

Eagle Creek Youth Selected for Mission

Callie Vandeweile, of **Eagle Creek Presbyterian Church**, has been selected by the General Assembly Council to serve in mission on behalf of the PC(USA). She will be serving with the International Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) program in Guatemala during the 2008-2009 YAV cycle.

"What really drove my decision to apply to the YAV program," Callie tells us, "was a desire to more deeply understand the world and the impact of America and American policies on other nations and communities and how those policies can be addressed from a Christian perspective." She hopes to have a career in academia but wanted to make sure that before she got lost in her studies, she put herself in a situation that would challenge her to always remember the real world, her privileged place in it and the responsibilities that she believes, through her faith, come with that privilege.

Oldest of six children, Callie attended Clackamas Community College starting at 16 and transferred to Pacific University where she graduated Magna Cum Laude with a B.A. in Politics and Government.

"At **Eagle Creek**, no one is a stranger to them and literally anyone is welcome in the congregation," Callie states. "So many older folks as mentors and role models definitely helped me in my faith journey--they're also exceedingly open minded," she adds. "We have a sister church in Cuba and many members of the congregation have traveled to visit them, so mission's always been a part

of the congregation. That has made it easy for me to see mission as a part of my future life."

The International YAV Program offers opportunities in Christian service and learning for young adults (21 to 30 years of age) in seven sites around the world. The job descriptions for the volunteers depend both on the needs of the partner and the skills of the YAV. In each placement, the volunteer works with a church or organization, develops Christian community, and meets regularly for prayer and Bible study with other Young Adult Volunteers.

Callie recently attended the Placement Event held on the campus of Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary where the volunteers had the opportunity to discern their placement in the midst of a community that included other volunteers, international site coordinators and the YAV Program staff.

Funding for their time serving internationally is shared by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), the Young Adult Volunteer, supporting congregation(s) and presbyteries, as well as family and friends. The appointment as a YAV is considered a full-time position, and volunteers are not allowed to secure other employment while they are serving overseas. They receive a small stipend to cover basic living expenses in the country where they will live and work. With the approval of the General Assembly Council, mission workers are asked to help raise funds to help defray the costs of supporting them



Callie with her pastor, the Rev. Craig Stein.

and their work while they are at their places of assignment.

Any support and encouragement for Callie during her year of service will be warmly welcomed. Callie's account number is E210008. Callie states, "To donate online go to this website, find my name and click on it: www.pcusa.org/yav/support.htm#international." She departs August 24 for orientation in Chicago and then September 1 to Guatemala.

Newly Established Dr. Underwood Memorial Church Library

The Hope Korean Presbyterian Church of Portland has created a new library space open to the community, congregation, and local social service agencies. Approximately 4,000 volumes in Korean and 1,000 in English have been made available through generous donations from many sources including Dr. Jacob Chang Kim's personal library. Dr. Kim is the pastor at Hope Korean Presbyterian.

Dr. Horace Underwood was the first foreign missionary to Korea, first visiting in 1885. His work has been followed by four generations of dedicated mission, building hospitals, universities and churches. Dr. Kim

is a graduate of Yonsei University, which was founded through mission works.

The new library contains special collections for Korean culture and language study, as well as special resources for North Korean studies. These include firsthand accounts written by Korean language students who have been able to visit the North on multiple occasions. Rare books published before the Korean War are available, including some 70 examples of early Korean Christian literature. Also nearly 200 primary and secondary school texts are in the collection.

Other special collections include 30 works by Dr. Won Sul Lee, including some autobiographical texts. Dr. Lee was a former UNESCO member, served at one time as the Director General of the Higher Education Bureau of the Ministry of Education of the Korean government. During his teaching career he held various university positions both in the United States and in Korea.



Korean Language students from Portland Community College examine the rare book cases containing 50 old print materials which include missionary works between 1900-1950 and school text books used during the Korean war.

Dr. Kim is active in the ministry and in education. He has written books in several areas of thought - language, library science, historical theology and essays. His publications are: *Pictorial sino-Korean Characters*, *Hidden Beauty of Oregon*, *Bridging the Gab*,

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OFFICIAL NOTICE

The Presbytery of the Cascades
Will Have a Stated Meeting

Friday and Saturday, July 11-12, 2008

First Presbyterian Church
601 Pine Street - Klamath Falls, OR

Information on the docket and on the presbytery workshops is posted on the website, www.cascadespresbytery.org

Clergy Deaths Noted

Burt Alvis

The Rev. M. (Melvin) Burton "Burt" Alvis (HR) died in Portland, Oregon at the age of 91. He was born in Spokane, Washington on June 15, 1916. He grew up in the Eastern Washington area, graduating from Yakima High School in 1933 and from Whitworth College in 1938. He received a BD degree from San Francisco Theological Seminary in 1941, and was ordained on May 14, 1941 as a Presbyterian Minister and became a member of The Presbytery of the Redwoods.

Burton served churches in Middletown and Sausalito California. He became a member of The Presbytery of Portland in 1950 and began long service in our area at churches in Portland, Klamath Falls, and Aurora. From 1958-1973, Burton was the Field Director of Christian Education for The Synod of Oregon. He was granted the status of Honorably Retired by The Presbytery of the Cascades in 1981, but continued in ministry for a decade first as Assistant Director of the Loaves and Fishes Program and then as Minister of Pastoral Care at **Westminster, Portland**.

Burton was always an active and effective presbyter. He served as Moderator of The Presbytery of the Redwoods in 1948 and as Moderator of The Presbytery of Portland in 1956. He served as Chair of committees on Christian Education, Camping, and Ministerial Relations (COM) and on countless other committees. Whether presiding or serving as a member of a committee, he was always a gentle, thoughtful and responsible presence and contributor to the work of the body. He was a commissioner to the meeting of the General Assembly of The Presbyterian Church in the United States of America held

in Philadelphia, PA in 1956.

Burton married Sarah Ogden in July of 1940 and they had four children, two of whom died before Sarah's death in December of 2005. A daughter and a son survive Burton.

John E. Cantelon

The Rev. Dr. John E. Cantelon (HR) died on Jan. 23, 2008 in Colton, Oregon at the age of 83. John was born in Warroad, Minnesota on June 20, 1924. He was raised and educated in Canada, graduating from Neepawa Collegiate Institute in Neepawa, Manitoba in 1941 with a Governor General's Medal for Highest Academic Achievement. He served in the United States Army during World War II in New Guinea and The Philippines, following which he received his B.A. Degree from Reed College in Portland where he was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. He then received a Ph.D. Degree in 1951 from St. Catherine's College at Oxford University, England.

