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Presbytery of the Cascades

## Vera Grasser Retires

Vera Grasser, a long time employee of the presbytery, serving in the Portland office as Administrative Assistant to the Northeast Region Co-Executive Presbyter, retired as of August 20. The staff celebrated her service within the Presbytery and wished her God's blessings.

Vera began as part-time secretary to the Stated Clerk, first with Ginny Robertson and then serving with Chuck Falconer. She continued in that function until 1995, when the presbytery adopted the regional concept. She

then became the Administrative Assistant to the Northeast Region, working with David Crow. Early this year, she welcomed Aleida Jernigan as Co-Executive Presbyter, Northeast.

At the end of July, Vera wrote: "With much prayerful consideration, thought, and in conversation with my family, I find that it is time for me to resign from my position with the Presbytery of the Cascades and retire effective August 20, 2004."



Aleida Jernigan with Vera

## Horizon Retreat Begins Work Of Streamlining Presbytery

Presbytery leaders met in Eugene the end of August to begin work on the new presbytery structure emerging from the Discovering God's Call strategic planning effort.

Responding to the mandate for the presbytery to serve in four areas— congregational support, professional support, relational support and mission support—the four newly elected support committees, together with the presbytery council, co-executive presbyters and program staff, began planning the best

ways to be helpful to congregations and individuals.

The group worshiped together and then met in their committees to develop strategies for serving the groups and activities assigned to them. Each committee made plans to meet once again prior to the November presbytery meeting. A major goal is to develop common procedures for introduction of new programs: "So you have a great idea. What now?" The intent is to have a flexible "bottom up" structure, minimizing roadblocks to innovation and creativity. Committees looked at ways to be responsive, efficient and economical.

Openness and energy marked the event, together with an understanding that the next

few months will be somewhat chaotic as the old structure disappears (except for mandated committees and functions) and the new is put in place January 1, 2005.

The next issue of Omnibus will feature a report from each of the Support Committees, showing their composition and the areas assigned to them. The chairs are:  
Judy Alford—Professional Support  
Sid Birt—Mission support  
Bill Jackson—Relational Support  
Merle Bottge—Congregational Support



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## Cascades Presbytery to Co-host Statewide Caregiver Conference November 5-6

The Presbytery of the Cascades, in conjunction with Oregon's Lifespan Respite Care and Aging and Disabilities programs and a coalition of several other faith-based organizations, is hosting the "You Are Not Alone" Oregon Caregiver Conference for family and professional caregivers on Tuesday and Wednesday, November 5-6, at Lake Grove Presbyterian Church, Lake Oswego.

Combining a spiritual with a practical focus, the conference will provide caregivers with a unique opportunity for rest and renewal along with information and guidance about caregiving issues and caring for oneself. Highlighting the program are three dynamic speakers—Beth McLeod, Wendy Lustbader and former Oregon Governor Barbara Roberts—to share their own caregiving experiences.

Twenty-seven workshops will be offered on a wide variety of topics focusing on caregiving

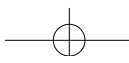
basics, special needs of older care receivers, spirituality and caregiving, taking care of children with special needs, and taking care of yourself. Luncheon programs presented by Vicky Schmall and Leah Anne Jashaway promise to provide highly entertaining and informative interludes.

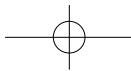
Scholarships covering respite care, lodging and registration are available to family caregivers. Continuing education units (CEUs) will be available for professional caregivers within several service areas. For more information and downloadable registration materials please visit the conference website at [www.newcaredirections.org](http://www.newcaredirections.org). Contact Marian George at 503-231-9319 or Rick Parfrey at 503-638-0109 with questions.

### OFFICIAL NOTICE

The Presbytery of the Cascades  
Will have a Stated Meeting  
On  
November 12-13, 2004  
At  
First Presbyterian Church  
1200 SW Alder Street, Portland, OR

A Proposed Docket for the meeting will be posted on the presbytery website, [www.cascade-presbytery.org](http://www.cascade-presbytery.org), and will be mailed to presbyters and churches, with background papers and information about lodging and parking options.





## Book Review

# Clowns, Storytellers, Disciples: Spirituality and Creativity in Today's Church

by Olive Fleming Drane

If you are interested in starting a clown ministry in the church, be sure to read this book FIRST! Clowning is more than just makeup, costumes and simple routines. Olive Drane reminds us that the basis of Christian clowning is in the creation and incarnation.

Her concern is that we churches spend an extraordinary amount of energy on redemption as the main focus. Drane's approach to clowning and spirituality is inductive or exploratory rather than the systematic way of deduction. She encourages us to see the arts, of which clowning is but one, as media to express the gospel, using the intuitive with no need to interpret the art. Let it speak for itself. Let viewers interpret what they experience.

According to Drane, the church can utilize the arts, but not as gimmicks. This is particularly true of clowning. Those who have worshipped with us as nonverbal clowns know that Christian clowning is not a show but a means to open up new avenues of thought and experience.

No one needs to interpret what clowns do in church so that you'll know what the lesson is. Remember that Jesus often says to his listeners, "Those who have ears to hear, let them hear," or "Those who have eyes to see, let them see."

Olive Drane is a Scottish Presbyterian who has taught all over the world, including Fuller Seminary, where she has shared the view that "God sees creation through the cross." On her clown face she draws a cross over each eye so that she can see the world that same way.

Her personal journey into clowning began as response to the tragedy of losing her first child. You will find her story intriguing, inviting the reader to reflect and ask what her "art" of words has meant.

On a practical note, Drane offers concrete

help in setting up clown classes. After 25 years of clowning in churches and other settings, I find this book one of the most helpful I've read on clowning as a medium of spirituality. It is well worth the \$13 cost.

—Reviewed by Bud Frimoth

(The book is available through Circuit Rider Books by calling 503-234-9625 or 800-637-3949 or visiting the website, [www.circuitrider-books.org](http://www.circuitrider-books.org).)



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### Presbytery of the Cascades

## VIDEO RESOURCE CENTER

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

You may reserve videos in person on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30-4:30; by phone at 503-445-4999 or 866-200-8660, or by linking through the presbytery website, [www.cascadespresbytery.org](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org).



Now online 24/7 – Your Media Resource Library (formerly Video Resource Library) [www.cascadespresbytery.org](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org) or <http://67.42.4.101:8080>

Give it a try and let me know if you have any difficulties connecting. Some browsers seem to hook up more easily than others. Suggestions for improvement or compliments are accepted graciously. We may still need to do some "tweaking." Many thanks to Ken Brown for all his hard work!

### New Mission Resources

**Africa Game:** This exciting board game, printed on vinyl, was created by PC(USA) mission workers. Six markers contain the faces of African youth. A study guide interprets the issues around schooling in Africa along with the instructions. Ages: youth through adults.

**Mission Symphony:** Notes for the Third Millennium, by William Chapman. He explores the third chapter of the *Book of Order*, "The Church and Its Mission." Comparing this chapter to Schubert's Eighth Symphony, known as the Unfinished, Chapman notes that mission is "what Christians do."

### New Peacemaking Resource

**Anguished Hearts** This seven-session study on domestic violence for use in congregations takes its title from Psalm 55:4a: "My heart is in anguish within me..." It covers different faces of abuse: spouse/partner, child, elder, sibling, dates, and abuse of vulnerable people.

### New Curriculum Resources

#### Bible Quest- Adult Leader's Guide/Student's Book

This curriculum resource is new to many, though it has been a part of the ecumenical Bible Quest for several years. It allows adult students to encounter stories in the Bible and connect them to daily life in the world as disciples of Christ.

**Push It!** This is an exciting 14-session Bible Quest resource designed by young adults for young adults as they seek to engage the Bible.

**BookMarks, vols 1 & 2** This Bible Quest curriculum is for youth in grades 9-12. These 16-session volumes encourage youth to examine stories in the Bible and connect them with their own lives.

**We Believe: Children Sing God's Story CD.** This year 2 CD for *We Believe* contains songs chosen and written to follow the themes and biblical stories for this year. The music comes from a wide variety of sources and traditions. It is intended for use in preschool and elementary classrooms.

With the **Advent** season fast approaching here are some relevant items in your resource center:

**Truce in the Forest:** A Christmas story set in Germany during the Battle of the Bulge. Both sides are asked to lay down their weapons to honor the Savior's birth. Were they successful? You'll have to borrow the video to find out! (40 min.) Ask for: **VT DA4 016**

**The Fourth Wise Man:** Set in Biblical times, told in gently comic terms. Stars Martin Sheen as a good-hearted magus who pursued Jesus for 33 yrs. (72 min) Ask for: **VT DA4 017**

**New: Creating a Congregational Family Advent Devotional** Use this resource as a guide for creating an Advent devotional book that can be used by the entire congregation in the weeks leading up to Christmas. Includes ideas for timeline, for getting submissions from church members, and for format.

Children's seasonal videos include:

**Gingham Dog & the Calico Cat** – Ask for: **VT DA4 011**

**Mouse in the Manger** – Ask for: **VT DA4 012**

**Madeline's Christmas** – Ask for: **VT DA4 019**

**The Bearenstain Bears Christmas Tree** – Ask for **VT DA4 021**

Also, a book, titled: **Things to Make & Do for Advent & Christmas** – ask for: **BK DA1 001**

I am looking forward to helping you!

