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conference delegates lead out on mission center surveys

by Mission Center President Kathy Sharp

What can you accomplish in five years? Graduate from college? Read the Bible straight through? Learn to speak Chinese fluently? Pay off your credit cards?



delegates at conference '08

membership will be surveyed in February, and youth camping "customers" and other congregational leaders through August 2009. Apostle Susan Skoor, the Mission Center Council, mission center staff and volunteers, pastors and other leaders and active members will review the results to determine action steps.

Here's what we learned from our delegates from across the mission center. They responded to 14 questions (two were open-ended) during the business meeting. The answers were rated on a five-point scale, with 5 being the highest (best) score, and 1 being the lowest (worst)

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The Greater Pacific Northwest Mission Center began in 2004 and has just completed its first five years as a new church jurisdiction. Now it's time to take stock.

What's working in the new structure? What hasn't "proved out" yet? What needs to change?

Apostle Susan Skoor challenged each mission center in her Pacific Field to evaluate its effectiveness.

Here in our mission center, we will administer short surveys to different groups. We started with the delegates to Mission Center Conference last November and all 2008 pastors in December. The general

PLAN ON IT! upcoming mission center events

JANUARY 2009

- 1 — New Year's Day
- 6 — Epiphany
- 17-19 — Caravan Huddle, Cottage Grove
- 19 — Racial Justice Day
- 19 — Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 31-Feb.1 — YAPS & MAYAS go to Canada

FEBRUARY 2009

- 7 — Samish Kitchen Work Day
- 8 — Youth Ministries Day
- 14-15 — Caravan Huddle, Medford
- 21 — YAPS Everett Silvertips Game
- 22 — MAYA service, Garden Grove
- 25 — Lent Begins, Ash Wednesday
- 28 — International Youth Fast

MARCH 2009

- 1 — World Hunger Emphasis
- 6-8 — Youth Leadership Training, Lewis River
- 14 — 'Preaching and Public Ministry,' Renton
- 14 — 'Being the Church,' Grants Pass
- 14-15 — Caravan Huddle (Auction), Eugene
- 21-22 — YAPS Work Retreat, Samish Island

delegate survey results

mission center leadership

As a delegate, I understand how our mission center annual budget is used.	4.4
My congregation has a good understanding of how their mission center allocations are used.	3.4
The mission center budget reflects the priorities and values of our congregation.	3.9
Considering the variety of services the mission center provides, our congregation receives good value for their allocation.	3.7
I have confidence that mission center officers, Kathy and Bill, know my congregation and the issues it faces.	4.2
The Congregational Support Minister (CSM) assigned to my congregation has made an impact on helping our congregation deal with the issues and opportunities it faces.	3.8

mc event locations

I prefer having mission center-wide events (such as Conference) in the Portland/Vancouver area.	4
I prefer having mission center-wide events rotate geographically each year so that they would be easier to attend for members at opposite ends of the mission center (for example, Seattle/Tacoma, Eugene, Portland/Vancouver).	3.3
If mission center-wide events rotated geographically, I would attend those that are farther away from my home congregation than Portland/Vancouver already is.	3.4

mc communications

I know how to get/receive mission center news and information.	4.5
I regularly visit the mission center website.	3.6
I regularly receive monthly mission center NewsBriefs and Weekly Updates either via email or at my congregation.	4.2

mission

Since the inception of the mission center in 2004, my congregation has been more focused on identifying and carrying out its unique mission.	3.4
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score. A score of 3 meant the delegates were “neutral” or “not sure.”

Delegates gave highest scores to:

- Knowing how to get mission center news (4.5)
- Knowing how the mission center annual budget is used (4.4)
- Having confidence that mission center officers (Kathy and Bill) know their congregation and the issues it faces (4.2)

Delegates were less sure:

- My congregation has a good understanding of how its mission center allocations are used (3.4)
- My congregation is more mission-focused, since the mission center began in 2004 (3.4)

where to hold the annual mission center conference?

Delegates strongly prefer attending Mission Center Conference at Portland (4.0), rather than rotating the conference every three years so that it would be closer to home some years (3.4), and farther away than Portland, on alternating years (3.3).

comments reveal mixed results on mission, missed connections

Delegates offered many comments about whether or not the mission center has had any impact on its congregation’s health, sense of focus and mission. Several delegates said their congregations are mission-focused thanks to their own leadership, not because of the mission center. Several expressed concern that their congregations had no mission and didn’t seem concerned about it. A few delegates reported that mission center staff guidance and encouragement inspired their congregations to take a new look at mission and get started.