John was ordained as a Presbyterian Minister of Word and Sacrament by The Presbytery of Willamette on April 25, 1952. He served as a reserve Army Chaplain and as Presbyterian Minister on the staff of the Christian Association of the University of Pennsylvania. In 1957, he was appointed University Chaplain and Associate Professor at The University of Southern California. In 1967, he became Professor and Director of the School of Religion at USC, became Vice-Provost at USC in 1970, and from 1970-71 was Dean of USC's College of Letters, Arts & Sciences. In 1972, he became USC's Vice President of Undergraduate Studies. He served as Dean of the College from 1972 un-



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til appointed as USC's first Bicentennial Professor in 1976. He later became Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs at Central Michigan University, a position from which he retired in 1986. He was transferred to The Presbytery of the Cascades from The Presbytery of Lake Huron in December, 1986. He did not stay retired for long, however, for he accepted the position of Vice President of Academic Affairs of Walden University in Minneapolis, Minnesota and Naples, Florida until his being named as Chancellor Emeritus in 1999 and his re-retirement return to Oregon.

Not only was John an accomplished and honored academic and college administrator, he was a prolific author with published books on campus ministry, Christianity, religion and conflict resolution. In recognition of his efforts in interfaith relations, he was given an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters in 1972 from Hebrew Union College's Jewish Institute of Religion.

John is survived by his wife, by two children, and several grandchildren. A John E. Cantelon Memorial Graduate Scholarship Fund has been established to continue John's lifelong work of furthering academic excellence and the study of religion. Donations may be made at any U.S. Bank branch or in care of his granddaughter, Laurie Cantelon at Cantelon Harbour Attorneys at Law, LLC, P. O. Box 1346 Estacada, OR 97023.

George Milton Shuman

The Rev. George Milton Shuman (HR) died on May 14, 2008 in Beaverton, Oregon at the age of 97. George was born on his parents' farm in El Paso, Illinois on September 10, 1910 as the eighth of nine children. He was raised and educated through high school in El Paso and then attended The University of Illinois, Champaign, where he married Marguerite "Peg" Adele Stiquel on August 18, 1934. Both George and Peg graduated from The University in Illinois and George then attended McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago, graduating in 1936.

George was ordained as a Presbyterian Minister by The Presbytery of Los Angeles on June 12, 1936. He then served congregations in San Diego and Exeter, California; Ashland and Malin, Oregon; Chehalis and Kelso, Washington. He returned to Oregon and served the congregations of Bethany, Reedville, and St. Helens.

George was active in ministries of social justice, particularly civil rights for racial minorities, world hunger relief, ecological preservation and the equality of all humankind. While in Ashland he helped the church to sponsor World War II refugee families from Hungary; in Chehalis, the church he served had an annual Thanksgiving visitation from University of Washington foreign students. His ministry in Exeter was ended soon after he and Peg provided lunches for Japanese residents being relocated to internment camps, and his ministry in Malin ended after he and Peg exposed substandard

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MEDIA RESOURCE CENTER

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

You may reserve videos in person on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30-5:00 (please call first); by phone at 503-445-4999 or 866-200-5660, or by linking through the presbytery website, www.cascadespresbytery.org.



Here's what's new and exciting in your free lending library brought to you by the Presbytery of the Cascades:

Passing on the Language of Faith (22 minutes, video tape) A short explanation of the five generations living today and how they have passed along their faith beliefs to the next generation. Covers the "Buster" generation through the "Millennium" kids...shows some interesting vintage film footage. Also covers the Silent, Boomers and GenX groups. Produced by: Dr. Roland Martinson of the Youth & Family Institute of Augsburg College. Ask for: VTHHX005

Reflections on a Different Journey (book, 205 pages) What adults with disabilities wish all parents knew - advice to parents about how to raise and guide their own children who may have disabilities. The forward is by Marlee Matlin, the academy award winning actress who is deaf. Each of the fascinating stories is written by a person with a disability ranging from cerebral palsy to autism to blindness plus many others. It is edited by John D. Kemp who was born without arms or legs, and is now a prominent attorney.

For Youth: (DVDs, 12-15 minutes per topic) "GREEN" is a progressive ministry resource for youth workers. From the back cover: "Steelroots knows the influence that pro-athletes, artists and bands have on young people, so we had them speak directly to teens and address the biggest topics they're dealing with." Each topic is for both youth workers and teens. It comes with a 40-page leader's guide. The resource center has three DVDs in this series. Type in keyword "green" to bring up all three: #1 is: Dealing With Temptation, #2: Power of the Tongue, and #3: Consequences of Sin.

Morning Coffee with Mark Flynn- a United Methodist pastor. (DVD)

This includes three discussion starters, short 8-10 minute dialogues with questions to ask after listening. The three subjects are: "Revelation" - more than a book in the Bible, "Word" - it's mightier than the sword, and "Unity" - our greatest strength, our greatest challenge. Best for high school youth through adults. Similar in format to the Nooma DVDs. Would be excellent for small groups.

The Way of the Child - Helping Children Experience God from Companions in Christ, a division of Upper Room Books. Created by Wynn McGregor. (The kit includes an introductory DVD showing how the room is set up, CD with songs, family booklet, and leader's guide). Focuses on the spiritual formation of children ages 6-11. Each session is designed for a 1-1½ hour time frame. There are eight modules in a "formational" approach rather than an "informational" approach. This unique resource offers kids a "time apart" from the noise and bustle of life to learn and experience practices that will nurture their innate spirituality, help them develop a deeper relationship with God, and form vital community with others.

See you in July at the Presbytery meeting!
Warm regards, Maureen O'Rourke, Director



Cascades Viewpoints

By John Mahon

This article is being written in May before General Assembly meets June 21-28. Already across my desk there are numerous emails and articles about the upcoming meeting. This sparks some reflections and observations as GA convenes in San Jose:

1) The obvious: GA has not met in two years. As a result, we have forgotten how to handle the situation. We used to do it every year. Now, the present pattern of every two years allows more issues to build up in the meantime.

2) The issues: There are at least ten top issues before the assembly. They include a revised Form of Government, an expanded partnership with a variety of groups in world mission, increased agreements with new ecumenical partners, follow up on the "Peace, unity, and purity" report, the possible adoption of a new confession (Belhar), Middle East concerns, election of the stated clerk, ordination exams, social justice concerns, and the church's ministry with youth.

3) Whatever the assembly does, it can only speak for itself. It does not necessarily speak for your congregation or mine, or, for that matter, for you or me. That is why any structural change (Book of Confession and/or Book of Order) must be ratified by the presbyteries. In essence, our form of government favors continuity over change.

4) The assembly will be controversial. We are a national church, and the very nature of our polity focuses the diversity of opinions that is in our society on the meeting. In essence, GA acts like a magnet for controversy.

