspective facilitated by Dr. J. Dudley Weaver 9:00 a.m. September 10-October 1, 2006. This four-part class will focus on the hope set before us in the Christian Gospel in the face of death and sorrow — the form and meaning of the Christian Memorial or Funeral service, practical matters that we all need to consider concerning death, and ways to talk about death with those we love the most.

**Presbyterian Church Camp and Conference Associates** national gathering of camp and conference leaders. These professionals will be meeting at Menucha to

exchange resources, ideas, fellowship, and enrichment of their role in the life of the PC(USA). November 5-11, 2006.

**Solace for the Winter Heart:** Menucha is proud to host a family friendly weekend retreat which will reflect on the meaning of Christmas. Make old fashioned advent crafts. Seek out renewing stillness, for it is in the stillness of the heart that Hope is born. Registration will only be available online at [www.menucha.org](http://www.menucha.org) later this summer. December 15-17, 2006.

**Coming Up:** In January, a brief midweek retreat for worship leaders will take place to exchange songs, share in fellowship and worship together. This is an unplugged gathering. Registration will only be available online at [www.menucha.org](http://www.menucha.org) later this summer. January 2-4, 2006.

In spring, we will be hosting the first course in a series for a Certificate in Fund Raising Management, called Principles and Techniques of Fundraising, through the Fund Raising School at the Center on Philanthropy, Indiana University. This highly sought after course has been held throughout the country, and we are pleased to bring it to Menucha for the Portland non-profit community. March 19-23, 2007. The first three days of Spring Break we will be hosting a family camp for anyone who would like a few days away in the midst of the spring to renew themselves and their families. Stay tuned for the theme and scope of activities! March 26-28, 2007.

## The Conduit of Hope – A Mission Story

Last December, Jonathan Alfonso, who grew up in one of Buenos Aires' most difficult and dangerous barrios, addressed the congregation of **First, Portland** saying, "Hello. Good morning to everyone. I am here because I want to thank everyone who made it possible that we are here, studying and living a dream." Jonathan, along with Maria Alegre, was one of the initial participants in **First, Portland's** Conduit of Hope program through which both students shared transforming experiences.

Maria's goodbye carried a similar theme as Jonathan's. "Thank you, God," she prayed, "Today I woke up and saw that this was not a dream. I have been in Portland for three months and I am sharing my life with many people that have helped me open the doors – the doors to life – and when those doors opened I found love, community and trust."

Maria and Jonathan will be returning to Portland this fall to continue their studies and will be joined by two additional students, Cintia Ugarte and Ruth Almiron, who will begin the program. All four are from Barrio San Pablo of Buenos Aires, a place even Argentines strive to avoid and a place where love, community and trust aren't abundant commodities. In a city rife with marginalized populations, Barrio San Pablo stands out with the depth of its suffering from drugs, violence, hunger and poverty. These scourges work to create a culture of fear and despair from which it is nearly impossible to escape.

The Conduit of Hope seeks to combat those ills by offering a different path for the barrio's young people. Its mission is to foster self-esteem by sharing the love of God through education and hospitality. The program seeks to serve its participants by offering both international study and English proficiency that will better their individual lives. It also serves Barrio San Pablo by injecting positive role models of success into its culture.

Students in the Conduit of Hope live with host families from **First, Portland** and study in the Intensive English Language Program of Portland State University with 150-250 students from up to 92 countries, fostering understanding and friendship across cultures. Jonathan and Maria received tutoring and support from members of **First, Portland's** congregation and participated in the life of the church through weekly worship and fellowship

events during the week. Though the program made no requirements of them, Jonathan and Maria were intentional in becoming a part of the church's Christian community and through that gift allowed the congregation to understand and participate in this international mission program directly.

The Conduit of Hope was founded in 2005 by Erik Berg, an elder at **First, Portland**, who served in Barrio San Pablo through the Presbyterian Church (USA)'s Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) program from August 2000-2001. Erik taught poetry, computers and English in the community center known as La Lecheria de la Solidaridad in the middle of the barrio.