“Our congregation is very focused on our mission - not necessarily related to the inception of the mission center.”

“Since the inception of the mission center, my congregation has become more isolated. New leadership is needed, or it will die. Spiritually it is lacking and has no deep ties to the community. It has no interest other than Sunday services, to maintain the building, and its current active membership.”

“I feel we have been more focused because of the mission center ministry provided for us.”

Several delegates identifying themselves as from the former Seattle Stake said their congregations feel a great sense of loss for the stake. They miss the many services organized for them, such as Temple School, congregational directories, and more frequent small gatherings at shorter distances. Many of these congregations report they are not engaged in community mission. Others see progress.

“Our congregation was in the Stake. As a result, we were a part of a single stake congregation and were more closely associated with a number of other congregations in common ministry. I think the former way of sharing was more closely identified with Zionite concepts.”

“It has taken some time for my congregation to adjust to not being a part of a stake. This has made it difficult for them to develop a ‘unique mission.’ But it is developing now.”

Similar comments about feeling isolated, disconnected, and missing the smaller gatherings they formerly attended were reported by congregations formerly in districts, particularly those at extreme geographical ends of the mission center. Many wanted to know about deacon – elder priesthood calls and participate in their approval.

“(We had) more coordination with the churches in the former ‘district.’ It seems that we have lost the link with the branches that are closest to us. It would be nice to have opportunities to work together with them.”

“(I miss) a knowledge of priesthood calls mission center-wide. We never hear of them anymore.”

Other comments were more encouraging:

“We have been turning more to the community outside of our ‘church group’ to attempt to find an area we can better serve the community rather than just our members.”

“Since 2004, our congregation has felt a greater sense of unity and that we are a vital part of something larger than ourselves. I especially like the sense of mission: of the opportunities for further growth, not only for individuals but the congregation that the mission center serves.”

our first response (there will be more!)

Speaking for mission center leadership staff and volunteers, we thank the delegates for their frank, heartfelt responses. Their comments, with those received from future surveys, will help us adjust how we serve you and your congregations more meaningfully.

Three of your ideas are already in the works, with more to come:

1. In this Chinook, we are publishing recent priesthood calls in 2008, and we'll continue to publish ordination services (as we know them in advance) going forward.
2. We are revamping our Temple School and our leadership training delivery.
3. We are reviewing the Congregational Support Minister model to see if we can deploy staff more effectively.

our continued commitment to you

As a mission center staff, we commit to these four priorities, to serve you:

1. We proclaim Jesus Christ.
2. We help individuals and congregations rediscover Community of Christ's identity, message and mission for today and for all ages.
3. We uphold healthy relationships, between individuals and within congregations.
4. We live by mission priorities.

As a staff and as an international church, we believe the vibrant life of the church resides within congregations. That is why mission centers focus on life within congregations, rather than primarily shared activities among groups of congregations. It is through vital congregations, engaged in their surrounding communities,

that the peace of Jesus Christ changes lives and is conveyed year round.

Community of Christ loves to gather. It is who we are. The mission center will continue to administer large gathering activities, such as our many reunions, youth camps, spiritual and leadership-development activities and our annual conference. Increasingly, these activities will incorporate the worship and fellowship we love, while always equipping and motivating participants for mission.

We will continue to offer scripturally-based visiting ministry to congregations committed to inviting, welcoming and proclaiming Jesus Christ.

As administrative staff, we will continue to advise you on practical church governance, priesthood, ministry tools and techniques, property, risk and financial matters, membership records and local activities and news. We will link you to each other and to ecumenical and World Church resources, news and events.

The church exists not for itself, but always for others. We are called to be the Body of Christ, carrying out the mission Jesus began on earth. We proclaim Jesus Christ AND we promote communities of joy, hope, love and peace. As faith companions, we will join you in your efforts to discern the will of God for your congregations within our changing culture. Then let's quickly get about the business of doing it. We will not stand still. Amen.

