



# Evergreen Notes

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## Have a joyful Easter; Celebrate Christ's Resurrection!

Easter Sunrise Service at St. Ignatius Chapel—SU, 7 AM

You are invited to join in the community Easter Sunrise Worship Service at St. Ignatius Chapel, Seattle University, Sunday, April 8, 2012 at 7 AM.

This year the service will feature, the Rev. Dr. Patricia Hunter as our preacher, and the Mount Zion Brotherhood Chorus will sing.

Rev. Dr. Hunter is a Senior Benefits Consultant with the Ministers and Missionar-

ies Benefit Board (MMBB), and has 25 years of experience in her ministry serving churches within



Rev. Dr. Patricia Hunter

Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington and Wyoming. Before joining MMBB in 1987, she served as assistant pastor of the Mount Zion Baptist Church, Seattle,

WA.

A graduate of Seattle University, where she has taught Womanist Theology and Black Church History; Dr. Hunter also has a master of divinity degree from Colgate Rochester Divinity School, and a doctor of ministry degree from the Saint Paul School of Theology, Kansas City, Missouri.

She is a regular columnist for the Seattle Times.

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### Remember in Prayer:

Churches seeking Pastors:

*Burien Community Church*

*Wedgwood Community*

*Japanese Baptist Church*

*Filipino American Christian Fellowship*

*New Community of Faith*

*Evergreen Missionaries to Haiti—the Nzungas with whom they will serve, and the people of Haiti whom they will serve. (see pages 4-5)*

## Perla's Pearls: PREPARE FOR EASTER



Rev. Perla Belo  
Association Chair

We are in the Lenten season, the forty days before Easter. Lent began with Ash Wednesday,

a time for Christians to be in the practice of repentance and reflection on the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.


Here are scripture

texts to aid our reflection for Holy Week. The Lord Jesus explained the meaning of His death when He said "for the Son of Man came not to be

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## Events & Happenings Around the Association


 **Seattle First Baptist Church** announces the Ordination of Gretchen Champoux on April 22, 2012, 2 PM.


 **Japanese Baptist Church** invites you to the **Sukiyaki Dinner**, a scholarship fundraiser, **Saturday, April 28th**, Details on page 9.

 **¡Fiesta! At University Baptist Church, Saturday, May 5th at 6:00 p.m.** will be the first event of the newly formed Hispanic Caucus of the Evergreen Association.

Everyone is invited to join us for a dinner and dessert auction. More information on page 8 of this newsletter, and tickets are available from your Association Board representative, Clem in the Evergreen office or Pastor Manny at UBC.

 **First Baptist Church of Berkeley** will be moving to a new location on Sunday June 3rd. This is also the 123rd anniversary of the church. A great celebration is planned, and your presence requested!

 **Take Your Pastor /Leader/Friend/Family to the Baseball Game**, Seattle Mariners vs. Oakland A's, Monday, June 25, 2012, 7:10 PM. Ticket information on page 9 of this newsletter.

 **Bar-B-Que Fundraiser** Sponsored by the Evergreen Black Caucus, July 14, 2012; Cedar River Trail Park in Renton. Tickets remain \$20 each; and there will be an expanded auction of baked goods and other special items such as one week at a cabin on Ocean Shores.

## Perla's Pearls

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served but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many". (Mark 10:45), and His words at the last supper (Mark 14:24; Matt. 26:28). These two sayings of the Lord Jesus speak of the meaning of His death (George Ladd, author of A theology of the New Testament; was an American Baptist and a NT professor at Fuller Seminary). "Most of the passion passages include no theology of the passion." (Ladd). He drew several conclusions.

Jesus' death is messianic: Jesus said that his death is important in his ministry (Mark

8:31, "The Son of Man must suffer many things.")

Jesus' death is atoning: the redemptive significance of Jesus' death is seen in the ransom saying of Mark 10:45;

Jesus' death is substitutionary: The preposition in Mark 10:45 is anti (Greek) which means "In the stead of. Jesus gave his life as savior for our sins.