Blessings,

Maureen O'Rourke, Director

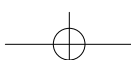
## John Dennis to Lead Trip to Cambodia

The Rev. John Dennis plans to lead a seminar, "Inside Cambodia," a trip to hospitals and monuments, in January 2005. If interested in participating contact First Presbyterian, Corvallis, 541-753-2228.

Since 1993, Dennis has been involved in removing land mines from Cambodia. He has raised over \$110,000 towards this effort, which is supported by First Presbyterian, Corvallis, and other community and business organizations. As a result, between 3% and 4% of the entire amputee population of Cambodia, "the most disabled nation in the world," according to Dennis, has received new limbs.

Last year, the City of Corvallis recognized Dennis for this work by giving him the Jim and Ruth Howland Distinguished Citizen award.

**In modern warfare  
there are no victors;  
there are only  
survivors.  
--Lyndon B. Johnson**



## Voices

### "We Dream, God Works"— Report of a Trip to North Korea

by **Sung Man Kim, pastor of Calvary Korean Presbyterian Church**

"When we dream, God is working." This is what I found through the trip to North Korea. Many Koreans pray and try to keep the dream of reunification of Korea alive even when they are disappointed constantly and are even sometimes bitterly accused as communists. I grew up in South Korea where anti-communism was almost a religion. We were taught that getting together with the North Koreans was total nonsense. We were taught that even communicating with communists was stupid because they were evil and always deceitful. This has been the dominant ideology in South Korea as well as Korean churches for a generation, but the dream of reunification maintained by prayer is stronger. Our Lord keeps people who believe in "costly grace" not "cheap grace." I have never forgotten to pray for Peace and Reconciliation in Korea when I pray a pastoral prayer during Sunday worship services every Sunday, because reconciliation is the core of our ministry (II Cor. 5:18).

I could not believe how quickly my trip to



**The author in North Korea**

North Korea was arranged and made. It has been my longtime dream to see that people and land. God gave me the chance to live that dream this summer and I took it right a way. I went to Na-Sun City in North Korea through China. When I got there, I met some Christian brothers and sisters who do great



**Kindergarten opening ceremony**

mission work there. Some of them have been there for more than five years in their obedience to God. The Christians there are not permitted to spread any religious messages, but they are well known as good people because they do good works there such as feeding and educating children, helping farmers, and healing patients.

My trip was to attend dedication services for a kindergarten and a clinic built by a mission group. Some North Koreans asked me, "Why do all the people who come here and do good things call themselves Christians?" Of course I was not allowed to spread the Gospel, but I shared answers and they listened sincerely. I feel God's love is already being taught to them through the workers there.

For the first two days, I was totally overwhelmed when I saw my people so poor and hungry. As the psalmist who wrote "My tears have been my food day and night," tears consumed every hour. When we worshiped on Sunday, I saw in my mind the eyes of the hungry little children overlapping with my Lord's face. Over two million people died during the drought of 1997-1998 that brought widespread famine in North Korea. They are still struggling to recover. God gave me a special opportunity to see other sides of North Korea because I was the only person that was left behind from my eighteen fellow visitors,

because of a visa problem. I stayed by myself for five more days and the whole time I didn't know how long it might take to resolve the problem. But this gave me a chance to travel out of Na-Sun City, an opportunity so special that even those who have the right of residency didn't get it. After traveling eight hours by car, I witnessed first hand how serious and widespread hunger really is.

This hunger is related to the military tension between the USA and North Korea. It seemed like maintaining military power was a priority over feeding the people because they are so intimidated by the recently very aggressive US military; they don't want to be another Iraq.

Whenever I talked about peaceful resolution and the easing of military tension to the North Koreans, they would express strong anger, saying, "You must know why we work more on maintaining our military power than feeding our people. We are starving so badly, we would not start making any tension. We know that we cannot win the war with USA, but the USA cannot win either unless they kill every single one of us!" I was extremely saddened to hear that. There is a great deal of disappointment in those words, but we do not let it get us down. We will keep praying and dreaming dreams as God's people, because when as we dream, God works.

## Cascades Viewpoints

Let me share a summer experience with you (and then reflect on it). Diane and I went to Baltimore after the General Assembly meeting in Richmond, Virginia. Our daughter, son-in-law and granddaughter live there. It was Sunday, and time to go to church.

So off we trooped to one of the neighborhood Presbyterian churches. The building was classic, set in beautiful grounds, and the sanctuary very pleasant. We identified ourselves as visitors, and found a pew about halfway down the center aisle. Good old middle-of-the-road... not too forward nor overly stand-offish.

It seemed obvious that we were one of the few sets of visitors (but, of course, who really knows?) During the congregational greeting (passing the peace), the person in front of us did indeed turn around and shake hands and we smiled and shook back.

After the service, we walked out, standing beside others, inching down the aisle as the people before us shook hands with the visiting preacher. When we got to the preacher, I gave

my name, identified myself as a Presbyterian minister and a presbytery executive and introduced the family. He acknowledged those various identities.

Well, that's about it: the sum total of our human interaction at that particular outpost of Presbyterianism in Baltimore. Here's the sad thing about that incident: our daughter and her family are genuinely looking for a church. And I guess, on the surface of things, if someone makes the effort to come to worship, we might fairly assume they are looking for something.

So here's the question rolling around in my brain: In how many other congregations is that particular experience duplicated? Or to be more particular, in how many congregations within the Presbytery of the Cascades might a visitor have the same experience?

Often, I think the Passing the Peace time held during the service in many congregations does not necessarily carry over to conversation after the benediction, or the expression that it was good to have the visitor in worship,

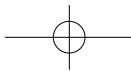
much less some genuine conversation and engagement with them.

Oregon has the distinction of being the state with the least religious affiliation, and the state of Washington is not far behind. So a second fair assumption is that anyone who comes to worship is, in some way, searching for the living God, and maybe more particularly, the Good News we know in Jesus Christ.

What kind of welcome do they receive? What kind of encouragement do they experience?

It was Augustine, Bishop of Hippo (354-430 AD), who said: "You have made us for yourself, O God, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you." I suspect there are plenty of "restless hearts" within the Presbytery of the Cascades. Perhaps they are looking for a home within one of our congregations—maybe even yours

Jack Hodges, Co-Executive Presbyter



# Positively Presbyterian

## Northeast Region

**Ken Rolph, Reporting**

*Editor's note: News from the Northeast region will disappear from Positively Presbyterian unless a reporter steps forward. Ken is "retiring" after the December-January issue. Please call me at 360-574-0984 or email nancyg57@comcast.net to discuss possibilities.*

Every spring the Women's Association of **Cascades, Vancouver**, chooses a Woman of Faith based on service to the church as well as responsibility and integrity. This year's awardee, Betty Scott, has been a deacon and is an elder. She set up a computer program to deal with financial statements and has served the church in many ways.

While most youth groups seem to head south on mission trips, **Laurelhurst, Portland**, went north to Penticton, British Columbia. They conducted Vacation Bible School at St. Andrew's Presbyterian and then worked on several building renovation projects. For rest and relaxation on the way home, they visited the Keys family lake house on the Olympic Peninsula.

With Islam the official religion under the new Iraqi constitution, have you wondered if there are Presbyterians in Iraq? The newsletter of **Gateway, The Dalles**, notes that there are five congregations—two in Baghdad and one each in Kirkuk, Mosul and Basra. They all trace their roots to 1835 when the East India Tea Company invited Presbyterians to send chaplains, physicians and nurses to Iraq.

Church mergers bear some resemblance to company mergers. They both require discussion, planning, approval and time.

**Eastminster, Portland**, is in the planning stages of merging with **New Life Korean Presbyterian Church**. The time line: Year one—exploration and decision; year two—develop a new identity; year three—complete a merger into one congregation. New Life currently has 65 members.

Pastor Woodley White of **Milwaukie Presbyterian** warned in a newsletter that our country seems to be more and more polarized, with people at two extremes directing harsh rhetoric toward one another. He noted that disagreement is a strength of democracy, but polarization carries the seeds of destruction of democracy. He told of receiving an email supposedly quoting the Koran, but the quote was false. White cautions us to check on the accuracy of quotes before passing them on.

Leo Taufest presented a slide show to **Savage Memorial, Portland**, on his recent tour with Heifer International in Tanzania. He called this the most inspiring and fulfilling trip of his life.

Pastor Tom McKnight of **Moreland, Portland**, recently used a prayer by a 17th century nun as part of a sermon. Here are some excerpts: "Lord, thou knowest better than I know myself that I am growing older and someday will be old. Keep me from the fatal habit of thinking I must say something on every subject on every occasion... Release me from the craving to straighten out everybody's affairs. With my vast store of wisdom, it seems a pity not to use it all, but thou knowest that I want a few friends in the end. Keep me reasonably sweet. I do not want to be a saint—some of them are so hard to live with—but a sour old person is the crowning work of the devil. Give me the grace to tell them so!"

## Central Region

**Bill Dittler, Reporting**

**Prineville Presbyterian Reflections** carried a full-page message of welcome to Wade Alexander Bourne, the second son of Pastor Cheryl and Andy Bourne. His older brother is Clay. Wade was born on June 30, weighed in at six pounds, six ounces and measured eighteen inches.

