



EVERGREEN NOTES

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Special points of interest:

- Black Caucus April 22nd Discernment & Development Workshop registration deadline is April 19 to receive the 25.00 registration special, which includes the May 6 All-Caucus workshop.
- You can receive the Evergreen Notes electronically as an email w/ PDF attachment—send email request to clem@ea-abc.org

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Caucus Workshops Update & Upcoming Black Caucus Workshop

Eric Law states in *The Wolf Shall Dwell with the Lamb*, "Justice in a multicultural setting has to be approached in an "ethnorelative" way. We begin by accepting the reality that people's power perceptions are different because of cultural differences. ... In a multicultural community, we can no longer train leaders ethnocentrically. We can no longer assume everyone is like us in their power perception. We can no longer do justice by simple physical inclusion. We must move from our ethnocentric way to an ethnorelative way of doing justice." (p.

35-36) That's why we are having caucus meetings and an All-Caucus gathering. We must first understand our own perceptions of power, then understand others and find ways to move forward together.

The Asian Caucus met. Reports were that it was very helpful, and they enjoyed discovering their differences and learning from one another for the brief time they were together.

The Euro Caucus met. Reports were that it was very helpful. They are discovering more and more who they are and

learning from one another, instead of just assuming who they are and doing things the way they have always done them. There is still work to do, but they are gaining ability to do their work more justly each time they meet.

The Black Caucus leadership will be meeting to plan their gathering to be held on Saturday, April 22 at Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Baptist Church. Registration forms are already available in churches. If you are a member of a Black Caucus church, please

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Academy of Congregational Transformation Course 2006—2008

The world is changing at a rapid pace, where once every generation had a new culture, it is now thought that in the United States the cultural norms are changing approximately every three years. The church must learn to adapt. For the church, this needs to happen in the context of being

faithful to their calling, faithful to God.

The *Academy of Congregational Transformation* is designed to help church leaders know how to lead churches to be faithful disciples in today's world. We encourage every pastor and lay leader to enroll and commit to the course.

The "course" lasts two years, meeting five weekends a year. A weekend is all day Friday and Saturday. The dates for the new course are:
 September 29-30, 2006
 November 17-18, 2006
 January 19-20, 2007
 February 23-24, 2007

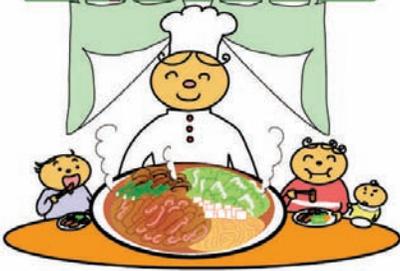
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Events at Our Churches

Sukiyaki Dinner



Saturday April 22, 2006

Japanese Baptist Church
160 Broadway Seattle, WA

Time: 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm (Take out)
4:00 pm - 7:00 pm (Dine in)
Program: 7:00 pm

Donation: \$8.50 Adult
\$5.00 Child (10 & under)

Arts, Crafts and Baked Goods

Shuttle Bus from Gatzert Elementary
14th Ave S. & Yesler Way (3:30 - 8:30 pm)

All Evergreen churches are warmly invited to share in **Seattle First Baptist's Sunrise Service** from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 at the modern cloister of St. Ignatius Chapel at the north end of the Seattle University campus.

This is a short service of word, prayer and song. Come as you are, then head out to breakfast. *****

Upcoming Ordinations:

Charlotte Keyes, April 2, Good Shepherd, 4 PM

Don Good, April 23, Fillipino, 3 PM.

Beverly Spears, June 4, University, 3 PM

Seattle First Baptist Church will host a labyrinth walk for Good Friday from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in their Fellowship Hall,

accessed from the lower Seneca entrance adjacent to the parking lot.

At 7:30 there will be a service of prayer and then a concert of sacred music by the Sanctuary Choir for the season upstairs in the sanctuary.

Join us for both events, or come early for the concert and center *****

Caucus Meetings Update & Upcoming Black Caucus Meeting

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About receiving the newsletter electronically:

"...I can access [the newsletter] without going on-line. Yae! Looks great, very readable! Thank you."

Charlotte Scherer
Community Church of Issaquah

plan to attend the April 22nd Black Caucus meeting at MLK, 8 AM to 6 PM.

On May 6, we gather at Seattle First Baptist Church in an all-caucus gathering (although part of the day

will be spent in Caucus groups). If you attend your Caucus gathering there is a fee of \$25 which pays for both days. If you attend only the all-caucus gathering, the fee is \$20 for the day. See you there!

Peter's Perspectives

I am humbled by my responsibility as Chair of Evergreen in this Spring and Easter Season. We are not a large region as sizes go, but awesome in vision, especially, when viewed in light of the coming of Easter. I set out to bring you a simple "Easter Greeting." Then all of a sudden I woke up

to the realization that Easter is not "simple!"