5) The best thing for me about the as-



Commissioners to the 218th General Assembly:

Front row (left to right): Elder Mary Jo Emmett (Keizer), Elder Mary Lou Williams (Vancouver), The Rev. Laurie Vischer (Portland), and The Rev. Mary Wright Gillespie (Medford)
Back row (left to right): The Rev. Sung Man Kim (Portland), Elder Kim Kambak (Prineville), The Rev. Kent Organ (Corvallis) and Elder Sandi Schwarm (Bandon)

sembly happens off the floor, and that is the relationships that are built between people. Perhaps with relationships we can begin to do a different kind of assembly like the one suggested by Clark Cowden in *Presbyterian Outlook* 5-5-08 where he suggests we can do things in a new way.

6) Worship is always a high for me at GA. It is both inspirational and challenging, the marks of good Reformed worship.

7) Prayer. The assembly is always in need of prayer: before, during and afterwards.

Perhaps congregations can set aside a specific time for such prayer, as suggested by the Office of Christian Formation.

8) Convenience. The assembly is right down the street this year. Stop in and see representative government at work. It is a wonder to behold. Visitors are welcome. (See www.pcusa.org/ga218)

God is at work in our world, even in the midst of our imperfect church. It is our Lord's church, and God is calling us to catch up to what the Lord is doing.

Church Library

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The Korean Alphabet, Speak in Korean and English.

Portland Community College text books included are: *The Korean Alphabet, Speak in Korean and English*. Western Seminary Library Collections and Oregon Bible College & Seminary text books, *The World History of Christianity, A Brief History of the American Churches, A History of Israel in the Old Testament*. Our Church Library Collections, *Multipurpose Tools for Theological Studies, The world of Christian Meditation, Classification of the Korean Theological Library, History of the Medieval Monastery System,*

The History of Korean Church.

Other works of interest include 17 volumes by and about the Rev. Dr. Billy Graham. The Presbytery of the Cascades Resource Center has contributed over 100 volumes, including the classic two-volume text, "Calvin's Institutes." The future plan is to found a Dr. Underwood Memorial Museum in the United States dedicated to the memory of Dr. Underwood and his missionary works. The church welcomes any and all donations, but seeks especially Christian literature in English. Donations should be brought to the church by arrangement only please. Call the church office at (503) 667-0454 or email Dr. Kim at jacobckim@hotmail.com.

OPENING DOORS Reminder!

It's never too early to be thinking about submitting an application for the 2008 **OPENING DOORS** grant program. Designed to support a wide variety of efforts relating to the removal of physical and programmatic barriers, this program can cover up to 50% of the cost of a qualifying project.

Application forms can be down-loaded from www.cascadespresbytery.org/OpeningDoors.html and are due no later than July 31, 2008. For more information, contact Rick Parfrey at (503) 638-0109 or Parfrey@msn.com or Glenn Chilcote at (503) 636 6182 or gvchilcote@aol.com.



Ask the Clerk

Q: Will a new Book of Order be published this year?

A: No. With the change to biennial general assemblies held in even-numbered years only (the last "odd" GA having been in 2005), books of order now have a two-year life expectancy. The current edition (2007-2009) reflects the changes which were approved by a majority of the presbyteries after being referred to them by the 217th General Assembly in 2006 and which took effect in June, 2007. A number of overtures proposing changes to the current Book of Order will be considered at the 218th General Assembly which will meet in San Jose, CA on June 21-28, 2008.

Any that are referred to the presbyteries for affirmative or negative votes will be considered by Cascades at its Stated Meeting in March, 2009 and those which are approved by a majority of the presbyteries will take effect in June, 2009.

One significant proposal for a change in The Book of Order will be presented to the 218th GA by the Form of Government ("FOG") Task Force which was established by the 217th General Assembly (2006). The charge given to the task force was to undertake a revision of the PCUSA Form of Government that would *preserve our foundational polity; focus on providing leadership for congregations as missional communities; retain the presbytery as the central governmental unit while granting it the authority and flexibility to address the changing cultural, economic, and societal challenges of the new millennial world; and provide flexibility at all levels of our Presbyterian government*. The revisions have now been prepared and are in three parts: a "Foundations Of Presbyterian Polity" section (much the same as the first four chapters of the current Form

of Government) which describes the underlying principles on which the structure of Presbyterian polity rests, a "Form Of Government" section which grants broad authorities for presbytery-by-presbytery determination of the standards which will govern their work (and which may differ from the standards of other presbyteries) and an "Advisory Handbook" which governing bodies may use for the development of individual policies. Some hail the proposal as one which will help the PCUSA move from being regulatory and to being more responsive to new and different issues; others think that the elimination of standards of long standing may create problems throughout the denomination. If the report of the FOG Task Force is "sent down" to presbyteries by the GA for affirmative or negative votes, it will be at Cascades' Stated Meeting in March, 2009 that Cascades will consider its action. The report of the FOG Task Force, together with other resources, is available at www.pcusa.org/formofgovernment.

Positively Presbyterian

Central Region

By Bruce Smith

Talent shows seem to be a rite of spring, as more than one church has called upon the various talents of their parishioners to strut their stuff. **First, Newport** held their talent show on May 7. Those with musical talents from **United, Albany** presented a program of favorite Broadway songs with the Albany Civic Theatre in May at their church.

Summer youth mission trips are being planned by a number of churches. **Central, Eugene** scheduled a trip for July and August to the Table Bluff Reservation near Lolita, California. The youth from **Westminster, Eugene** also plans the Lolita trip under the auspices of the Sierra Service Project. The youth at **First, Salem** are planning a trip to the Yakima Reservation this summer. Youth from **Aurora** are joining with Portland's Laurelhurst church for a week serving on the Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation Healing Tree Ministries in Lame Deer, Montana. **First, Corvallis** is looking forward to their fourth trip to New Orleans in October with a Katrina Relief team from Presbytery. From the **Mackenzie Valley, Waltherville** newsletter comes the opportunity for fathers and sons to participate in the Presbyterian Volunteer Village experience. The purpose is to have fathers and sons participating in mission together as a response to the Gulf Coast hurricane. Four individuals from the **Koinonia Center, Eugene** are joining with folks from **Central, Eugene** in July for a summer mission trip in Nicaragua. Robert Blackman, Youth Director at **First, Corvallis** has been accepted into Western Oregon University's Master of Arts in Teaching program. His last week in June will be taking the youth on a mission trip, his favorite aspect of youth ministry. The high school youth of **First, McMinnville** held their mission trip in March this year in Rosarito, Mexico. You can get a flavor of their trip at www.yahoo.fpc-mac.org.