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*clint jacks is
ordained by
apostle susan skoor
and presiding evangelist
david brock on September 28, 2008*

26 mission center ordinations

2008 gpnw world church ordinations

Barbara Hawksford, Crystal Springs – Evangelist
Clint Jacks, GPNW Expansion – Evangelist
Francine Weldon Inslee, Crystal Springs – Evangelist
John Mills, Salem – High Priest
Dee Robino, Medford – Seventy

2008 gpnw ordinations

Mark Anderson, Tuality – Elder
Claudia Beckman, Renton – Priest
Lorraine Coleman, Crystal Springs – Elder
Kathleen Cox, Medford – Elder
Aaron Dunsdon, Auburn – Elder
Jeff Fiscus, Grants Pass – Elder
Kim Fiscus, Grants Pass – Priest
Leslie Frazier, Auburn – Elder
Venessa Godfrey, Salem – Elder
Dennis Groat, Southridge – Elder
Ken Groat, Southridge – Elder
Fae Jackson, Southridge – Elder
Bonnie Pomeroy, Renton – Teacher
Steve Roberts, Auburn – Elder
Ron Sahlberg, Bend – Elder
David Sherrod, Puyallup – Priest
Irene Staller, Medford – Priest
Chris Steinel, Fairbanks – Elder
Kate Steinel, Fairbanks – Elder
Teri Swift, Garden Grove – Priest
Norma Torrey, Bremerton – Teacher

In addition, **20** other members have been called to the priesthood, accepted the call, been approved by their congregations and are preparing for ordination. Watch for their announcements!



roseburg garden plot preparation

ON MISSION: congregations reach out

Many congregations in the Greater Pacific Northwest Mission Center are discovering or re-discovering the rewards of mission focus. Read these inspiring stories about the many different ways we are reaching out to help in our communities.

roseburg: community garden by Mike King

renton: carnival!

by Steve Pomeroy

Youth in the Renton, WA Congregation spearheaded a Halloween Carnival at the church for preschool children in the community. Renton youth and their friends ran the games and helped the younger kids win lots of prizes and have a great time. Nearly 200 children and parents, most from Highlands Preschool



which shares the Renton church facility, enjoyed their turns at Pumpkin Bowling, Graveyard Golf and another dozen or so carnival games.

woodburn: food bank

by Nancy Welch

Woodburn, OR Congregation has taken it on themselves to negotiate with grocers for discount prices on large quantities of certain items needed by the local food bank. They put the plan in high gear for the holidays and purchased 1,000 pounds of



dried beans, with plans to buy commodities throughout the year as they gather monies. The relief will allow the food bank to put their efforts towards other needs.

The creation of the Eastside Community Garden is really a story about a struggling congregation that is changing its destiny and embracing a new mission.

At the beginning of 2008, as the new pastor of our Roseburg, OR Congregation, I was filled with both trepidation and optimism. Our congregation had been in a declining mode for a decade or more, and while we all could see and feel it, we had yet to be of a mind to change our direction.

As the year began, we gathered together and talked about the challenges before us and what our strengths and weaknesses were. Did we think we could change things? Did we want to change things? We acknowledged our imminent demise if we did nothing.

We began by committing ourselves to small things. No pressure to implement a new program, no master plan, just a beginning of a desire to be with one another in healthy ways.

We came to the summer months and recognized the old model had not worked for a number of years, so we tried holding just a 10:00 class with no speaking services and experienced a feeling of successful fellowship that blessed whom-ever attended. People began to agree to take on tasks that they wanted to do, rather than ones they felt like someone ‘needed’ or ‘had’ to do.

We held a rummage sale and a pie sale during the year; members who attended infrequently contributed financially

in ways they had not done previously. In 2008, we met our budget and paid our full congregational allotment for the first time in a number of years.

One day in the middle of the year, sooner than the pastor expected and desired, a member who had been searching for an avenue of service in the community that centered around gardening received a call and an opportunity to apply for a grant to begin a community garden. She pursued it and found that if this opportunity was to be fulfilled, she would have to be the leader. Time was a factor, as we had a week to apply and congregational support had yet to be identified.

I was approached to consider the church’s surrounding yard as a location. I agreed to help with drafting the grant proposal, a skill yet to be developed. Without prior garden project knowledge, a member of our congregation had a ‘dream’ experience which led them to share that a gardening member of our group would be involved in a community garden project.

Community and congregational members were contacted and decisions were made to support the project.

In the last six months, we have moved from idea to creation. A grant was obtained from the OSU Master Gardeners program, and we will apply for a grant from the Bold Moves program of our GPNW Mission Center. The church basement has been

cleaned out and made available for use as a ‘tool room,’ maintenance-type repairs made to the church building to get it presentable, top soil donated for the front yard gathering area, garden area tilled, plots staked out, soil tested, mulch applied, signs made, fencing donated, apple pie fundraiser held, presentations made to community organizations, news story created by our local newspaper, organizational meeting held at the church, church neighbors interacted with during workdays at the church, offers of assistance by other local groups made and the community at large made aware of our leadership in this much needed project. We have begun a ‘Wednesday Night at the Garden’ where we share in a potluck and the fellowship of work on church and garden projects weekly.

