



# Evergreen Notes

Evergreen Association of American Baptist Churches

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## White Racial Awareness Training (WRAP)

Euro Caucus Church members are invited to participate in the White Racial Awareness Process (WRAP) Training, Feb. 20, 2009 at Wedgwood Community Church, 9 AM—3PM.

Lucky Lynch, the first Kaleidoscope Associate trained by Eric Law will facilitate the training.

If you are unable to attend this session a second session to which all church members are invited will be offered the next day, February 21st at the Community Church of Issaquah.

RSVP helpful, but not necessary; call: 206-522-5778

## Building Bridges (Like Tools for the Trade)

Come learn about mission and how to reach out through workshop discussing:

- Bible Study
- Church outside its Doors
- Outreach to Local Schools
- Burmese Refugee Resettlement
- Cutting Quilt Squares
- Telling Your Story Through Art
- Baptist Polity

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Registration Deadline:

February 18, 2009

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### Continue to pray for

- Churches in the pastoral search process
- Seattle First Baptist Church and new pastor, Tim Phillips
- Yosh Nakagawa who's much better, but experiencing complications.
- Barry and Anne Briscoe in Barry's recovery
- Marcia Patton who is back at work on a limited basis.

## Curtis Comments—Leaders Retreat

On January 23rd and 24th, the leadership team of the Evergreen Association gathered at the new Camp Burton Retreat Center to discern together a couple of particular

areas of focus for the coming year. I thank all of the people who made time for this intense two days of focused work. Under the facilitation of our friend from the United Methodists,

Kristina Gonzalez, we explored some new tools to raise awareness and then got down to business that ultimately brought us



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## Events and Happenings Around the Region

 **New Walk Christian Church**, 805 East Smith Street, Kent WA invites you to attend their **Annual Church Conference & 4th Anniversary Celebration**, Saturday, February 28th – 9:30 AM—3:00 PM (Bring the children for the children’s workshop) and March 1st, 3:00 PM with Pastor Amos Landry as guest speaker. Dinner will be served at 1:30

PM—prior to the service.



The next **Labyrinth Walk** is February 8th and continues to be open through June on the second Sunday of **each month from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall at **Seattle First Baptist Church**, 1111 Harvard, Seattle 98122. Park on the street and enter

the lower Seneca doors. Free. Contributions welcomed.



**Seattle First Baptist Church** invites you to **Jazz Vespers** each first Sunday of the month through June 2008, from 6—8 PM.

**Church Leaders:  
2008 Annual Reports  
will arrive soon!**

## A Local Witness With A Denominational View

Walter H. Heyman Jr., Pastor of New Walk Christian Church, Kent WA

Serving as Evergreen Association’s first General Board Representative to ABC/USA for a six-year tenure allowed me to experience the operation of the broader church community and how other regions function. What I saw was a confirmation of the power and effectiveness of Evergreen’s concept of all voices being heard and the operation of the caucus model. The Evergreen concept and model creates a much more biblical relationship within our region than I saw in others.

Through the relationships I

developed over the years I saw and learned how Roberts Rules of Order created a win/lose situation within many of the regions because the decision making was done through power and not equality. I heard a lot of horror stories and listened to a lot of strategizing that was not inclusive to relationship building.

The struggle for power caused a lot of division and strife within the regions often making their internal operation ineffective to the mission of Kingdom Building.

The Evergreen Association model of caucuses creating an equal voice and consensus for

Rev. Walter Heyman



decision making allowing relationships to prevail has captured the essence of operation under a biblical pretense. The balance of power eliminates competition and finding a common place for us to work eliminates struggles and allows us to move forward with the work of God.

Praise be to God and may the Evergreen Association model be the yeast that changes the ABC/USA into all it can be in

## Evergreen Recipient of Judson Press Regional Rebate Program

Thanks to Marion Deware of First Baptist Church, Salt Lake City; Amy Chilton-Thompson of Grace Baptist Church, Tacoma and M. Christopher Boyer of Good

Shepherd Baptist Church, Lynnwood for remembering the Region Code in orders from Judson Press. As a result Evergreen recently received \$16.77 in rebate.

