

# Evergreen Notes

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## Evergreen Considers ABHMS Public Witness Statement on Gun Violence

*Evergreen Association Board is considering endorsing/adopting the American Baptist Home Mission Societies Statement on Gun Violence:* “The December 14, 2012 shootings at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut, as with other incidents such as those in Aurora, Oak Creek, Tucson, Ft. Hood, Virginia Tech, and Columbine give us pause as disciples of Jesus Christ and citizens of the United States of America. We recoil in horror at these mass shootings, as we also lament the daily toll of gun violence in the United States. Our hearts go out to the victims of these horrendous acts and to their families whom we continue to hold in prayer and for whom we will continue to work for justice and peace.

Firearms are a part of the history and fabric of our nation. Changes in

the laws governing the ownership and use of firearms must take into account this uniquely American experience and the ways in which our understanding of the right to keep and bear arms has developed over time. The Supreme Court has held that the Second Amendment to the Constitution guarantees an individual right to “keep and bear arms,” while also making it clear that this right is “not unlimited.” Nor should it be. The liberties we enjoy are often in tension with one another and no right should be so broadly construed as to undermine the ability of the broader community to maintain order and the peace necessary for human life and flourishing.

Today, approximately 300 people, including 65 children and teens, will be injured or killed with guns in murders, assaults, suicides, and ac-

idents. Today, an estimated 40 percent of gun sales will occur without a criminal background check. Today, background checks for private gun sales have reduced illegal gun trafficking within states that employ them by 48 percent while strong, enforced gun dealer licensing laws have reduced illegal gun trafficking within states that employ them by 64 percent. Today, licensing and registration will make it more difficult to obtain crime guns locally.

While we cannot put an end to gun violence, we can reduce its impact on individuals, families, communities, and our nation. Therefore, we, the board of the American Baptist Home Mission Societies, support the following measures:

Decreasing the firepower available to civilians by ban-

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### Prayer Concerns

*Reverend Wendell Griffin, pastor of the New Millennium Baptist Church, Little Rock Arkansas and Circuit Judge of the Sixth Judicial District seeking to follow the paradigm of our exemplar, Jesus, who was inclusive*

*Evergreen Churches seeking pastoral Leaders: Japanese Baptist Church, Urban Grace – Tacoma, Filipino-American Christian Fellowship*

# Statement on Gun Violence

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ning assault weapons and prohibiting the sale of large capacity ammunition magazines;  
Closing gaps in the background check system including requiring criminal background checks for all sales at gun shows;  
Implementing a common sense, comprehensive approach to help law enforcement prevent gun trafficking that will decrease the availability of illegal guns, including licensing handgun purchasers and strengthening the regulation of gun dealers;  
Strengthening record keeping of gun transfers, and requiring the reporting of lost or stolen guns to law enforcement to ensure better accountability of guns for persons involved in the supply of guns to the illegal market;  
Increasing resources and

capacity for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) and repealing existing statutory restrictions that hamper the agency's ability to combat illegal gun trafficking;  
Developing new technologies to help law enforcement more effectively trace crime guns and developing safety features to child-proof guns;  
Encouraging local efforts to prevent and reduce gun violence;  
Urging firearms retailers to implement protocols aimed at preventing the sale of firearms to prohibited purchasers and preventing "straw purchases"; and  
Improving the National Violent Death Reporting System and restoring firearms research funding for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.  
Encouraging greater socie-

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tal attention to issues of mental health and illness as well as cultural issues including the pervasiveness of violence in entertainment and the media.


Pursued together, we believe these measures will reduce gun violence while maintaining access to firearms for individuals for the purposes of self-defense, sport, and hunting, and we reject the Rhetoric that misleadingly Portrays these goals (reduced violence and legitimate access) as Incompatible. In the name of the Prince of the Peace, we encourage our constituent congregations and the membership thereof to join us in support of these measures as we commit ourselves and the American Baptist Home Mission Societies to the patient work of reform, of taking the sensible steps necessary to reduce gun violence in our land."

## Wedgwood Community Church Installs Wim Mauldin as Pastor— Sunday, January 27, 2013



## Events & Happenings Around the Association

 SEATTLE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH invites you to Celebrate Black History Month with Art & Soul: Exhibit and Presentations of art work by Phillip Woods on **Sunday, February 3rd, at 9:30 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall and on **Wednesday, February 6,** during the church's weekly Wednesday Dinner. Call SFBC at 206-325-6051 to RSVP for dinner.