Peace, Eugene informs their members that they can hear the Sunday lectionary readings in audio through their computers. All they need to do is go to www.pcusa.org, click on the "devotions and readings" button on the right side of the home page, then click on the "Hear the Word" feature.

Some good folks from **First, Woodburn** are doing the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life by swimming as a group 40,000 to 50,000 yards. Dave Morelli is committed to 5,000 yards. Good luck Dave, remember your water wings.

Marcus Borg, a renowned scholar, inspirational speaker, and respected theologian was invited to speak in June at **First, Bend**.

The session of **First, Corvallis** decided in March to proceed with their plans to build the John and Nancy Dennis Fellowship Hall and Community Center prior to having 100% pledges funded and 50% in cash. The congregation of **Community, Redmond** voted overwhelmingly to sell seven acres of their vacant land to support their plans to build a multipurpose building.

At **Westminster, Salem** youth who have received their driver's licenses within the last six months are presented with wooden crosses for their key chains. In the days of yore, I recall that we hung large plastic dice from the rearview mirror. I guess the cross is a better choice.

Northeast Region

By Jan Noller

Eastminster, Portland has started new activities: Movies and Meaning, Dan Fogelberg Following the Mystic's Path, and Under-

standing Israel and Pakistan.

Out of the mouths of babes from **Cascades, Vancouver**: a four-year-old listened to his heart beat through a stethoscope and asked, "Is that Jesus knocking?"

A partnership has been formed between the city of Fairview and **Smith Memorial, Fairview** to promote church activities in the city news and city activities in the church news.

"Shaped by the Potter" is the theme this summer at **Oak Hills, Milwaukie**. Using a grant from the Lilly Endowment, the pastor will be on sabbatical and the congregation will take part in mid-week talk back sessions and guest preachers.

Kenilworth, Portland is working towards a new venture in an Early Childhood Center for preschool children. **Mt. Scott Park, Portland** has also learned of the need for a preschool and plans to start the school in the fall of 2008.

Gateway, The Dalles held a Pentecost Renewal Conference on Pentecost weekend to explore what God is calling each to do.

A special show on "Aprons-n-Things" was held at **Savage Memorial, Portland** on Mother's Day.

The parish nurse at **East Woods, Vancouver** shared some very helpful information about the disease of shingles.

Springwater, Estacada lists ten basic tips to help stop climate change.

First, Vancouver offers a list of theological building blocks about the formation of an authentic transformational church.

"Mr. Ted," a donkey on wheels, received an extreme makeover at **Laurelhurst, Portland** in time for Palm Sunday.

Milwaukie is joining the father and son mission weeks in the Gulf in June with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. The youth at **Columbia, Vancouver** are going on their mission trip to the Flying-H Boys Ranch in Naches, Washington in July. **Westminster, Portland** youth are going to East Bay Habitat in Alameda, CA for a week of work in June.

Rose City Park, Portland uses Fair Trade/shade grown coffee for coffee fellowship. It is purchased through the Presbyterian Coffee Project and helps small farmers in developing countries.

St. John's, Camas is developing a financial campaign to help the Good Shepherd Hospital in the central province of Western Kasai in the Congo.

Northwest Region

by Jeanne Rich

Many Portland area churches have joined Luis Palau Ministries, an evangelistic organization, in preparation for CityFest to be held August 22-23 at Waterfront Park. **Multnomah, Portland** leaders encourage members to participate during the five-month "Season of Service" prior to the event. During this period individuals will "begin praying for five people who as yet do not know Jesus Christ personally." **Hillsboro** has "joined with the Palau team as a church advocate for the festival" and will "be involved with the Season of Service which includes doing service projects in our community." **First, Portland** "imagine(s) 15,000 volunteers fanning out through the community in the next several months to demonstrate the love of Christ" and will join Luis Palau Ministries in CityFest "as a way to walk the talk of Christian discipleship." In March and April the church caravanned to Old Town where members served the homeless under Portland's Burnside Bridge by providing hot meals, clothing, haircuts, and feet washing.

The session at **Orenco, Hillsboro** heard

Bill MacLeod from the Luis Palau organization speak about this upcoming event with its "special mission to fight homelessness." Pastor Mark Rainey writes in the April issue of *News*, "Our celebration of His (Jesus) resurrection and Easter has just taken place. We've remembered Him at the Last Supper, we've viewed a movie depicting His death on the cross, we've joined together on Easter Sunday to proclaim His resurrection. And then, is it back to life as usual?" He reminds his readers that Jesus confronted Peter when Peter decided to go back to fishing—the occupation he had before following Jesus. He gave Peter hope, "of how Peter could serve him in the future," concluding with Jesus' directive: "Feed and take care of my sheep."

St. Andrew's, Portland joined "with 23 other faith communities to raise 75,000 pounds of food or the cash equivalent for the hungry people in southwest Portland" by canvassing their neighborhood with 1,500 information packets about the food campaign and about St. Andrew's. **Southminster, Beaverton** recently was presented with a playreading by author Deborah Rodney, *A Poor Man's Wealth*. Pastor Peg Pfab writes, "The play is funny, hard-hitting and poignant; a view of the world through the eyes of six homeless people and their dog...helps put homelessness into 'personalities' we can relate to." Members were encouraged to attend a meeting on the *10 Year Plan to End Homelessness* in Washington County.

Dennis Moonier from **Calvin, Tigard** related his first-hand experience with the homeless on Friday nights in January through March when he drove the church van to pick up and drop off guests who usually live in tents or under bridges in the community. Reflecting on his experience, he said, "My first contact with these men was picking up several very unkempt and smelly strangers on a freezing night in February. They were as wary of us as we were of them. Last Thursday night, I greeted some of these same men as friends on Main Street as Victoria and I were going out to dinner. From strangers to friends and neighbors; it is amazing what Christian fellowship, conversation, and sharing can do in our community." Over three dozen members volunteered time, funds and gifts during the "safe haven" project in which dinner, fellowship, bed, breakfast and lunch makings were provided. Calvin youth are preparing for their own work with the homeless by sending 24 students and five adults to New York City "to work with the Center for Student Missions in an urban setting—serving in homeless shelters and soup kitchens, rehabbing low-income apartments, and working with underprivileged kids in summer programs."

Lake Grove, Lake Oswego's youth have raised over \$39,000 "to help support our team of 57 students and 12 adults to go to Washington, D.C. this July....looking forward to ministering among the poor in this city of great contrast." In appreciation for Lake Grove's contributions to the Zambia Water Fund ("the church, its members and friends have funded 37 boreholes!!"), a water specialist from World Vision visited the church in April "to share the results with the congregation and to teach a class on water in Zambia." This was followed up in early May with a community "Water Walk" where participants carried water, as the women in Zambia do, to raise awareness of the need for safe water. **Multnomah, Portland** shares in clean water projects and reports, "Part of the tithe from our Capital Campaign Funds will be donated towards a third well in Zambia." (Continued on page 5)

First, Central Point Celebrates 100 years!