When ordering from Judson go through our web site [www.ea-abc.org](http://www.ea-abc.org) resources page and enter "38" in the Region Code box during check-out.

## Curtis Comments

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to a focus on three areas.

The first action plan attempts to answer the question, "how do we equip the churches for ministry in their context?" We will focus on bringing together training and programs that speak to issues of doing ministry in a world that seems less and less interested in church. Our resources will help all of us turn our eyes outward to the opportunities that we have in this new era.

The second action plan accepts the reality that stewardship is something that encompasses more than just money, and it will be our goal to provide resources that have a holistic approach to stewardship.

And the third action plan culminates at the ABC-USA Biennial Convention in Pasadena this June where we will be doing our best to promote to our fellow American Baptists the value of consensus building and the ethos behind our caucus system in

the hope that it will encourage us all to make the most of the opportunities we have going forward as a denomination. Please watch for more details about these goals for 2009 as we all work together to see them through.

In addition to the explicit plans we made as a team, the group also walked away with a deeper sense of friendship and partnership. We also left each other with a longing. It is not enough for this group to merely accomplish some business or even to have a few laughs (there was a lot of that). Our cultural affinity groups make doing business comfortable, but there is a desire not to just accomplish the business, but to know one another and to have a deeper sense of understanding *about* one another. Honoring our commitment to be in a safe and equitable relationship within Evergreen, we will be looking for ways to receive and to share with one another more of our cultural make-up in the hope of a deeper connec-

*"Our cultural affinity groups make doing business comfortable..."*

tion. We also concluded that we must find creative ways to pass on the values we hold dear to the next generation, while receiving insight from the younger members in our churches.

These ongoing goals, while not within our formal structure, are every bit as important and compelling. I trust you will all join me in committing to achieving these goals. With God's help, I feel confident we will.

God Bless,



Curtis Price

## 2008 UM Giving in Evergreen Churches—Thank You!

|    |  |             |
|----|--|-------------|
| 1  | FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, SEATTLE                          | \$52,916.50 |
| 2  | NEW BEGINNINGS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, RENTON            | \$22,000.00 |
| 3  | JAPANESE BAPTIST CHURCH, SEATTLE                       | \$13,612.00 |
| 4  | FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, CHICO                            | \$ 9,151.64 |
| 5  | COMMUNITY CHURCH OF ISSAQUAH                           | \$ 8,945.23 |
| 6  | WEDGWOOD COMMUNITY CHURCH                              | \$ 7,092.00 |
| 7  | UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH, SEATTLE                     | \$ 5,067.00 |
| 8  | FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, MOUNTLAKE TERRACE                | \$ 4,436.00 |
| 9  | GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH, SAN JOSE                         | \$ 3,267.00 |
| 10 | FREMONT BAPTIST CHURCH, SEATTLE                        | \$ 3,075.00 |
| 11 | PANTHER LAKE COMMUNITY CHURCH, KENT                    | \$ 2,476.00 |
| 12 | MT ZION BAPTIST CHURCH, SEATTLE                        | \$ 2,226.58 |
| 13 | FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, PALO ALTO                        | \$ 2,200.00 |
| 14 | FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, SALT LAKE CITY                   | \$ 2,200.00 |
| 15 | BURIEN COMMUNITY CHURCH, BURIEN                        | \$ 1,910.32 |
| 16 | FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, BOUNTIFUL                        | \$ 1,283.80 |
| 17 | GREATER NEW BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH, SEATTLE             | \$ 1,200.00 |
| 18 | FAIRVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH, COSTA MESA                  | \$ 930.64   |
| 19 | MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH, RENTON | \$ 808.16   |
| 20 | OAK LAKE BAPTIST CHURCH, SEATTLE                       | \$ 600.00   |
| 21 | SHELL RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH, WALNUT CREEK             | \$ 463.13   |
| 22 | GOOD SHEPHERD BAPTIST CHURCH, LYNNWOOD                 | \$ 370.00   |
| 23 | BURTON COMMUNITY CHURCH, BURTON \$ 300.00              |             |