Jesus' death is sacrificial: the sacrificial element is in Jesus' words in the last supper, "This is my blood of the covenant which is poured out for the many" (Mark 14:24, Matt. 26:28).

Jesus' death is eschatological:

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Jesus' words in Last Supper, "Truly I say to you I shall not drink again of the fruit of the vine until the day I drink it new in the Kingdom of God" (Mark 14:25). "The death of Christ creates a new fellowship that will be fully realized only in the eschatological kingdom of God." (Ladd).

Have a joyful celebration of Easter, Christ's resurrection!

*Perla*

## Evergreen News Release: The Killing of Trayvon Martin

The Evergreen Association of American Baptist Churches Board meeting on Saturday, March 24, 2012 asked that justice be sought in the slaying of Trayvon Martin in Florida.

The Board is concerned that a young black man was

targeted and undue force was used against him in whatever altercation happened the evening he was killed.

The Board is also concerned that this was a case of racial profiling resulting in no arrest. In this case laws that allow someone to use deadly

force against another without arrest is abuse of power.

The Evergreen Association of American Baptist Churches is calling for the arrest of George Zimmerman.

## Justice For Trayvon Martin

March 25, 2012

Rally at Greater Mount Baker Missionary Baptist Church/March to the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Park



## Good Shepherd Baptist Church Receives Award—March 2012

Good Shepherd Baptist Church received an award from ABC/USA Homes and Caring Ministries. Pastor Chris Boyer shown holding the award with members of the Board of Homes and Caring Ministries, including Marcia Patton, Evergreen Executive Minister and Bill Painter, currently chaplain at

Judson Park and Homes and Caring Ministries Board member (far right)





## Pray For Our Haiti Mission Team Traveling April 20–29, 2012

Thank you to all who supported the Haiti Musical Fundraiser. You enabled us to raise \$5,000, which is being used to help build a classroom in their new school. Additionally, thank you to Microsoft who donated five laptop computers with the systems and preferred language programs pre-loaded.

Now we ask your prayers as the following mission team members go to build relationships, spread goodwill and demonstrate God's love in a tangible way:

**Susan Blythe-Goodman** graduated from the University of Washington last June with a Masters in Science Education. She is currently a Companis worker with a non-profit called SEA. SEA helps homeless and low-income young adults pursue higher education. She works as a math tutor to help students get their GED or pass the COM-PASS test. She is currently a member at Seattle First Baptist Church, where she learned about this trip. She became interested in the trip because of the focus on women's work in Haiti.



**Michael R. Booker** is an Associate Minister at Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Baptist church. He was called to preach at an early age and answered God's call roughly 20 years ago. Along with the call he was given the gift of encouragement and has ministered to countless people by helping them to see their value and to never lose hope. He often talks about a basket that

was given to him by the Lord. It is filled with faith, hope, comfort, encouragement, and love. His prayer is that he will be able to share this basket with the people of Haiti. Rev. Booker is a graduate of Portland State University (Portland OR) and is currently employed at CenturyLink Communications.



**Toni R. Booker** is an Associate Minister at Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Baptist church. She has a passion for youth and has worked in various capacities serving them, whether it be counting the number of street kids in conjunction with University of Washington's School of Social Work, or feeding them at the Renton Salvation Army's Community Supper, or counseling them at the Seattle Juvenile Detention Center. Even when she promises to take a break from this work, she inevitably gets drawn back into it. How appropriate that one of the goals of the mission team is to help build a classroom. As she travels to Haiti her personal mission is to touch as many children as she can and to simply listen. Rev. Toni Booker is a graduate of Portland State University (Portland OR) and is currently employed at the University of Washington.

**Mary Cline** was raised in Issaquah and was in the US Air Force from July 1974 to September 1977. She has two adult daughters by a previous marriage, and remarried in 1997. Mary has an 18-year old grand-

son, along with three step-grandchildren. She attended Bellevue Community College and graduated from Seattle Pacific University with a BSN in nursing. She has worked for the VA Puget Sound Health Care System since 1986.



