

Eco-Justice Team in the “2009 Mission Yearbook for Prayer and Study” Presbyterian Church (USA)

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Friday, August 28

The Presbytery of the Cascades

California, Oregon, Washington



Whale researcher Carrie Newell tells a gathering sponsored by the Eco-Justice team about the feeding habits of whales off the Oregon Coast.

The Eco-Justice Team of the [Presbytery of the Cascades](#) helps to weave a right relationship with creation into the lives of Presbyterians while providing a witness to the wider culture. One fellowship gathering had the theme “Living on the Edge: Caring for Creation Where Land Meets Sea.” Presbyterians met to explore stewardship of ocean and shoreline environments with scientists, theologians, and others.

The Eco-Justice Team regularly provides “Good Earthkeeping” sheets that offer concise, biblically grounded ideas and practical suggestions.” Occasional workshops also provide timely information. “Greening Your Kids’ Programs” demonstrated how making summer programs more meaningful goes hand-in-hand with resource conservation.

One key goal of the team is to place diverse stories of congregational “greening” on the [Web site](#). Aurora Presbyterian Church has described how the congregation cares for the earth in the church kitchen — by composting food waste, using “real” dishes for meals, and selling and using fair trade coffee to promote sustainable agriculture and social justice. By providing accessible education and resources, the team supports an increasingly important dimension of the church’s ministry.

A new aspect of eco-justice work is a collaboration with congregations that participate in [Joining Hands](#) and focus on combating water pollution in a partnership in Bolivia.

The Presbytery of the Cascades has 121 churches with 25,112 members.

Let us join in prayer for:

The Rev. Jack D. Hodges, member, GAMC

The Rev. Aleida Jernigan, member, GAMC

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Prayer

Creator God, help us to take seriously our responsibility as stewards of this fragile planet, our earthly home. Help us to realize that being in right relationship with you requires living responsibly and respectfully with all that you have created. May we become ever more aware and informed, and may we witness to our neighbors what it means to live simply and walk lightly on this earth. Amen.

Daily Lectionary

Ps. 88, 148 Ps. 6, 20

1 Kings 5:1-6:1, 7

Acts 28:1-16; Mark 14:27-42