



EVERGREEN NOTES

Evergreen Association of American Baptist Churches

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*New Web site is up
and running—Check
it out!!
ea-abc.org*

COME TO THE ANNUAL MEETING

Highlights of the Annual Meeting:

*Thursday evening before the Annual Meeting, Evergreen is in charge of serving the dinner to Tent City 4 folks who will be staying at Issaquah Community Church—come early and help out.

*Friday Luncheons will be held by the Minister’s Council and the American Baptist Women (ABW) Ministries.

*Opening Worship

will be led by Bacone College Native American students and staff.

*Following Worship join us for a workshop on American Baptist Native American concerns.

*Later Friday afternoon Roy Medley will lead a workshop outlining the new representative structure being proposed for ABC/USA . You won’t want to miss this!

*There is an annual meeting dinner that will be scrumptious.

*Worship Friday evening with Rev. Dr. A. Roy Medley, General Secretary of the American Baptist Churches USA preaching.

*Saturday morning devotional led by our Evergreen Chair, Rev. Peter Koshi.

*Caucuses will meet for 4 hours, including lunch with a business

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Special points of interest:

- *Keep Becky & Barry in your prayers.*
- *Thank you for responding so promptly to the SBU Clergy/ Spouse Dinner Cruise invitation. We’ll enjoy our evening together.*

PETER’S PERSPECTIVES

Did the ABCUSA Biennial meet my expectations? I had not approached the convention with expectations. I did as I had done with my trip to

Japan—I set out to experience the convention. I had a very inspiring, uplifting experience. The centennial celebration in our nation’s capital

was definitely meaningful.

Being a participant in the opening of the

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EVENTS & HAPPENINGS IN OUR CHURCHES & ASSOCIATION

REPRESENTATION NEEDED FOR ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING, AUGUST 25, WEDGWOOD COMMUNITY CHURCH, 9 AM

—Member churches are encouraged to send representatives to the Board meeting as we discuss agenda, including budget for the October 12-13 Annual Meeting. Be sure your voice is heard.

Annual Meeting

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session to follow.

*The closing worship will include presentations by the three caucuses, a passing of the talking stick to the newly affirmed chair and end with Taiko Drums.

*Following it all SBU will hold its annual meeting and dinner. Dr. Medley will again speak, and the Asian Caucus

Pullman Baptist Moves

In worship yesterday we were joined by former Pastor Marilyn Marston, and our Executive Minister, Dr. Marcia Patton, as we celebrated the old, and looked eagerly forward to the new. Joel 2:15-21 "Visions and Dreams" was the focus, with an emphasis once

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF ISSAQUAH WELCOMES TENT CITY 4 on August 11, 2007. Thank you to those who have agreed to supply/serve meals, those who have given toiletries, and financial support. It's not too late for whatever support you wish to offer: making & breaking camp, meal preparation & service, excess garden produce, blanket, tent & clothing drives; publicity/

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will have a time of thanks, honoring some of its hard working members.

Plan now to attend! Registration information is in this newsletter on page 14.

We're Listening!

again on sharing the gospel in word and deed to the students, as a core part of our mission, on campus.

We heard from one of our members that some 3,300 freshmen will be on campus this fall, and our prime loca-

tion provides exciting new opportunities to connect with students as they pass right across our flight zone to and from classes.

communication, etc. Please contact Elizabeth Maupin at info@commchurchiss.org or call the church office at 425-392-6447.



Remember to get your **TICKETS TO THE MARINERS VS. TIGERS BASEBALL**

GAME BEFORE MONDAY, AUGUST 13, 2007.

Tickets are only \$10.00 each. Call 253-859-2226 or email: clemeba@comcast.net

Oops!!

The editor apologizes to Mrs. Yukio Ishimaru for misspelling her name on pg 4, and the incorrect Dinner Cruise date on page 1 of the July Issue. (correct date: Tues. Aug. 14, 2007)

During our meal together we heard a recounting of the

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Missions Teamwork at Japanese Baptist Church

by Paul Aita

Summer 2007 has been a time when the Japanese Baptist Church of Seattle has experienced partnership with International Ministries in a variety of ways. At the June 3rd joint worship service for JBC's English- and Japanese-speaking congregations,

for example, the morning message at worship took the form of an interview



Pastor Paul & Missionary Roberta

(in both languages) with Roberta Stephens, IM missionary to Japan and one of JBC's newer members. On June 10th, her last Sunday before returning to Japan after a year's home assignment, Roberta preached at the Nichigo (Japanese-language service).