The bounty of the Eastside Community Garden will be created on many levels. We have a total of 30 garden plots available, and four plots have been assigned to interested gardeners to date. The individual commitment has varied within our congregation—some have enjoyed the fundraising, others the cleaning of the church or digging in the ground. But the opportunity for expanded service and interaction with the community is a gift waiting to bloom.

cedarcrest: animal blessing

by Christine Campbell



The Cedarcrest Congregation of Marysville, WA, held its first annual Blessing of Animals service on Sunday, October 12. Members of the community joined with the congregation in bringing their pets to this centuries-old practice of lovingly recognizing all of God's creatures. Pictured: Dave Skoor (l) offering a blessing for Celeste Becker's horse, Echo.

FAIRBANKS: BLANKETS OF LOVE

by Willa Frey

Blankets from flannel fleece have been put together with the fringes tied around the edges by the Fairbanks, AK Congregation as a community service project. They have done over 75 and are working towards 100. These will be given to various agencies throughout the community, such as the Senior Center for use in vans while traveling to various places, Resource Center for Parents & Children, Rescue Mission and possibly others as names come in.

eugene: holiday bazaar success

by Linda Osborn

Friendly faces like that of Tamara Benedict (pictured) greeted lots of people who entered the Eugene, OR Community of Christ doorways on the Saturday before Thanksgiving. Throughout the day, folks were met with a greeting and a candy cane before turning the corner to find a room full of vendors (members and guests) selling crafts, jewelry, goodies and even homemade soup for lunch. Free gift-wrapping was offered, and frequent drawings for door-prizes added to the fun. Once again, this annual event proved to be profitable and inviting to the community.



OLYMPIA: NEVER TOO SMALL

by Minnie Ledington

Through "Interfaith Works," our little church here in Olympia, WA has had the pleasure of hosting a homeless couple and their son; they have an RV parked in our parking lot. We had a big family Thanksgiving dinner at the church on Thanksgiving Day and invited the family to join us. It was a pleasure to meet them, and they were so happy to be with us. They will also be joining us for Sunday services. The Lord blessed us on this Thanksgiving Day in so many ways. This is the way we can help in the community. We also have a food box, and when it is filled we donate it to a needy family or the food bank.

*How is your congregation helping others?
Email articles and photos to
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*mason reed,
roseburg, or,
celebrates high school
graduation in June 2008*

3 very special life events

1 mason reed: special graduation

Mason Reed, Roseburg, OR Congregation, **graduated valedictorian** from Sutherlin High School in June 2008. He received a \$5,000 Douglas County Community scholarship and \$1,800 from Oregon State University, where he began his freshman year at the end of September. His major is Microbiology with a specific interest in cell research.



2 george swain: special birthday

George Swain, Elder and member of the Eugene, OR Congregation, celebrated his **93rd birthday** on Wednesday, November 26, 2008 at the care facility in Junction City where he now resides, about 10 miles north of Eugene. Members of the congregation came to him, joining his family in helping him celebrate the big occasion.



3 al and willa frey: special anniversary

Al & Willa Frey, Fairbanks, AK Congregation, celebrated their **60th wedding anniversary** on July 11, 2008 with a surprise dinner cruise by and with family members. All four children with spouses and grandchildren were present.



o.i. leadership

by Jim and Shirley Chapman

Vivian and Jerry Nash retire as Volunteer Outreach International (OI) Advisors for the Oregon region of the mission center effective January 1, 2009.

Their retirement was acknowledged at the 2008 GPNW Mission Center Conference. In a letter from Outreach International President Matthew Naylor, read before the conference body, they were recognized for their service as champions for the poor.

Vivian and Jerry believe in the mission of OI and feel it is a wonderful organization doing tremendous good throughout the world. Their fundraising efforts for OI have been far reaching and have blessed the world's poor. We, as a body, have also been richly blessed by their service in support of OI.