First, Central Point will have much to celebrate during Independence Day weekend this year. It was this very weekend one hundred years ago that a small group of faith-filled folk came together and formed First Presbyterian Church, Central Point.

"We'll begin our celebrations with a float in the annual July 4th Central Point parade," centennial events coordinator, Jean Miller, states. "The floats theme will be 'Celebrating 100 years.'"

On Saturday evening, parishioners will open the doors of the church offering music,



The original "old brick" building was home to the congregation from 1912 through 1971.

skits, and exhibits highlighting the history of the church. On Sunday, July 6, former pastor, The Reverend Dwayne Brown, will preach. The Reverend Victoria Brown will assist. Special music will be part of the service. "Following the service we'll have an old fashioned picnic which includes home made ice cream," Miller adds. "A highlight of the weekend will be the planting of a tree to commemorate our first 100 years."

First, Central Point, was organized July 5, 1908 by a committee of the Presbytery of Southern Oregon. The three men named were Rev. W.W. McHenry of Ashland, Rev. W.F. Shields of Medford and Elder Badger of Ashland. There were 12 charter members. They met in the A.O.U.W. hall, 2nd & Pine.

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Congratulations: to Scott Crane of **First, Portland** on becoming a Certified Christian Educator; to **Calvin, Tigard's** Warren Craig (a veteran of U.S. Army's 10th Mountain Division who saw action in the Italian mountains) on being honored at a banquet and inducted into the Oregon Military Hall of Fame; to

Phyllis Wright of **Hillsboro PC** who was commissioned Coordinator for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to the Presbytery of the Cascades. She has been busy assisting in recovery projects in Oregon, covering six counties (Columbia, Clatsop, Washington, Tillamook, Polk, Yamhill). She writes, "In mid-March for three days, I took training on construction coordination and volunteer management. The chairman wants me to be a construction team leader working with volunteer crews and the construction supervisor who is to be hired soon...I even helped shop for tools to fill a tool trailer that crews can use or borrow on the jobsites. Who knew that my years at Sears Service and Hardware would be used this way today."

A more informal worship service has been started at **Emmanuel, West Linn** at

Rev. J.P. Hearst served as stated supply. Land at 2nd & Oak was donated in 1911, and the brick building was soon erected. The cornerstone was set in place in 1912. Thirty-three members attended.

In 1918, the Central Point Methodist congregation joined with the Presbyterians. This became a "Federated Church" with both denominations sharing pastors. In 1946, South West Presbytery re-established the field as a Presbyterian Church. Rev. W. Lee Gray, pastor, built up the membership from three to 20 during his three-year stay.

Rev. Norman Tully served from 1950 - 1958 "preaching straight from the word with sincere conviction". He was followed by Rev. Bruce Weber and Rev. Robert Bridge. Rev. Robert. Olnstead came in July 1960. During his tenure the mortgage debt. of 1912 was paid off.

Dr. Donald Krug served until 1966 and now resides in Bend, Oregon. The Rev. Paul Evans arrived in Oct. 1967 as interim supply. His vital preaching brought a call as installed pastor when General Assembly rules were set aside by South West Presbytery. During that time, the old brick church was sold and ground broken in June, 1970 for phase one of the new church building. On April 18, 1971 the sanctuary, fellowship hall, and

5 p.m. one Saturday a month with sharing faith journeys, *Lectio Divina* and communion.

South Region

By Ann Moore

Since it's summer, it must be Vacation Bible school time! **First, Medford** is having a Beach Party July 14-18. **First, Merrill** will explore God's Big Backyard June 16-20. The first Power Lab will be at **Brookings** June 16-20; next in **First, Roseburg** it will be shared with First, Faith Lutheran and First United Methodist June 23-27; then **Westminster, Medford** July 14-18.

Bethany, Grants Pass might work in Oregon this summer with Presbyterian Disaster Team to help repair homes for residents of northwest Oregon who received damage from heavy floods and landslides in the past winter. A team from that church earlier worked for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance in New Orleans.

First, Bandon collects monthly for hunger the noisy way. Families have small cans at home where they collect leftover change. They take it to church on Noisy Offering Sunday. Four children pass metal sand buckets among the congregation for loud drop-

ping in of coins. The children then take their buckets up front to see how much noise they can make depositing the contents of their small buckets into a big bucket. This is also a heavy collection, according to Rosemary McLean, mission chair. She's the one who carries it to the bank counting machine.

Most of the time, the money is divided between the national hunger program and Cascades' hunger program. Collections have increased since families can enjoy the noise their coins make.

First, Medford will be providing a team to participate in the Relay for Life event held in Medford May 31 through June 1. Each team was invited to provide a basket to auction at the event. First, Medford's basket is comprised of a weekend in a condominium in Sunriver, donated by a member's son. A bulletin board of pictures of those who have died from cancer and those who have survived cancer reminds participants why they are involved in the event.

First, Central Point will celebrate its 100th anniversary on July 5. Former pastors Dwayne and Vickie Brown and Denny Beteta will participate in worship as well as members of Presbytery. See article on the church history on this page.



Clergy Deaths Noted

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school conditions in a local migrant camp.

George was granted the status of Honorably Retired by The Presbytery of the Cascades in 1975, but remained active in retirement as guest preacher in local congregations, as Parish Associate at Southminster Presbyterian Church and as a substitute teacher for the Beaverton and Portland school districts.

As an active presbyter, George served at one time or another on virtually all major committees of presbyteries. He was Moderator of Southwest Oregon Presbytery, Moderator of Columbia River Presbytery, and a Commissioner to the General Assemblies held in 1940 (from Los Angeles Presbytery), in 1951 (from Southwest Oregon Presbytery) and in 1959 (from Columbia River Presbytery).