 NORTH PUGET SOUND ABW MINISTRIES  
SPRING RALLY, Saturday, March 16, 2013, Peoples Institutional Baptist Church, 159 24th Ave., Seattle 98122 (206-323-5959), 9 AM Registration and Refreshments.

 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH  
Youth Department presents A Special Stage Play entitled, **~Mama I'm Home~**  
(Written by Tracie L. Davis),

**Sunday - February 10, 2013 - 3:30 PM**

Featuring....Agape Choir, Shaunyce Omar, Believe Mime Ministry, and Amazing Grace Dance Team.

The church is located at 4519 NE 10th Street, Renton, WA 98056.

For questions please contact church office: 425-255-1446

## Perla's Pearls: Reflections on "New"



Rev. Perla Belo  
Association Chair

New means not old or familiar; different from the former; recently discovered or learned, not accustomed; refreshed or regenerated; being such for the first time.

The Old Testament used "new" one hundred times and the New Testament forty five times. After Israel was exiled, God gave Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel and the other prophets a promise of newness. How God was going to do this was not specific. But in the full-

ness of time, God did a marvelous and new thing, "for the first time."

In the New Testament, the "new" came in the person of Jesus Christ, God's unspeakable gift of His Son, the Lord Jesus. Christ is the fulfillment of God's promises to the prophets of Israel. The "new" was accomplished in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. What are the new? New testament, new covenant, new doctrine, kingdom of God, new cloth/old garment, new wine/old bottles, drink it new in the Kingdom of God, cup is the new testament of

my blood, new commandment, new tomb, new thing, new lump/old leaven, speak with new tongues, ministers of the new testament, new creature in Christ, all things are become new, new heavens/earth, new name, new song, and new Jerusalem. These truly are "for the first time."

What is new in your life, church, and Evergreen? Is the "newness in Christ" reflected in our lives and ministries in order to show the life-transforming work of God?

*Perla*

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**Reminder:** Deadlines for applications to the **Matthew 25 Grant Fund** are March 1, 2013 for grants to be distributed April 15th AND September 1, 2013 for grants to be distributed October 15th.

The goal of your ministry must be **TO HELP END POVERTY.** To download the application form, [click here](#) or contact [Beth.Fogg@abc-usa.org](mailto:Beth.Fogg@abc-usa.org)

## America for Christ Offering –March 2013



As we approach the time for the America for Christ Offering in March, 2013, ABHMS offers a video which can be used to share one of the ministries your gifts support.

The video documents the struggles of those of Japanese descent living on the U.S. West Coast following Japan's 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor and the courageous ministry of American Baptist missionaries who served among them.

When President Franklin D.

Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066 on February 19, 1942, thousands of Japanese Americans were forced from their homes to unjust imprisonment in U.S. internment camps.

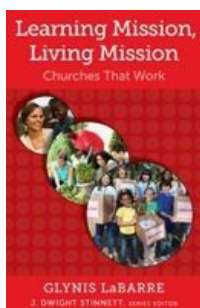
Japanese Americans were subjected to harsh living conditions in the camps where they were relocated because of wartime hysteria that they would serve as spies for the country of their heritage. Two-thirds of those interned, born on American soil,

were U.S. citizens.

The imprisoned included parents of American-born young men fighting in U.S. military units. During this bleak period in U.S. history, American Baptist home missionaries swam against the tide of popular opinion, affirming Japanese Americans as their brothers and sisters, and serving among them as the hands and feet of Christ.

<http://www.abc-usa.org/2012/12/07/american-baptist-ministry-in-world-war-ii-internment-camps/>

## The Missional Church Learning Experience Book Published



Author, Rev. Glynis LaBarre, announced that the MCLE book, "Learning Mission, Living Mission, Churches

that Work," has been released by Judson Press. It is available online, [www.judsonpress.com](http://www.judsonpress.com) <<http://www.judsonpress.com/>>, for \$12.79.

The book contains the entire MCLE process (Missional Church Learning Experience), and all that has been gleaned from the 5 years and 220 churches involved - including comments by participating churches.