"We have enjoyed working with all of the people at OI headquarters, as well as with the local OI Representatives. It has been a very rewarding experience! We will certainly continue to support Outreach. Thank you for all of the support you have given both to us and to Outreach International. We know you share the same passion that we do for the work that OI does, and we know that you will continue to give the same level of support to Outreach International and to the new Advisors." — Vivian Nash

oregon o.i. advisor replacement

Lisa Robino of the Medford Congregation has agreed to fill the spot vacated by Vivian and Jerry. Lisa comes highly qualified with a long history of service and commitment to OI, including contributing to OI for 25 years, serving on the OI Board of Directors for six years, participating in three site visits into the developing world and serving as the OI Representative in two congregations. Her passion for OI is very apparent. Thank you, Lisa, for agreeing to share your experience, enthusiasm and advocacy for OI.



IYF 2009: international opportunities

by Eleanor Bessonette

"For me, going to Bangkok is all about growing in faith and being able to learn more about the church in different parts of the world. This trip is truly a blessing and a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. I look forward to sharing my experience when I return at reunion, camps, and in a congregational setting." — Lauren Hankey (pictured left)

Every four years, our international church sponsors International Youth Forums (IYF). Youth from around the world will gather at four sites during May, June and July. The sites for 2009 are: Honduras; Bangkok, Thailand; Malawi, Africa; and Independence, Missouri. Youth from across the world will come together to meet in prayer, in study, in laughter, in worship, in music, in play, to discover ONE spirit. This is truly a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for our youth.

The Greater Pacific Northwest Mission Center has been assigned two slots for youth to attend IYF Bangkok, with the possibility of more if space is available. We

are excited to announce the selection of Lauren Hankey, a college student attending University of Portland, and Windy Farley, a young adult from Wenatchee, WA. Our alternates are Kendra Petrie from the Bend and Redmond Congregations in Oregon and Jenne Sharpe from the Garden Grove, WA Congregation.

The cost of these trips is significant, and for that reason, we have created a funding plan to help each participant reach their goal of paying for their trip. There are at least five ways funds can be generated to help with these trips:

1. Some funds are available through the approved 2009 Mission Center Budget
2. Participants will pay from their own personal funds

3. The participants' congregations will be looking at their ability to support their member(s)

4. The participants will help organize and do the work of fundraisers

5. Starting in December, our offering envelopes will have a line dedicated to supporting IYF International for our mission center youth. Contributions using that line (or designating it on your check) and contributions designated specifically for IYF International sent directly to the Mission Center Financial Officer will be combined toward the goal of \$7,000.

Thank you for your generous support of our youth as they make this spiritual journey.

fill that bus for caravan '09!

by Melissa Fery

If you are in high school, you could trade in the flashing lights of the school bus for a tour bus filled with friends and fun this summer and join Caravan 2009.

Troy and Jody Barnhart are geared up to lead high school aged youth and chaperones on an adventure of a lifetime. Jump on the bus and travel with them to Sacramento, San Diego and Laguna Beach, CA. The trip won't be over until the bus stops at Remote, OR for the final program.

Caravan has been a tradition in Oregon for over 40 years and has been a missionary tool throughout the Pacific Northwest. Everyone

involved with a Caravan experience has the opportunity to bring God's ministry to others, participate in community service events and build life-long friendships.

The bus rolls out for the weeklong trip June 20-28, 2009. Everyone interested in Caravan must attend the first huddle in Cottage Grove on January 17-18. Huddles are weekend gatherings to practice the program and share with each other and local congregations. There will be one huddle a month until June. Caravan costs \$250, which includes the huddles and the

trip. If paid in full in January, you get the sale price of \$225. Contact **Troy or Jody Barnhart** at **541-747-6728**.



crazy caravan fun in '08

'09 events at a glance

Our mission center is always busy with events for a variety of people and special interest groups. Following is a listing of a few of those taking place during the first part of the year:

young adults

January 31-February 1: The MAYAs (Metro Area Young Adults) are partnering up with YAPS (Young Adults of Puget Sound) and going to Canada.

February 21: YAPS enjoy an Everett Silvertips game in Everett, WA.

February 22: MAYAs are sponsoring the service at Garden Grove, WA Congregation.

March 21-22: YAPS host a Work Retreat at Samish Island Campground.

aaronic priesthood

April 17-19: Plan now to attend the Aaronic Priesthood Retreat at Samish Island Campground. Theme: Peace Be With You.

high priests

April 24-26: The Greater Pacific Northwest Mission Center will host a retreat for High Priests and spouses at Tuality Congregation in Tigard, OR (just south of Portland). The retreat will focus on the role of the High Priest in the 21st century and how their ministry can be applied in the mission center. Our guest ministry will be Terry Read, President of the Southern California Mission Center. Please mark your calendar for this event and look for more details coming in January. If you have any questions, please contact **Mike Bessonette**, mbessonette@cofchrist.org.

nw first people council

It was a time of remembering heritage, reflection, renewal and awakening for those who attended the Northwest First People Council gathering at Samish Island Campground in October 2008 (right). Look for details on a 2009 gathering soon!



everyone

November 7-8: Mission Center Conference 2009: Mark your calendar now!