Peg preceded George in death on September 14, 1997 after 63 years of marriage. George is survived by four children, by sixteen grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Andersons to Teach in China

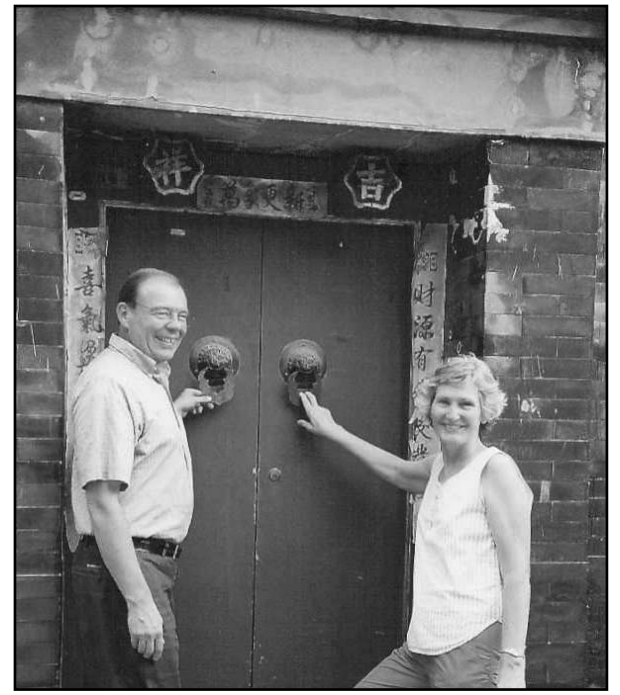
The China Christian Council [CCC] has invited Hugh and Teena Anderson to join the 2008 Pastoral Training English Program. This summer program is for Chinese church leaders who desire to improve their English speaking ability in order to better relate to international visitors. The Rev. Cao Shengjie, President of the CCC, notes that "there is a great need for Chinese pastors and seminary teachers to tell the world about God's wonderful work in China."

Hugh and Teena will join three other teachers from the United States for the six week program. Thirty Chinese church leaders selected from throughout China will come to Huangshan to improve their English oral skills. The program will include sessions on sharing faith stories, preaching short sermons and writing on themes from the Bible. Hugh and Teena were recommended to the CCC by Kim Strong, Presbyterian missionary in China who oversees the Amity Summer

English Program. The Andersons previously taught in that program for several years.

Huangshan, which means Yellow Mountain, is located in the southwest corner of Anhui Province in Central China. The Huangshan Retreat Center is located in Tunxi, an ancient city nestled at the foot of the majestic mountains. Teena's grandparents served as missionaries in Anhui Province for over 30 years before they were forced to leave with the onset of communism. Teena and Hugh see their call to teach in China as a continuation of the work of her grandparents.

Teena is a graduate of Westminster College with a degree in music education. She teaches piano and volunteers as an ESL tutor. Hugh serves as co-executive presbyter for Cascades Presbytery and, in addition to being an ordained minister of word and sacrament, is a Certified Christian Educator.



Hugh and Teena Anderson sightseeing during a former trip to China.

John and Judy Hubbard Help Work Miracles in Guatemala

By Nancy Gaston

How much can six physicians and a dentist accomplish in a week? Would you believe 64 surgeries, 123 tooth extractions and 40 dental fillings and restorations? John and Judy Hubbard from our presbytery were part of a group of 36 who went to Guatemala this spring under the auspices of Faith in Practice as a part of the miracle-working team who changed the lives of hundreds.

Faith in Practice was born because Todd Collier, a Princeton Seminary graduate interning at Memorial Drive Presbyterian in Houston in 1990, went to Antigua, Guatemala, to learn Spanish. He learned much more as he worked at a clinic and orphanage for adults and children. He saw children suffering from malnutrition and people of all ages with physical and mental disabilities. Impacted by both the tremendous needs of the poor in that beautiful city and the courage and conviction of the Franciscan brothers who ran the facility, he went back to Houston and convinced the congregation to help.



Judy Hubbard helps a patient in the recovery room

The first team of 12 volunteers traveled to Antigua in 1993, and the next year Faith in Practice became a nonprofit organization dedicated to caring for the people of Antigua. The team the Hubbards participated in this spring (their second) was the 180th such group to make the trip and make a difference in Guatemala. Each team takes a pastor along for spiritual support for both the team and the patients. John Hubbard, a chaplain at Providence Hospital in Portland, filled that role. Judy, a registered nurse and a Parish Nurse with PUN, the Presbytery Urban Network in Portland, says her operating room skills are "out of date," so she worked in pre- and post-op, provided comfort, worked in the kitchen and made herself generally useful.

The group participants included, besides the medical personnel and chaplain, a cook, computer experts and photographer. The team took all its pharmaceutical and medical supplies, packed into 64 trunks and two duffel bags.

Faith in Action teams can accomplish so much because of superb organization, Judy explains. The teams are scheduled a year in advance, and a Village Team in Guatemala arranges for patients to be seen according to the medical specialties of a given team. (This one was comprised of obstetrician/gynecologists, a general surgeon and a dentist. Other teams do such things as correct cleft palates and work on neurological problems.)

Once the team arrives, the patients come to the hospital. Many walk long distances, or ride buses for up to twelve hours, and then stand patiently in line, not having eaten or drunk anything for the previous day and night. Their patience, humility and gratitude are amazing, Judy reports.

John adds that the experience "reframes how we live as Americans." People have so little and go to great lengths—literally—to receive medical care. One man rode the bus for 12 hours to have a tooth pulled. The dental work could not be done that day, so he returned home and came another day—having traveled for 48 hours to have a tooth extracted.

Spiritual care is an essential part of the ministry of the teams. Patients are frightened and deeply appreciate prayer—which they understand, with or without translation. Spanish-English translators were abundant, but about a quarter of the patients spoke only Mayan dialects. This team took along about 200 wooden crosses supplied by Friends of the Carpenter, and John gave one to each patient prior to surgery. They clung tightly to the crosses and would not give them up, so many went into surgery with crosses taped to their chests.

The team also appreciated spiritual care. In their trip log on the Faith in Practice website, they report, "On Sunday we met for a morning devotional, and Rev. John Hubbard did a beautiful ceremony of blessing our hands. Inspired, we went full speed into triage and assessed the patients that requested surgery." Sorting all that out seemed a logistical nightmare, but team leaders Jim and Mary Stempel were so well organized that all the surgeries for the week, to take place in three operating rooms, were scheduled.

The team began and ended each day with devotions, the evening time being spent in scripture reading, debriefing the day's experience, and prayer.

Faith in Practice continues to grow each year. In 2007 a total of 28 teams staffed



John Hubbard provides comfort for a youngster waiting for surgery

with 786 volunteers performed over a thousand surgeries and saw more than 11,000 patients. All volunteers pay their own trip costs. As its name implies, this Christian organization is dedicated to being the hands and feet of Christ, connecting the practice of medicine and dentistry to serving brothers and sisters in Central America. Its guiding principals include acceptance, respect, cultural appreciation, courtesy, personal integrity, professional ethics and community building. To learn more, visit www.faithinpractice.org.

Working with Franciscan brothers who run the *Hospital Obras Sociales Hermano Pedro*, they have adopted as their affirmation of practice the prayer of St. Francis: "Lord, make us instruments of your peace...." And powerful instruments they have proven to be. The experience has the power to draw people back again and again. John and Judy are already committed to another trip next year. Antigua has many language schools, and John says he's going early next time to take some classes.