On June 24th, after Roberta's departure, JBC was pleased that John and Tomoko

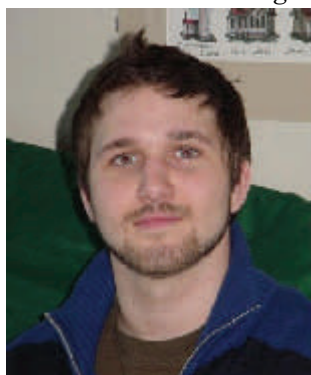
Armagost, also IM missionaries to Japan, along with two of their three children, were able to participate in the church's English worship service, having just arrived in the US for their year of home assignment. Along with youth

and young adults of the church and members of its Christian Education and Outreach Committees, the Armagosts joined in a time of special prayer for Chris Nielsen, one of JBC's

newer members, who would soon be leaving for a summer mission experience in Japan through IM's volunteer office. The Armagosts will be based in Seattle during the coming year, and intend to make JBC their church home during this time to the extent that their duties permit.

What is remarkable about JBC's relationship with Roberta Stephens and the Armagosts at this particular point in time is that all of them have been involved with

Chris's mission work. As Roberta returns to Japan, her new assignment with IM has to do with deploying, training, and welcoming mission volunteers. So she was able to do some of this with Chris while she was still here in the US. And as it turned out, Chris will be serving primarily with the Nishi Okamoto Christ Church in Kobe, where John Armagost has been the pastor. Chris will even be living in the home where the Armagosts have lived. John and



Chris Nielsen

Tomoko, therefore, were able to make connections for Chris with the church's present pastor, Rev. Akira Takahashi and others at the church.

But there is more. Not only is a continuing IM missionary (Roberta Stephens) now a member of JBC, but a couple of continuing JBC members are soon to be commissioned as IM missionaries! Gordon and Lee Ann Hwang have been JBC's own missionar-

ies to Japan since 2005, when Lee Ann began teaching at the Soshin Girls' School in Yokohama. This spring, Gordon and Lee Ann were endorsed for appointment by IM, and they have since appointed members of their Missionary Partnership Team (MPT), including three JBC members. The Hwangs are returning to the US for a period of several weeks this summer. Plans are for them to be officially commissioned as IM missionaries at JBC on Sunday, August 26th, and for their MPT to receive its formal training from Ruthie Stevenson and Jim Bell of IM that afternoon!



The Hwangs

Then there's the connection between Chris Nielsen and the Hwangs. As this article is being written, Chris Nielsen is in Yokohama, visiting with the Hwangs and engaging in English-language groups with students at the Soshin School.

This summer's unique connection of individuals on both sides of the Pacific is the result of relationships made and nurtured throughout the years. Two of JBC's former pastors, for example, Rev. Kunihiko Amano and Rev. Yoshihisa Sawano, are

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ANNUAL REPORTS DUE—BETTER LATE THAN NEVER!

If your church has not completed the 2006 Cooperating Church Annual Report form and sent it to the Evergreen office, please do so as soon as possible. While the due date for the report was April 30th, we will continue to accept them-- in this instance, "late" truly is better than "never."

It is very important that our region is well-represented in this annual survey of Ameri-

can Baptist churches.

Your church's completed report should be mailed or faxed to Evergreen Association—ABC, 409 Third Ave. S, Suite A, Kent WA 98032 or faxed to 253-859-1537.

Contact Clem at the Evergreen office via telephone at 253-859-2226, or email: clemeba@comcast.net with any questions, or if your

church did not receive the annual report form.

Please also note that this is a part of the covenant agreement between your church and Evergreen.

Thanks for your help in this important process.

ABSW News

...For many schools July is a quiet month. This is not true at the American Baptist Seminary of the West. The month began with our Biennial Dinner. There were approximately seventy alumni and friends who gathered for a time of fellowship and sharing in Washington DC. It was wonderful seeing so many of our alumni and friends at this Biennial/

Centennial celebration.