It has received 6 good reviews by: Alan Roxburgh, Tom Sine, Eddie Hammett, John Franke, Jeff Woods and Dwight Stinnett.

The Evergreen member churches which participated in the Missional Church Learning Experience or you and/or your congregation are interested in the final report, order your copy today from Judson Press [Telephone: 1-800-458-3766 or at the email address given earlier in this article].

Be sure to enter Evergreen's Region Code (38) when checking out online.

## Four More Pumps Installed in L'Acul du Nord, Haiti—Praise God!!



Digging Well by hand



Installation Finished



Child Pumps Water!

## What a Difference Education Makes!

Dear Loved Ones,  
Our Christmas gift was a visit of our scholarship student we supported from 2001-2005. Mirlande Lucien Mesamour came from a very poor family in La Pointe near Port de Paix. I

went to La Pointe to present a conference on counseling in the church. Mirlande was then a member.

When I asked the question if young people knew where Limbe was and what was there, their answer was Limbe is a music camp. They did not know anything about the university here. I was somewhat saddened by



the ignorance of our young people in not knowing that Limbe is the biggest protestant university in northern Haiti. Many of them prefer to go to Port-au-Prince where living conditions are hard for many of them.

To help them learn more about Limbe, I asked their pastor to recommend one poor young person we could help and who will be their ambassador. Mirlande was recommended because of her good conduct. We adopted her in our family and helped her study for four years. She finished her bachelor in business the top of her class becoming thus the first girl to graduate with such honor. She worked with Compassion International back in her city of La Pointe before getting married to pastor Junior Mesmour who is now working as English translator

with the UN peace keepers.



She has come with her two boys to share their Christmas joy with our family. What else could we expect than this kind of visit that brings us joy of being proud grandparents (God-grandparents).

Mirlande is really the fruit of your love, your sacrificial giving and your support to our ministries. As God is sending Jesus to save us, you helped Mirlande's life through our ministries. May the blessings of this season be yours also.

Yours in Haiti,

Nzunga & Kihomi

## ABHMS Calls for Children in Poverty Grant Proposals by April 24

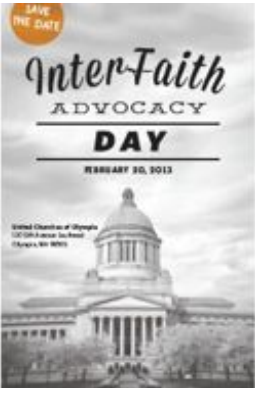
VALLEY FORGE, PA (ABNS 1/23/13)—Congregations, regions and community ministries related to American Baptist Churches USA (ABCUSA) are invited to apply for 2013 Children in Poverty (CiP) grants from American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS) for sup-

port of programs that address needs of children living in poverty in their local communities.

The entire article may be read at <http://www.abc-usa.org/2013/01/23/abhms-calls-for-children-in-poverty-grant-proposals-by-april-24/>

Grant application packets are available at [www.abhms.org](http://www.abhms.org) > Ministries & Programs > Children in Poverty or by calling the Rev. Lisa Harris, national coordinator, ABHMS Justice for Children Initiative, at 1-800-222-3872, x2158

# Save the Date for Inter-Faith Advocacy Day in Washington State



Faith Advocacy Network, the successor organization resulting from the combining of the former Washington Association

of Churches and the Lutheran Public Policy Office, (and an Evergreen Association partner) invites you to save February 20th for a meeting with legislators about the critical issues of the day.

Our goal is to fill the United Churches with ecumenical

voices - Please help us do that! All faith communities are invited to participate in this inter-faith gathering; learn about advocacy and current legislation and actually advocate in Olympia. Concerns/questions: 206-625-9790 or email [fan@fanwa.org](mailto:fan@fanwa.org)

## Why Keep Historical Records

**Records of Archival Value** include all documents made or received by the church in its ministry and operation and judged to be of permanent value for legal, informational, or illustrative purposes.