La Lecheria was founded in 1986 to provide a diversion for children who were begging in the street. In the past 10 years, La Lecheria has evolved into an educational and humanitarian agency that receives financial support from its local and state government as well as Argentine Catholic charities and the Methodist Church of Switzerland. During that time, La Lecheria has built a relationship with the PC(USA) by receiving YAVs for one year periods who assist as teachers in the center. Erik's experience through serving and being served, loving and being loved by the people of Barrio San Pablo profoundly affected his sense of call in the world. The Conduit of Hope is its manifestation.

The current YAV, Rob Fohr has been able to see the effects of the Conduit of Hope during his year in service. He arrived in La Lecheria prior to Jonathan and Maria's departure to the United States and witnessed dramatic changes upon their triumphant return. Rob wrote in a letter to **First, Portland**: "It is incredible to hear some of my younger students ask me, 'Do you think I could go study in the United States someday?' The mere existence of the Conduit of Hope is having a staggering effect on the people of Barrio San Pablo and is truly transforming a community. You all are showing the true meaning of God's love by entering into this wonderful relationship with the community of Barrio San Pablo."

Due to current funding limitations, only one term per year can be offered to a student. The program is constantly looking for support that would increase this. The tuition costs are \$2,720 and the overhead (travel, books,



L-R Jonathan Alfonso, Erik Berg, Maria Alegre.

health insurance, orientation and application fees, visa fees, and other miscellaneous needs) is roughly \$2,900 for a total of \$5,600/student. In 2005, **First, Portland** provided all of the financial support and will provide roughly half of the funding for 2006. The rest has come from individuals in the congregation, non-church members and businesses in the community.

Fundraisers run by the Conduit of Hope board of volunteers are also a source of income. The next event is a silent auction to be held in November to begin raising support for 2007. The date and location are still being finalized. Individuals or congregations are invited to become involved with the program. Please contact Erik Berg for more information. (erikberg@conduithope.org)

The Conduit of Hope has created an excitement in Buenos Aires and in Portland for all who have come in contact with it and will continue to expand further in the future so that more people from Barrio San Pablo might dream of something different and so that more people in Portland might come to understand another part of the world directly. In an era of international conflict and insecurity, the Conduit of Hope offers a light in the darkness for some outcast young adults, proving that they matter, proving that there is reason to struggle forward in spite of the odds, proving that there is a better way. "Thank you because this...helps me to be an example for other young people in Argentina who think that everything is lost," said Jonathan, "Today I want to say that education is the most beautiful thing. Thank you again and thank you for listening to us."

## Peacemakers Ready to Share Their Experiences

Congregations within the presbytery are offered opportunities to hear from folks actively involved in peacemaking missions.

Representatives from the denomination's International Peacemaker Itineration program and members who recently visited Israel and Palestine are eager to share their experiences with local churches. Contact information is supplied below.

### International Peacemaker Itineration Program

On September 29-October 5, 2006, Kristi Van Nostran and Emerson Morales-Ortega, a two-person team are available to share their experiences as peacemakers. Kristi is a member of **First, Vancouver**. This year she has served with the PC(USA)'s Reconciliation and Mission Program with CEDEPCA (Evangelical Center for Pastoral studies in Central America) in Guatemala City, Guatemala, supporting efforts of the Women's Pastoral Program in the accompaniment and empowerment of Guatemalan women. Emerson is currently a theology student, as well as the leader of the young adult program in his home church in Guatemala City, Guatemala. This year, he has

been working with College Hill Presbyterian Church in Dayton, Ohio, as a participant in the PC(USA)'s Reconciliation and Mission Program.

Host churches are asked to transport Emerson and Kristi from their previous speaking location within the presbytery, to arrange events where they may speak in the host church and to provide meals and housing for about 24 hours. If you have questions or are interested in scheduling Emerson and Kristi sometime between September 29-October 5, 2006, please contact: Kathryn Conner (541) 753-4797, kathrynconner@comcast.net; or Don Shaw (503) 302-4656, peaceand-hunger@cascadespresbytery.org.

### Israeli/Palestine Commissioners

For eleven days in the spring of 2006, five commissioners from Cascades Presbytery were part of a group of 100 Presbyterians from around the country who journeyed to the Holy Land as part of an educational event sponsored by PC(USA). They are eager to share what they saw and what they learned – especially in light of the current events in that region.