**TOTAL UNITED MISSION GIVING FOR 2008: \*\$149,391**  
**\* Reflected in the total are contributions sent directly to Evergreen by Shell Ridge—\$1,920; and Grace Tacoma—\$940**

## 2008 ABMS Giving in Evergreen Churches—Thank You!

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| 1  | FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, SEATTLE                          | \$67,823.16 |
| 2  | JAPANESE BAPTIST CHURCH                                | \$34,345.70 |
| 3  | NEW BEGINNINGS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHI                     | \$22,000.00 |
| 4  | COMMUNITY CHURCH OF ISSAQUAH                           | \$11,908.23 |
| 5  | FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, CHICO                            | \$11,194.05 |
| 6  | FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, MOUNTLAKE TERRACE                | \$ 8,842.00 |
| 7  | WEDGWOOD COMMUNITY CHURCH                              | \$ 8,303.06 |
| 8  | FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, PALO ALTO                        | \$ 8,053.05 |
| 9  | UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH, SEATTLE                     | \$ 7,258.50 |
| 10 | GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH, SAN JOSE                         | \$ 7,206.10 |
| 11 | FREMONT BAPTIST CHURCH, SEATTLE                        | \$ 5,122.00 |
| 12 | SHELL RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH, WALNUT CREEK             | \$ 5,113.13 |
| 13 | PANTHER LAKE COMMUNITY CHURCH, KENT                    | \$ 4,796.06 |
| 14 | GOOD SHEPHERD BAPTIST CHURCH, LYNNWOOD                 | \$ 3,547.50 |
| 15 | FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, SALT LAKE CITY                   | \$ 3,368.40 |
| 16 | BURIEN COMMUNITY CHURCH, BURIEN                        | \$ 2,916.80 |
| 17 | FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, BOUNTIFUL                        | \$ 2,886.61 |
| 18 | FAIRVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH, COSTA MESA                  | \$ 2,429.64 |
| 19 | MT ZION BAPTIST CHURCH, SEATTLE                        | \$ 2,226.58 |
| 20 | MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH, RENTON | \$ 1,635.47 |
| 21 | GREATER NEW BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH, SEATTLE             | \$ 1,200.00 |
| 22 | BURTON COMMUNITY CHURCH, BURTON                        | \$ 1,084.00 |
| 23 | OAK LAKE BAPTIST CHURCH, SEATTLE                       | \$ 1,083.00 |
| 24 | THE UNITED CHURCH, MOSCOW                              | \$ 650.00   |
| 25 | CHURCH OF THE COVENANT, PALMER                         | \$ 344.00   |

**TOTAL AMERICAN BAPTIST MISSION SUPPORT (ABMS) GIVING FOR 2008: \*\*\$228,197.04**  
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If Martin Luther King Jr. were alive today, what would he say to the growing missional church movement?

First, I imagine Dr. King would say, "Well done." Throughout his ministry, King called the church to be socially engaged. As a 19-year-old seminary student, King wrote, "On the one hand I must attempt to change the soul of individuals so that their societies may be changed. On the other hand I must attempt to change the societies so the individual soul will have a change. Therefore, I must be concerned about unemployment, slums, and economic insecurity. I am a profound advocate of the social gospel."

Throughout his adult life, King called for a missional church engaging all of the ills and challenges of society. Surely he would be pleased that so many are jumping on board.

Second, I think King would say, "Don't view social justice as merely an evangelistic tool." All too often advocates of the missional church movement seem to be excited about the social engagement primarily for its evangelistic possibilities. From books such as *unChristian* (David Kinamon and Gabe Lyons, Baker Books, 2007) church leaders

know that young people will not consider Jesus if the church is not engaged in the biggest challenges facing our world today, including poverty, disease and violence.

