



EVERGREEN NOTES

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EXECUTIVE MINISTER EXTENDS THANK-YOU

Evergreen Association works on the generosity of many people. Many give generously of their time. First among these is our Chair, Peter Koshi and Asian Caucus rep, Yosh Nakagawa. If we could pay these men what they are worth, our budget would be doubled! How thankful we are for their wisdom and service. The rest of the TEAM, James Winbush, Barry Briscoe and even Clem Winbush are very generous with their time as well, going above and be-

yond. We miss Barry a lot since his stroke and are praying for his recovery. Another generous group of folk are the other reps and officers of the Executive Committee: Curtis Price, Vice Chair, has many demands on his time, with a young family and church, but still gives us stellar service; Stephanie Commandest took the reins of Treasurer and also is our Choir director - volunteering all those hours; Barbara Bryant, Black Caucus rep, has headed our communications



Rev. Dr. Marcia J. Patton

planning effort with skill and grace. Karen Carter gives time in presence and many times at a distance with patience and grace.

We have this

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PETER'S PERSPECTIVE

In this Advent Season leading to Christmas, the carols will sound in every church in our Association. Oh, if I could worship with several of your congregations in this season—the wor-

ship services will be awesome.

I've been trying to think, what might I offer to Evergreen Association of American Baptist Churches USA



Rev. Peter Koshi, Chair, Evergreen Association

as my Christmas gift? I have it, "A Christmas

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Prayer Concerns

- Barry Briscoe—even as he is improving in answer to prayers - continue to pray for his healing.
- Community Church of Issaquah as they prepare to host Tent City 4.
- Pastoral Leadership for Bountiful, Panther Lake (Kent), Mount Zion, Seattle First and Mountlake Terrace.

EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

AMERICAN BAPTIST SEMINARY OF THE WEST 2007 PASTORAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE January 11-12, 2007 at ABSW. "The Recovery of Prophetic Preaching" with speaker, Rev. Edward Taylor, senior pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church, San Jose and author of *The Words of Gardiner Taylor, Vol. I-IV*. Registration fee is \$95. Contact jtooley@absw.edu for further information.

BURIEN COMMUNITY CHURCH has a 1992 GMC 15 passenger van for sale. The church is asking \$3,000.00 obo. For more info call the church at 206-243-1623.

THE KING COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY AMERICORPS TEAM is recruiting to fill two positions: one to serve at the Kent

Food Bank and one to serve with Kent Youth and Family Services at Springwood Community Center in SE Kent. Call Pat Porter at 206-574-1354.

COUPLES COUNSELING is now being offered by the Rev. Dr. David McFarlane, recent Ph.D. graduate. For more information visit his website at www.VitalCouples.com

THE CHRISTIAN CITIZEN, volume 3, 2006, a publication of National Ministries, ABCUSA, focuses on education and is convicting reading for all.

Excerpt from a letter of thanks from ABSW:..."One student spoke with tears in his eyes of his gratitude for the financial assis-

tance he received [when] he was on the verge of leaving school... Your gift is making a difference in the lives of our students."

JUDSON PARK has a Thomas "Playmate" Organ available FREE to a church or individual with a need or interest in having this instrument. Due to a donation of a newer organ for use in the Judson Park Rainier Chapel this instrument needs a new home. Interested parties are encouraged to contact Bill Painter at 206-870-6676 (Office); 206-391-8775 (Cell).

At BURIEN COMMUNITY CHURCH a Lowrey Theater Spinnet Model HR-10 Organ is also available free to a good home or church. Call 206-243-1623 and leave a message if interested.

PETER STEINKE COMING TO SEATTLE AREA

Samaritan Center of Puget Sound is presenting church consultant Dr. Peter Steinke in a February 3, seminar.

The seminar will be held on Saturday, February 3, 2007, from 9 AM—3 PM, at Newport Cove-

nant Church at 12800 SE Coal Creek Parkway, Bellevue. The fee is only \$35 and includes a box lunch. Churches are encouraged to send leadership teams, councils, and boards, as the day will include time for

group reflection and discussion.

For more information contact event coordinator, Dave Wells at 206-527-2273 x289 or visit www.samaritans.org for a downloadable registration form.

WELCOME SPEARS As FARRAR MOVES ON



We welcome the Rev. Bev Spears to the role of Evergreen's Ministry Associate and member of the TEAM (The Executive minister's Advisory Ministry). Her job description is primar-

ily development—creating a plan and writing the materials to move our Association forward. You're certain to hear from her in the days ahead.