A number of the church newsletters are beginning to carry information supplied by Parish Nurses. **Calvin Courier**, from **Calvin, Corvallis**, had advice on how to beat the heat. Judy Kraft, RN, summed it up this way: REMEMBER...

SLIP...SLAP...SLOP...

SLIP ON A SHIRT...

SLAP ON A HAT...

SLOP ON THE SUNSCREEN...

At **Westminster, Eugene**, Pam Tibbitts, RN, shared an article on The Healing Power of Love: "People these days are so caught up in their jobs, their computers, their videos and electronic games that they don't find time to spend with friends or even family. But spending quality time with friends and family is a necessity, not a luxury. Our need for love and intimacy is as important as eating, sleeping and breathing." The Westminster News also carried information on a simple test for stroke.

**The Lamplighter** from **Community, Redmond**, carried news of "Paint Your Heart Out," a project to paint three homes of elderly or disabled people. This is the sixteenth year the church has held the project. They estimated that the job would take about five hours to accomplish.

**The Border Knoll Scroll**, the weekly newsletter of **Westminster, Salem**, featured a recent front-page item proclaiming "522 Pounds of Peanut Butter, Whoopee!" The peanut butter was part of a ton of food the church hoped to collect and distribute.

The newsletter at **First, Salem**, shares a "Pastor to Person" column that usually has an interesting quote. A recent example comes from Bruce Benson, Chaplain of St. Olaf College, who "recently made a compelling and helpful distinction between athletics and sport. He said that athletics stands for humanistic and Christian values and sport stands for completion that can corrupt institutions: Sport is whether you win or lose, athletics is how you play the game. Sport is about glamour. Athletics is about beauty...Sport creates stars, crowds, mobs and gangs. Athletics creates teammates and community. Biblical religion is uneasy about the first. It loves the second." (*Christian Century*, 8/10/04)

**Correction:** The new mission statement based on the acronym, GROWS, belongs to **First, Bend**. It was misattributed in the last issue of Omnibus.

## Northwest Region

**Nancy Gaston, Reporting**

**Southminster, Beaverton**, continued its almost four-year friendship with the Muslim community at Beaverton's Bilal Mosque with a dialogue entitled "Rituals, Practices, Cultures and Faith." On tap is a joint study and discussion of the best-selling book, *Abraham*. The two congregations have worked jointly at Meals on Wheels, Christmas in April, Good Neighbor Center and Habitat for Humanity.

**Multnomah, Portland**, was one of a large group of Christian congregations participating

in Community Care Day August 21. The volunteers did yard work on Portland Public Schools campuses, with Multnomah assigned to Jackson Middle School.

An additional worship service means additional music. **Lake Grove, Lake Oswego**, turned that challenge into an opportunity for more voices by starting another choir to sing at its fourth Sunday service. The new group is named Chamber Choir.

Working for the environment can take people far afield—or put them to work right at home. **St. Andrew's, Portland**, realized some years ago that the church parking lot included a tributary of Fanno Creek and was infested with English ivy. They have worked to remove the ivy and other invasive, noxious weeds—but the effort didn't stop there. They've removed 14,000 square feet of asphalt, planted native plants and decreased runoff. They are now planning future environmental projects.

**Calvin, Tigard**, recently welcomed their new interim pastor and his family, the Rev. Richard Wiggers. He brings broad-based leadership experience, including being Organizing Pastor of a thriving new church development in Florida and serving as interim pastor of the congregation of Laguna Niguel Presbyterian church in Southern California. He was most recently the interim pastor at **Tualatin Presbyterian**.

Some members of **Valley, Portland**, recently traveled to Honduras to renew ties with the Ecos del Calvario church they had supported in the past. Much of the time was spent discussing formal ties through the Presbyterian Commission for Development in Honduras and in transferring the title of church land to the board of directors of the congregation. "The trip exceeded our expectations," said Laurel Kreutzer and James Dall, mission team members.

Planning your Christmas cantata yet?

**Hillsboro Presbyterian** held a meeting in August to start planning theirs. "The Christmas cantata is only five months away," said Ron Rittenhouse, worship elder, "and it's going to be a very different cantata!"

**Pioneer Presbyterian of Clatsop Plains, Warrenton**, has a new website and invites you to take a look at [www.pioneer-presbyterian.com](http://www.pioneer-presbyterian.com). Dave Carey is webmaster, assisted by Ben Vose.

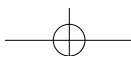
## South Region

**Ann Moore, Reporting**

Operation Iraqi Children is a hands-on outreach for **First, Klamath Falls**. This summer deacons collected school supplies from the church family. In September and October they gathered medical supplies such as band-aids and antibiotic ointment. These went to over 186 schools in Al Jazirah, Ribat, Tamin and Khalidiyah, which is near Fallujah. Many of the schools were refurbished by American and coalition soldiers, but had nothing for the children to use in their classrooms. Several schools were without electricity and water.

The project was the inspiration of two military persons from Klamath Falls who did not know each other until they met in Iraq, according to then-interim pastor Barbara Schacht. They saw the needs and asked the church at home for help. Those who could not shop were encouraged to write checks, and the deacons used that money for postage.

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## First, Portland, Announces Music Events

*Celebration Works: Art & Music at First Presbyterian* (Portland) begins with a concert featuring Vagabond Opera on Sunday, October 24, at 3:00 pm. The group includes operatic tenor, violin, oboe, accordion, drums and bass playing original music composed by leader Eric Stern as well as an exuberant collection of Jewish Klezmer and Eastern

European music.

The series continues Sunday, November 7, at 3:00 pm with a recital by recording artist Carole Terry playing the handcrafted 69-rank Jaeckel organ. Ms. Terry is a professor of organ and harpsichord at University of Washington in Seattle.

Sunday, December 12, at 3:00 pm, Encore

Women's Vocal Ensemble, led by Melinda Beyers, will present *Bells Ringing, Angels Winging—A Concert of Holiday Music*.

Tickets for each concert are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and seniors over 65, and are sold at the door. For advance ticket purchases, season tickets, or more information, visit the church's web site, [www.fpcpdx.org](http://www.fpcpdx.org).

## Campus Pastors Travel to Australia

"Dreaming Landscapes" was the theme of the Global Campus Ministry conference held this past July in Brisbane, Australia. Two of Cascade Presbytery's campus pastors, Beth Crawford and Ann Bowersox, were among some almost 300 campus pastors from around the world who attended.

The event featured three keynote speakers—Dr. Ursula King from England, Dr. Chandra Muzaffar from Malaysia and Dr. David Tacy from Australia. The primary focus of the conference was how campus chaplains can effectively engage the ethos, values and mission of a university.

In addition to the speakers, the conference offered dozens of workshops, including *What Works: Using Creativity in Performing and Healing Arts in the Campus Ministry Center*, *In the Company of Strangers: Toward a Theology of Hospitality on Campus*, and *Spirituality in a Multi-Cultural University*.

Highlights of the conference included:

- An opening barbecue, Australian style (lots of great sausages and grilled onions)
- An Aboriginal dance troupe and musicians
- A special presentation on the history and current situation in Australia of the aboriginal people
- A global exhibit evening that gave campus ministers from around the world an opportunity to share their program ideas.

The Rev. Ann Bowersox reports, "Clearly this was an opportunity of a lifetime with many side benefits, including the chance to speak with people from various countries about their views and perspectives of current socio-political situations around the globe."

Anyone who would like more information on this conference is invited to contact

Beth Crawford or Ann Bowersox.



Beth Crawford and Ann Bowersox in Australia

## SAVE That DATE!

Major events in the life of Cascades Presbytery!  
Spread the News! Plan to Attend!

**October 8-9**

**Middle School Mania** (Friday and Saturday)  
Camp Christian, Waltherville.

**October 25-26**

**Lectionary Retreat** (Monday and Tuesday)  
At Mt Angel; the retreat features Dr. Jana Childers, Dean of Faculty and Professor of Preaching at San Francisco Theological Seminary

**November 12-13**

**Meeting of the Presbytery of the Cascades** (Friday and Saturday)  
at First Presbyterian, Portland.

**December 20-24**

**Presbytery Offices will close at 3:00 P.M.**  
The offices are also closed on December 31. A blessed Advent and Christmas to you!

**January 4-6**

**Clergy/Educators Epiphany Retreat on the coast**  
Join Cascades clergy, educators, and their spouses for a time of refreshment and renewal ... and hopefully a few epiphanies on the way! The event will be at the Inn at Otter Crest. More information to follow ... but save the date!

**February 26**

**Cascades Leadership Faire** (Saturday)  
This annual event will feature Dr. Jack Rogers. He is a former moderator of the General Assembly, and a great speaker.

**March 11-12**

**Meeting of the Presbytery of the Cascades** (Friday and Saturday)  
At First Presbyterian, Corvallis.

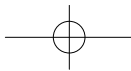
**April 30 – May 1**

**Lay Mission Conference** (Saturday and Sunday)

**May 1-3**

**Clergy/Spouse Mission Conference** (Sunday through Tuesday)  
In Newport on the Oregon Coast, this event is a must to attend if you are looking for a vision of the Presbyterian Church at work around the world.