**The key records to look for and save are:**

- \*\*Legal Documents: Deeds, mortgages, blueprints, trust agreements
- \*\*Official Congregational Records: Minutes of congregational business meetings and church boards; Membership rosters;

Annual financial reports, audits

- \*\*Biographical material for pastors, & paid staff
- \*\*Official Organizational Records: Minutes, publications, and related items from youth, men, and women's groups, the Sunday School, and special committees

- \*\*\*Published materials: Annual reports, newsletters, worship bulletins, church histories, membership directories, special events (e.g. anniversaries, installations, retirements)

## Part II

*"What has your church deemed to be of permanent value for legal, informational or illustrative purposes?"*

- \*\*Ephemera/Memorabilia: Scrapbooks, pamphlets, photo albums, tangible objects (e.g. various hymnbooks used for worship, communion sets, plaques, etc.)— if clearly identified.

## BLT: Baptists Lunching Together

*Wednesday Luncheons at 12:15 PM*

*Grand Lake Gardens, 401 Santa Clara Ave., Oakland*

**February 20 - David Robinson**

*Exec. Dir., Correctional Institutions Chaplaincy, SC County*

**March 20 - J. Alfred Smith, Jr.**

*Sr. Pastor, Allen Temple Baptist*

*"Expanding Ministries"*

**April 17 - Kay Kallender**

*Senior V-P, Strategic Planning American Baptist Homes*

*"Understanding Dementia Care"*

*Reservations should be made by the Monday of the luncheon week.*

*Call Joan Thatcher at 510-350-7008.*

# Church Registrations Reduce Individual Registrations for the Biennial



Individual registration is open for Mission Summit 2013, an American Baptist Biennial Gathering, in Overland Park/Kansas City, KS, June 21-23, 2013.

Churches are invited to register for the event; church registration is based on average worship attendance for each church. Once a church has registered, an

unlimited number of members from that church may register to attend the Mission Summit/Biennial at a reduced rate of \$35 per person.

If an attendee's church has not yet registered, the full individual registration fee of \$150 applies.

The list of registered churches is online at [www.americanbaptists2013.com](http://www.americanbaptists2013.com)

or you may contact [MissionSummitRegistration@abc-usa.org](mailto:MissionSummitRegistration@abc-usa.org) at any time to find out if your church has registered. An individual must wait until after his/her church has registered in order to pay the reduced individual registration rate of \$35.

Registration and additional details may be found at [www.americanbaptists2013.com](http://www.americanbaptists2013.com)

## What Is Peace?

Explaining peace is difficult. Is it a life with no excitement? Is it a time of calm? Is it a time of prosperity? Is peace only explained as the opposite of war? How can we work toward peace if we don't understand what peace is or what peace looks like, feels like, or sounds like?

The first step in breaking peace is beginning to define the "other" as being different and a threat. That became too true for our nation on that day in September. I am now living in Hiroshima, Japan. I shudder as I hear rumblings in the newspaper and on television about "those" Chinese or Koreans. "They" want what is "ours", and "they" are a threat to our nationality.

What can we do to foster peace in these turbulent times? World Friendship Center (WFC) has a goal of world peace and nuclear weapon disarmament. Their motto is: To foster peace, one friend at a time.

During the last week of July 2012, WFC helped sponsor and hosted a

Peace Camp. Ten junior and senior high school students with a counselor came from the countries of China, Korea, and Japan. There was also a student from Oregon, USA and a counselor from India. Thirty young people explored



friendship, learned about each other's traditions, and joined together for a variety of games and projects at a wilderness setting outside of Hiroshima.

Communication is key to a successful camp experience. English was the common language although it was not their preferred ...The unanimous pleasure they all shared was wonderful new friends and for many of them this was the first time they met young people from another country. Many campers shared email addresses and "friended" each other on Facebook to stay connected.

One camp exercise was discussing what Peace is in their small groups made up of campers from different countries. After the discussion they individually wrote and drew their understanding of Peace. Following

are samples of their ideas; PEACE IS...



To live happily with all people, animals and plants.

To be friendly, to understand and love each other

To have a heart of understanding and respect of all things (humans, animals, even insects)

Getting a strong, calm and colorful inner world and then helping others to find theirs

A world without war, tanks, missiles, or rockets

At the end of an amazingly short week, it was time to say good-bye to new friends and counselors...I am hopeful that Peace Camp 2012 did, just as the motto of World Friendship Center states: Foster Peace One friend at a time.