Please contact them directly to invite them to speak to your congregation. Rev. Bruce Armstrong, Columbia Presbyterian Church, Vancouver (360) 694-7549, bruce@columbiapresbyterian.org; Mel Olsen, Oak Hills, Milwaukie (503) 774-6259, dodo@teleport.com; Rev. Don Shaw, John Knox, Keizer, (503) 302-4656, peaceand-hunger@cascadespresbytery.org, Kimberly Smith, Westminster, Portland (503) 572-4685, kimsmith@surfbest.net, Rev. Mike Stuart, First, Bend, (541) 318-4635, rstuart@scmc.org.

Before Christ sent the church  
into the world,  
He sent the Spirit into the  
church.  
The same order must be  
observed today.  
*John R. W. Stott*

## Lake Grove Youth Go To Mississippi

*Editor's Note: Lake Grove sent one of the mission groups from Cascades Presbytery to the Gulf Coast this summer. Others included teams from St. Andrew's, Portland; Bethany, Grants Pass, and Valley Community, Portland. The following story shares how one group prepared both spiritually and physically for the demanding challenges youth take on when they volunteer to give their time in mission.*

Enthusiasm, energy, and construction skills came together in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, this summer for 58 high school members of **Lake Grove, Lake Oswego.**

From July 16-23, the high school members of Entheos, the high school youth group, provided "A Wave of Hope" for Bay St. Louis residents whose houses were severely damaged by Hurricane Katrina.

The Lake Grove young people, led by Youth Director Jim McClelland, prepared for their construction tasks by undergoing classes offered by Home Depot. With the help of assistant manager Mike Dempsey, the students participated in six hands-on training sessions in sheet rocking, taping and mudding, roofing, wiring, general clean-up and other aspects of light construction they'll undertake in Mississippi.

Bay St. Louis, McClelland explains, is east of New Orleans, near Waveland, and was at the eye of Hurricane Katrina. Although many of its buildings were destroyed, the First Presbyterian Church of Bay St. Louis, though damaged, has been restored sufficiently to be used as a headquarters for teams coming to assist in re-building the community. Members of nearby churches provide food and supplies, supplementing help from other donors.

Support to send the 58 students and 17 adults to the site was raised at the Lake Grove Church's senior high students' BASH (Benefit Auction for Senior Highs) sponsored by the students themselves. In addition to the \$34,000 raised at the BASH, each participant provided \$300 toward expenses. Additionally, participating students fulfilled several requirements, according to McClelland, including eight hours of community service, active participation in church and youth groups, work on the BASH, and interviews.

The mission outreach of the high school group is a tradition at Lake Grove Presbyterian Church. Former mission projects have been undertaken in the Appalachians, in a hurricane-stricken village in Bermuda, at Mexican orphanages, on a Montana Indians reservation, and with Habitat for Humanity



**Lake Grove, high school students, L-R, Megan George and Julianne Willis, practice serving appetizers for the BASH Benefit Auction which raised funds for their summer mission trip to the Gulf Coast.**

programs.

Adults accompanying the mission group included three persons skilled in construction: Derald Dadson, Mark Sipiora and Paul Stewart. The other adults accompanying the team included Debbie Foote and Sara Lea, cooks; and Dan Brabeck, Gigi Brabeck, Gary Cummings, Kelly Dunlop, Lucien Dupont, Kathleen Fast, Dea Dea Hilton, Barbara Kempe, Anne-Marie Simpson, Tom Simpson, Jeanne Sipiora and Jim McClelland.

## News Briefs

**Crop Walk Success:** Portland area Presbyterian churches were well represented in the 2006 Portland Crop Walk on May 21. Walkers from First Presbyterian, Calvin Presbyterian, Tualatin Presbyterian, Valley Community Presbyterian and Westminster Presbyterian raised \$3,787 to benefit the programs of Church World Service and two local hunger relief agencies. Thirteen congregations from five denominations were represented on the 3.6 mile Walk. Approximately 85 participants enjoyed the sunshine as they walked from All Saints Episcopal Church at SE 40<sup>th</sup> and Woodstock to Mt. Scott Park and back to All Saints where hot dogs and ice cream were served.

