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BUILDING BRIDGES DAY—March 10, 2012



Our Building Bridges Day guest, the Rev. Dwight M. Lundgren, has been manager of American Baptist Personnel Services (ABPS) since October 2009. Before that, he served American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS) for 10 years in Reconciliation Minis-

tries as provider of resources and training in community conflict and mediation.

Dwight will be offering a plenary workshop for all attendees in mediation and peacemaking. We are delighted he can come to share this unique experience and resource with us. In addition, he will be offering a workshop on the ABPS profile and would be delighted to meet with people individually about their profiles.

Dwight has a certificate from Community Conflict Mediation, Ploughshares Institute, Sims-

bury, Connecticut and Academic Certification, Adult Psychotherapy, Psychoanalytic Center of Philadelphia. He did doctoral studies at Yale University and Andover Newton Theological School/Boston College. He earned his Divinity degree at Yale University.

He has served as pastor of First Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, First Baptist Church in America, Providence, Rhode Island, First Baptist Church, Branford, Connecticut and First Baptist Church, Shelton, Connecticut.

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Perla's Pearls: MISSION STATEMENTS



Rev Perla Belo, Association Chair

Mission statements are important in the life of any group(s) or churches that want to be effective in their work. Mission statements

tell what a group or church intends to do to serve its constituents. At the same time, it sets the priorities, parameters, and limits to what a group can do.

The mission

statement of Evergreen is threefold. I will focus on the second one: provide resources to equip churches to share Christ and teach God's word. This statement relates to

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Keep San Leandro Community Church and New Community of Faith—San Jose in your prayers.

Also remember these churches who are between called pastors: Japanese Baptist Church, Burien Community Church, Wedgwood Community Church, Filipino American Christian Fellowship and Urban Grace—Tacoma.

Around the Association

 **Wedgwood Community Church** invites you to its **2012 Valentine's Day Banquet**, Saturday, February 11th @ 6 p.m. This year's theme is "A South Seas Evening." For tickets, contact Linea Croly at 425-814-4546. *Don't delay! This is a very popular event!*

 **The New Walk Christian Church**, 805 E Smith Street, Kent WA, invites you

to their **Celebration of 7 years in ministry**, March 4, 2012, at 3 PM, with guest speaker, Rev. Dr. Douglas Stowers, pastor of Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, Atlanta GA.

 The Retreat Ministry of **Seattle First Baptist Church** invites men and women to join in "Sounding the Soul: The Rhythm and Resonance of Spirit", Friday night, March 23rd thru Sun-

day Morning, March 25th at Rainbow Lodge, North Bend. For registration costs and other information contact the church office at 206-325-6051 or go online to SeattleFirstBaptist.org

 **Seattle First Baptist Church** invites you to **Jazz Vespers**, Sunday, February 5th, 6:00 p.m. *featuring* Quiet Fire, Andre Thomas Quartet and friends

CORRECTION FROM JANUARY 2012 NEWSLETTER

Hello All,

On page 11 of the January 2012 Evergreen Notes in an article entitled, "Donate to Evergreen", Rick Barlow's correct email address info is: rbarlowabf@msn.com

or you may reach him by telephone at: 206-295-9827 for assistance with planned giving.

My apology for the misinformation and any inconven-

ience caused you through this error.

Please consider remembering Evergreen Association in your will.

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Perla's Pearls

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my life and ministry as a Christian and why it is important to me and to the life of the church.

When I was a college student at the University of the Philippines, I was invited to an evangelistic Bible study held under the trees. I heard for the first time through God's word, the true meaning of the Christian faith. For me to share Christ is to share the gospel centered on the death of Jesus Christ on the cross

and His resurrection from the dead. As a response to the gospel message, in popular terms, through faith I received Jesus Christ as my Savior from sin and Lord to be obeyed. As a result, I experienced salvation (new birth) in Christ.

The apostle Paul wrote "For I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith" (Rom. 1:16). This is the most wonderful thing in the world -- to experience God's salvation in Jesus

continued

Christ and sharing Christ to those who do not know Him! Are we carrying out our mission—to be a resource for Christ? Are we inviting others to know Christ?

I will share more of this mission statement in the coming months and why it is important to the life of Evergreen.

Perla D. Belo

Bits & Pieces

 The **Rev. Brooks Andrews** has been asked to give the opening prayer at the WA State Legislature on Friday, February 17th in Olympia. It is Remembrance Day weekend; remembering the date President Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066 that sent the Japanese into the concentra-

tion camps of America in WW II. “I am humbled; what an honor!”, writes Pastor Andrews.