JoAnn Sims

Fire builder, breakfast & lunch maker, and new friend of 30 Asian Peace Campers, Also, Volunteer Director of World Friendship Center, Hiroshima, Japan





# Who are Your EA Leaders: Caucus, Association Board, and Executive Committee ?

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

### Officers

Perla Belo (Asian Caucus)-Chair

Priscilla Lowe (Black Caucus)-  
Vice Chair

Bob Sittig (Euro Caucus) -  
Treasurer

### Members

Gerry Suaverdez (Asian Caucus)

Walter Heyman (Black Caucus)

Sean Brown (Euro Caucus)

Guadalupe Vasquez (Hispanic  
Caucus)

## ASSOCIATION BOARD

(Executive Committee are also  
part of the Association Board )

Aaron Williams

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Bob Sittig

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stal Cooper

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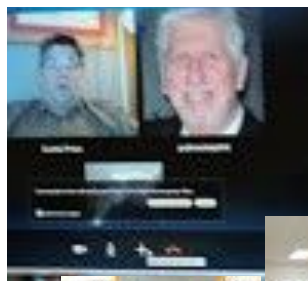
Yosh Nakagawa

\*Pastors & members of  
Member Churches, Caucus  
Leaders and Clem Win-  
bush, recorder

Is your church being repre-  
sented during Association  
Board meetings? Look  
carefully at the list. If you  
find no representative,  
check with your church  
leaders, and perhaps you  
are the one being led to  
take on this leadership  
opportunity. Every church  
is encouraged to be repre-  
sented.

Caucuses meet during  
Board Meetings and \*all  
are invited to participate  
in the Caucus process.

Attend Association Board Meetings in person, via SKYPE or via Telephone—COME!



Next Association Board Meetings

Saturday, April 13, 2013

Saturday, June 15, 2013

Saturday, August 24, 2013

## What is Restorative Justice?

Coming home from work, Ko Jung Wong found his wife, mother, and his son dead obviously without some sort of huge struggle.

Justice is defined as a situation that is equitable or morally right. To do justice is to act or treat someone fairly. Justice goes beyond definitions. Justice is recognized with emotion, feeling, consciousness, and a sense of well-being. Justice is an individual awareness. Justice is a personal experience. Justice for Ko Jung Wong was destroyed on that horrible day. How does a person continue living when their loved ones were killed so violently?

Ko Jung Wong shared his story with nearly 15 people in World Friendship Center's (WFC) living room on the evening of August 24, 2012. Ko is from Korea and was in Hiroshima with North East Asian Region for Peace building Institute (NARPI.) His story was so compelling WFC invited him to share his story.

For a long time Ko was angry at whoever did this terrible thing. He was even angrier when he found out that the killer had intended to kill their neighbor for a recent misdeed, but the neighbor's door was locked, so the killer then entered Ko's home and killed those present because the killer was so intent on killing that day.

Ko tried to commit suicide several times. His remaining daughter pleaded with him to visit the Catholic Church and join a grieving group. It was at church Ko discovered understanding friends and learned of God's personal love for him. Slowly Ko's anger turned to a deep ache and sorrow for first himself and then the killer too.

When the killer of Ko's family was found and placed on trial, Ko visited him, spoke to him of his sorrow because the killer had taken the life of so many of his family members. Then Ko looked into the eyes of the killer and expressed his deep sadness for him because he had done such a terrible thing. Ko also

BY JoAnn Sims

said that he would pray for the killer and he hoped the killer would find God's love and forgiveness.

Ko now shares his story of gaining a new life after his family tragedy. His story was made into a documentary film. Today he helps prisoners rebuild their lives, replacing the anger and hate that once ruled their life with the power of self-forgiveness and of God's love. He also shares his story with groups such as NARPI so they can use the power of forgiveness in peace building.

What is restorative justice? It is restoring moral righteousness to a situation. Restorative justice takes time, effort, and perseverance. In Ko's story it was personally a long rough path to rebuild his own life. Restoring justice for Ko included sharing God's love and forgiveness with the very person that destroyed his former sense of well-being. Ko's life is an example of restorative justice.

## Take Your Pastor/Church Leader/Family Out to the Ball Game

Evergreen Association's Annual Take Your Pastor (and/or others) to the Ball Game is scheduled for Monday, June 3, 2013 at a Seattle Mariners vs. Chicago White Sox game!