**Judy Gay** has often said that the children's book "Leo, the Late Bloomer" is an apt description of her life. She is a double graduate from Seattle Pacific University, and holds a Master's Degree in Early Childhood Education and a Doctorate in Educational Leadership. From that, one might suspect that she was a teacher and perhaps a school administrator, and one would be right on both counts. But after all of that, and after raising four children, she felt called to seminary (a dream she had expressed in her high school yearbook in 1962). And so she enrolled in the Northwest extension program at Fuller Seminary, and received her Masters of Divinity degree in 2001. Since that time she has been Interim Pastor at Good Shepherd Baptist Church, a resident chaplain at Harborview Hospital. Currently she serves as Pastor of Fremont Baptist Church, a position she has held for 8 years. As a late bloomer she began training for and racing in triathlons four summers ago, and now she has signed up to go to Haiti. When the information about the trip came out, she signed on without hesitation. She says, "Thankfully I have a very loving and under-

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## Our Haiti Mission Team

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standing husband who supports me and my whims. I am looking forward to this trip in April and will continue to look for new ways to continue to grow and learn”.



**Pharez Keyes**, 19 years old, attends Seattle Pacific University and is pursuing a major in music education. She loves playing music 24/7, and in her spare time she finds time to shop! She attends MLK Baptist Church in Renton, WA. Pharez chose to do this trip because she genuinely finds joy in helping others, and what's better than helping AND spreading God's love? So she couldn't pass up this wonderful opportunity. This will be her first mission trip and hopefully, the first of many to come!



**Ronald D. Kirstein, Ph.D.** has been friends with Nzunga Mabudiga since 1977 when they first entered seminary together at Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary. His primary motivation for this trip is to visit Nzunga and Kihomi in their place of ministry. Since seminary Ron has served professionally as the Associate Pastor at Tacoma First Baptist Church and has worked for the last 18 years as an endorsed ABC Pastoral Counselor with Presbyterian Counseling Service/ Samaritan Center of Puget Sound. He has been on a number of mission/work/educational experiences with various ABC mis-

sionaries in his lifetime. Each of these has been life-transforming for him. He currently attends Wedgewood Community Church in Seattle.



**Rev. Keith Madsen** became Pastor of The Community Church of Issaquah in January of 2011. He has previously served at the First Baptist Church of Bellingham, Washington (1989-1998); the First Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon (1998-2006), and the Oakesdale Baptist Church (1983-1985), as well as at churches in Kansas and New Jersey. He received a B.A. in Psychology from Kansas University, a M.Div. from Central Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Kansas, and a D.Min. with an emphasis on ministry with younger adults, from St. Paul School of Theology (United Methodist) in Kansas City, MO. Keith lives in Sammamish with his wife Cathy (who was going to be part of the trip but had to cancel because of injuries from a fall), and they have an adult son and four adult daughters, as well as nine grandchildren. Keith has previously been on mission trips to Kodiak Island, Alaska, Belo Horizonte, Brazil, and to Katrina-ravaged Bay St. Louis, Mississippi.

**Angeline C. Schrib** was raised in what is now Sammamish, but which at the time was part of Redmond and Issaquah. She graduated from Tiger Mountain Alternative High School. She has a 4-year old son and lives in Shelton.



**E. Clem Winbush** currently serves as the Minister of Mission Support and Administration for the Evergreen Association of American Baptist Churches, and is an associate of the Natural Evangelism Team (NET) for the region. She has found her niche in working with God's people in American Baptist congregations. Clem says she saw God's grace with certainty while teaching full-time, attending school evenings, weekends, and summers, with a husband and two school-aged children at home; and sees her role at Evergreen as providential – again, God's grace. She earned a BS degree in English Education from Savannah State University, Savannah GA; a Master of Administration and a Washington State Principal Certificate through Western Washington University, Bellingham. Before being called to Evergreen, Clem served for 21 years as an educator in the public schools of Anne Arundel County Maryland, and Renton and Bellevue WA. She found joy in her career in public school education working mainly in middle schools with 6th - 8th graders. Clem and her husband James are the parents of two adult daughters - Dehlia and Rosalyn, and have three grandchildren - Marionna, Demetri and Nadira. This mission trip to Haiti will be Clem's first experience as a missionary in a third world country.