Rev. Angela Farrar accepted the call to move back to the local church, as Associate Pastor for

Pastoral Care and Counseling at New Beginnings Christian Fellowship. While we are delighted for Angela and New Beginnings and know we will see her around, we will miss her at TEAM meetings.

Welcome Bev and blessings to Angela.

THANK YOU

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wonderful group of “newsletter volunteers” who come to the office to collate, label and tape to ready the newsletter for mailing. Without them, who knows when the mailing would get done! A special thanks to Betty Bates who is here most months coordinating their efforts and organizing them so there are enough helping hands here each month. Thanks to Frank Bolden, CoraLea Doty, Gay and Phyllis Hasselblad, Ruth Hunter, Shirley Moffitt, Chellie Rowland, Charlotte Scherer, Bill and Virginia Thompson, Marian Voge and Ethelmae Walters. Thank you also to those who are able to receive the newsletter electronically. You have helped to lighten everyone’s load.

I am also thankful for the volunteers who do teaching for us. First among these is our Evangelism Team (Has your church scheduled a training with them yet?). Clem Winbush, Tim Phillips, Angela

Farrar and Bev Spears do excellent work. Also, the ACT Team leaders make offering that important program possible, and I am thankful for their counsel and preparation. The other teachers who help us out at Annual Meetings and “Building Bridges Events” are great. I’m not going to list them all here,

Our goal of \$40,000 as of November 21 has reached \$31,435.47.

but if you have witnessed and appreciate their work, drop them a line and say so.

I’m also thankful for a couple of people who are just “there when you need them.” Thanks to Becky Jurewicz and Terri Simpkins who are always willing to lend a helping hand.

Then there is the generosity of people who give out of

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their resources. I am thankful for them as well. Every dollar given makes a difference, keeps us in business, and assures our ability to offer services to churches directly and indirectly. Our goal of \$40,000 as of November 21 has reached \$31,435.47 - thanks to the giving of the following folks:

Our Friends who contributed up to \$99.00

Laura Balcom
Judith Bartels
Belva Baxter
Mary Clare Benson
Rev. Richard and Arlene Birdsall
Rev. Frank Byrdwell
Lee Campbell
Karen Carter
Rev. Bill Clarke
Rev. Catherine Fransson
Bob Fukano
Sarah Gray
Rev. Anne Hall
Harold and Mary Ellen Harris
Darlene Hobbs
Doug and Rev. Michele Holmes
Rev. Patricia Hunter
Dr. Stephen Jones

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DEADLINE FOR ABW/PNW SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY LOOMS

Applications and references for the American Baptist Women’s Ministries of the Pacific Northwest (ABWPNW) scholarships (\$500 each) for the academic year 2007/2008 need to be **post-marked no later than January 30, 2007.**

For guidelines and application forms please contact, Evlyn Kaufman, Chair, Scholarship Committee, 1223—139th Place

SE, Mill Creek WA 98012-5592, 425-337-7224.

Applicants must be active members of an American Baptist Church, a college senior or at the graduate level of study, preparing for full-time Christian service with American Baptists. The guidelines indicate that priority will be given to Pacific Northwest women attending west coast American Baptist

Schools, but others will be considered.

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Chaplain Lynne Lohr
Rev. Elizabeth Maupin
Rev. Timothy Phillips
Mark Pittenger
Rev. Brooke Rolston
Gloria Roberts
Bruce Sagor
Yukio and Maki Sakiyama
Greg Smith
June Taylor
Helen Watkins
Carolyn Williams

Our Pals who have contributed from \$100 to \$999

A donor who wishes to remain anonymous
Rev. Dr. Paul and Gail Aita
Betty and Doug Bates
Rev. Howard Bess
Barry and Ann Briscoe
Barbara Bryant
Rev. Colvin and Ruth Caughey
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Sylvia Luckie-Benefiel
Rev. Dr. Walter and Marilyn Pulliam
Janet Roberts
Rev. Dr. Rodney Romney

Chellie Rowland
Rev. Yoshihisa Sawano
Rev. Linda Smith
Marian Voge
Rev. Robert and Patricia Walker
Rev. James and Clem Winbush
Rev. Zip Zediker

Our Companions who have given \$1000 and above. A special thanks to Roy Johnson who was exceptionally generous this year. Others who join him are:

Rev. Dr. Robert and Almarie Burchell
Dr. Richard Ice
Rev. Peter Koshi
Yosh Nakagawa
Rev. Dr. Marcia Patton
Bill and Sally Patton
Carol Tamparo
Shirley Wilkinson

A special mention is given to Rev. Larry and Fran Nelson, and Rev. Jack and Maxine Sondericker who have given generously directly to United Mission. Although their gifts do not appear in this total, because it comes to us as part of our percentage return, we are grateful for their faithfulness to our ministry and mission.