At our dinner, Dr. Russell announced his retirement as of May 2008. More information about this announcement can be found in the latest Perspectives or on our website (www.absw.edu). Upon returning from the Biennial, the Presidential Search Committee began its work to secure a qualified successor. Please keep this committee in

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your prayers as [members] do their important work.

Moreover, Dr. Judy Yates Siker is teaching over 26 students enrolled in an intensive course on the synoptic Gospels. July is not a quiet month at ABSW...

Pullman Baptist Moves

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church's history from Al Harrington (he and Harriet have been members since 1940), and several people shared their excitement about our new focus, including the next

steps of our literacy outreach, "READ for LIFE.'

Then we broke into teams and packed up Bibles and Hymnals (generously donated in days gone by), children's ministry equipment, the

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behemothishly cumbersome pastor's desk and chair, and a few dishes before we headed toward the promised land. By 3 pm much of our move had occurred.

Pastor John Doty

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Exhibition Center with the unveiling of the “120,000 Nikkei Voices of Gratitude” to the Northern/American Baptist Mission Societies was an especially emotional experience for me. The Nikkei (Japanese in America) people served by ABC Home and Women’s Missionary Societies before WWII, during internment/incarceration in the camps and after the camps, expressing “thank you”, was a grand opening for the Biennial. The ministry of outreach through the Japanese Baptist Church of Seattle served not only Baptists, but the wider Nikkei communities.

The response of those who attended the opening or attended the exhibition later was very positive and appreciative. Many said that the exhibit “giving thanks” to ABC was the highlight of the Convention.

Yosh, thanks for lifting up the Nikkei appreciation for the missionaries who served their Lord and their denomination during difficult political and social times, especially at Minidoka Camp in Idaho. Also, a special thanks to Yosh’s team—his wife, Sue; daughter, Linda; Brooks An-

draws and wife Corean; and friends for the success of the exhibit—professionally done!

Then what a “treat” to have all parts of the programs being positive, inclusive, forward-looking, without even a note of dissent. (Maybe the good Lord interjected a bit of humor by leading the convention to be held at the Washington Convention Center where the accommodations could have been more “user friendly” leaving lots of room for fussing about housing and costs.)

The convention theme was “Arise and Shine”, Isaiah 60:1. How JBC did “arise to shine” in presenting the exhibit and staffing it; and with Yosh Nakagawa being awarded the Jitsuo Morikawa Evangelism award!

And how Evergreen Association “arose and shone” with Greg Ledbetter, Shell Ridge Community Church, California, receiving the Rhoades Urban Ministry Award; Leslie Braxton and the New Beginnings Christian Fellowship, formed less than two years ago, receiving recognition for the African American Church with the highest increase in United Mission giving, as well as the aforementioned award to Yosh Naka-

gawa! Isn’t it possible that God has called Evergreen to “Arise and Shine” “for such a time as this” Esther 4:14.

As I attended the worship services in the large hall and heard the music and the challenging messages from diverse ethnicities/races, ages, and personalities—what a voice God has in ABC/USA! “I saw the Lord...high and lifted up”, Isaiah 6:1 and His spirit filled the Convention Center. Am I being arrogant; has being chair gone to my

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head, for me to think and say that our denomination is back following the same

“Drummer” as Evergreen? I am glad and proud that we have chosen to “Arise and Shine” for the Lord in our region and in our denomination. I hope that you are, too.

Evergreen pastors, congregations, and friends—thank you for being you!

Rev. Peter Koshi

Chair

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currently serving as pastors in Japan, and they maintain contact with JBC. JBC's current Senior Minister, Dr. Paul Aita, made trips to Japan in 2004 and 2005 to visit the American Baptist missionaries there. His 2004 trip was made in conjunction with Stan Murray and Bob Santilli of IM, and included visits to Pastors Amano and Sawano and to IM missionaries:

the DeRolf and the Davidsons in Yokohama, Roberta Stephens in Sendai, and the Armagosts in Kobe. The 2005 trip, in which Dr. Aita's wife Gail also took part, included time with the Hwangs in Yokohama, as well as participation in a retreat in the Kobe-area for missionary families attended by the Armagosts, the Hwangs, Roberta Stephens, and Carolyn Predmore. On various occasions, Judy De Rolf, Stan Murray,

John Armagost, and Dwight Davidson have each preached at JBC. One year, JBC men attended a retreat at Camp Burton on Vashon Island, near Seattle, at which John Armagost was the speaker.