 Our apology to those of you who braved threatening weather conditions to attend the **MLK Day Worship** and found it had been **cancelled**. Our preacher, the Rev. Dr. Cheryl Dudley, had arrived and was pre-

pared to share with us, and we thank her immensely. We know that all our efforts—recorded messages on telephones at the office and the host church, New Beginnings; on our webpage; Facebook—missed getting to some of you. So thank you for your persistence, and we hope to see you on January 21, 2013!

Do You Know When God Is Calling?

Growing up in church, Larry and I always thought accepting God’s call meant to become a minister or a missionary in some far off place like Africa or a remote village somewhere. I want to tell you a story that changed our minds.

In January 2011 I received an email from a friend whose responsibility was to find directors for the World Friendship Center (WFC), a Japanese organization that is dedicated to fostering friendships between nations to promote world peace and nuclear weapon disarmament located in Hiroshima, Japan. She asked would we be interested?

I said to Larry, “Let’s consider it.”

Larry said, “Okay,” but we came up with thirteen specific reasons we could not possibly go to Japan for two years as Volunteer Directors of the WFC.

One was, it is too expensive to live in Japan: We had just returned from visiting WFC for two weeks in August of 2010. We knew how expensive it would be to live there.

God’s response: Our way over and back to Japan will be paid. Our living expenses will be paid. We will stay at the WFC Japanese Inn. They will even provide us with a small stipend.

Secondly, we are not healthy enough: Larry, is insulin dependent and needed to make certain he could get the care and medicine he needed.

God’s response: Our doctor said GO! The health system there is better than here!

Third, we have family responsibilities: Larry’s parents are elderly. What if an emergency arose? What about our kids and grandkids? Japan is a long way away.

God’s response: Larry’s parents were financially settled and his brothers are in the same city as his parents. If there were an emergency instead of taking us 1 day to get there, it might take up to 2 days from Japan. The committee would “substitute” for us up to 1 month if we needed to come back for an emergency.

Fourth, We have community responsibilities: We just moved into our new home. Larry didn’t want to leave the Board of Trustees at Linfield College, our membership at First Baptist Church, the peacemakers groups, and my job as adjunct professor in the Education Department at Linfield College.

God’s response: Linfield Trustees appointed Larry as “Honorary Trustee” so that he can remain active and not be required to attend meetings until he returns. The Linfield Education Department tells me to GO and let them know when I return. The various peacemaking community groups say GO and to keep in touch. FBC arranges for us to keep in touch while we are gone and they arrange with the Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America to do a joint commissioning of our peace work.

And fifth, We can’t live in a different culture: Japan is a different culture. We don’t even know the language!

God’s response: The office manager at WFC is bi-lingual and speaks English well. We really are familiar with the culture and already know many of the WFC board of directors.

By the time six of the thirteen specific reasons we couldn’t go to Japan literally melted away we both looked at each other and felt chills up and down our spines. We suspected it was God calling us to World Friendship Center and Hiroshima, Japan. We continued down the list and every one of the 13 reasons totally disappeared!

When you hear God’s voice speaking to you, you’ll probably do like we did. Think of all kinds of reasons you couldn’t possibly answer the call. And hopefully like us, you will realize that God is calling and that you must respond with God’s spirit to do the task. Our pastor in Seattle always says, “If you hear God’s voice, do not harden your hearts.” God’s voice, our call, came through the Internet in the form of an email. Be sure and pay attention to your email!

JoAnn & Larry Sims
Volunteer Directors
World Friendship Center
Hiroshima, Japan

Haiti Fundraising Evening of Music Needs Your Voices

On Saturday, March 3, 2012, 7 PM at Seattle First Baptist Church, the Haiti Mission Trip Planning Team asks you to come out, enjoy an evening of diverse music and musical art forms from our Seattle area member churches and friends.

There is no cost to attend. A free-will offering will be lifted to support the costs of sending a mission group to Haiti in April. Included in the of-

fering request is the funding to purchase building supplies to cover the cost of one classroom in their new school now under construction.

The planning team is asking each church to send a soloist, group, choir or some musical representation to help make the evening complete.

If we are all represented, the evening will truly be “The Sounds of Evergreen Associa-

tion!”