## Hunger Myth #6

Genuine hunger is widespread, and hunger myths abound. The Presbyterian Hunger Program ([www.pcusa.org/hunger](http://www.pcusa.org/hunger)) Bread for the World ([www.bread.org](http://www.bread.org)) and Foods Resource Bank ([www.foodsresourcebank.org](http://www.foodsresourcebank.org)) invite you to learn more about hunger while dispelling some of the myths. This is the sixth in a series of hunger myths to appear in Omnibus.

**The Sixth Myth: We need large farms**

### in the developing world

Reality: Large landowners who control most of the best land often leave much of it idle. By contrast, smallholder farmers often achieve four to five times greater output per acre, in part because of the use of more "hands-on" farming practices.

Without secure tenure, however, millions of tenant farmers in the developing world have little incentive to invest in land improvements,

to rotate crops, or to improve soil fertility. A World Bank study of northeast Brazil estimates that moving farmland into smaller holdings would raise output an astonishing eighty percent.

Foods Research Bank's member denominations support small-scale farmers in developing countries, and Bread for the World members lobby for foreign assistance that supports those small-scale farmers.

## Cascades Presbytery Leads Denomination in Peacemaking Offering

At the recent PC(USA) national Peacemaking Conference one of the staff persons from Louisville greeted our Peacemaking Advocate, Don Shaw, saying, "Oh, you're from Cascades Presbytery. You know, your presbytery gives more to the Peacemaking Offering than any other presbytery."

Cascades Presbytery has a long history of giving generously to the Peacemaking Offering. This special offering is ordinarily received on World Communion Sunday—October 3 this year. Last year, the Peacemaking Offering raised \$2.3 million nationally, with only 6.5% going to promotion and administration.

Fifty percent of the offering is utilized at the denominational level. Some projects have

included co-sponsoring the Peacemaking Conference mentioned above, sponsoring a Young Adult Peacemaking Travel Study Seminar to Guatemala, organizing the International peacemakers Program (bringing persons of faith from other nations to the U.S. to share peacemaking concerns) and supporting the Interfaith Listening Pilot Project (bringing teams of Muslims and Christians to the U.S. to facilitate interfaith dialogue and understanding).

Twenty-five percent of the offering remains with the presbytery. Cascades this past year used a portion to give grants to peacemaker(s) that it recognizes at each presbytery meeting. A portion also purchased a variety of resources, including materials on the peace-



making display table at presbytery meetings. A significant amount helped make possible the one-fourth time positions of Eco-Justice Educator, Jenny Holmes, and the Peacemaking Advocate and Hunger Action Enabler, Don Shaw. Presbytery's decision in June to join the Oregon Faith Roundtable Against Hunger (OFRAH) was the direct result of efforts by Holmes and Shaw.

Twenty-five percent of the offering stays with the congregation that collects it. Churches have used their portion to set up community gardens, fund speakers, purchase books for their church library, support AIDS victims, promote recycling or address domestic violence. All have appreciated deciding for themselves the best way to be peacemakers in their own setting.

Anyone interested in learning more about the Peacemaking Offering and how it is used may visit [www.pcusa.org/peacemakingoffering](http://www.pcusa.org/peacemakingoffering) or contact Don Shaw, our Peacemaking Advocate at 503/302-4656 or [peaceandhunger@cascadespresbytery.org](mailto:peaceandhunger@cascadespresbytery.org).

## "And How Was Your Day?"

By Ann Bowersox

(Editor's note: This is one of a series by our campus ministers. Ann serves at the Koinonia Center at Oregon State University in Eugene.)

The longer I am in campus ministry the simpler it seems to get. Now, I have been serving as a campus pastor for a little less than two years so admittedly I have a lot to learn. Still, it seems that when campus ministry is serving best, it is serving its simplest, most basic function: caring about students and helping them care for one another.

Oh yes, Bible study and theological discussions are important, as are opportunities for service, volunteerism and mission trips. Then, of course, there is the work of keeping up with generational changes – the latest in music, movies and other "cross generational" learning for folks of my generation to work with students. Stimulating thinking, encouraging faith, connecting the dots of their Sunday school and youth group experience to their current "life away from home" experience—all of these are important tasks of a campus minister.

Yet, when I recently asked some students why they come so faithfully to the Koinonia Center every Tuesday night, they said this: "The food is great." But more importantly, they said this: "Where else can we talk about our daily lives and really have people listen and care?" Where else, indeed! Of course, that sort of thing is what happens (or should happen) in families, but here students are away from family, and, while many have roommates, sometimes that is not the most supportive relationship.

Every Tuesday night, when the gathered faith community (that is what the student group is, of course—a faith community) sits down at the dinner table, one of our first activities is to share highs and lows of the past week. Sometimes students share something relatively small—a great hike or a test they could have done better on, and sometimes what they share is larger—an illness or death of someone they love, a large decision they face.

Whatever they share, the intention is to create a space where they can be heard and attended to and can do the same for others. It is an opportunity to be around others who really care how their week has gone. It is also a chance to step outside their concerns, obligations, and life and share in someone else's joys and struggles. It is an important time at the Koinonia Center, one that naturally prepares us to pray for one another, not only during the worship after the meal, but also throughout the week.

The first time that I realized that community was being built was when a student left after worship to go study and immediately learned some troubling family news. She came back to the "K" Center to share the news with



### Enjoying Christian community at the "K" Center

the group that was still there, because that is where she knew folks would care.

This simple part of campus ministry is the most significant. For isn't the building of community through mutual care and concern what all faith communities ought to be about? Our faith in Jesus as the Christ is a faith that says, "By caring for others more than self, by stepping outside oneself and engaging in the cares, struggles and concerns of another, one truly grows into all that God intended."

So, while the Koinonia Center's programs are strong, and we spend significant time designing the right mission trip, meaningful retreats, or even great game or movie nights, daily things matter most. "So, how was your day?" "Lousy, I got my mid-term back and let's just say it wasn't pretty. How was yours?" "Not bad. A paper that I thought was due this Friday isn't due until next Friday!" "Sweet! Can you pass the tacos over here?" And so life goes at the "K" Center.

## Postively Presbyterian

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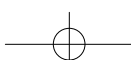
Supplies are sent to a specific person with a military address who will make deliveries, added Pastor Barbara. Postage is very expensive.

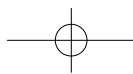
Earlier in the war, **Klamath Basin churches** sent seven huge boxes of recreation equipment to the troops who had none. The boxes of volleyballs and nets, soccer balls, footballs, baseballs and bats, decks of cards and board games went to the units where Klamath Basin troops were on duty.

**First, Medford**, has eight college-trained tutors for persons learning English as a second language as well as young people working for GEDs and non-readers, according to Pastor Kathy Waugh. Rogue Community College, with a downtown campus close to the church, provided the RCC/Literacy Council training.

The church's urban location is ideal for this program. The church recruits the tutors and provides the space, and RCC directs students to the program and evaluates their progress. Those tutored are mostly Asians, including Hmong, as well as Spanish speakers learning English as a second language.

**Gold Beach, Bandon and Brookings** churches entered into a friendship coalition called the South Beach group. Pastors and members of the three churches are working on relationships with each other to provide pastoral care and worship leadership when a pulpit is vacant or a pastor is on study or sick leave or vacation. The group compiled and shared a list of area pastors, retired pastors, and lay persons willing to fill in.





# Prayer Calender

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

## November 2004

- 1 J. Wendell Beck, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 1977, serving as parish associate at First Presbyterian, Corvallis • Mt. Laki Community Presbyterian, Klamath Falls, organized this day in 1908 • Larry E. Trogen, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 2001
- 2 Michael A. Shaw, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 2000 • Paula Hewitt, church educator, Calvin Presbyterian, Corvallis
- 3 Jennifer Pratt, candidate for the ministry, Valley Presbyterian, Portland
- 4 Kate Whitehead, administrative assistant, Presbytery Central Region office
- 5 Timothy Rowbotham, church educator, St. John's Presbyterian, Camas
- 6 Peace Presbyterian, Eugene - chartered this day in 1960 • Gregory H. Thorson, installed as pastor of Community Presbyterian, Sandy, this day in 1988
- 7 John E. Memer, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 1985
- 8 Drew R. Hulse, ordained and installed as associate pastor of Columbia, Vancouver, this day in 1987 • Rebecca L. Hazen, ordained this day in 1981, serving as stated supply pastor of Cooper Mountain Presbyterian, Aloha • W. Douglas Counsell, ordained this day in 1987
- 9 Cherry Park Presbyterian, Troutdale - chartered this day in 1936 • Roberta Schlechter, children's educator, St. Andrew's Presbyterian, Portland
- 10 Sylvia Milne, Camp Coordinator for Presbytery of the Cascades
- 11 Karen K. Renner, installed as associate pastor of First Presbyterian, McMinnville, this day in 2001 • John A. Day, ordained this day in 1979
- 12 Sharon H. & Glenn C. Edwards, installed as co-pastors of United Presbyterian, Albany, this day in 1995 • Darrell C. Hall Jr., installed as pastor of Mt. Tabor Presbyterian, Portland, this day in 1995 • David K. Morelli, installed as pastor of First Presbyterian, Dallas, this day in 1995 • Cascades Presbytery meets today and tomorrow, Rebecca Hazen, moderator
- 13 Prineville Presbyterian Church - chartered this day in 1977
- 14 James "Jim" T. Hazlett, ordained this day in 1976, serving as pastor of Gateway Presbyterian, The Dalles • David G. Robinson installed as pastor of Community Presbyterian, Cannon Beach, this day in 1993
- 15 Faulder Colby, ordained this month in 1973, serving as staff psychologist at the Monroe Correctional Facility, Monroe, WA
- 16 M. Blair Cash, ordained this day in 1989, serving on staff at George Fox University, Newberg
- 17 First Presbyterian, Dallas - chartered this day in 1889 • Parkdale Community Presbyterian - chartered this day in 1909 • Linda S. Gebetsberger, ordained this day in 2002, serving as stated supply associate at First Presbyterian, Corvallis
- 18 Mt. Tabor Presbyterian, Portland - chartered this day in 1892 • Karen C. Sapio, installed as pastor of Trinity Presbyterian, Portland, this day in 2001
- 19 Matthew W. Hilgaertner, installed as associate pastor of Lake Grove Presbyterian, Lake Oswego, this day in 2000
- 20 Lakeside Community Presbyterian - chartered in 1947