But the call for social engagement and social change is not only a means to preach an individualistic gospel; it is good news to the poor. In July 1954 King told his Dexter Avenue congregation, "We can talk all we want to about saving souls from hell and preaching the pure and simple gospel, but unless we preach the social gospel our evangelistic gospel will be meaningless." The social and personal gospel are both essential for the church to live out the Matthew 28 mission of the church (the Great Commission) while also living out the Matthew 25 mission of the church (I was hungry and you gave me something to eat).

I imagine, finally, King would say, "Move from social services to social transformation." The church has come alive to serving the poor over the past decade. Short-term mission trips, urban ministries, and HIV/AIDS clinics overseas are testimony to the renewed passion for Christian service.

In addition to asking, "How

can we serve with and love the poor?" the church must add the question, "Why are there so many poor people in the world?" The missional church must begin to question systemic injustices that plague our nation and the globe.

In a sermon King delivered less than two weeks before Rosa Parks was arrested, he called for his congregation to move beyond "the one-sided approach of the Good Samaritan." King lauded the Good Samaritan as the ultimate example of what it means to be a good neighbor and to be socially responsible. While acknowledging that Jesus did not tell this parable to deal with all questions of social engagement, King went on to challenge the Good Samaritan: "There is no suggestion that the Samaritan sought to investigate the lack of police protection on the Jericho Road. Nor did he appeal to any public officials to set out after the robbers and clean up the Jericho Road. . . . He was concerned with temporary relief, not with thorough reconstruction. He sought to soothe the effects of evil, without going back to uproot the causes."

Unless or until the missional

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## Shalom From Peter

What can I say as I leave the beautiful Northwest, one of God's master-pieces, and my friends old and new? Thanks to Good Shepherd Baptist, I pass on to you these endearing words: "Shalom, my friends; Shalom, my friends; Shalom. I'll see you again; I'll see you again; Shalom, Shalom!"

What a wonderful opportunity for ministry and spiritual growth the Lord afforded me by calling me to Japanese Baptist Church and the area in 1956. And to, in a sense, close my active ministry serving as interim pastor, Chair of Evergreen Association of ABC/USA and to participate at the ABC/USA 2008 Biennial, is far more than I ever thought possible. The Lord has been good, through my friends and associates.

I leave with great pride in Evergreen and ABC/USA and their pastors and peo-

ple. I was nurtured from the beginning, as a boy, by the American Baptists, Northern and American.

I leave to take up residence with my son, Chuck and daughter-in law, Kathy in Superior, CO. It seems, I am to fill the void of their three grown sons, my grand-sons, now living away from home. Do I need your prayers? I think prayers of thanks for a secure loving home in which to live will be sufficient. I plan to return to Seattle to see my family who will be here, and look forward to seeing some of you then. I will try to keep in touch with many of you by e-mail.

What will I be doing with my time? I have been requested by my family to do a pictorial reflection with narration of Dorothy's and my life journey. In addition Yosh Nakagawa has reminded me to do a parallel story of my ABC/

USA life journey. Will try. Time I should have, although



there seems plenty of church related volunteer opportunities in Boulder and Boulder County area.

Remember that 2009 is a NEW YEAR in several significant areas. The Lord asks, "I am doing a new thing, can you see it?" Let us pay attention and seek those "new things." It will be a year like no other to date! God's richest blessing to all of you,

Shalom, my friends,

Peter Koshi

[Editor's note: Peter is moving on February 21st, but will stay in touch by email, phone, mail and visits. Plan to join him at the Biennial.]