BOLD MOVES FORWARD

by Steve Pomeroy

Work has begun on bringing Bold Moves to life! Financial assistance for church planting, re-planting and new ministries within the GPNW Mission Center was authorized by the 2007 Mission Center Conference. Selection of committee members has been completed, and the committee will be finalizing guidelines, procedures and application forms early in 2009.

Now is the time to begin thinking of wonderful new ideas in ministry in a detailed way and how the "seed money" of Bold Moves assistance can get them started. Look for an announcement soon of how to obtain application forms and where and when to file them.

The first grants should be determined during the Spring of 2009.

Email your events, announcements and photos for the next issue of The Chinook to kshort@cofchrist-gpnw.org by March 1, 2009.

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3 trainings for leadership

**youth leadership training
lewis river campground
march 6-8, 2009**

registration fee: free will offering

A must for youth camp directors, camp staff, congregational youth leaders, Christian education teachers and youth 15 and older who want to be on staff and mentor children. Registration forms and more information will be available soon. Contact **Christie Ostendorp**, 503-287-7373, costendorp@cofchrist-gpnw.org.

**being the church in the 21st century & beyond
grants pass, or congregation
saturday, march 14, 2009
10 am to 4 pm (registration at 9 am)
\$10 (including lunch)**

How do we be the church, the Body of Christ, in 2009? How do we live out our mission where we are? Those are the big questions that will be tackled during a workshop for disciples and congregational leaders. We will help congregations and ministries with core issues of identity, mission, message, beliefs, resources, passions, challenges and strengths through discernment and intentional planning. We'll open the can of worms so that congregations can go fishing... fishing for new disciples. We will look at alternative forms of congregational life and different ways to worship. All who are interested in the future of the church and their congregation are invited to participate in Mike and Bill's Excellent Church Adventure! Contact **Mike Bessonette**, [541-923-3660](tel:541-923-3660), mbessonette@cofchrist-gpnw.org or **Bill McFarlin**, [360-574-2758](tel:360-574-2758), wmcfarlin@cofchrist-gpnw.org.

**preaching and public ministry
renton, wa congregation
saturday, march 14, 2009
9 am to 4:30 pm
\$10 (including lunch)**

Join us to explore scripture-based preaching, preaching for intergenerational worship, preaching as worship and interactive preaching. Learn more about the sacraments as windows to the holy, presiding as sacred ministry, worship, work and fellowship. Contact **Francine Inslee**, [360-654-0178](tel:360-654-0178), francine@cofchrist-gpnw.org.

giving online

The mission center has entered the world of online giving. You can now go to the GPNW website (www.CofChrist-gpnw.org) and click on the "Give Now" button on the left. This will take you through the secure process of making a contribution to the mission center via PayPal using a debit or credit card, or a PayPal account. Give it a try! In the coming year, we hope to have a button for contributions to each of the congregations of the mission center.



CAMPING LOOK AHEAD

Camping dates have been set for 2009-2011! While we can't print every event at every campground for the next three years, following are some 2009 dates you'll want to mark on your calendar now. Be sure to check out the calendar on the mission center website (screenshot above) to view details and dates for each of our campgrounds.

lewis river 2009

June 28-July 3: Family Reunion
 July 5-10: Jr. High Boys Camp
 July 5-11: Camp Israel
 July 14-18: Camp Zarahemla
 July 19-24: Jr. High Girls Camp
 September 18-20: Jr./Sr. High Retreat

alaska 2009

July 12-17: Family Reunion

remote 2009

June 27-July 3: Family Reunion
 July 6-11: Jr. High Camp
 July 11-18: Sr. High Camp
 July 18-21: Kids Camp

samish island 2009

May 1-3: 50th Anniversary Celebration!
 June 5-7: Camp Genesis
 June 13-19: Adult Reunion
 July 5-11: Camp Mungai
 July 12-18: Family Reunion
 July 26-August 1: NW Singles Reunion
 August 2-8: Camp Chimacum
 August 9-15: Camp Kimtah
 August 16-22: Camp Kluane

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