- 21 Roberts A. Anderson, installed as pastor at Community Presbyterian, Redmond, this day in 1999 • Gregory J. Lund, installed as pastor at Oak Hills Presbyterian, Milwaukie, this day in 1999 • J. Dudley Weaver, installed as pastor at First Presbyterian, Portland, this day in 1999 • Warren J. Muller, installed as pastor at Brookings Presbyterian this day in 1999
- 22 First Presbyterian, Jacksonville - chartered this day in 1857 • Kristin Hamilton Sutherland, ordained this day in 1998
- 23 Robert Blackman, youth director at First Presbyterian, Corvallis • David H. Hutchinson, installed as associate pastor at Westminster Presbyterian, Portland, this day in 2003 • Laurie M. Vischer, installed as associate pastor at Westminster Presbyterian, Portland, this day in 2003 • Barbara J. Campbell, installed as pastor at St. Mark Presbyterian, Portland, this day in 2003
- 24 Heather Koehler, children's educator, Westminster Presbyterian, Medford
- 25 Community Presbyterian, Redmond - chartered this day in 1906 • Wendy A. McAninch-Ruenzi, ordained this day in 1984 • Melinda A. Smith, ordained this day in 1990
- 26 Multnomah Presbyterian, Portland - chartered this day in 1920 • Calvary Korean Presbyterian, Portland - chartered this day in 1989 • Elizabeth M. Kitamura, ordained this day in 1994
- 27 Peace Memorial Presbyterian Church, Klamath Falls - chartered 1947
- 28 J. Robert Walter, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 1979
- 29 Christ's Church, Methodist and Presbyterian United, Monmouth - chartered this day in 1978
- 30 Beaverton Korean Presbyterian - chartered this day in 1986 • Yoon Kak Cho, ordained this day in 1986, serving as pastor of New Life Korean Presbyterian, Portland

## December 2004

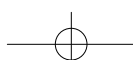
- 1 Westminster Presbyterian, Medford - chartered this day in 1958 • Edward Alora, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 1990 • James F. Patten, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 1991
- 2 Susan M. Carleton, ordained this day in 1984, serving as Options Counselor and parish associate of First Presbyterian, Roseburg • Alan W. Jackson, installed as pastor of Westminster Presbyterian, Medford, this day in 1979
- 3 Donald R. Caughey, ordained this day in 1973, serving as parish associate of First Presbyterian, Corvallis
- 4 Robert G. Griffen, ordained this day in 1977 • Crystal Shearer, youth worker, Tualatin Presbyterian, Tualatin
- 5 John E. Cantelon, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 1989 • James R. Belt, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 1994
- 6 Tri-City Presbyterian, Myrtle Creek - chartered this day in 1954 • Susan M. Goodin, ordained this day in 1992, serving as interim pastor of Presbyterian Church of Siuslaw, Florence • Kathy Scott, webmaster, Presbytery of the Cascades
- 7 Tualatin Plains Presbyterian Church, Hillsboro - chartered this month in 1873
- 8 Savage Memorial Presbyterian, Portland - chartered this month in 1946 • Duncan C. Cameron, granted Honorably Retired status this

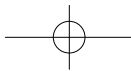
day in 1997

- 9 St. Johns Presbyterian, Camas - chartered this day in 1883 • Jacki Shepard, children's educator, First Presbyterian, Creswell
- 10 Kris M. Voss-Rothmeier, installed as associate pastor of Milwaukie Presbyterian this day in 2000
- 11 Bethany Presbyterian, Grants Pass - chartered this day in 1887
- 12 Jack C. Randall, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 1994 • Pam Sheridan, children's educator, Central Presbyterian, Eugene
- 13 Douglas G. McClure, ordained this day in 1981, in private practice as a counselor
- 14 Sunset Presbyterian, Portland - chartered this day in 1952 • Community Presbyterian, Sandy - chartered this day in 1952
- 15 Maureen O'Rourke, Video Resource Center Director • Richard L. Rohrbaugh, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 2001
- 16 Smith Memorial Presbyterian, Fairview - chartered this day in 1890 • Lori Hedlund, ordained this day in 1990
- 17 Brookings Presbyterian Church, Brookings - chartered this month in 1953
- 18 Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of the Cascades, Mary Lou Williams, moderator • Liz Simmons, youth worker, Emmanuel Presbyterian, West Linn
- 19 Kimberly Snyder, receptionist/administrative assistant for Presbytery of the Cascades
- 20 Wesley R. Lachman, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 1991 • Julie Stanley, youth worker, First Presbyterian, Lebanon
- 21 William L. Syrios, ordained this day in 1980 • Payton M. Wall, inquirer for the ministry, First Presbyterian, Portland
- 22 William M. Kelly, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 1980
- 23 Moreland Presbyterian, Portland - chartered this day in 1885 • First Presbyterian, Woodburn - chartered this day in 1898
- 24 First Presbyterian Church, Myrtle Point - chartered this day in 1890
- 25 Christmas
- 26 John M. Salmon, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 1999, serving as parish associate at St. Mark Presbyterian, Portland
- 27 Stuart D. Campbell, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 1983 • Valerie Steidle, youth worker, First Presbyterian, Klamath Falls
- 28 Gerald G. Emerson, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 1973
- 29 Milton H. Gardiner, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 1988
- 30 Thomas R. Teply, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 1987 • Linda Thompson, children's educator, Lake Grove Presbyterian, Lake Oswego
- 31 John R. Braund, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 1999 • Carlos E. Nuñez, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 2001 • Jack M. Terry, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 2003



Register for events on line at  
[www.cascadespresbytery.org](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org)





## News Briefs

Items gleaned from the Omnibus mail include these:

- **The Third Thursday Mid-Day Forum**, a group of Christian professionals sponsored by Lake Grove Presbyterian Church, meets every third Thursday from September-May for lunch at the Oswego Lake Country Club. The goal is to develop a network of Christians helping each other integrate their faith into their professional lives. The group enjoys interesting speakers and great Christian fellowship. Reserve two days prior to each third Thursday by calling 503-636-5656 or emailing [sheri@lakegrovepres.org](mailto:sheri@lakegrovepres.org).
- **Help a mother make a better life** for herself and her children. Women over 25 years of age with experience dealing with parenting issues can volunteer in Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon's Parent Mentor Program. Share friendship and life skills with a mother who is recovering from addiction or struggling against other serious challenges and you can have a strong positive influence on her and her children.. Mentors receive preparation and support throughout the process.

Contact Patti Clothier, MSW, at (503) 231-3571 or [mentor@emoregon.org](mailto:mentor@emoregon.org).

- **The celebration of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary** of the ordination of women elders and the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ordination of women clergy has led to the planning of four nation-wide gatherings. They will be held over a period of two years, with the West Coast Conference slated for San Francisco October 6-9, 2006. The theme is "Tending the Flame—Telling Our Story." Women from our region are invited to share their 500-word stories, to be used for personal devotions during the conferences. Women interested in sharing stories are invited to contact Aleida Jernigan, [ajernigan@cascadespresbytery.org](mailto:ajernigan@cascadespresbytery.org).
- **Clinical supervision** is being offered by Olympic Pastoral Counseling in Newport. Group or individual sessions are available to those seeking certification and/or licensure as pastoral counselors, other professional counselors or spiritual directors. For more information, call the Rev. John Nestor at 541-574-7856.
- **A master site plan for expansion** has been developed by the Presbyterian Church of

the Siuslaw in Florence. They have purchased over 3 1/2 acres next to their present site and plan to enlarge their sanctuary, add meeting and classrooms and add parking. They eventually plan to also add an affordable senior housing complex.

- **The APCE conference is nearby this winter.** The Association of Presbyterian Church Educators is slated for February 2-5, 2005, at the Westin Bayshore Resort and Marina in Vancouver, BC. See the registration brochure on the website, [apcenet.org](http://apcenet.org).
- **First Presbyterian, Salem, has been commended by the Oregon School for the Blind** for giving students work experience in a positive environment to prepare them for successful employment.
- **"At the Heart of Sufism"** will be the topic of Kabir Helminski for a Friday evening lecture and Saturday workshop at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Portland October 22-23. For information or reservations, call 503-478-1218 or email [center@center-for-spiritual-development.org](mailto:center@center-for-spiritual-development.org).