If you’d like to participate, please telephone Rev. Keith Madsen at 425-392-6447 or email:

drkmad2006@yahoo.com

You may also call or email Clem in the Kent Office at: 253-859-2226;

clemeba@comcast.net

Put the date on your calendar and join in this effort.

Burton Community Church Installs Bruce Chittick as Pastor—January 22nd

In an installation service on Sunday, January 22, 2012, Burton Community Church installed the Rev. Bruce Chittick as their pastor. Evergreen Association was well represented as the Rev. Eliana Maxim, Associate Ex-

ecutive Presbyterian of Multicultural Ministries for the Presbytery of Seattle, PCUSA, brought the sermon; the Rev. Dr. Marcia J. Patton issued the charge to the church and the Rev. Tim Phillips, pastor of Seattle First Baptist

Church gave the charge to the pastor.

Rev. Chittick and Burton Community Church have begun the journey together to be the hands and feet of Christ on Vashon Island, and indeed to the world.



Nzungas 2011 Report of Celebrations in Haiti Through Your Generosity

Dear Loved Ones,

Thank you first and foremost for your gracious support that has kept our ministries functioning and improving countless lives across Haiti. We never take for granted the sacrifices you and your families make to help the destitute of Haiti.

On behalf of all our past and future patients, on behalf of our staff and of our own family, we come humbly again to say THANK YOU and to wish you a blessed New Year 2012. It is our fervent prayer that God of love will grant you peace and all His rich blessings.

The year that has just ended has been a blessed year for the eye clinic. God has been good in keeping all of us in good physical condition. He has watched after the many patients who have trusted our clinic for their eye care.

In 2011 we saw 5610 patients. We performed 181 operations: cataract surgeries or

life changing surgeries, reparation of cornea, and other corrective vision operations. We serviced many other needs including checkups and treatment for glaucoma patients. We are deeply involved in the eye glasses that help people see well or read well.

We have come to learn that behind each eye glass we give out or behind each eye surgery we perform here, there is a story, a beautiful story of someone being able again to see well, to be able to care for his family again to work or to read his Bible again. There is always a story of somebody being able to go to school again.

We organized two Glaucoma screening days and saw 221 patients in those two days; two free eye glasses days where we consulted 343 patients in the city of Cap-Haitian and shared 184 eye glasses, one free eye glasses day in the City of Fort-Liberte where we checked on

201 patients and 196 glasses were given out. .

We bought a new diesel generator which has been a big relief when operating on patients. And the new vehicle has freed us from worrying about transportation. We can go now where patients need us the most.

We also received student nurses from the city of Gonaives for their internship at our clinic. Thus their choice of our clinic has made us a teaching clinic in the northern part of Haiti. Those students were a big addition to our staff as they all mingled well in their learning/teaching experience.

We would not be able to do this kind of ministries without your prayers and your support of all kinds. Thank you for sustaining our ministries in Haiti.

Yours at the eye clinic in Haiti,

Nzunga Mabudiga & Kihomi

ABCUSA Calendar At a Glance

February 2011

Black History Month

13—Church Vocations Sunday

26—American Baptist Men's Prayer Breakfast

27—Single Adult Awareness Sunday

March 2011

America for Christ Offering Month

and Women's History Month

4—World Day of Prayer

6—America for Christ Sunday

8—International Women's Day

9—Ash Wednesday

13—1st Sunday in Lent

American Baptist Seminary Sunday

Daylight Savings Time Begins

20—2nd Sunday in Lent

Women in Ministry Sunday

27—3rd Sunday in Lent

Interfaith Advocacy Day 2012 Registration

Uniting Hearts & Minds: Raising Revenue for the Common Good

Tuesday, February 14, 2012—8:30am-3:30pm—110 11th Ave SE, Olympia, WA 98501—fanwa.org—206-625-9790

Name(s): _____

Home Address: _____ City: _____

Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Faith Community: _____ Legislative District: _____ Vegetarian Meal? (Y/N): _____

An appointment with your legislators will be set for you and others from your district unless you check this box indicating you do not want to participate in a legislative meeting.

Transportation:

I am interested in riding in a van from my area, if one is available. (Gas costs will be shared.)

My faith community has a van we can use, and I will confirm it and arrange for a driver.

I am interested in carpooling. You may share my email address with others from my district.

I am interested in coordinating transportation from my area. You may share my email with others from my district.

I will provide my own transportation.

Still have questions? Contact Faith Action Network:
206-625-9790 or fan@fanwa.org

Early registration is highly encouraged to help us with planning and setting appointments!