There are some who have yet to complete their pledges and others who may not yet have stepped up to the plate to give as they feel called. We have pro-

vided envelopes for those receiving this by mail and encourage those who get this electronically to send in your gifts to Evergreen Association of American Baptist Churches, 409 Third Avenue South, Suite A, Kent WA 98032.

Thank you, again, one and all!
Grace & Peace,

Marcia

ALL IN THE FAMILY

Nicole Mauldin, member of Wedgwood Community Church, has been commissioned by the church and will serve as an ABC Volunteer Missionary in Bolivia.

The Evergreen Family sends our sympathy to **Terry Sue Fischer**, who worked with Evergreen in our infancy during 2002-2003, and her family in their loss of husband, father and friend, John Fischer. We pray that each of you be given a measure of God's peace.

CALLED TO SERVE? VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED and APPRECIATED.

Contact Betty Bates at bettyted@comcast.net / telephone at 206-363-3683; or contact Clem at clemeba@comcast.net / telephone: 253-859-2226. Thanks.



Contact the region for a download of this file which may be used for bulletin inserts or handouts.

AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES USA
2007 BIENNIAL MEETING/CENTENNIAL
CELEBRATION

Convention Center – Washington, DC

“ARISE AND SHINE”

Join the Celebration June 29 - July 2, 2007.

Inspiring Worship - Great Preaching - Bible Studies



Greet Long-Time Friends - Make New Friends

Special Guest Speakers

*Lauran Bethell, *Tony Campolo,

*Elizabeth Condé-Frazier *David Goatley *Arlee Griffin, Jr.,

*A. Roy Medley *Tyrone Pitts *Wallace Charles Smith

*Daniel Vestal

- Some Highlights -

.Joint worship with Cooperative Baptist Fellowship

.Day-long centennial celebration, with birthday party

.Commemorative photo on steps of Convention Center .Pre-

Biennial events. Concerts. Program Boards activities

.Special day-trips to Washington, DC

(and more)

Come to DC – Pray with Purpose – Witness with Passion – Celebrate 100 years of Mission



Find further information and registration forms online at:
abc-usa.org

PETER'S PERSPECTIVE

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Prayer”.

O God eternal, Father of Jesus become Christ, bless our association of pastors, congregations of people, and friends.

Lord, we have set forth our ideas about who we are and our responsibilities in our vision and mission statements. But in this Advent Season, we ask that you take them and make them according to your will and plan for Evergreen. Then give us faith in ourselves and in one another—your people. As the Spirit of Christmas unites families, churches, communities, nations and the

world in common celebration, give us the courage to build these unities into permanent ones linked by permanent bridges. And give us especially, the courage and passion to follow the way of peace and goodwill within our American Baptist denomination.

And Lord, in our broken world, a broken nation and a broken denomination, give us faith to believe that harmony and peace are possible in the midst of differences and diversities. Grand us Your peace!

Lord, grant your servant, the Chair, a full measure of wisdom, strength, understanding and compassion. Thank you, Lord for Your patience with a slow learner such as this Chair. Your pres-

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ence makes me glad to be Your servant leader in Evergreen.

In the name of Jesus Christ, the King of Kings, Amen.

Calvin Coolidge said, “Christmas is not a time or a season, but a state of mind. To cherish peace and good will, to be plenteous in mercy, is to have the real spirit of Christmas. If we think o’er these things there will be born in us a Saviour and over us will shine a star sending its gleam of hope to the world.”

MAY OUR KING AND LORD
JESUS CHRIST BLESS
EVERY ONE! MERRY
CHRISTMAS!

Peter Koshi

EDUCATION MINISTRIES SURVEY— RESPONSES NEEDED

At our recent Annual Meeting we agreed to focus on a response to the Children in Poverty Initiative of National Ministries at least in part by connecting with local schools and helping them in whatever way our local churches can.

To help local churches appropriately, we need to gather some information. Thank you for taking the time to re-

spond. **Please send responses to Marcia Patton:** marciaeba@comcast.net or mail to 409 Third Avenue South Suite A, Kent WA 98032.