JBC has truly been blessed by its relationship with International Ministries. The church is pleased to be in partnership with IM in the Lord's work.

Other Missionary News

Nancy and Stephen James have been endorsed for reappointment with International Ministries to serve in Haiti. In being reappointed, they will be jointly appointed by IM and the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. The Haitian Baptist Convention is the inviting partner. James and her husband both do medical

work in different clinics throughout Haiti.

Note: The Jameses will open a clinic in Haiti and an offering will be received at the Annual Meeting to help equip the clinic.

Gordon and Lee Ann Hwang have been endorsed for joint appointment to missionary service through IM

and the Japanese Baptist Church of Seattle, WA. The inviting partner is the Soshin Girls School, Yokohama in cooperation with the Japan Baptist Union. Hwang will work in after-school programs and teach a Bible class at Soshin Church, while his wife will work full-time as an English teacher at Soshin.

Time is Running Out...!!!



We still have tickets for the Mariner's Baseball Game on **Monday, August 13.**

This is an opportunity to take a friend out for an evening of good conversation, surrounded by other friends. Please call Clem (253-859-2226) today.

Also, time is running out to



sign up for the SBU Clergy and Spouse Dinner Cruise on

Tuesday, August 14. Seattle Baptist Union wants our clergy to be able to spend some uninterrupted time together and so pays for this wonderful treat each year. You must sign up in advance and then be at Pier 56 before

the boat sails! The meal is always delicious and the company good, too! Sign up today!

For our out of town friends, we put these two events together, so that if you are looking for a time to get away, this is for you! We will be glad to find you housing if you make it to Seattle for a little fun!

BUILDING BRIDGES

CHURCH EDUCATION EVENT

SEATTLE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

1111 HARVARD AVE. SEATTLE WA

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2007

8:30 am - 12:30 pm

Once again, we encourage you to gather your leaders to come to this half-day workshop event. This year's special guest is the Rev. Dr. Leo Thorne, Director of Mission Resource Development. He will lead a workshop on how to effectively and spiritually raise the

mission dollar for your church.

In addition, we will have worship together led by Catherine Fransson. Our Evangelism Team will share how you too can effectively share your story with others. The Evergreen Sounds will begin their

rehearsals (now is your opportunity to join!) There will be one additional rehearsal besides this one!

Registration form can be found on page 11. You can also register online at ea-abc.org.

MARCIA SAYS, THANK YOU!

What a surprise it was to wake up and become so sick on the Sunday of the Biennial Convention! Since I'm generally a rather a healthy individual, it took awhile for it to sink in to me that I just wasn't feeling well enough to do what I needed to do. So early Sunday afternoon I called my oldest brother, Tom. He lives in Northern Virginia and the only time I was going to be able to see him was that he was scheduled to take me to the airport on Monday. But he had returned from church and he and my dear sister-in-law, Becky came to the hotel,

picked me up and took me to Alexandria Hospital (the facility that my brother would go to in an emergency). Tom has been through too many health concerns, including liver replacement (done 10 years ago and doing very well, but before then, there were years of stints and other treatments).

The end result was surgery for a gall bladder removal because I had a large (golf ball size) stone that was infected. The surgery was on Monday afternoon and went well. Unfortunately, an accident happened in moving me

from the operating table and I was dropped—on my head. CAT scans reveal what we all knew, I do have a hard head! I went to my brother's house on July 4 and flew home on July 7.

I am very thankful for all your well wishes and especially your prayers. I know healing happens better with a community of faith praying for you. I am well on the mend and am looking forward to all our events and ministry in the next few months.

Marcia

BUDGET DEVELOPMENT HELP

Rev. Leo Thorne will be with us at our Building Bridges Educational Event, September 15, 2007 from 8:30 to 12:30. He has all kinds of resources to help you not only develop your budget but raise the dollars. See registration and schedule information on pages 10-12 of this newsletter.

The average compensation for pastors in Evergreen Association as of July 1, 2007 is \$46,683.

That figure includes salary and housing only, not other benefits.

Enclosed in this newsletter is a brochure that tells you about the distribution of the United Mission dollar. I hope it will encourage you to give more in 2008 to United Mission. 4% of the dollar goes to American Baptist Seminary of the West and 62.5% of the remainder will return to Evergreen in 2008.