**Save these dates:** Dr. Jack Rogers, author of the newly released book, *Jesus, the Bible, and Homosexuality: Explore the Myths, Heal the Church*, will be at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Portland on October 27-29, 2006. Lecture: Friday, 7:00 PM; Workshop, Saturday, 9 AM - Noon (sign up required); Sermon, Sunday, 10:30 AM.

Contact information: **Westminster,**

**Portland;** 503-287-1289; email office@west-prespdx.org.

**Your Thoughts Count! Touchpoints,** Presbytery of the Cascades' small annual anthology depends on your submissions. This year's theme is "Living With Death." Material relating to Biblical or personal experiences will be appreciated. Send your essays, sermons, stories (limit prose to 2500 words) and poems (limit to 50 lines) to Shirley Tormey, editor, 8313 SW Fourth Avenue, Portland, OR 97219. If you wish to submit electronically, send to Nekahr@aol.com and imbed your submission in the email; no attachments please. This is open to both clergy and laity. Identify your submission with your name, address, home church, phone number, and title if clergy. **All submissions should be sent by October 1, 2006.**

**Reformed Theology Weekend, November 3-4:** Dr. James Edwards, Professor and Department Chair at Whitworth College, contributing editor of "Christianity Today," and noted author, is the

keynote speaker for the weekend event at **Tualatin Plains, Hillsboro,** ("Old Scotch Church").

**Cascades Gulf Mission trip scheduled; all invited:** The New Orleans area relief mission trip scheduled for **October 28 to November 4** is open to all in Cascades Presbytery. Having had such a great trip in April (31 from our Presbytery), there was an overwhelming request to return. The work, the people, and the team all made for an incredible experience. Set to go again in the fall, participants will be traveling to Luling, LA, and staying at the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance site. Work will include rebuilding: sheetrock, taping, painting, and more. Total cost of the trip will be approximately \$550.00. For further information or to reserve a spot, contact Linda Gebetsberger at First Presbyterian Church in Corvallis, 541-753-2228.

## Tulelake PW Celebrates 68 Years of Mission Work

By Doris Patterson

Can you imagine rolling 4,100 bandages for medical dressings for overseas mission, then sending 12 boxes of bandages and 85 handmade baby blankets to Church World Service in Maryland?

That is what nineteen volunteers of the Tulelake Community Church accomplished this spring after they received a donation of 317 sheets from five Klamath Falls motels. Sheets were ripped into four-inch strips for rolling. Five husbands were among the dedicated individuals who devoted time each week for three months. Presbyterian Women of the Tulelake church across the border into California do not let their geographic distance from the center of the presbytery deter them from having a world vision of mission.

Doris Hagerud, Moderator, states, "When community comes together for world-wide aid, it calls for celebration. The Lord touched all the members of Community Presbyterian Church and community volunteers to embrace

the opportunity of bandage rolling. The commitment of meeting weekly February through April showed us the Love of Christ at work. The camaraderie and delicious refreshments weekly were also enjoyed."

In addition to monthly Bible study, the women made financial donations for Senior Citizen Transportation, Senior Nutrition Site and physical improvements for their church, provided food baskets for three families at Thanksgiving, thirty Christmas shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child, medical supplies for MIA, and emergency clothing for Newell School. To add to their mission fund, they sold home-baked cookies at the Annual Bird Festival, gathered forest greens for wreaths to sell at the Christmas Bazaar, and one member made and donated a quilt for a raffle.

Presbyterian Women of Tulelake, CA, celebrated their 68th anniversary in May with more than 100 students of the local elementary school providing violin and vocal presen-

tations and "filling the sanctuary with the sound of music," according to Moderator Hagerud.

O Breath of Life,  
come sweeping through us,  
Revive your church  
with life and power.  
O Breath of Life,  
come, cleanse, renew us,  
And fit your church  
to meet this hour.

Elizabeth A.P. Head

## Prayer and Consideration Help Elder Do Her Job

(Editor's note. This article is a reprint from *The Gresham Outlook* written by Erin Shea, staff writer. The photograph was taken by Carole Archer)

Carolyn Dawson wears a locket that contains a passage from Psalm 23, "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want." The words are a source of comfort for the 66-year-old Dawson, who has been struggling with bipolar disorder since she was diagnosed 32 years ago.