At our March 24 Board meeting, all our values were tested a bit. I was surprised by this. For most of you reading this, let me set the stage. We have one church and a small group of folks in Evergreen who Spanish. At our last Annual Meeting, an Hispanic Caucus met and organized. We recently granted money to Ebenezer Confraternidad so they could once again have a pastor. And we asked (increased our investment) that pastor to do some new church planting among Latinos. In early March the Executive Committee was asked and approved the idea of adding an Hispanic member to the Executive Committee. We thought this ought to be approved by the Association Board. We simply put on the agenda: "adding an Hispanic Caucus member to the Executive Committee." When the Board was asked if there needed to be any clarification of agenda items, a much larger discussion ensued that was never anticipated. And it led to a bit of chaos.

Folks at first verbalized that they thought this representative would be present but without "vote" ("What is this?" I thought, "if they are there, they have full participation!"). And there was consternation that we would be "breaking our rules" by having the Hispanic representative at the table. Then it was, since they don't have two Hispanic churches in Evergreen, they aren't a caucus (what is

this, I thought, they are a caucus, even if we can't "seat" them as a recognized caucus in Evergreen (our by-laws require two churches before we can seat them)). So what I thought was a "no-brainer", needed much dialogue and figuring out, before caucuses came back and reported that yes, it was a appropriate to have an Hispanic representative on the Executive Committee.



Rev. Manny Santiago, one of the two Hispanic caucus members present, later wrote to me (in part) *"I was very hurt by the comments on the "non-existence" of the Hispanic Caucus, because it made us invisible once again. This is precisely the issue that we as Hispanics - and I am sure that other ethnicities too - have experienced again and again. We are not a "prophecy," in fact we are the present reality of this Association and of the country as a whole."*

Pastor Santiago also said, *"Neither Guadalupe nor I want to 'break the rules.' We just want to point out that the rules are not working for the reality of the Hispanic community. I, personally, cannot and will not participate in more conversations as part of a Caucus that does not represent my interests as Hispanic in the Association. The*

*fact that I pastor an Anglo church does not mean that I have to take part in the Anglo/Euro Caucus discussion. There are plenty of other people in this caucus who have been doing a fine job in finding solutions for the realities of the Euro/Anglo representation within our Region and denomination."*

Further, these Hispanic brothers brought up that a solution needs to be found to our dilemma. They don't feel very welcome at the moment, and even though a seat is offered, they have refused the invitation. How do we now say we do really want you

fully there? How do we now say that without you we are not complete and need your presence even to consider the revisions you propose? How do we say you are welcome?

On the one hand, we are learning and growing. On the other hand, we can create hurt as we grow. The hurts are real. How do we practice healing? How do we learn so we don't make the mistake again? There was conversation that perhaps we need to look at what it takes to seat a caucus. That may be, and we need the Hispanic caucus at the table to consider that conversation.

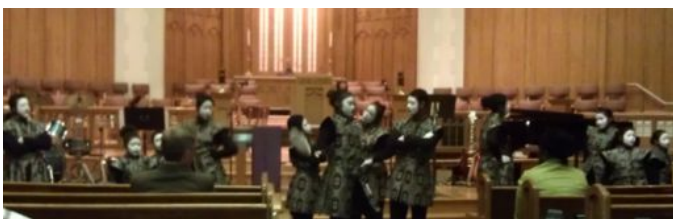
I pray for Evergreen and our growing edges. I pray the Hispanic caucus will hear our desire to have them as full partners at the table. Lord, hear our prayer.



## Sounds of Evergreen Fundraiser for Haiti Mission Trip

Evergreen's diversity was beautifully evident during the fundraiser event held on March 3rd at Seattle First Baptist Church.