Presbytery Foundation closes Portland office.

With the retirement of Margee Los after 11 years as administrative assistant in the Presbytery Foundation office in our presbytery, the office in Portland was closed on April 17. Appreciation is expressed to Margee for her faithful service to the work of the Foundation and the Presbytery of the Cascades. **NOTE: Eric Chavis will continue to serve the region from his office in Everett, WA, where he can be reached on his toll-free number 888-211-7030.**



Prayer Calendar

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

July 2008

- 1 Forster W. Freeman, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 1994 • John R. Harland, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 1986
- 2 Jan Noller, Certified Christian Educator
- 3 Elwyn G. Tesche, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 1981
- 4 John W. Goff, ordained this day in 1971
- 5 First Presbyterian Church, Central Point - chartered this day in 1908 • First Presbyterian Church, Cottage Grove - chartered this day in 1855
- 6 Eugene C. Kinney, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 1988
- 7 Barbara P. Rolph, ordained this day in 1985 • Donald A. Gibbs, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 1991
- 8 Cascades Presbyterian Church, Vancouver - chartered this day in 1979 • Kathleen J. Waugh, installed as associate pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Medford, this day in 2001
- 9 Oakville Presbyterian Church, Shedd - chartered this day in 1850 • Rose City Park Presbyterian Church, Portland - chartered this day in 1909
- 10 McKenzie Valley Presbyterian Church, Walterville - chartered this day in 1988 • Vancouver Korean Presbyterian Church - chartered this day in 1988
- 11 Leigh P. Taylor, granted Honorably Retired status month in 1994 • Cascades Presbytery meets today and tomorrow, Sandra Frey, Moderator
- 12 Community Presbyterian Church, Moro - chartered this day in 1887 • Judy E. Marshall, ordained this day in 1981 • First Presbyterian Church, McMinnville - chartered this day in 1851 • Richard S. Landrith, ordained this day in 2005 (ECUSA), serving as stated supply pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Lakeview
- 13 Community Presbyterian Church, Malin - chartered this day in 1924
- 14 Victoria G. Curtiss, ordained this day in 1980, serving as co-interim pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Corvallis
- 15 Edward L. Neuenfeldt, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 1993
- 16 Springwater Presbyterian Church, Estacada - chartered this day in 1889 • First Presbyterian Church, Merrill - chartered this day in 1905
- 17 Mark A. Duntley, ordained this day in 1983, serving as Dean of the Chapel, Lewis & Clark College • Benjamin M. Paroulek, ordained this day in 1977, serving as stated supply associate pastor of Valley Community Presbyterian Church, Portland
- 18 Donald A. Schwab, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 1975
- 19 Warm Springs Presbyterian Church - chartered this day in 1874
- 20 First Presbyterian Church, Bend - chartered this day in 1903 • Daniel P. Myers, installed as pastor of First Presbyterian Church, North Bend, this day in 1986 • Steven C. Mabry, ordained this day in 1980
- 21 Terri J. Jimenez-Sutton, ordained this day in 1991 • Marilyn K. Allen, installed as pastor of Plymouth Presbyterian Church, St. Helens, this day in 1996 • Denise Y. Mosher, ordained this day in 1996
- 22 Robert A. Gruwell, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 1991

- 23 Carolyn S. Hampton, ordained this day in 1978, serving as Executive Director, Circuit Rider Books, Portland • David C. Hampton, ordained this day in 1978, serving as stated supply pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Dallas
- 24 Kathleen E. Owens, candidate for the ministry, First Presbyterian Church, Corvallis
- 25 Cynthia M. King-Guffey, ordained this day in 1993
- 26 Seung K. Kim, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 1989
- 27 Anitra Kitts, candidate for the ministry, Rose City Park Presbyterian Church, Portland
- 28 Mark A. Smith, ordained this day in 1982 • First Presbyterian Church, Gold Beach - chartered this day in 1912
- 29 William J. Kirkman, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 1995, serving as parish associate of First Presbyterian Church, Ashland • C. Michael Rinkin, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 2005
- 30 C. Donald Krug, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 1986 • Cheryl A. Bourne, installed as pastor of Prineville Presbyterian Church, Prineville, this day in 2000 • Kenneth E. Campbell, installed as pastor of St. John's Presbyterian Church, Camas, this day in 2000
- 31 John P. Neal, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 2004 • Albert A. (Jack) Chan, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 1998 • David B. McCracken, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 2004 • Linda C. Stewart-Kalen, installed as pastor of Colonial Heights Presbyterian Church, Portland, this day in 2005 • Bruce R. Silver, ordained this day in 1994, serving as director of Staff of Hope, Medford

August 2008

- 1 John B. Pierce, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 2007 • John L. Goodenberger, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 1987 • Cheryl Anderson, business manager, Presbytery of the Cascades
- 2 Community Presbyterian Church, Cannon Beach - chartered this day in 1930
- 3 First Presbyterian Church, Roseburg - chartered this day in 1873
- 4 Norman F. Few, ordained this month in 1958, serving as pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Creswell
- 5 First Presbyterian Church, Coos Bay - chartered this day in 1890
- 6 Suzanne Herman, candidate for the ministry, Oak Hills Presbyterian Church, Milwaukie
- 7 Jay Dee Conrad, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 2003
- 8 Clayton F. Rice, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 1988
- 9 John O. Hasenjaeger, ordained this day in 1987
- 10 Diane Wells, bookkeeper, Presbytery of the Cascades
- 11 Nichole S. Perrine, candidate for the ministry, First Presbyterian Church, Ashland
- 12 Brian C. Craker, candidate for the ministry, Lake Grove Presbyterian Church, Lake Oswego

- 13 Bill A. Eaton, installed as pastor of Clatskanie Presbyterian Church this day in 2006 • Richard C. Lang, ordained this day in 1975, serving as Campus Pastor at Southern Oregon University
- 14 Timothy S. Cayton, ordained this day in 1983, serving as re-entry chaplain, Oregon Department of Corrections
- 15 Committee on Representation of Presbytery of the Cascades - Mary Jo Emmett, Chair • Beverly J. Crow, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 2007
- 16 Richard K. Smith, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 1985
- 17 Gregory S. Tatman, candidate for ministry, Central Presbyterian Church, Eugene
- 18 Joshua D. Dunham, inquirer for the ministry, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Portland
- 19 William A. Heming, installed as pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Merrill, this day in 2007
- 20 Kathy Waugh, *Omnibus* Editor
- 21 Joseph E. Kurtright, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 1998, serving as parish associate at Southminster Presbyterian Church, Beaverton
- 22 Heather Chase, candidate for the ministry, Tualatin Presbyterian Church
- 23 Ronald W. Kincaid, ordained this day in 1981, serving as pastor of Sunset Presbyterian Church, Portland
- 24 Richard C. Neese, installed as pastor of Chapel by the Sea, Lincoln City, this day in 1997
- 25 Kent M. Organ, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 2004, serving as co-interim pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Corvallis
- 26 Sandra L. Larson ordained this day in 1979 • Robert J. Perdue, installed as pastor at Community Presbyterian Church, Yachats, this day in 2007
- 27 Joan M. Pierson, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 2002
- 28 First Presbyterian Church, Ashland - chartered this day in 1875
- 29 First Presbyterian Church, Phoenix - chartered this day in 1875 • J. Spencer Parks, installed as associate pastor of conference ministries/Menucha Executive Director, First Presbyterian Church, Portland, this day in 2004
- 30 Renn J. Turner Sanderman, candidate for the ministry, Valley Community Presbyterian Church, Portland
- 31 John W. Hubbard, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 2005