We are working through in our caucus workshops our identities as Asians, Blacks and Euros in our respective caucuses - as individuals and as congregations, in an effort to ensure that no pastor, individual or

congregation is left isolated. And then to continue to strengthen our inter-caucus, inter-church and the Evergreen fellowship as a family of God.

The workshops are helping to stretch our diversity comfort zones, especially for the Euro caucus

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WASHINGTON BAPTIST CONVENTION (WBC) ANNUAL MEETING

The date of the WBC Annual meeting is Saturday, May 20, 2006 at 8:00am-9:00am during a breakfast buffet. The cost of the buffet is \$6.00. Please make Reservations by sending your check made payable to ABC/NW to the address at the end of this article.

The WBC Annual meeting will be held in conjunction with the ABC/NW meeting at Everett

First Baptist Church,
1616 Pacific Ave., Everett.

Please make reservations by sending your check or money order made payable to ABC/NW and received by May 1 and no later than May 15, at:

WBC Annual Meeting
Breakfast Buffet
c/o Everett First Baptist Church
1616 Pacific Ave.
Everett WA 98201

CALENDAR THE DATE:

Annual Minister and Spouse Dinner Cruise

is scheduled for
Tuesday, August 22.
Roy Medley, ABCUSA
General Secretary will
be on the cruise with us.

Academy of Congregational Transformation...2006 –2008

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April 20-21, 2007
September 28-29, 2007
November 16-17, 2007
January 11-12, 2008
February 22-23, 2008
April 18-29, 2008

During the two years participants are given about 10 books to help them on their path of walking with God. The leaders during the training are current pastors and leaders, so the teaching is done from

current experience, not from experts that did it right once.

Each "weekend" costs \$100, for a total of \$1,000 for the two year experience (payable week-end by weekend). It covers not only the cost of the textbooks, but also a light breakfast, lunch and dinner on Friday and light breakfast and lunch on Saturday and snacks to keep you going during the days. We will be meeting at a local church.

Scholarships are available from ABC/USA for pastors and we will work with churches to make this possible for their leaders. Don't let the costs stop you from enrolling.

Please contact
Marcia Patton (253-859-2226,
marciaeba@comcast.net
for more information and enrollment materials.

"I always read your newsletter. Would you please send it to me by email?"

I plan to return for Home Assignment in late June. I hope you all will keep me busy after I return.

Thanks for keeping me in your prayers.

In Christ,
Roberta Stephens
Missionary to Japan

Baptist History & Polity Class Offered

Fuller Theological Seminary Northwest Extension will be offering Baptist History and Polity this summer July 17-28 (Monday-Fridays 9-12).

To sign up for the class phone Julia at Fuller

Northwest office
206-284-9000 or
1-800-447-2999 or
julia@fuller.edu

Students will need to apply for admission to Fuller to be able to take the class, but that can be

done online and is a fairly simple process. It does take a little time to gather transcripts, references, etc., unless they can be a "visiting" student from another institution.

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2005 ANNUAL REPORTS

Each year all American Baptist Churches are asked to submit an Annual Report. It's time for the 2005 reports to be submitted. If you have not already received the report form, look for it soon in the mail.

The layout of the report is essentially the same. The revisions are the paragraph highlighting the on-line submission option

and the inclusion of the Leadership ID #s a church may use as part of their log on should the church decide to submit the data on-line. You will find all other areas of the form to be as you remember them from previous years.

Please complete as much of the information as possible since your information is necessary for the denomination and region

to have current, accurate information on our member churches.

Whether a church submits the Annual Report on-line or sends the completed form to the region office, it would be helpful to have the information-completed by April 30, 2006.

The essence of a letter from the American Baptist Seminary of the West:
"...We are in grateful receipt of a gift of \$860.22 from the churches of the Evergreen Association. We appreciate this support and your leadership on behalf of ABSW.

Please express our gratitude to your leaders. Best personal wishes...."

Keith A. Russell,
President

2006 Religious Liberty Essay Contest

Topic: Why the separation of church and state is necessary to ensure religious liberty for all

Eligibility: Open to Baptist high school students in the classes of 2006 and 2007

Deadline: June 1, 2006

First Prize: \$1000 and a

trip to Washington, D.C.

Second Prize: \$500

Third Prize: \$100

Sponsored by Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty.

More info at: <http://www.bjconline.org/contest>

Take Your Pastor to the Mariner's Ballgame

Monday, May 22nd

Two tickets for the price of one through the EBA Office.