The group lovingly described by a spokesman as a "garage band", C2K2, represented the Asian Caucus, and included one of it's numbers in Burmese. The MLK Voices of Praise shared Gospel with instruments and the voice as an instrument—a cappella;



Believe Mime Team does a quick check on the space

"Believe" mime team and Amazing Grace dance team demonstrated a variety of worship styles from the Black Caucus. And representing the Euro Caucus:

University Baptist Church Choir taught us, and sang; and Marge Paynton shared with us how the SFBC's Aeolian Skinner Organ can make music which speaks to individuals in a room full of people.

Community Church of Issaquah's Duane Bowen led us all into worship with his gift on the saxophone, accompanied on piano by Velma Walker. And Velma also shared her prowess in a rocketing piano rendition of *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*.

Fremont Baptist Church's Walter Family shared the many musical talents in one family—singing, playing multiple instruments and composing songs.

A quintet from the Rainbow City Band affiliated with

Wedgwood Community Church's repertoire ranged from classical to Spirituals.

And we were treated to a bit of laughter by Walt & Gayle Foster's rollicking rendition of "Anything You Can Do"...

Deborah Robinson of MLK Baptist church was our able MC, and Ned A. Parker, Children, Youth and Family Pastor at SFBC led in prayer and scrip-



ture reading. Thank you both.

And just as important as this editor's attempt to thank the participants sharing their gifts in the worship experience, the offering netted \$2,000+ toward the purchase of one classroom in Haiti's new school. Thank you all for sharing your talents, time and resources.

If you were unable to attend, or live geographically distant from Seattle, you may still send you gifts made payable to Evergreen Association—ABC, 409 Third Avenue S, Ste A, Kent WA 98032. Or you may include your gift through your church in the United Mission giving; just designate it for the "Haiti Mission trip"

Again, thank you all for a wonderful evening in worshipful sights and sounds of Evergreen for a worthy cause!

### Need Musicians for the 2013 Biennial

Are you a Musician, Dancer, Performer, Soloist, Choir, Instrumentalist?  
If So, We Need You!

The American Baptist Mission Summit/Biennial 2013, Overland Park/Kansas City  
June 21 – June 23, 2013

Performers are invited to fill out an application and return it as soon as possible.  
Email: [clemeba@comcast.net](mailto:clemeba@comcast.net) or call: 253-859-2226 to request an application form.  
The application deadline is November 15, 2012.

# ***¡Fiesta!***

## **Evergreen Association of ABC-USA Hispanic Caucus Fundraiser**



**When? May 5, 2012**

**Time? 6:00 p.m.**

**Where? University Baptist Church**

**4731 – 15<sup>th</sup> Ave NE  
Seattle, WA**

**What? Dinner & Dessert Auction!**

**Cost? \$25 adult \$10 children**

***Celebrate CINCO DE MAYO with your Hispanic sisters and brothers from Evergreen. Buffet style Latin food will be served!***

***You are invited to donate a dessert for the Dessert Auction.***

***Limited parking available on the lot across from the church***

***Make checks payable to Evergreen Association, and note “Hispanic Caucus” on the memo line. Get tickets from your church’s Association Board representative; Pastor Manny Santiago at [pastor@ubcseattle.org](mailto:pastor@ubcseattle.org), 206-632-5188; or Clem at the Evergreen Association office: [clemeba@comcast.net](mailto:clemeba@comcast.net) telephone: 253-859-2226.***



## Sukiyaki Dinner— April 28, 2012

During the Japanese Baptist Church's annual Sukiyaki Dinner, the free Cultural Program will begin at 7 PM featuring the Japanese Community Queen's Court, an ikebana flower arrangement demonstration and display, Japanese songs sung by the Evergreen Glee Club and the Rainbow Chorus.

You are invited to come enjoy the afternoon/evening with the community.