## Leaders Retreat I

*Pictures Courtesy of Doug Holmes, Shell Ridge*



## Evergreen Association Seeks TWO YOUNG ADULT Delegates for the Biennial



The Evergreen Association has a **leadership development opportunity** for two young leaders (completing Jr/Sr year in H.S. or college Freshman in 2009) as delegates at the Biennial in Pasadena, June 26-28, 2009. We are looking specifically to engage emerging young American Baptist leaders in an experience of the denomination as a larger family

of faith gathered for worship, education, fellowship and the conducting of denominational business.

The Evergreen Association will cover expenses for one of the selected representatives and the ABCUSA Biennial budget will pay expenses for the second selected representative.

**Churches are asked to identify future young lead-**

*Evergreen's 2007 youth delegates were Thomas Davis and Monique Ramirez of New Beginnings.*

***ers, name him/her as a delegate and notify the region office by (note extended deadline date) February 26, 2009.***

## Watonga Indian Baptist Church Needs Your Help

Leland Ross, member of Fremont Baptist Church is seeking "a set of 40 or more hymnals (all the same edition) that could be sent to Watonga Indian Baptist Church, whose hymnals have all come to the end of their natural lives.

They have been using mainly the 1975 Baptist Hymnal (Southern Baptist, that is) but I think they would do fine with the National Baptist, or Hymns

for the Living Church, or Hymnal for Worship & Celebration, or whatever. If there's a choice, they'd prefer one that contains "We'll Understand It Better By & By", which is their favorite hymn. But if that hymn is not in the hymnal [you're able to donate], I'll send them a supplement they can tape into the book. Here's their website:

<http://www.baptistlife.com/wibc/>

Their pastor, David Flick, is one of my fellow administrators at BaptistLife.com, where I moderate the "ABC Life & Ministry" forum in which Evergreen gets frequent mention".

If you are able to help, please reply to Leland at:

[leland@fremontbaptistchurch.org](mailto:leland@fremontbaptistchurch.org)

## Wanted: Donated Used Laptops (Refurbished Computers will be sold)

Jon Peterson, member of Japanese Baptist Church is willing to pickup at Seattle area churches any "used laptop computers that you are willing to donate:

- IBM Think Pad Com-

puters with Windows 2000  
Laptops with Windows 2000

- Laptops with Windows XP

He is not able to use laptops with Windows 98 or NT

If you have a computer you're willing to donate, please contact Jon at [jonkyoko@earthlink.net](mailto:jonkyoko@earthlink.net)

## Camp Burton—Summer Camp 2009 Dates / Centennial / Schedule Retreats

- July 5—9 Junior (Grades 3-5), Lynn Boettger, Director
- July 12—18 Senior High (Grades 9—12), Dan Todd, Director
- July 12—17 Youth New Horizons (Disabled Youth ages 13—24), Jennifer Sivertsen and Gina Thompson, Co-Directors
- August 2– 8 Family Camp (all ages), Kelly and Cameron Pruitt, Co-Directors
- August 16—22 Junior High (Grades 6—9), Kyle Plett and Sammy Henderson, Co-Directors

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It is amazing to realize that Camp Burton is nearly 100 years old. Historical records state the property was purchased in 1909, making it one of the oldest church camps in the state of Washington.

The staff is beginning to plan a grand celebration for the Centennial and would be pleased to receive your stories, old photographs, or brochures to add to their files.

Contact Kathleen or Christy at 206-463-2512 or send them via email to: [campburton1@centurytel.net](mailto:campburton1@centurytel.net)

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Let Camp Burton host your upcoming event or retreat.

## MLK and the Missional Church

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church movement begins to engage the economic and political powers that be to bring real change, its impact will be limited. King, I believe, would call the missional church movement to adopt a new scoreboard for measuring success. The church should continue to count conversions, worship attendance, membership and weekly offerings. However, the truly missional church would also keep track of key indicators that reflect the health and well-being of its immediate community: literacy rate, high school graduation rate, number of teenage pregnancies, number of uninsured, unemployment

rate, poverty rate, rate of homelessness and murder rate.