\$20/person registration fee (\$25 starting 2/1/12) includes advocacy packet, continental breakfast, lunch, and meetings with your legislators. Contact FAN for scholarship requests: fan@fanwa.org or 206-625-9790.

Check made payable to FAN (IFAD in memo) enclosed

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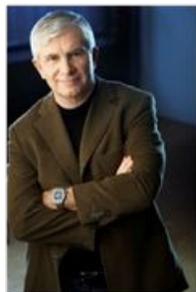
**Faith Action Network
766 John St., Suite B
Seattle, WA 98109**

California churches: Want to Know More About Transformed by the Spirit?

Are you in an American Baptist Church in California? If so, Alan Roxburgh will be in the Bay Area on March 30 and 31.

There will be a dinner at American Baptist Seminary of the West (ABSW) on Friday evening March 30 and a meeting for all church pastors and people on Saturday, March 31 at Alameda First Baptist Church. Please be on the lookout for further information and plan to join the discussions.

Alan Roxburgh is one of the consultants with ABC/USA



leading us in the *Transformed by the Spirit* Initiative. He is a pastor, teacher, writer and consultant with more than 30 years experience in church leadership, consulting and seminary education. Alan has pastored congregations in a small town, the suburbs, the re-development of a downtown urban church and the planting of other congregations. He has directed an urban training center and served as a seminary professor and the director of a center for mission and evangelism. Alan teaches as an adjunct professor in seminaries

in the USA, Australia and Europe. His books include: *Reaching a New Generation*, *Leadership*, *Liminality* and *the Missionary Congregation*, *Crossing the Bridge: Leadership in a Time of Change*, *The Sky is Falling – Leaders Lost in Transition*, *The Missional Leader* (co-authored with Fred Romanuk), *Introducing the Missional Church*, *Missional Map Making* and *Missional: Joining God in the Neighborhood*. He was also a member of the writing team that authored *Missional Church: A Vision for the Sending of the Church in North America*

Answering Questions about the America For Christ Offering 2012

What is the financial goal for the AFC Offering 2012?

The financial goal for this year is \$1,500,000.

What is the distribution of the total AFC Offering 2012?

The offering is distributed in three parts:

29% supports regional ministries

59% supports the ministries of ABHMS

12% underwrites the offering's promotional and deputation costs

(ABHMS is the only mission board to share its national offering with American Baptist Churches USA [ABCUSA] regions.)

What ABHMS ministries are supported by AFC?

Caring Ministries & Prophetic Justice

Children in Poverty (\$51,000 in Children in Poverty grants awarded in 2010 to ABCUSA-related organizations for children and family care programs; more than 200 congregations/groups have raised more than 5 million pennies for The Penny Project.)

Neighborhood Action Program Christian Centers (serving more than 30,000 families and 100,000 individuals)

Chaplaincy Programs (12 new

chaplains and pastoral counselors endorsed for specialized ministry in 2010)

American Baptist Homes and Hospitals

The Christian Citizen Magazine (ABHMS awarded requests totaling \$93,000 to help local churches and regional offices respond to disasters, such as flood, fire, tornado and winter storm-related damages.)

Discipleship, Evangelism & Transformation

Missional Church Learning Experience (more than 1,000 church leaders from 16 regions involved in missional learning and community projects to date)

Discipleship Planning Guide

Evangelism Training (more than 100 churches in 10 regions participated in "Got Style?" training in 2010)

Partnerships with ABCUSA Colleges and Seminaries

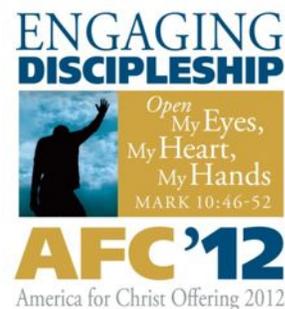
Youth and College Campus Ministries

Judson Press Discipleship resources (more than 600 individuals registered for Judson authors' webinars)

New Church Planting (three grants totaling \$6,500 were distributed in two regions)

Workshops for Church Life and Leader-

ship (44 downloadable workshops, including workshops in English, Spanish and Karen)



Intercultural Ministries, Refugee Resettlement & Immigration Initiatives

Intercultural (Multi-ethnic) Seminars, Workshops and Tools resources for Immigrant Communities

Advocacy for Comprehensive Immigration reform, including the DREAM Act

Refugee Settlement (credited with resettling more than 100,000 refugees from more than 53 countries to date)

Visit the America for Christ Offering website at

<http://www.abhms.org/afc/index.cfm>

Or call 1-800-222-3872, x2028 for more information

Judson Press Regional Rebates

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cluded to enter code 38 in the Region Code box, and we will receive a generous 10% of your total sale.