Below are two graphs that illustrate how our churches are

participating in giving so far in 2007. We are 7.7% below our 2006 giving to United Mission YTD, and 1.5% less than our first 6 months 2006 ABMS (American Baptist Mission Support). I hope by the end of the year that all churches that gave last year, give this year and that all churches reach deep and increase their giving over last year.

Thanks for planning to do your part in 2008 and for doing your part in 2007!

EVERGREEN ANNOUNCES A MAJOR FALL FUNDRAISING EVENT

The Play's the Thing!!

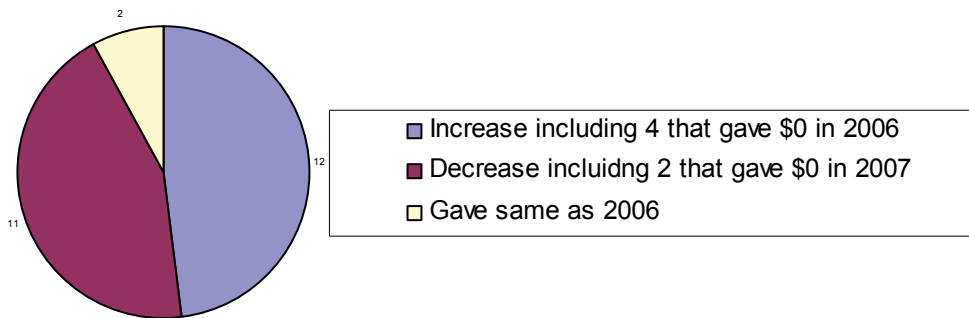
Evergreen is excited to announce a wonderful fundraising event coming this November! Our Association is sponsoring a PLAY! Details on our big event are being finalized so stay tuned and mark your calendars and plan to be at the University Christian Church on the evening of Saturday, November 17, 2007.

Half the proceeds from the performance will go to SHARE-WHEEL in support of Tent Cities. As you know Community Church of Issaquah welcomes Tent City 4 on August 11th for 90-days. We give thanks for the generosity and loving outreach of Community Church as it *walks the talk* of the social gospel of Jesus Christ. The other half of the proceeds will come to Evergreen, so that the Association is able to offer support to all its member churches in their social justice missions and ministries.

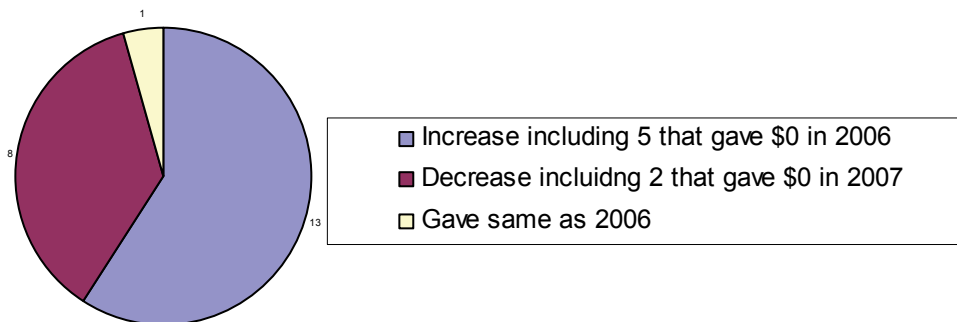
Evergreen is asking that all Seattle Churches pledge to buy at least 20 tickets to the November event, at a pre-sale cost of \$25.

Watch the mail/email for details.

TOTAL ABMS THROUGH JUNE 2007, 25 PARTICIPATING CHURCHES



TOTAL UNITED MISSION THROUGH JUNE 2007, 22 PARTICIPATING CHURCHES



Cultural Competency Training

On Tuesday, November 6, 2007 there will be an all-day training event on Cultural Competency at Peace Lutheran Church in Tacoma, led by Eric Law.

There will be a \$50 charge for this event which will include lunch. The day will begin at 8:30 AM.

You are encouraged to put

the date on your calendar. Several Evergreen folk will be in the process of learning to offer this training and will be helping Eric in the training.