## Southminster Cuba Trip Recounted

By Peg Pfab

(Editor's Note: Peg Pfab is pastor of Southminster, Beaverton—and her name was misspelled in a previous issue of Omnibus.)

Coming back from our church mission trip to Cuba, I was brimming with excitement. We eight folks from Southminster, Beaverton, who participated were bombarded with questions of "how, where, and why?" Some people expressed shock that there were functioning churches (especially Protestant) in Cuba. Most people were simply inquisitive: "What is it like in Cuba?"

Although some of us visited Cuba in both 2003 and 2004, we were wary of facile answers. Two or three weeks in any country merely give a "taste" of a culture. I share some first impressions that were reinforced by the second trip:

### First impressions—we found:

Hospitality, warmth, generosity, joy, faith, hope, hugs, music and dancing, creative and highly educated people (free education including college and one of the highest literacy rates in the world); absence of advertising and commercials; children who are clean, obviously well loved and friendly, and universal health care.

### At the same time there is:

Heartbreaking poverty, insufficient food and medicine, buildings in great need of repair, many reconstruction projects, frustration of young professionals who see little hope for career advancement or increasing the standard of living.

The juxtaposition of images amazed and astonished me:

A conversation in our van among members of the Southminster group and two Cubans about email and internet, while we shared the road with an ox cart, a horseback rider, bicycles, a '57 Chevy, and the always-present hitchhikers.

A very formal Saturday-evening worship service in a Presbyterian church while disco music blared from a neighbor's house. Sunday morning worship with a dramatic reading, liturgical dance and lively Cuban music.

The "dollar stores" (import stores which deal in U.S. dollars), craft markets in Varadero and Trinidad, and tobacco rollers in Havana.

We had opportunities to talk with a variety

of persons: university students and professors, teachers and attorneys, doctors and artists and "retired" people. We met with people from three Presbyterian congregations and two church camp settings, as well as with Baptists and Pentecostals. We were privileged to meet with one of Cuba's pre-eminent theologians, a seminary professor and a member of the National Parliament.

### Similarities:

It was interesting to hear that some of the issues that challenge Cuban churches are similar to those faced by U.S. churches. The renewed interest of Cuban young people in spirituality and religion challenges the Cuban church to make the Bible and church tradition meaningful to their time and context. Needs of elderly people stretch the resources of families and become a major focus for churches. Church leaders and members struggle with ways to help people find hope, peace and justice in a world in turmoil.

### Surprises:

Thinking churches were "underground," I was surprised by some of the information shared with us. This is from a report prepared by Jose-Lopez, Director of the Bible Commission of the Cuban Council of Churches, for the Executive Committee of the Latin American Council of Churches. (The data are not claimed to be official but are based on careful research and are reliable for the year 2000.)

- Protestant Churches in Cuba:
- Protestant denominations-52.
- Local churches with separate buildings- 2,000.
- Congregations meeting in homes- 1,500
- Registered house missions-1,970
- Total number involved in church activity- 483,000
- All of the Protestant pastors, missionaries and church workers are Cuban Nationals.
- Roman Catholic Churches in Cuba:
- Parishes-658
- House missions-200
- Attendance at Sunday Mass- 300,000



Planting trees in Cuba

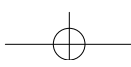
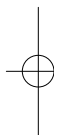
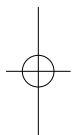
(Another study reports that 120 of the 235 priests are Cuban.)

### How and why of this mission trip:

Our group traveled under a special license from the U.S. government to our presbytery. (Cascades Presbytery has a partnership with the Central Presbytery in Cuba). Our goal was simply to establish relationships and encourage mutual understanding among Christians. Southminster now has a sister church relationship with a congregation in Cuba as well as with a Presbyterian Church camp.

### Outcomes:

Southminster folks were deeply affected by faith, hope, generosity and perseverance of the Cuban people. I will always remember one young man. When asked if he was worried about an upcoming medical procedure, he answered, "If you are in God's hands, what is there to fear?" These trips reaffirmed my belief that, in spite of different cultures and governments, humans share common values, beliefs and dreams. The challenge to our churches is similar: to make the good news of God's love meaningful in the particular context in which we live and to bring hope and peace. "We are in God's hands. What is there to fear?"



## Presbytery Young People Encounter "Spirit Life" at Camp

**Submitted by**  
**Sylvia Milne,**  
**Presbytery Camp**  
**Program**  
**Coordinator**

Over 465 campers participated in presbytery programs at either Magruder or Suttle Lake. Many volunteer staff developed programs to share the essence of Spirit Life—Outdoor Ministries Curriculum based on Ephesians 4:4-6. Others created programs with different themes but similar outcomes.

- **Sharon Franklin's 5th & 6th grade Youth camp** participated in a Prayer Path activity where youth were encouraged to write down their prayers to God—such as these:

*"God, I need help with my problems and with my life! Please Help Me!"*

*"Dear God, I am having a great time at camp and help it stay that way!"*

- **Dean Curtis Holm's Sr. High (Greatest Camp Ever Part 3) Camp** performed campground service projects for Magruder.

- **Gary Moen and Karen Mitchell-Yakymi** coordinated a 19-member Middle School Mission Trip from Valley Community, Portland, to assist with the maintenance of Suttle Lake.

**Family Camp** drew an additional 188 campers, nearly 40% of them youth, from almost twenty churches: Ashland, First; Newberg, First; Newport, First; Portland, First; Bethan; Southminster, Beaverton; Tualatin; Cannon Beach Community; St. Andrew's; Emmanuel; Mt. Tabor; Sunset; Valley Community; Central; Milwaukie; Springwater; Plymouth; St. John's; Eugene, Westminster

**Thanks to more than 200 volunteers who provided leadership to Presbytery camps/missions at Magruder, Suttle Lake and Honeyman:**

**Albany:** John Waldrow. **Albany, United:** Danielle Blaequez, Jameson Collet, Sharon Edwards, Glenn Edwards, Duane Ito, Alyssa Kleven, Roberta Martin. **Ashland:** Ronald Bolstad, Marilyn Bolstad. **Battle Ground Baptist:** Emily Van Steenuyk. **Bend, First:** Thiel Larson, Mark Smith. **Bethany:** Rick Anderson, Carol Anderson, Erica Barcus, Haylie Haslip. **Bothell United Methodist:** Pearl Bryan. **Calvin:** Sarah Maxey, Christy Shipley, Elizabeth Sutherland, Melissa Walsh, Meghan Walsh. **Cascade:** JoAnn Blinsman. **Cascades Presbytery:** Tobra Hitchcock. **Central:** Steven Stermer. **Central, Eugene:** Eric Eide. **Church of Siuslaw:** Erin Honsler. **Clatskanie:** Julie Gillespie. **Colonial Heights:** Rick Chappelle, Anne Chappelle. **Columbia:** Kelsey Atwood, Danny Bishop, Evan Cate, Ben Cleveland, Ashley Ellsworth, Chelsea Farnsworth, Sharon Franklin, Alicia Hamann, Aaron Hanson, Katie Harris, Marc Hartquist, James Holeman, Drew Hulse, Kim Johns, Amy Kalmon, Justin Klump, Chris Lovely, Allie Low, Ana Moreno, Elizabeth Moreno, Gabriel Richards, Bethany Sanders, Mindy Smith, Bob Taylor, Dawn Taylor, Micaella Verro, Rhonda Walton, Katharine Warner, Ann Zelenka, Tom Zelenka. **Coos Bay, First:** Talena Coplin, Brian Coplin. **Corvallis:** Robert Blackman, Paul Zvonkovic, Anisa Zvonkovic. **Corvallis, First:** David Hasenjaeger. **Eagle Creek:** Callie Vandewiele. **Eastminster:** William Taylor, Mary Taylor. **Eastminster:** Julie Taylor, Janine Yerion. **Emmanuel:** Jennifer Allen, Elizabeth Simmons, Gretchen Simmons. **Eugene, Central:** Eric Eide, Heather Henry, Ken Henry, Michael Omogrosso, Rebecca Sheridan. **First United Methodist:** Sarah Goff. **Four Square:** Nancy Paul. **Grace:** Justin Collins, Jennifer Green, Tim Greene, Lucy Lightle. **John Knox:** Sarah Sheelar. **Lake Grove:** Don Bruss, Jason Cook, Brian Craker, Jessica Crowell, Kelly Dunlop, Cody Dunlop, David Enos, Graig Flach, Kate Horak, Joe Hudgens, Robin Pearce, Libbey Schmit, Elizabeth Schmit, Victoria Seifert. **Mill City:** Jo Ann Hebing. **Milwaukie:** Eric Cameron, Melonie Fisher, Bill Geister, Emma Richardson, Rob Richardson, Diana Richardson, Marlene Smith. **Moreland:** Nick Carsner, Mary Cunninham, Curtis Holm, Jonathan Wangen. **Multnomah:** Kate Johansen, Tom McDonald, Tara White. **New Hope:** Nicole Collins. **Newberg:** Annette Simonsen. **Newberg, First:** Peter Goodman, Diane Goodman. **Newport:** Barry McPherson, Denise