**SUKIYAKI DINNER**  
すきやきディナー

2-7PM TAKE OUT  
4-7PM DINE IN  
Donations: \$12.00 Adult  
\$ 8.00 10 & Under

\*A portion of the proceeds benefits local charities.  
\*Arts, crafts, baked goods and ikebana display

**Free Cultural Program at 7PM**  
\*「日本の夕べ」午後7時より\*

**Saturday April 28, 2012**

**JAPANESE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
...Where Everyone Is Welcome  
160 Broadway Seattle, WA 98122

\*Japanese Flower Arrangement (Ikebana) Demonstration at Cultural Program  
\*「日本の夕べ」にて、池坊の華道も行う。

Thank You,  
Herb Tsuchiya,  
Photographer



## Join Us for the Annual Take Your Pastor, Family &/or Friends to the Baseball Game!



Seattle Mariners vs. Oakland A's  
Monday, June 25, 2012 7:10 PM

Send your name, address and number of tickets (\$10 each) with your check or money order to: Evergreen Association of ABC, 409 Third Avenue S, Suite A, Kent WA 98032. You may also phone, fax or email your request (see back page for contact info)—when payment is received, the ticket (s) will be mailed to you.

**DEADLINE: June 20, 2012**

# Transformed by the Spirit Updates



Evergreen has four groups meeting:

## ***Creating Community***

### ***across Geography/Cultures that Makes a Difference***

ACT TEAM: Ken Curl, Facilitator, Ned Parker, Bob Fukano, Woun Kim, Manny Santiago, Coach: Clem Winbush

#### **Restatement of the original Ministry Challenge:**

Create an atmosphere that welcomes, includes, and connects our congregations and their members in order to deepen our relationships with each other and God. This must take into consideration our large geographical area and diversity (e.g. race, age, culture, gender and other differences that impact trust) so that we may overcome feelings of disconnection in our churches and within Evergreen.

Through deeper consideration, thought, discernment and discussion **we have come to consensus on the following Ministry Challenge statement:**

Be a Community of Christ that welcomes, includes, and connects our congregations and their members in

order to deepen our relationships with each other and God. This must take into consideration our large geographical area and diversity (e.g. race, age, culture, gender and other differences that impact trust).

## ***The Meaning of Space***

First Baptist Church in Berkley is engaging an adaptive ministry challenge of trying to understand the meaning of space in regard to their life and ministry as a congregation.

Facilitator: Nancy Hall

Coach: Karen Yee

After our first meeting, we have decided that the adaptive challenge was really not about space. The congregation will transition to another temporary site and during the season of Lent, look at what it means to change and give up and let go of space and places. I will meet again with Nancy Hall after Easter to look at a new Adaptive Challenge for their congregation.

## ***Church Leadership***

ACT Team: Cathy Kernen, Judy Gay, Walter Heyman

Facilitator: Nancy Darnell

Coach: Marcia Patton

This group had their first formal meeting Thursday morning. They

are in process of developing their statement. There may be more information to report at the Association Board meeting.

## ***Church Growth***

ACT Team: M. Christopher Boyer, Daryl Lavway, Greg Ledbetter, Curtis Price, Jodie Tooley, Chris Shade.

Facilitator: Marcia Patton

Coach: Keith Tanis

Statement of the Ministry Challenge

Our challenge is to move our congregations out of their comfort zones and beyond fear and “survival mentality” in order to relevantly address the needs of changing communities and new generations.

***Addendum:*** The California Bay area churches in meeting with Alan Roxburgh on March 31st identified three possible ministry challenges: 1) Getting out of the church walls and into the community. 2) Loving out Luke 10:1-12. 3) Coming together as American Baptists in the Bay area. Adaptive Challenge Teams may be developed on these challenges.



Immerse, the gathering of American Baptist youth from across the nation in Washington D.C., July 24—28, 2012 is fast approaching. Won't

you encourage and financially support a youth(14—19 year old) to spend some time in our nation's capitol immersed in worship—songs, prayers, and fellowship with other American Baptist youth?

The website to visit for more details is [www.abhms-immerses2012.org](http://www.abhms-immerses2012.org)

So far, we're aware of the challenge from Salt Lake City; and Wedgwood is sending two young ladies. What about our reps from other churches?

Please call the Evergreen office if you have questions. Let's just do it for our young folks!