How missional is your church? King would challenge you to think first about the welfare of your community rather than the size of your congregation the next time someone asks how your church is doing.

*Dr. Troy Jackson-senior pastor of University Christian Church, Cincinnati, Ohio; author of Becoming King: Martin Luther King Jr. and the Making of a National Leader (University Press of Kentucky, 2008).*

*"MLK and the Missional Church" was published in National Ministries' The Christian Citizen magazine, "Missional Church Transformation" (Vol. 3, 2008).*

## Leaders Retreat—Pics by Doug Holmes



## Update on Grace Baptist—San Jose Coat and Soup Giveaway

On December 13, 2008, Grace Baptist Church and Emmanuel Baptist Church once again collaborated in the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Coat and Soup giveaway. This was a banner year and shows how God works in bad economic times. We collected over 1200 coats, many other pieces of clothing, Toilet articles, blankets tents and sleeping bags. Several Thousand Dollars were also donated to purchase some of the items that were distributed. 10 Large pots of soup were made and served.

We served over 400 Men, Women and Children on Dec 13 between 10 am and 2pm. Many people were lined up in 40 degree



weather before 7:30 am waiting for us to open. Over 100 volunteers helped sorting on Friday, preparing soup and handing out clothes on Saturday.

Many people in the Bay Area participated in collecting the coats. Large Retail Stores, Girl Scout troupes, A police department, credit unions and high tech companies. The clothes that were not distributed on the 13<sup>th</sup> of December were delivered to homeless shelters, Operation



Share, a food mission of Emmanuel Baptist Church and to Sacred Heart Catholic Charities.

There were many individual stories of blessings re-



ceived from both sides in this project.

“...For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat..., I needed clothes and you clothed me....” Matthew 25: 35-40

Dennis Glover, mission and outreach  
Grace Baptist Church

Contribution Statements for individual donations to Evergreen were mailed January 20th.

Questions or concerns?  
Please call 253-859-2226 or email:  
clemeba@comcast.net  
Again, thank you all!

## ABSW Pastoral Leadership Conference

American Baptist Seminary of the West (ABSW) invites you to its annual continuing education event for clergy, church staff and lay persons, March 9—11, 2009. The theme, “Preaching from Generation to Generation: Mantle, Mission and Ministry” from the biblical story of

transition between prophets Elijah and Elisha (II Kings 2:9-14) is the starting point to discuss—How an institution deals with transition? How a new generation of preachers/educators deal with the issues of the day?...

Two of the conference lead-

ers are Henry Mitchell and James Forbes.

*Clergy may be eligible for ABC/USA financial aid through National Ministries.*

For conference registration and information go to [www.absw.edu](http://www.absw.edu) or call (501) 841-1905

## ABCUSA News—So You Know

**VALLEY FORGE, PA (ABNS 1/07/09)** — A number of American Baptist leaders expressed their growing concern over violence in Gaza, issuing a strong statement about the situation.

To read more, go to

<http://www.abc-usa.org/news/2009/20090107a.htm>

**VALLEY FORGE, PA (ABNS 1/07/09)** — Judson Press, a publishing ministry of National Ministries, American Baptist Churches USA, has selected Tempted to Leave the Cross: Renewing the Call to Discipleship by Ernest Flores as the “ABC Reads” title for 2009. The book is also available in Spanish as *Tentado a dejar la cruz: Renovando el llamado al discipulado*.

To read more, go to:

<http://www.abc-usa.org/news/2009/20090107b.htm>

**VALLEY FORGE, PA (ABNS 1/15/09)** — Baptist and Muslim participants at the first national Muslim-Baptist dialogue left with a desire to continue efforts to learn more about those of the other faith and find areas of common ground. The event, held Jan. 9-11 at the Islamic Center of Boston and Andover Newton Theological School in Newton Centre, Mass., drew about 80 Baptist and Muslim leaders from across the country.