McPherson. **North Bend, First:** Karen Edes, Shawn Spooner. **Northminster:** William VanNostran. **Oak Hills:** Mike Crane, Kevin Hartwig, Jonathan Sawyer, Lindsay Thackery. **Old Scotch Church:** Kurt Kroon, Jeff Upton, Becky Upton. **Oregon City:** John Hasenjaeger, Garland Wiese. **Piedmont:** Sarah Coakley, Heather Stroeger. **Portland, First:** Ken Miller, Hillary Walters. **Portland, Westminster:** Alexandra Case. **Reedsport:** Geane Schaaf. **Salem, Westminister:** Melissa Haney. **Smith Memorial Presbytery:** Cindy Whipple. **Southminster:** Lou Balmer, David Chapman, Marcia Chapman, Linda Crump, Andy Crump, Daphne Fisher, Ben Fisher. **Springwater:** Colleen Roden, Jim Roden, Barbara Shibley, Stephen Shibley, Dana Shibley, Gilbert Shibley. **St. Andrews:** Kathy Kelly, Rachel Quesnel, Marily Quesnel. **St. John's:** Gabby Sprenger, Walter Sprenger. **Trinity Covenant:** Michelle Morman. **Tualatin:** Barbara Harriman, Deborah Lewis, Mary Maleta, Mark Maleta, Susan Springer. **Tualatin Plains:** Jan Upton. **Valley Community:** Lori Mankenson, Stephanie Nicola, Jennifer Nicola, Greg Russell, Donna Russell. **Westminster, Salem:** Matt Schmidling. **Westminster, Portland:** Anna Moiso, Lee Brixius, Amanda Grout, Kaitlin Reif. **Westside Christian:** Dean Rees, Cossete Rees. **Unaffiliated:** Darlene

Balmer, Leta Theresa Callahan, Suzie Carter, Teresa Crall, Matt Crall, Joel Domreis, Elizabeth (Liz) Hing, Kaaren Keese, Lucy Lightle, Kaylinda Mabrey, Steven Mabrey, John Mahon, Gretchen Nelson, Marta Nielson, Tuesday Reed, Erin Schieldler, Bryant Stegall, Michael Stobler, Kristin VanNostran.

Notes of appreciation were received from Roy Quist and the Camp Magruder staff:

"As summer is winding down, the staff of Camp Magruder expresses our very deep thanks to Sylvia Milne and to each dean who helped provide such an outstanding ministry through the Presbyterian camps... What an outstanding group of leaders... We are proud to be in partnership with you."

"A special word of thanks to Curtis Holms' camp for the service they provided to Camp Magruder. A number of projects were accomplished, including cleaning our entire fleet of vehicles (they have not looked so good in a long time) and clearing some trails (which is a never-ending yet important task)."



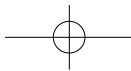
Dad and Me Camp.



What's camp without a campfire?



Cookout at Suttle Lake.



## Presbytery Executives Speak of Health Challenges

Our presbytery staff has been experiencing some health problems. Since some in the presbytery know this, we want to share the news generally. Each person has been blessed by the care and concern expressed. Listed in chronological order of their surgeries, they have a few words to share:

**Co-Executive Hugh Anderson** had some vision problems. He writes:

"Even though my annual eye examination last September showed that all was well, the retina in my left eye decided to become detached. Emergency surgery in November corrected that problem. There were no side effects except that I could not travel out of the Rogue Valley for two weeks while the gas the doctor used in my eye dissipated. Recovery was quick with no further difficulties except for the promised one that in six months I would need cataract surgery due to the previ-

ous surgery. The cataract showed up right on time and cataract surgery occurred in April. Both eye surgeons are pleased with my recovery and except for annual checkups I am under no restrictions."

**Co-Executive Jack Hodges** discovered he had prostate cancer and he writes:

"It turned out that my prostate cancer was fairly aggressive and needed surgery, which I had on July 13. The doctors, hospital staff and chaplains (including our presbytery treasurer, the Rev. John A. Hubbard) were wonderful, and the recuperation process has been going very well. The good news is that apparently the cancer was contained and no further treatment is necessary at this time. Diane and I are both so grateful for the ring of care and concern that has encircled us and so greatly conveys God's grace in a fashion that is deep and incarnational. Thank you!"

**Co-Executive Aleida Jernigan** had cancer surgery, and she shares:

"Recently after a routine mammogram I found that I have breast cancer. The tumor was small and caught early. The surgery to remove the tumor went fine and in the weeks to come I face treatment to arrest the spread of this disease. Through this new journey, God's unfailing love, mercy and peace have been evident through the expressions of love, care and prayers of so many family, friends and colleagues. It is also God's grace that, new to the Portland/Vancouver area, I was led to a wonderful team of doctors, nurses and chaplains who have provided practical and much-needed emotional support."

*Editor's note: It is good to report that the other co-executive, John Mahon; and the stated clerk, John Huenink, seem hale and healthy!*

## To Africa and Back with Heifer International

**By Leo Tautfest**

Many in our presbytery know that Heifer International, formerly Heifer Project International, has been one of my pet mission enterprises for nearly forty years. It's been my privilege to represent Heifer as a volunteer throughout the Northwest and beyond. Last May I joined a Heifer Study Tour to Tanzania for the greatest and most inspiring travel experience of my life.

Fourteen of us met in New York and flew to Arusha in NE Tanzania near Mt. Kilimanjaro. For twelve days we traveled with Heifer staff across northern Tanzania, visiting with more than 100 recipients of training and animals from Heifer since 1974. Over 25,000 families and individuals throughout Tanzania have received a helping hand up out of the depths of hunger and poverty.

It was thrilling to visit group after group of farmers—women and men—who told how life had changed since they received their training and animals. "Our children are no longer malnourished, they are not sick like they were before." "We have been able to increase our income, expand our production of fruit and vegetables with better farming techniques and fertilizer from our animals." "We have been able to build a better house that keeps us dry in the rainy seasons." "We have been able to send some of our children to secondary school which we could not do before." "We feel good that we can help someone else as we pass on an offspring from our animal, or share the knowledge we have gained."

As we were showered with the amazing hospitality of the African people and with their "Thank you, thank you, Heifer International for helping us," we felt we were representing all of you individuals and congregations who have supported Heifer International over the years.

Tanzania is one of the poorest, least developed countries in Africa and the challenges are great, but we were deeply impressed with the hard work being done by farmers and Heifer Tanzania staff as they work together.

Frosting on the cake of our tour were two and a half days spent in National Wildlife Parks en route to projects we visited. We saw an incredible array of birds and animals.

I have slide programs for small groups or larger gatherings, and I welcome any opportunity to share this tremendous African experience and the work of Heifer International in Tanzania and around the world. If your church or organization would be interested, please contact me at 503-252-8139 or by e-mail at [mnltautfest@earthlink.net](mailto:mnltautfest@earthlink.net).



**Anton Makimo's first goat, received in 1998, has produced eighteen kids, including three sets of quadruplets.**

## Conference, Workshop Address Ministry for and to Aging Members

**By Jan Irish**

So often we talk about all the "gray hair" in our pews and how we need to invest our resources to bring in younger families. It's true that we do want young, vital, growing congregations. But we also need to meet the needs of our aging members. This fall presents two special opportunities to explore how we can best minister to this vital segment of our church.

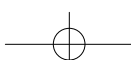
• **The Presbyterian Older Adult Ministry Network Annual Conference** will be held October 27-30 in Daytona Beach, Florida. The theme is "Pathways of Spiritual Growth: Thriving After 55," and the keynote addresses will be given by the Rev. Henry Simmons, a professor at Union-PSCE in Richmond, VA.

Simmons' topics will be "Lives that Matter: The Structure and Substance of Graceful Aging" and "Thriving After 55." Other workshops will cover a range of topics including changing prayer life, conducting a congregational needs assessment, end-of-life issues, and spirituality in today's world. To register and reserve hotel rooms, visit

[www.elcaribe.com](http://www.elcaribe.com). Limited scholarships are available from Cascades Presbytery. Please call Jan Irish at 503-537-0590 (h) or 503-537-1548 (w) for more information.

• **Locally, there will be an opportunity to attend a pre-presbytery workshop on November 12** entitled "Ministry to Older Adults and Supporting their Caregivers." This workshop will look at ways to make our church activities "user friendly" to older adults. It will also bring greater understanding of issues facing older adults and their caregivers and how we can support them in loving and practical ways.

The workshop presenter will be Jan Irish, Presbytery Older Adult Ministry Representative. Jan is the director of a Faith in Action program in Newberg in which a coalition of faith communities work together to match volunteers with older adults who need help with chores, transportation, or who just need a friendly visit. Watch for more information about this workshop in your Presbytery mailing.



## The Pick of the Parade

By **Bud Frimoth**

Three members of the Chinese Presbyterian Church, Portland, made their first plunge as clowns in the Clinton/Division Street parade this summer. But this was no normal Northwest day! Temperatures in the mid-nineties meant carrying water bottles along the mile and a half uphill parade route.

These clowns—Susan Choy Lee, Jim Seid and Joseph Tam—were awarded the top prize for best demonstration of the parade theme, “Celebrating Community.” They gained a trophy—which Jim Seid carried for the whole parade, in their first volunteer gig.

Who says that church officers are stuffy? Joseph and Susan are elders and Jim is a deacon. The three had taken an abbreviated clown “funshop” given by Westminster, Portland’s clowns, Larry “Joli” Harmon and Lenore “Wrinkles” and Bud “Doolotz” Frimoth.