Register Early at

253-859-2226 or

clemeba@comcast.net

Peter's Perspectives

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members who for a long time have not been asked to define who you were. The people of color have lived with this, yet have not been asked to identify who they are as determined by the caucuses - separate but equal. We are reminded that, in

physical exercising, we find muscles we didn't know we had. Thus, in the same way, our stretching out of our comfort zone will become relational strengthening for which we will be grateful.

I am intrigued with the EBA concept of "bridge

building." We are familiar with human relations, but when viewed in the likeness of that of Jesus who said, John 15:12, NLT, "I command you to love each other in the same way that I love you," we are humbled. Our loving is the "bridging," is it not? We,

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Asian Caucus Discernment & Development Workshop



(l-r) Don Good, Akira Ishimaru, Perla Belo

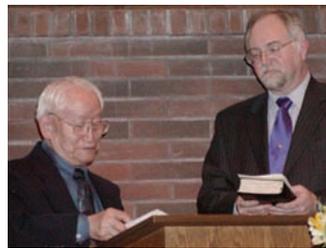


(l-r) Bob Fukano, Peter Koshi, Yoshi Nakagawa, Jon Peterson

M. Christopher Boyer's Ordination Service—March 19, 2006



Rev. Angela Farrar, Pastor of First Baptist Mountlake Terrace brings sermon



Rev. Peter Koshi, Evergreen Association Chair, leads the Litany of Ordination as the Ordinand, M. Chris Boyer, responds



Rev. Chris Boyer gives the benediction.

Euro Caucus Discernment & Development Workshop



(l-r): Judy Gay, Kathy Fransson, Elizabeth Patrick, Curtis Price, Tim Phillips, Marilyn Potts, Micky Holmes, Dick Birdsall, Doug Holmes



(l-r) Becky Jurewicz, Chrystal Cooper, Charlotte Scherer, Terri Simpkins, Chris Boyer, (back rows): Mary Lu McDaniels, Bob Sittig, Charlotte Erickson, Earl Sutherland, Harold Harris, Mary Ellen Harris, Dave Simpkins, Barry Briscoe

Empowering the Church for 21st Century Ministry:

Conference Location: **Hilton Airport Conference Center**

17620 Pacific Highway South Seattle WA, 98188

For information and registration: www.empowerconferenceonline.org

Workshop Descriptions

Morning Sessions

1. *Mission Strategies for the 21st Century World*

Instructor: Reverend Dr. Raymond Bakke

This workshop is designed to equip the local church to do effective and relevant home and foreign mission in the 21st century world. Emphasis will first be given to informing workshop participants of the critical political, economic, and social developments that shape the mission agenda for today's Church. Secondly, participants will be introduced to new strategies for accomplishing mission objectives under current national and global conditions.

2. *Developing and Implementing the Vision for Your Church*

Instructor: Reverend Marlin Harris

This workshop is designed to equip pastors, church staff, and church officers with a methodology for developing and implementing a "shared vision" for congregational growth and ministry development in their local church. Strategies will be given for creating excitement, building trust, managing conflict and increasing buy-in throughout the change process.

3. *Nurturing the Multi-Cultural Congregation*

Instructor: Rev. Dr. Heidi Newmark

This workshop is designed to equip pastors, church leaders and church members with the tools to create genuine faith community and understanding among congregants from diverse racial and cultural backgrounds. Workshop participants will be introduced to effective strategies for managing conflict that arises from difference.

4. *Developing the Dynamic Music Ministry*

Instructor: Rev. Nolan Williams

This workshop will address the spiritual development of a music staff and choir members. Learn about enhancing musical technique, both vocal and instrumental. Attention will be given to the integration of all worship arts, including dance, mime, drama, and spoken word, etc. Learn how to establish a music ministry that masters both traditional and contemporary styles of sacred music.

Afternoon Sessions

5. *Preaching Through Congregational Conflict and Transition*

Instructor: Rev. Dr. Gary Simpson

This workshop is designed to equip pastors with the tools to responsibly and constructively address congregational conflicts during the preaching moment. Participants will also be given guidance in how to avoid the temptation of developing a "reactionary pulpit" during difficult congregational seasons.

6. *Effective Models of Christian Education and Faith Formation*

Instructor: Rev. Kathi R. Chavous

This workshop will introduce participants to creative and fresh models in "life long faith formation." Emphasis will be given to the development of curricula that is culturally and age sensitive. Also creative teaching techniques, including use of new technologies, will be introduced.

7. *Developing Effective Leaders for a Healthy Church*

Instructor: Rev. Dr. Anthony Robinson

This workshop will distinguish between the healthy and the unhealthy congregation, and then identify and contrast healthy vs. unhealthy leadership behaviors. The objective is to present a model for training and/or retraining healthy church leadership that in turn can develop a spiritually and relationally healthy congregation.