Our congregation is currently involved with local schools in the following ways:

We have had conversations with principals or leaders in

our local school and have discovered:

What resources are you hoping for from Evergreen to help you address the Education Initiative?

Other information needed as our church goes forward:

(Please see article on the Christian Century magazine focus, page 7)

EVERGREEN AT THE SEATTLE BAPTIST UNION ANNUAL MEETING—Nov. 17, 2006



SCALISE ELECTED NABPR PRESIDENT

DR. PAM SCALISE was recently elected President of the National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion at their annual meeting in Washington DC. Pam is a professor at Fuller Seminary and a member of Good Shepherd Baptist Church, Lynnwood.

The Nzungas in Haiti

"May God's
glory fill the
whole
earth."
Psalm 72:19



Dear Loved Ones,

Be surprised by God. Pray. Give. Be amazed...Eph. 3:20

Let us introduce you to Ema Prince, a 28 year-old Haitian young girl who has just graduated from our school of theology this last May with a license or Bachelor degree. Her father is a HOUNGAN, a witch doctor. Her mother was an ambulatory merchant or Mama SARA who went from town to town, city to city and marked to market selling her goods to make the ends meet. She took Ema with her in those trips. Ema could not go to school as she was helping her mother for their living since the father abandoned the mother and the 3 children. Meanwhile, this infant missed the climate of a family where children learn to love others and to appreciate themselves. Ema's mother died when she was in her early teen and she was raised by a lady friend to her mother and really struggled to study.

Ema has not been affirmed enough to appreciate herself. In fact she doubts her qualities. She has no close friends. In May, the week she was to defend her License thesis, her fiancé brutally ended the relationship. Ema was almost drowned in this life. She was hurting and was really confused for a long time. We supported her.



In spite of her doubts and hurts, through the years of her training here, I noticed that Ema has qualities that needed a mentor. After her graduation, we offered her the possibility of working at the university as an Assistant professor. She went to check with some people who completely discouraged her as not being able to function at a high level of education. She came back declining the offer. Kihomi talked to her as a mother, encouraged her, and prayed with her. After all that Ema said that she has not had anybody to encourage her and appreciate her, to challenge her to develop her talents. Ema is now teaching and supervises the girls' dorm.



Ema is assisting me with Introduction to Psychology. From time to time she sits in on our Christian Ethics class while she is developing her talents in New Testament. Ema has become a delight to students and to herself. She is amazed on how much she can offer to the world. While I am helping shape her teaching skills, Kihomi is empowering her so she can aim high in life. After observing Ema teach, Kihomi said: "this girl will go far. I am proud of her."

We don't have money to pay a university professor, and Ema is already in our midst teaching. Please join us as we pray for ways to support this young professor to become the first Haitian woman theologian to function at this level.

THE CHRISTIAN CITIZEN FOCUSES ON CHURCHES AND PUBLIC EDUCATION

Every American Baptist church should have received a copy of the latest publication of The Christian Citizen, a publication by National Ministries, ABCUSA entitled "Good Schools for

All". Additionally, because its focus matches our Region's education focus, Evergreen also sent to each member church a second copy of the Christian Citizen magazine.

Feedback/follow-up on the

education focus is appreciated – especially as you complete the Education Survey on page 6.

There are a few more copies of the magazine available in the region office for those interested.

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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.



Building Bridges Between Communities

Rev. Dr. Marcia J. Patton, Executive Minister

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER

- 8—Executive Committee
- 10—Labyrinth Walk, Seattle First Baptist Church, 6—8 PM
- 25-26—Christmas holidays—Office closed

JANUARY, 2007

- 1—New Year holiday—Office closed
- 5—Executive Committee Meeting
- 14—Labyrinth Walk, Seattle First Baptist Church, 6—8 PM
- **15 MLK Day Worship Service**, Rev. Dr. Wallace Charles Smith, preaching, Damascus Missionary Baptist Church, 6 PM

- 19—20 ACT Weekend
- **FEBRUARY**
- 9-10 **TEAM & Executive Committee Retreat** w/ Eric Law
- 11—Labyrinth Walk, Seattle First Baptist Church, 6—8 PM
- 23—24 ACT Weekend
- **MARCH**
- **17—Association Board Meeting, Wedgwood, 9 AM**
- **APRIL**
- 20—21 ACT Weekend
- **MAY**
- 19—Association Board Meeting, Wedgwood, 9 AM

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.