Look in future newsletters for further information

MORE ABOUT SEATTLE SEMINARIANS

Last month's issue of Evergreen Notes included an article about American Baptists enrolled in seminary programs here in Seattle, and ended with an introduction to Rev. Linda Smith of the Martin Luther King, Jr., Memorial Baptist Church of Renton. Here is information about two other seminarians.

Bruce Chittick is approximately 2/3 of the way through his Master of Divinity degree at Seattle

University's School of Theology and Ministry. He plans to complete his degree in June of 2009. He is a mem-



ber of Seattle First Baptist Church where he serves on the worship commission. Bruce's interest in worship was enhanced by early experiences at STM. He plans to eventually pursue his Doctorate of Theology with an emphasis in worship, most likely at the Graduate Theological Union at Berkeley. He would eventually like to teach at the Seminary level. He hopes always to serve at least part time in a local church.

Lincoln Rose is a first year Master of Divinity student at Seattle University, who also attends Seattle First Baptist Church. He is



by Rev. Dr. Paul Aita

finding the pace at school to be a bit overwhelming, but is enjoying it anyway. In his free time(?), he does activism around issues of disability, domestic and sexual violence, and gender identity. He likes to read, surf the internet and do research.

Evergreen is privileged to have a number of students from our member churches enrolled in seminary. In response to the encouragement they have received concerning their preparation for future ministry, the seminarians have expressed their willingness to serve as resources to our churches as they are able.

EVERGREEN ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES

BUILDING BRIDGES EVENT*

*Like "Tools for the Trade"

SEATTLE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

1111 Harvard Avenue

Seattle WA 98122

SATURDAY, September 15, 2007

8:30 am—12:30 pm



EVERGREEN ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN BAPTIST

BUILDING BRIDGES EVENT*

*Like "Tools for the Trade"

SCHEDULE

8:30—8:45 Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:45—10:15 SERIES I WORKSHOPS

1. **Stewardship and Giving:** How to increase the tithes and gifts to your church. Learn what it takes to be a church that gets awards for giving.
Leo Thorne, Associate General Secretary ABC/USA
2. **"Got Style":** How to do Evangelism so that it works for you and your setting: an introduction.
Angela Farrar, Tim Phillips, Bev Spears and Clem Winbush
3. **Contemplative Prayer:** Ways to increase your prayer life through contemplation, including walking a labyrinth.
Catherine Fransson and Carolyn Shimabukuro
4. **School Relations Roundtable:** Sit with others who are doing or want to do ministry with local schools. Hear what has worked and how you can get involved in this important ministry.
4. **Community Bible Study:** Introduction to a Bible Study methodology that can change your church, from meetings to church growth.
Marcia Patton and Curtis Price

10:15—10:45 WORSHIP

10:45—12:15 SERIES II WORKSHOPS

1. **Stewardship and Giving:** How to increase the tithes and gifts to your church. Learn what it takes to be a church that gets awards for giving.
Leo Thorne, Associate General Secretary ABC/USA
2. **EVERGREEN SOUNDS:** Your opportunity to join the Evergreen Sounds as they do major preparation for singing at the Annual Meeting.
Stephanie Commandest
3. **Organizing for Spiritual Growth:** How to develop the educational ministries of your church so learning is tracked and people are ready to learn!
Rev. Curtis Price
4. **Missional Church:** What is the role of the church today, in comparison to what it was when you were growing up?
Rev. Dr. Marcia Patton
5. **Family/Children's Ministry Roundtable:** What is working in other churches. What do you need to have, what must you have. Join the table discussion.

TBA

BUILDING BRIDGES EVENT*

*Like "Tools for the Trade"

SEPTEMBER 15, 2007

REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Church: _____

Child Care is needed (please list child's name and age)

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Please register me for the following workshops (one each series or preference 1, 2, 3):

Series I

- Stewardship & Giving
- "Got Style"
- Community Bible Study
- School Relations Roundtable

Series II

- Stewardship & Giving Missional Church
- EVERGREEN SOUNDS
- Organizing for Spiritual Growth
- Family/Children's Ministry Roundtable



EVERGREEN ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES

FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING

OCTOBER 12-13, 2007

JAPANESE BAPTIST CHURCH, 160 BROADWAY, SEATTLE WA

We're Listening!

“Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.” Rev. 2:7

REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete a **separate form for each individual**. Mail completed form (and applicable fees) to: Evergreen Association of ABC, 409 Third Avenue S., Suite A, Kent WA 98032-5843. Checks and/or money orders should be made payable to Evergreen Association-ABC.