This game begins about 10 games against formidable op-

ponents. Let's be there to get the balls flying fiercely!

To order tickets, send a check or money order for \$15 per ticket with the address where the tickets should be mailed.

We have reserved 60 seats, and will be happy to need to

get more.

Send your order to 409

Third Ave., S, Suite A, Kent WA 98032; call 253-859-2226; or email

[clemeba@comcast.net](mailto:clemeba@comcast.net) for more information.



**Core Value:  
UNITY**

**Mission Priority  
REACHING BEYOND OUR BORDERS**

**How are We Doing?**

**The Building Bridges Narrative**  
Evergreen churches build bridges that carry the message of who we are and accepts the message of who others are. Those bridges open the door for the creation of relationships. Relationships begin through participation in Evergreen that lead to an increased number of people being involved, and intentional intergenerational connections. Those relationships result in support of one another through acceptance, understanding and sensitivity to our cultural differences, so that more people now live and tell the Evergreen story.

**Reaching Beyond our Borders Narrative**  
We will  
Successfully interface with community partners in a variety of projects, learning from their strengths and impacting the community  
Form closer bonds with ecumenical and inter-faith partners, learning to better understand their viewpoints in order to enrich our own.  
Be more intentionally active in social justice issues, including ongoing work on the Call to Sacred Action which will be a foundational part of our identity.  
Increase our understanding of our denominational milieu and individual differences/similarities in Regions

**Equipping Congregations Narrative**  
As Evergreen we will enable our churches to do "needs analysis and gift inventory".  
Evergreen will sponsor seminars or webinars on helpful topics by supplying information or persons.  
Evergreen will offer webinars on American Baptist Polity and Baptist History.  
"Building Bridges" seminars will be offered as webinars in the future.

**Sharing the Evergreen Story Narrative**  
The Evergreen Story and current events are on the internet, in the newspaper, on facebook and twitter and whatever new thing is coming along. A good quality production video of Evergreen is on YouTube and available on DVD.  
People in Evergreen have conversations with lots of people wherever they are about Evergreen.  
There are young adults and teenagers involved in the life of Evergreen, they are at all events and meetings.  
More churches/organization are using consensus in their decision making process. Creative ways of power sharing (such as caucuses) are being developed and used. More churches are using Kaleidoscope Bible Study, Respect Communication Guidelines, Mutual Invitation in the life of their churches.  
Annually congregations are added to the Evergreen family because we are planting church—especially Hispanic/Latino (a) and Native American churches. More congregations are joining Evergreen because they are embracing the benefits of associating with American Baptist Churches and Evergreen.  
Every church has an Evergreen Storyteller who keeps the Evergreen story before the congregation with the result that more people are attending events and understanding the relationship between the local church and Evergreen Association."

**Mission Priority:  
EQUIPPING CONGREGATIONS**

**Core Value:  
CULTURAL  
DIVERSITY**

**Core Value:  
SHIFTING  
PERSPECTIVES**

**Mission Priority  
SHARING THE EVERGREEN WAY**

**Core Value:  
ACCEPTANCE**

**Mission Priority:  
BUILDING BRIDGES**



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Please submit articles by the **24th** of the month prior to expected publication.

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

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Rev. Dr. Marcia J. Patton  
Executive Minister

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

**February 9, 2013—**  
**Leaders' Retreat, Shepherd's Garden, Lynnwood**

**February 20, 2013—**  
InterFaith Advocacy Day, hosted at United Churches of Olympia, 110 11th Ave. SE, Olympia WA 98501—  
Registration info soon

**March 17-18, 2013—**Roger Williams Symposium, Rev. Michael-Ray Mathews, Speaker; Sponsored by Common Ministry Washington State University, Pullman, WA (509-332-2611)

**March 31, 2013—Easter**

**Community Sunrise Service, St. Ignatius Chapel, Seattle University, 7 AM**



**June 21-23, 2013 –**  
Mission Summit, ABCUSA Biennial, Overland Park, Kansas

**July 15-20, 2013—**Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America (BPFNA) 2013 Summer Conference "Peace Camp", Gonzaga University, Spokane, Washington

**October 10 –12, 2013 Evergreen Annual Meeting, Japanese Baptist Church**

## 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.