Dawson, a longtime member of Covenant Presbyterian Church, says the support from her family and her "church family" has helped her through the challenges her condition poses.

"I could only talk one-on-one with people at first, and that was even difficult for me," Dawson said. Dawson says she feels safe to be herself at Covenant, and she has become more involved as she has learned to open up to others. Now, years later, Dawson volunteers in a number of different capacities at the church, and was ordained and installed as a church elder on Sunday, February 5.

"There's such a stigma about mental health issues that it is hard to believe what Carol has done," said Judith Ann Richards, interim pastor at Covenant Presbyterian Church. "It takes such courage."

Dawson has served on the Congregational Life Committee and is an active member of the Rebekah Circle at Covenant. She is also a member of a knitting and crocheting group that makes clothes for children in need. Outside of the church, Dawson volunteers for Loaves & Fishes, and drives for Snow-CAP one day a month.

"She's very mission-minded," Richards says.

Prior to being ordained as an elder, Dawson served as a deacon in the church. Deacons are



Carolyn Dawson filling one of the bird feeders in her yard.

chosen by the congregation to serve three-year terms, but must take a year of rest after two consecutive terms. During her year off, Dawson spent a lot of time watching the birds fly past the windows of her Portland home. She and her husband, John, have a number of birdhouses and feeders scattered throughout their property.

"I believe I have used that year to be renewed and rejuvenated and God has put me in a position where I am thrilled and excited to be called as an elder," Dawson says.

When she was first asked to be a deacon in the church, Dawson decided after prayerful consideration that she wasn't ready. The next time the call came, she chose to answer it and

served with the church's visitation committee.

"I just feel that's what I do best," Dawson says. "I hope to reach out to new people who are coming into the church." Richards says Dawson is perfect for the job. She describes her as someone who is very welcoming and hospitable.

Despite her previous service with the church, Dawson says she was surprised when members of the congregation asked her to serve as an elder. "I said, 'who, me?' and then I prayed," Dawson said. "I believe God gave me direction and that he answered my prayers and affirmed that I should take this step."

## RERT Begins Its Work

The Real Estate Resource Team (RERT) met recently to lay out the parameters of its work for the Presbytery. While the structure of the team is not yet firm, it intends to assist local churches with helpful information dealing with real estate, property and building issues that face local congregations regularly. Also, it is building a team of professional consultants who can provide directions concerning real estate issues and pass on hints and tools to help sessions and trustees of local congregations deal with their property and buildings. The team plans to develop a resource kit that will be available to each congregation.

One helpful hint that arose during the RERT meeting concerns water conservation – particularly for large properties that have trees, plants and even grass. The watering of these plantings is essential for their survival but many times churches water at a specific time whether the plantings need it or not. There is a system developed by Hydro Point

called Weather Tract that can tell a watering system when and where to water. It apparently uses the U.S. Government's satellite system to relate to a client's watering program equipment when and where water is needed and only then does it turn on a system. The software costs approximately \$500 and a monthly fee of \$4.00 but the savings in water costs might well pay for the program very quickly. For further information on this, contact Randy Jones, (541-416-2559).

RERT is an arm of the Board of Trustees of Cascades Presbytery and a programmatic connection with the Congregation Support Network Committee. **If you have expertise in any facet of related real estate matters (architecture, engineering, construction, legal, realty, etc.) and would like to volunteer your services to this team, contact Glenn Chilcote at (503)636-6182 or [gchilcote@aol.com](mailto:gchilcote@aol.com).**

## Creation Care Fellowship Gathering Scheduled

Do you enjoy working for healthier relationships between humanity and the rest of God's creation? Join us for a day of learning, fellowship, worship, and good food on September 30, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at **Westminster, Eugene**. Registration is at 9:30 a.m.

The second Creation Care Fellowship Gathering will focus on celebrating and strengthening our congregations' relationships with God, nature, and humanity. Workshops include "Great Gatherings" by Karen Keady on how to make your church events and gatherings more earth-friendly; and "Greening

Your Congregation to Improve Health, Protect Creation, and Save Money" led by sustainable design expert Carol Caughey and Oregon Interfaith Power and Light.