Name _____ Church Name _____

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

	Cost	Total
I am a DELEGATE (Representative Voice for my Church) <input type="checkbox"/> Registration Fee	\$10.00	\$ _____

MEAL REGISTRATION	Cost	Total
<u>Friday, October 12, 2007</u>		
Ministers Council Lunch/Meeting	\$5.00	\$ _____
Women’s Luncheon (Shuttle from JBC to Seattle First if needed)	\$8.00	\$ _____
Dinner	\$20.00	\$ _____
<u>Saturday, October 13, 2007</u>		
Lunch served at 12 Noon	\$ 10.00	\$ _____
SBU/Asian Appreciation Dinner (unless you are an *SBU Delegate)	\$15.00	\$ _____
Total Meals		\$ _____

* SBU delegates should register with Seattle Baptist Union.

TOTAL DELEGATE AND MEAL FEES ENCLOSED \$ _____

Deadline: Monday, October 1, 2007



EVERGREEN ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES

2007 ANNUAL MEETING

OCTOBER 12-13, 2007

JAPANESE BAPTIST CHURCH

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Rev. 2:7

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SCHEDULE

Friday, October 12, 2007

- 12:00 Minister's Council and ABW Luncheons
- 1:30 Opening Devotions by Bacone College
- 2:30 Workshop on Native American Concerns
- 4:00 Workshop w/ Roy Medley on ABC/USA
- 5:45 Annual Meeting Dinner
- 7:00 Annual Meeting Worship: Roy Medley,
Preaching

Saturday, October 13, 2007

- 9:00 Devotional: Peter Koshi, Chair
- 9:30 Orientation and Agenda Review



Rev. Dr. A. Roy Medley, General Secretary, ABC/USA. Preaching Friday and Saturday; leading workshop on Friday.



Rev. Peter Koshi, Chair, Evergreen Association of American Baptist Churches. Leading in Devotions & Business Session on Saturday.



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Web at www.ea-abc.org**

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



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Rev. Dr. Marcia J. Patton, Executive Minister

Building Bridges Between Communities

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST

- 6—Executive Committee Meeting, JBC, 5:30 PM
- 13—Evergreen goes to the Seattle Mariners vs. Minnesota Twins Baseball Game.
- 14—Clergy & Spouse Dinner Cruise, 6 PM Boarding, 7 PM Sailing.
- **25—Association Board Meeting, Wedgwood, 9 AM**

SEPTEMBER

- 15—Building Bridges Event, Seattle First Baptist, 8:30am—12:30 pm
- 28—29 ACT Weekend

OCTOBER

- **12—13 Annual Meeting Japanese Baptist Church, General Secretary AB-CUSA, Roy Medley, Key-note Speaker**
- **13—SBU Annual Meeting/ Asian Caucus Appreciation Dinner, Japanese Baptist.**

NOVEMBER

- 10—Association Board Meeting, Wedgwood, 9 AM
- 16—17 ACT Weekend
- 17—Evergreen play, University Christian Church, Pre-sale tickets \$25

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.

2007 Budgeted Income

UNITED MISSION & FLEXIBLE GIFTS **\$15,760,897**

Supports all aspects of ABCUSA mission, evangelism, justice, local church, families, healing, children and youth, leadership development, stewardship

ANNUAL OFFERINGS **\$9,895,240**

AMERICA FOR CHRIST \$1,887,275
 ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING \$2,180,587
 WORLD MISSION OFFERING \$3,660,852
 RETIRED MINISTERS & MISSIONARIES OFFERING \$1,521,555
 REGIONAL OFFERINGS \$644,971