8. *Taking Christ to the Hip Hop Generation*

Instructor: Rev. Melvin Maxwell

This workshop is designed to help pastors and adults youth workers to better understand the dynamics of Hip Hop culture and to introduce them to successful models of ministry to today's youth. Emphasis will be given to how to train prospective adult youth workers to effectively reach youth and to successfully implement the appropriate youth ministry model for their local church.

An Invitation to Audition for the 2007 ABCUSA Biennial—Washington DC

Plans are being made for the 2007 ABCUSA Biennial to be held in Washington DC, June 29—July 2, 2007. Representatives from American Baptist Churches across the country will assemble for the national annual meeting held every two years.

Brad Berglund, Biennial Worship Coordinator, hopes to highlight the musical talent of groups and individuals from the ABC family all across the country.

Interested musicians and musical groups are asked to submit an Application to Participate along with audi-

tion materials no later than September 15, 2006.

You may call the region office: 253-859-2226, email: clemeba@comcast.net for a copy of the Application or you may contact Brad Berglund at brad@reinventingsunday.com

Peter's Perspectives

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as individuals and congregations, are the bridges for Christ!

My greeting to you in this season is the greeting Jesus spoke to his disciples on that first day of the week following his resurrection when He appeared to them, John 20:21, NIV, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I send you." "And with that He breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit." Wow! What an

experience! Yet, is this not also the experience of every disciple of Jesus Christ? I believe it is.

If the above is so, then let us, members and friends of Evergreen, commit ourselves as individuals and congregations, as ones having received the "peace of Christ" and the "Holy Spirit" and serve as the "sent ones" to and by Evergreen Association of American Baptist Churches.

Let me close this greeting to pastors, congregations

and friends of EBA with a bit of the "Easter Prayer" of Peter Marshall: "From this moment, O living Christ, we ask Thee to go with us wherever we go; be our Companion in all that we do. And for this greatest of all gifts, we offer Thee our sacrifice of thanksgiving. Amen".

Humbly, In Christ,

Peter

pkoshi22@aol.com

EBA Choir and Musicians—Evergreen Sounds meet the second Tuesday each month.

Next rehearsal
April 11, 2006,
Japanese Baptist Church, 7 PM

Your talent is needed—join us!!

Japanese American Remembrance Garden at Seattle University will be Dedicated April 6, 2006. This garden tribute, in addition to encouraging the value and protection of personal freedoms, Yosh Nakagawa says, is also a tribute to the immigrant Japanese Issei generation (first generation) who "took the blame" for the fact that they were Japanese during World War II.



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Evergreen Notes, the newsletter for the member Churches, ecumenical partners, national affiliates, and friends of the Evergreen Association of American Baptist Churches is published monthly.

Please submit articles by the 25th of the month prior to expected publication.

You are encouraged to copy and/or reprint information and articles.

Rev. Dr. Marcia Patton, Executive Minister

Our vision is to encourage every Evergreen church to move forward in creative partnership with other churches and the Association (deeper Koinonia).

Calendar of Upcoming Events

MISSION STATEMENT

Being a culturally diverse people who are one in Christ and who value the liberties of our American Baptist Heritage, the Evergreen Baptist Association will

- Build bridges between communities;
- Provide resources to equip member churches to share Christ, and teach God's word; and
- Translate our unity to the world.

APRIL

- 2—Charlotte Keyes Ordination, University 4 PM
- 3—Executive Committee Meeting, JBC, 5 PM
- 5-9—ABCUSA General Executive Council Meeting, Valley Forge
- 11—Evergreen Sounds Rehearsal, JBC, 7 PM
- 16—**HAPPY EASTER!**
- 17—20 Wait on the Lord Spiritual Formation Conference, Orlando FL
- 22—**Black Caucus Discernment & Development Workshop**, MLK, 8 AM—6PM
- 22—Sukiyaki Dinner, JBC, 4PM (see pg 2)
- 23—Don Good Ordination, Filipino American Christian Fellowship, 3 PM
- 28-29 Last ACT weekend for 2004-2005 Class
- 28—30 PNW AB Women's Conference, Moses Lake WA

MAY

- 6—**INTERCAUCUS WORKSHOP**, Seattle First, 8AM—6 PM
- 9—Evergreen Sound Rehearsal, JBC, 7 PM
- 9-12 Empowering the Church in the 21st Century Conference, (See

pages 6 & 7)

- 22—Take Your Pastor to a Mariner's Baseball Game

JUNE

- 4—Bev Spears Ordination, University, 3 PM
- 22-25 ABCUSA General Board

JULY

- 10—15 Peace Camp Atlanta GA

AUGUST

- 26 Association Board Meeting, Wedgwood, 9 AM

SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER

- 20-21 **ANNUAL MEETING**, Community Church of Issaquah