The registration fee of \$10.00 or \$5.00 for students and seniors includes lunch. Send a check with your name and congregation to Presbytery of the Cascades: Eco-Justice, Attn: Kate Whitehead, Central Region Office, Presbytery of the Cascades, 1475 Ferry Street, Suite 121E, Eugene, OR 97401 or call 1-800-926-3223. Pre-registration deadline to guarantee a lunch is September 26.

## Evangelism Workshop Scheduled

Come join us on Saturday, October 14, beginning at 9:45 AM at **Oakville, Shedd**, as we seek to build an evangelistic foundation across our Presbytery, in order to reach our mission areas for Jesus Christ.

Organized under Presbytery's Congregational Support Committee, the workshop features Rev. Jim Hazlett, pastor, **Gateway, The Dalles**, as the keynote speaker. Special worship opportunities will be led by Rev. Marc Andresen, **Calvin, Corvallis** and Rev. Sharon Edwards, **United, Albany**. Benjamin Brody, Asst. Professor at Whitworth College will provide music for our worship experience.

Workshops include: Leading Evangelistic Mission, led by Rev. Matt Hilgaertner, associate pastor, **Lake Grove, Lake Oswego**; Worship in our Post-Modern World, led by Prof. Benjamin Brody, Asst. Professor of Music at Whitworth College; Understanding Congregation and Context for Evangelistic Engagement, led by Rev. Peter Santucci, pastor, **First, Lebanon**; Gospel Telling, led by Rev. John Carpenter, **Oakville, Shedd**, and Rev. Mark Rainey, **Oreno, Hillsboro**; Evangelism through Small Groups, Rev. Mark Newton, **Mt. Scott, Portland**.

Cost is \$10, which includes lunch. To register, please call the Central Region Presbytery office at 541-465-9173 or 800-926-3223.

## Presbytery Meeting Highlights Noted

Editor's note: These are excerpts from the highlights of the presbytery meeting held July 7-8, 2006 at First, McMinnville. Full highlights are on the website, [www.cascadespresbytery.org](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org).

Dates and locations for presbytery meetings were set: November 10-11, 2006 (at First, Vancouver - Northeast Region), March 9-10, 2007 (at Westminster, Medford - South Region), June 22-23, 2007 (at Valley Community, Portland - Northwest Region), and November 9-10, 2007 (at United, Albany - Central Region).

The end-of-the-first-quarter unaudited total assets of the presbytery are \$5,581,906; the Administration Fund Budget has expended \$335,891 (\$14,707 more than budgeted for the quarter); and the Program Fund Budget has expended \$515,195 (\$39,414 less than budgeted for the quarter). The net report is that Cascades' is financially "on target."

The following ministers new to the presbytery were introduced: Ronald Burns, Gold Beach; Lorne Bostwick, Central, Eugene; Bill Eaton, Clatskanie; Michael Pyburn, Warrenton; Herb Long (HR), Craig Stein (Member at Large), and Jonathan Andres (Member at Large).

As a part of the Relational Support Committee report, Sandy Wagener, former Associate Executive for Stewardship and Mission for The Synod of Lakes and Prairies, spoke on the theology of stewardship, a topic which she had also addressed in a pre-presbytery workshop that morning.

Ann Bowersox offered a "20/20 retrospective" on the importance of campus ministry at the time of her departure from Cascades' campus ministry at The University Of Oregon.

Established minimum terms of compensation [salary/housing/manse/etc.] for 2007 for Ministers of the Word and Sacrament called to serve congregations at \$38,500. Professional Expenses (including travel) and Continuing Education funds will remain the same. The presbytery acted also to establish the minimum terms of compensation [Salary/Housing/Manse/etc.] for 2007 for Certified Christian Educators and Commissioned Lay Pastors also at \$38,500. Professional Expenses (including travel) and

### Presbytery of the Cascades Current Status of Open Churches

#### VACANT

Lakeside, Community

#### SEEKING INTERIMS or STATED SUPPLY

Portland, Eastminster  
Reedsport, United

#### PREPARING TO ACTIVELY SEEK

Coos Bay, First  
Eagle Creek  
Gold Beach, First  
Merrill, Community (Designated Pastor)  
Myrtle Point, First  
Portland, Calvary  
Portland, Valley Community (Associate)  
Redmond, Community (Associate)  
Salem, Westminster (Associate)  
Yachats, Community

#### ACTIVELY SEEKING A PASTOR (CIF submitted to Louisville)

Bandon  
Brookings  
Gresham, Covenant  
Portland, Chinese  
Portland, Sunset (Associate)

#### ACTIVELY SEEKING IN SPECIALIZED MINISTRY

Eugene, University of Oregon (Campus Pastor)

Continuing Education funds will remain the same.