SPECIFICS & MISSION PROJECTS **\$6,192,951**

Contributions for projects not budgeted by denominational organizations

INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT **\$2,203,409**

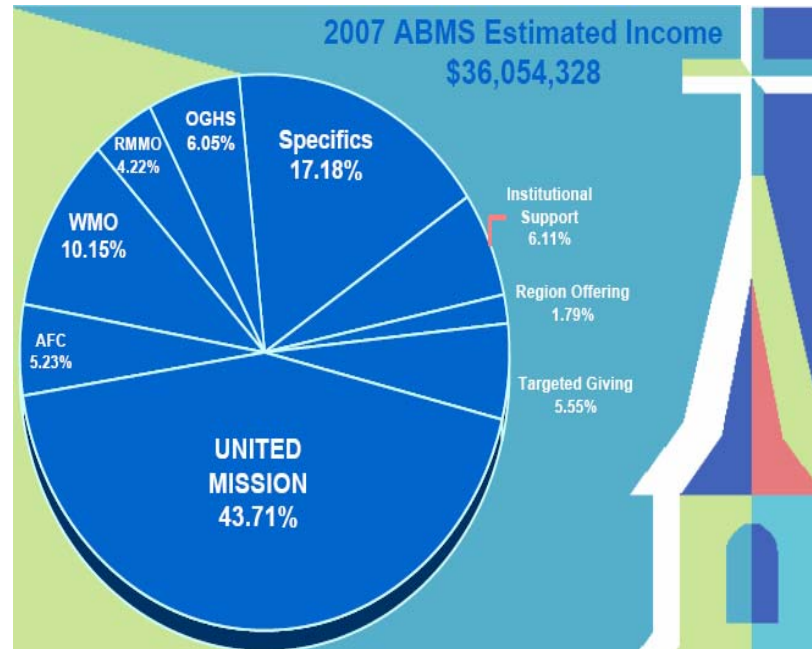
American Baptist schools, hospitals, homes, and other American Baptist related organizations

TARGETED GIVING **\$2,001,741**

TOTAL 2006 BUDGETED INCOME \$36,054,328



2007 ABMS Distribution



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	INDIVIDUAL	CONGREGATIONAL	NATIONAL	REGIONAL	GLOBAL
EVANGELISM	The steady, faithful witness of 1,500,000 American Baptists to their faith in Jesus Christ	Revival, renewal, church membership classes	87 regional leaders trained as National Evangelism Team associates, representing 32 regions as well as cultural portfolios of Hispanic, Black Church and Asian ministries	Customized training with emphasis upon extending invitations to newcomers	Making high investments of missionaries and funding for international partners who baptize more people than do American Baptists in the U.S.
RADICAL DISCIPLESHIP	Under faithful pastors, the equipping of 1,500,000 American Baptists for ministry	Focused ministry in Christ's name, meeting needs of communities	Providing focus on ministries of justice and Children in Poverty initiative; Organize 54 Volunteers in Mission groups (800 individuals) helping with Gulf Coast recovery and rebuilding	New disciples celebration banquets, online devotional resources	Rescuing women from prostitution, responding to HIV/AIDS, fighting against human traf-ficking—bringing the Gospel to the world
HEALTHY MISSIONAL CHURCHES	Healthy spiritual formation, the basis of healthy ministry	Healthy spiritual formation, the foundation of healthy churches	Partnering with one-third of regions for local Church Transformation and renewal initiatives	Congregational transformation programs emphasizing participation of both pastors and laity	Missionaries in Brazil and the Philippines training missionaries sent by international partner churches; all missionaries help partners fulfill mission
LEADERSHIP	Leadership development based on spiritual gifts leading to mission and ministry	Churches sharing leaders with regions and General Board to help provide governance of our family of faith	Launching J. Alfred Smith Sr. Prophetic Justice Institute; organizing first-ever gathering of Ethnic Strategists and coordinator counterparts	Coaching, mentoring, training, cluster meetings and networking	Responding to what international partner churches by helping them transform lives and churches by training leaders
CHURCH PLANTING	Members of established churches willing to risk by starting a new church	Local congregations, small and large, starting new churches	More than 350 churches planted through 2006—on the way to the goal of 2,010 by 2010	Multiple models, including daughtering, satellites, restarts, house churches, etc.	Many approaches, one goal—to see vibrant communities of Jesus followers spring up and reach their contexts for Christ
YOUTH	Church school, Bible clubs, children's ministries, youth retreats, ministries galore	Engaging youth in ministry—not as youth, but as believers	Organizing consultations with campus ministers and youth leaders from across nation; planning for "MTW: More Than a Week" (2008 National Youth Gathering)	Youth Leader Core, camps and conferences, community projects, youth mission trips	Ministries of rescue from the streets, job/life skills training, formal education, cross-cultural exposure in many directions, call to deeper discipleship