To read more, go to

<http://www.abc-usa.org/news/2009/20090115a.htm>

### REGISTRATION FORM

#### Building Bridges Event—Saturday, February 21, 2009 Community Church of Issaquah

Please Print and send completed form and registration fee to: Evergreen Association, 409 Third Avenue S, Suite A, Kent WA 98032  
**Due by February 18, 2009**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Workshop Selections (see schedule on next page):

Session 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Session 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Session 3 \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee per person (includes lunch)

enclosed

\$15.00

**BUILDING BRIDGES EVENT SCHEDULE**  
**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2009**  
**COMMUNITY CHURCH OF ISSAQUAH**

**SESSION 1 – 8:30-10:00 AM      Our Call to Mission**

| <b>TITLE</b>                               | <b>DESCRIPTION</b>  | <b>LEADER</b>   |
|--|---|---|
| Kaleidoscope Bible Study                   | A Bible Study methodology you can use in any church setting & how it can be used for church growth  | Eric Law  |
| Why the Church should be outside its doors | Why should we be concerned about communities outside our church doors?  | Marcia Patton   |
| “Call” Costa Rica Style                    | We are all “called” to ministry; how do you discern your call ala Costa Rica?   | Gary Baits  |
| Resources for your Church                  | Resources for Evangelism, church growth, and cultural awareness. - Experience introductions and get a taste of what might help your church. | James Winbush, Angela Farrar, Clem Winbush, Tim Phillips, Judy Gay, et al |
| WRAP                                       | White Racial Awareness Process, Part 1  | Lucky Lynch   |

**PLENARY SESSION – 10:15-10:45 AM**

“High/Low Context” Eric Law

**Session 2 – 11:00-12:30 PM      Mission Involvement**

| <b>TITLE</b>                   | <b>DESCRIPTION</b>  | <b>LEADER</b>                |
|--------------------------------|---|------------------------------|
| Grace Margin                   | Preparing an invitation to work on issues of concern for your church or your community            | Eric Law                     |
| Local Schools— Church Outreach | How to connect to local schools and beyond to building networks and developing community programs | Curtis Price & Diane Plourde |
| Burmese Refugee Resettlement   | There are several hundred Burmese refugees coming to King County. Find out how you can help.      | Paul Aita                    |
| Quilt Squares                  | Preparing materials to send to mission stations   | Mabel Brockhoff              |
| WRAP                           | White Racial Awareness Process, Part 2  | Lucky Lynch                  |

**LUNCH 12:30-1:00 PM**

**Session 3 – 1:00-2:30 PM      How to Reach Out**

| <b>TITLE</b>                | <b>DESCRIPTION</b>  | <b>LEADER</b> |
|-----------------------------|---|---------------|
| Paperless Music             | Songs that can be taught without using paper—appropriate for worship and other meetings                   | Eric Law      |
| Telling Your Story Thru Art | Diane shares her testimony thru art and opens the way for you to share your testimony through your gifts. | Diane Plourde |
| Generations                 | How do we respond to different generations  | Mark Rambo    |
| Baptist “Polity”            | What makes Baptists Baptist?  | Marcia Patton |
| WRAP                        | White Racial Awareness Process, Part 3  | Lucky Lynch   |



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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**

### Calendar of Upcoming Events

#### FEBRUARY

- **20—Euro Caucus Workshop—White Racial Awareness Process (WRAP), Wedgwood, 9 AM—3 PM (includes lunch)**
- **21—Building Bridges Event, Community Church of Issaquah, 205 Mountain Park Blvd. SW, Issaquah 98027, 8:30 AM—2:30 PM**

#### APRIL

- **20—22 Ministers Council Retreat**

- **27—29 Empowerment Conference**
- **25—Association Board Meeting, Wedgwood Community Church, 9 AM**

#### JUNE

- **26-28—ABCUSA Biennial, Pasadena CA**

#### JULY

- **Bar-B-Q Cook Off—Date to be determined.**

### 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.