Presbytery of the Cascades Current Status of Open Churches

Vacant

Cottage Grove, First
Lakeside, Community
Portland, Calvary
Salem, First

Seeking Interim or Stated Supply

Waldport, Community

Preparing to Actively Seek

Ashland, First
Eugene, Westminster
Pacific City

Actively Seeking a Pastor (CIF submitted to Louisville)

Coos Bay, First (three quarter-time position)
Corvallis, First
Medford, Westminster (Associate)
Portland, Sunset (Associate)

Presbytery Council Highlights

(Editor's note: These are adapted from minutes taken by Stated Clerk, John Huenink)

A regular meeting of the Presbytery Council of The Presbytery of the Cascades was held on Saturday, May 10, 2008 at **John Knox, Keizer**. The following is a report of the considerations and actions taken at the meeting.

Presbytery Council, acting on behalf of the presbytery, approved recommendations of the presbytery's Board of Trustees for the following congregations: Multnomah, Portland; St. Andrew's, Portland; Chapel By The Sea, Lincoln City; First, Oregon City; Emmanuel, West Linn; Valley Community, Portland; Community, Redmond.

The members of Presbytery Council received reports on the current status of the resolution teams now at work with the **Kenton** and **Sunset** congregations, now seeking to withdraw from the PCUSA. It is not anticipated that recommendations for actions will be available for presentation to the presbytery until the presbytery's stated meeting in November, 2008. Also presented was a report on the status of legal issues relating to **Hope, Rogue River** and the work of the presbytery's administrative commission for Hope. The members of Council offered prayers for the work of the resolution teams and administrative commission and for the members and staffs of the congregations involved.

It was reported that Elder Judy Austin, Moderator of The Synod of the Pacific, intends to be at Cascades' stated meeting in July, 2008.

It was reported that the 2008 audit of Cascades' finances resulted in an "unqualified audit without recommendations or adjustments" for the second year in a row. Presbytery Council expressed thanks to Business Manager Cheryl Anderson for her professional skills in making the results of the audit possible.

Council considered a proposal for the presbytery to arrange for charter bus service to the stated meeting in Klamath Falls. It was decided that such arrangements would not be made by the presbytery, but the stated clerk was directed to encourage carpooling.

Presbytery Council reviewed dates proposed by the stated clerk for stated meetings of the presbytery and regular meetings of presbytery council in 2009. It was agreed that Council will recommend the following dates and locations for stated meetings of The Presbytery of the Cascades in 2009:



Pictured (left-to-right) are Women: Laurel Neal, Heidi Grube, Aleida Jerenigan, Leslie Hall; Men: John Mahon, Fitz Neal, Ken Smith, Hugh Anderson, John Huenink. Cascades' Feb. 25-27 Discovery Retreat for ministers new to the presbytery.

March 13-14 (Central Region*), June 26-27 (NE Region*), and Nov. 13-14 (S Region*). (* indicates that an invitation to host the meeting from a church in the region is invited)

The members of Presbytery Council acknowledged that Council Chair Quackenbush and Vice-Moderators Sievert and Mor-

rell would retire from service on the council at the presbytery's stated meeting in July. Appreciation was expressed for their service on Presbytery Council and each was presented with a gift as a token of the appreciation of the presbytery.

Mark Yaconelli Keynoter for Summer Conference

Join brothers and sisters in faith for a time of "Holy Play and Renewal for the Overwhelmed" in Bend, July 17-20, for the 2008 Summer Conference. Mark Yaconelli, will lead an exploration of this theme for those attending the conference. Registration brochures are available by calling the Presbytery Office at 503-557-5486 Ext 205 or going to the Presbytery of the Cascades Website at www.cascadespresbytery.org.

Mark Yaconelli holds an MA in Christian Spirituality from the Graduate Theological Union and received a Graduate Diploma in the Art of Spiritual Direction from San Francisco Theological Seminary. He has led and developed national retreats for pastors, youth pastors, and youth for over ten denominations as well as for organizations like

the National Youth Worker's Convention and Zondervan's National Pastors' Convention. Mark's research and ministry within the nationally recognized "Youth Ministry and Spirituality Project" has been groundbreaking in its exploration of spiritual direction, contemplation and ancient spiritual practices as the basis of discipleship with young people. From 1996-2004 Mark was the founder and director of *Sabbath* a spiritual formation week for people in ministry held in four cities each year.

Interviews and profiles of his work have appeared in the national media within the United States including the *Wall Street Journal*, *ABC World News Tonight*, *Knight Ridder News Service*, and *The Osgood Files* for CBS Radio. He is currently working on a book entitled *Downtime: Teaching Prayer* (January 2009).

Mark lives in Ashland, Oregon where he directs "Thirst" a weekly prayer service for college age adults. He is married to Jill and has three children, Noah, Joseph and Grace.



Mark Yaconelli

Reformed Theology

Certification Course: August 25-29, 2008
Menucha Retreat and Conference Center
Meets all requirements for
Certified Christian Educator
Certified Associate Christian Educator and
Commissioned Lay Pastor Training

Instructor is Craig Stein, past Assistant Professor of Theology, Union Theological Seminary and Presbyterian School of Christian Education, Richmond, Virginia and now a pastor in the Presbytery of the Cascades.

Course Description: This 30-hour intensive course is designed to provide Presbyterian Christian educators with knowledge of and an appreciation for the theological statements that are foundational for the Presbyterian Church (USA), the historical contexts out of which those confessions arose, and the contemporary significance those confessions have for the life of the church today. By means of lectures, small group exercises, discussions, and personal research, students will be able to gain a personal understanding of the Reformed theological tradition.

Early Bird Discount 10% if register by July 18, 2008
Check-In time 8:30 AM Monday, August 25, 2008 at the Office
Partial scholarships are available
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