It was announced by the Congregational Support Committee that Cascades' Opening Doors Task Force had received the Jennings Award at the 217<sup>th</sup> General Assembly and that a Community of Care Workshop will be held October 20, 2006 at Lake Grove Presbyterian Church, Lake Oswego.

Cascades' Commissioners and Youth Advisory Delegate to the 217<sup>th</sup> General Assembly reported on their work and experiences in Birmingham on June 15-22, 2006.

The General Assembly per capita apportionment rate for 2007 and 2008 will be \$5.79

Lynn Magnuson, Executive Director of Church World Service Northwest, honored churches in Cascades which have been in mission to the world through Church World Service.

It was announced that Cascades was honored at the 217<sup>th</sup> General Assembly for leading the denomination in Basic Mission Giving in 2005.

Breaking in regional gatherings, information about mission and stewardship activities in the local churches was shared.

A motion requesting review of the authorities delegated by the presbytery to Presbytery Council regarding property matters which according to the Book of Order are the responsibility of presbytery was referred to Council for review in September and for recommendation at Presbytery's Stated Meeting in November, 2006.

Enroll as Inquirers for Ministry of Word and Sacrament: Robert B. Blackman (a member of First Presbyterian Church of Corvallis, Oregon) and Nichole S. Perrine (a member of First Presbyterian Church of Ashland, Oregon),

Enroll, following examinations sustained, the following as candidates for the Ministry of the Word and Sacrament: John H. Holloway (a member of Moreland Presbyterian Church of Portland, Oregon), C. Nolan Huizenga (a member of First Presbyterian Church of Portland, Oregon), and Kristin A. Schmor (a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church of Medford, Oregon). The new candidates were installed to their new status.

Presentations were given about Hurricane Katrina restoration projects,

Camping ministries includes youth from over fifty Cascades' congregations.

Information about the Cents-Ability to support the Hunger Relief Fund was provided and a Friday dinner table offering in the amount of \$33.85 was received.

A report was made about the six people from Cascades who joined a group of 100 Presbyterians in a visit to Israel and Palestine and of their willingness to meet with congregations in the Presbytery.

The Rev. Catherine Quackenbush was elected the 2006-2007 Moderator of The Presbytery of the Cascades and was installed at the closing worship service.

The presbytery's Peacemaking dove was presented to First Presbyterian Church in Corvallis, Calvin Presbyterian Church in Corvallis, Bethany Presbyterian Church in Grants Pass, and St. John's Presbyterian Church in Camas, WA for their peacemaking efforts.

The presbytery approved a request to receive a Hunger Fund Grant for support of Cascades' Hunger Action Enabler.

The presbytery acted to validate a Self Development of People Task Force as part of the Mission Support Committee.



**Stated Clerk John Huenink welcomes new candidates for the Ministry of the Word and Sacrament to their new status: L-R John H. Holloway Moreland, Portland; Kristin A. Schmor Westminister, Medford; and C. Nolan Huizenga, First, Portland.**



**Moderator Ernest Ettlich installs Cathy Quackenbush as Moderator and Jeff Sievert as Vice-Moderator for Cascades' Northwest Region.**



**Presbytery attendees sing with the McMinnville Church choir to share the gift of music for one of the worship services.**



**Sandy Wagener, former Associate Executive for Stewardship and Mission for the Synod Of Lakes and Prairies, spoke on the theology of stewardship, a topic which she had addressed in a pre-presbytery workshop that morning.**

The EcoJustice Task Force reported on matters of toxic waste and efforts to reduce use of fossil fuels to help reduce global warming. It was reported also that Earthkeeping idea information is available at the PC(USA) website.