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dered from Judson Press, consider them for your reading

materials, curriculum and church supplies, etc. at www.judsonpress.com



TByS: Evergreen Region & Churches Form Adaptive Challenge Teams

A team is being formed with Ken Curl as facilitator for the Evergreen Ministry Challenge, *Evergreen needs to deepen relationships, make more diverse relationships that result in the inclusion of all people/persons. We have been working on this and making progress since our beginning, but we need to stay concerned and continue to work on this. We need to keep our focus. We want to make sure that one of the cultures is the "youth" culture.*

First Baptist Church of

Berkeley, California has formed an Adaptive Challenge Team (ACT) around the ministry challenge of "space" or to help us better understand—facility.

Judy Gay (Fremont Baptist, Seattle), Walter Heyman (New Walk Christian, Kent) and Cathy Kernen (Grace Baptist, Tacoma) are gathering to explore the ministry challenge of "leadership"

And Greg Ledbetter, pastor of Shell Ridge Community Church, Walnut Creek CA is

gathering other pastors to begin exploring the ministry challenge of "church growth".

If these ideas brings to your mind a challenge to doing ministry that you'd like to explore—the Transformed by the Spirit Initiative is a place to begin.

Contact Marcia or Clem in the Region office and let's prepare to listen to the Spirit and follow, toward becoming better equipped disciples.



New Walk Christian Church Celebrates 7 Years in Ministry



Pastor and First Lady Walter and Evelyn

Heyman invite you and your friends to celebrate New Walk Christian Church's 7 Years in ministry on March 4, 2012. The guest speaker will be the Rev. Dr. Douglas Stowers, pastor of Mount Calvary

Baptist Church, Atlanta GA.

Pastor Heyman shared, "As we celebrate our year of completion, we look forward to the new things God has in store for us. Our theme, 'Committed and Ready to Go', Joshua 1:16-18, reflects our excitement for what is yet to come".

The church worships at 805 E Smith Street, Kent WA.

Dinner will be served from 1:30 to 2:45 PM, preceding worship at 3 PM.

Please receive your personal invitation to be a part of the celebration as you read this article.

Baptists Lunching Together (BLT)

The **February meeting date changed** from Tuesday, February 7, to **Monday, February 6**, and will feature **Dr. Roy Medley and Dr. Sumner Grant**.

The **March meeting** will be on March 21st at Grand Lake Gardens. Dr. James Donahue, President, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley will be the speaker.

The speaker in **April** will be Dr. Allison Tanner of Lakeshore. More details to come.

Please direct questions to Joan at 510-350-7008.

BUILDING BRIDGES EVENT



March 10, 2012

Seattle First Baptist Church, 1111 Harvard Avenue, Seattle WA

REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Church: _____

Child Care is needed (please list name & age for each child)

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_____	_____
_____	_____

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

Series I

- Our Children
- Transformed by the Spirit Initiative
- Consensus Building
- American Baptist Personnel Services (ABPS)
- Family
- Music & Worship

Series II

- Family
- Adaptive Challenge Teams (ACTs)
- Our Children
- Consensus Building
- American Baptist Personnel Services (ABPS)
- Music & Worship

FEE: \$15.00 if pre-registered by March 2nd . \$20.00 at the door. Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

TOTAL FEES enclosed: _____



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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

FEBRUARY

10—11 Evergreen Leaders' Retreat, Camp Burton

MARCH

4—Sounds of Evergreen Haiti Fundraiser, Seattle First, 7 PM—Free. Goodwill Offering

10—Building Bridges Day, Seattle First Baptist Church, 9 AM; Dwight Lundgren, guest

24—Association Board Meeting, Wedgwood Community Church, 9 AM—12 Noon

30—Alan Roxburgh & Pastors dinner, ABSW

31—Alan Roxburgh at Alameda First Baptist Church

APRIL

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

15-17 Ministers' Council Retreat, Camp Burton

20—29 Mission Trip to Haiti

MAY

4—6 ABW-NW Conference, Ross Point Camp

JUNE

9—Association Board Meeting, 9 AM, Wedgwood

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Translate our unity to the world.