Joseph and Jim were then part of the Woodstock Festival parade in August. The prize this time was the joy of bringing smiles



to young and old alike. The new clowns hope to have a float or some representation from

their church in next summer’s Woodstock parade.

## Education Awards Announced

Union Theological Seminary and Presbyterian School of Christian Education each year recognizes congregations for outstanding programs in early childhood education, excellence in Christian education, effective youth ministry and outreach and social concern.

These four awards are presented at the Association of Presbyterian Church Educators (APCE) Conference. Since 1991, 51 church-

es in seventeen states have received these awards, each carrying a \$1000 prize.

If your church would like to apply, call April Swofford for an application at (804) 254-8047 or e-mail [aswofford@union-psce.edu](mailto:aswofford@union-psce.edu). Deadline for the 2005 award applications is November 1, 2004.



## THE PRESBYTERY OF THE CASCADES

### 2004 Session Record Review Schedule

The following Session Record Reviews have been scheduled in the NE and NW Regions of the presbytery. To offer to host a review, please call one of the following:

**Paul Magney - Central Region: 541-746-6654 Betty Thompson - NE Region: 503-654-8449**  
**Presbytery Office - NW Region 503-227-5486 Earle Keathley - South Region: 541-412-1305**

If you are planning to attend any Session Record Review, please call the host.

#### **OCTOBER 2**

##### **10:00 a.m. in The Dalles**

Gateway Presbyterian  
 E 11<sup>th</sup> and Dry Hollow Road  
 The Dalles, OR 97058  
 Hosted by: Catherine Brown &  
 Patty Burnet 541-298-8531

#### **OCTOBER 9**

##### **10:00 a.m. in Milwaukie**

Milwaukie Presbyterian  
 2416 SE Lake Road  
 Milwaukie, OR 97222  
 Hosted by: Jane Loftus  
 503-698-2053

#### **AND**

##### **10:00 a.m. in Astoria**

First Presbyterian  
 1103 Grand Avenue  
 Astoria, OR 97103  
 Hosted by: Diane Hankins  
 503-325-1118

#### **OCTOBER 11**

##### **7:00 p.m. in Portland**

St. Andrew’s Presbyterian  
 3228 SW Sunset Boulevard  
 Portland, OR 97239  
 Hosted by: Steve Plank  
 503-244-9320

#### **OCTOBER 18**

##### **7:00 p.m. in Portland**

Piedmont Presbyterian  
 5760 NE Cleveland Avenue  
 Portland, OR 97211  
 Hosted by: Roy Fox  
 503-289-3565

#### **OCTOBER 20**

##### **10:00 a.m. in Portland**

Eastminster Presbyterian  
 12505 NE Halsey Street  
 Portland, OR 97230  
 Hosted by: Florence Lersch  
 503-255-9908

#### **OCTOBER 23**

##### **10:00 a.m. in Hillsboro**

Hillsboro Presbyterian  
 172 NE 32<sup>nd</sup> Street  
 Hillsboro, OR 97124  
 Hosted by: Sandra Fulk  
 503-648-5660

#### **AND**

##### **1:30 p.m. in Tigard**

Calvin Presbyterian  
 10445 SW Canterbury Lane  
 Tigard, OR 97224  
 Hosted by: Helen Kappler  
 503-639-4590

#### **OCTOBER 29**

##### **1:30 p.m. in Portland**

Mt. Tabor Presbyterian  
 5441 SE Belmont Street  
 Portland, OR 97215  
 Hosted by: Earl Kruger  
 503-251-1695

#### **OCTOBER 30**

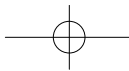
##### **10:00 a.m. in West Linn**

Emmanuel Presbyterian  
 19200 Willamette Drive  
 West Linn, OR 97068  
 Hosted by: Sharon Hasenjaeger  
 503-722-5367

#### **NOVEMBER 12**

##### **10:00 a.m. in Portland**

First Presbyterian  
 1200 SW Alder Street  
 Portland, OR 97205  
Presbytery Meeting Workshop  
 503-227-5486 / 1-800-495-4114



## Clergy Transitions Noted

The presbytery welcomes the following persons to new positions:

- **The Rev. David W. Dendy**, serving as pastor of First, Klamath Falls
- **The Rev. Susan Goodin**, serving as interim pastor of Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw, Florence
- **The Rev. Helen Eves Lewis**, transferring from United Church of Christ
- **The Rev. James Spencer Parks**, serving as associate pastor for First, Portland and Menucha Executive Director
- **The Rev. Katherine A. Pate**, serving as associate pastor of Rose City Park Presbyterian, Portland
- **The Rev. Ryan Douglas Schrauner**, serving as pastor of First, Woodburn

• **The Rev. Richard Wiggers**, serving as interim pastor of Calvin, Tigard  
We congratulate the following persons on their installations:

- **The Rev. John Ailstock** as pastor of First, McMinnville
- **Rev. Paul Belz-Templemann** as pastor of Aurora Presbyterian
- **The Rev. Phillip A. Nessel** as pastor of Tri-City United, Myrtle Creek
- **The Rev. Dana C. Perreard** as pastor of Community Presbyterian, Oakland
- **The Rev. Tammy L. Stampfli** as pastor of United Presbyterian, Reedsport
- **The Rev. Dr. René Minshew** as pastor of Valley Community, Portland.  
And we extend blessings to:

- **The Rev. David M. Barton**, completing service as associate pastor of Columbia, Vancouver to serve as organizing pastor for a new church in Windsor, Colorado.
- **Elder Doris Carter**, completing service as commissioned lay pastor of Community Presbyterian, Lakeside
- **The Rev. Douglas D. Rich**, granted honorably retired status and completing service as pastor of Pioneer Church on Clatsop Plains.
- **The Rev. Dean F. Rowley**, transferring to the Presbytery of the Redwoods to serve as interim pastor of First Presbyterian, Ukiah, California.

## Circuit Rider Books Announces New Staff, Quarters and Workshop

Circuit Rider Books, the mobile Christian bookstore that is a covenant partner with our presbytery, announces some exciting changes. It has just moved into new and larger quarters for "The Stable" at Mt. Tabor Presbyterian Church in Portland. You are invited to take a look during an open house scheduled for Tuesday, October 5, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. in connection with a Kerygma workshop co-sponsored by Circuit Rider. (See page 8 for details.)

Two Presbyterians have been named to new volunteer positions, joining the Rev. Carolyn Hampton, who volunteers as Executive Director. John Larsen of Beaverton serves as Director of Operations 15 hours each week. You are apt to get John when you call Circuit Rider headquarters during regular hours, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

The Rev. Susan M. Goodin of Florence volunteers as Director of Event Services. Those using Circuit Rider's services at an event will

be working with Sue on the details. She can be reached via the Circuit Rider Books' website ([www.circuitriderbooks.org](http://www.circuitriderbooks.org)) or by e-mail at [events@circuitriderbooks.org](mailto:events@circuitriderbooks.org).

Nathan C. Hampton volunteers as Director of Information Services, responsible for keeping the computers and website running. Watch for an exciting new upgrade of the website.

Key volunteer staff positions still open are: Director of Volunteer Resources, the perfect spot for someone who loves to recruit and schedule people for a variety of interesting positions; and Director of Development, an opening for someone to help keep us financially solvent through fundraising and grant writing.

Circuit Rider always has room for book lovers to volunteer in The Stable and at events in your area (our itinerary is posted on our website). Interested? Contact Carolyn Hampton at 503-234-9625, 800-637-3949 or e-mail [volunteers@circuitriderbooks.org](mailto:volunteers@circuitriderbooks.org)

## Excluding or Alienating Worshipers? A Remedy for Churchy Language Offered

By Sandra Larson

A church terminology glossary is available from Westminster Presbyterian Church, 777 Coburg Road, Eugene, OR 97401 (541-343-3140). The list of unfamiliar terms that liturgists often use but do not explain can be copied into a pamphlet, duplicated and put into pew racks.

In the old days, people in church knew the Bible and church terms. Today, a Christian background can no longer be assumed. Church is becoming like a foreign land—it may help to have something like a Berlitz phrase guide to help get around in this exotic land.

Listen to a typical worship service in your church. Leaders usually explain vocabulary or scripture references that are likely to be unfamiliar or a dim memory. But what about the jargon that church leaders take for granted? What about terms such as Session? Latin, Hebrew or Greek phrases? What does *in excelsis deo* mean, anyway?

Do we put a translation of non-English anthems in the bulletin? Church leaders often say, "And you remember the parable of..." What if they don't? How would it feel to hear a lecture where the speaker presumed you have knowledge you do not have? Awareness is crucial for choosing language and concepts presented in worship.

*Heilsgeschichte* belongs in the seminary classroom unless it is pertinent and lovingly explained. What clichés, Bible references, biblical language, Latin terms and denominational lingo do we use without thinking that we may be speaking in a foreign tongue for many in the pews? We need to translate our "churchish" into the vernacular. Isn't that part of what church reformation is about? I am happy to share at no charge the guide I developed. Just call or write.

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Warrenton, Pioneer  
**PREPARING TO ACTIVELY SEEK**  
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Florence, Presbyterian of the Siuslaw  
Lakeview, First  
Portland, Colonial Heights  
Redmond, Community (Associate)

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

Portland, Chinese