# Unplug Nuclear Power, Now!

Larry & JoAnn Sims

March 11, 2011 was a day in Japan's history remembered all over the world. Video re-plays one year later of the enormous Tsunami caused by the catastrophic Great Eastern Japan Earthquake once more filled the TV screens. The initial disaster was made much worse by the damage and failure of the three nuclear power plants along the Eastern Japanese coast. Not only were houses destroyed, but remaining populations were forced to evacuate because of radiation leakage in an ever-widening radius around the power plants.

Radiation leakage from the power plants spilled and continue to be emitted into the air, water, and surrounding land, and the sea. The continual radiation leakage now exceeds that of the Chernobyl accident in Russia. The truth is that while nuclear power plants were sold to the world as producers of safe, clean energy, they are not clean and not safe. The production of nuclear fuel, from the mining of uranium to the operation of nuclear power plants negatively affects the populations working with or living

near the nuclear energy facilities.

On March 11, 2012 people of Hiroshima including several people from World Friendship Center gathered first at Peace Memorial Museum to hear a series of experts share their views on the nuclear disaster then moved to a gathering at the A-bomb dome. A growing group walked with Police escorts crossing streets and following sidewalks to Hiroshima City Central Park, where we listen to a Hibakusha share his continuing health issues as a result of radiation exposure. A young father from Fukushima shared his story of first a narrow escape from the Tsunami and then the evacuation of his family from their home because of the radiation danger from continuing radiation leakage.

The crowd that had by this time grown to about 3,000 were holding flags and yellow cards saying, "No to Nuclear Energy." The last speaker led the assembled group in a time of silence for those who died in the earthquake, tsunami, and for those evacuated and exposed to



radiation. Donations were collected to assist in the relocation and care of the families that survived. Our group then created a huge parade of 5-6 people across, carrying cards, banners, and flags, and we walked in the street with police guides across each intersection for a three-mile march through the downtown district of Hiroshima.

World Friendship Center (WFC) has worked for nuclear disarmament and world peace since 1965. This renewed interest in the dangers of nuclear radiation is compatible with the goals of WFC. World Peace and nuclear weapon disarmament may well come with a nuclear power free world! As Volunteer Directors of World Friendship Center in Hiroshima we were proud and honored to protest the continued use of electricity generation with nuclear power.

## Baptists Lunching Together (BLT)

*The following info was taken from the PCBA Notes, Spring 2012, volume 2, No 1.*

Looking ahead:

April 18—Allison Tanner will talk about her study of preaching on social issues by American Baptist pastors.

May 12—PCBA Spring Conference, at the Alameda First

Baptist Church. The keynote leader will be Jennifer W. Davidson, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Worship and Theology at ABSW. She will explore the theme, "Why Worship Matters".

For BLT reservations: Contact Joan Thatcher, 510-350-7008.

BLT program lunches are held at Grand Lake Gardens, 401 Santa Clara Ave, Oakland.





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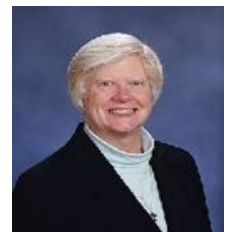
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You are encouraged to copy and/or reprint information and articles.



Rev. Dr. Marcia J. Patton  
Executive Minister

Building Bridges, Resourcing Churches & Translating Our Unity

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

### APRIL

8—Easter Sunrise Service, St. Ignatius Chapel, Seattle University Campus, 7 AM

20—29 Mission Trip to Haiti—Be in prayer for the missionaries and the people of Haiti.

22—Gretchen Champoux's Ordination, SFBC, 2 PM.

### MAY

4—6 ABW-NW Conference, Ross Point Camp

5—Hispanic Caucus Fundraiser, University Baptist Church, Ticket info pg. 8, 6 PM

### JUNE

9—Association Board Meeting, 9 AM, Wedgwood

25—Take Your Pastor to the Baseball Game, 7:10 PM (see pg. 9)

### JULY

14—Bar-B-Que Fundraiser

24—28 Immerse; ABC Youth Gathering, Washington DC

### AUGUST

25—Association Board Meeting, 9 AM, Wedgwood

**OCTOBER 11-13, 2012 - ANNUAL MEETING, Mount Zion Baptist**

## 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.