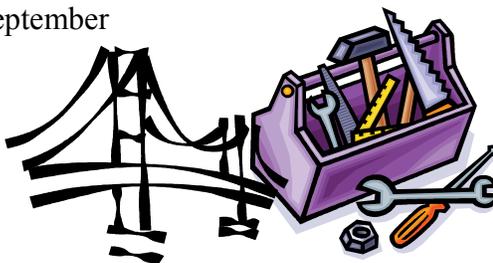




## Building Bridges Educational Workshop\* Returns

Saturday, September 16 at Japanese Baptist Church for ½ day, the Tools for the Trade-like



Building Bridges Educational event returns to Evergreen. The day begins with registration and a continental breakfast at 8:15 with a choice of four workshops beginning at 8:45. A half-hour worship will be at 10:15 led by Chris Boyer and at 11:00 five workshops including an in-depth report from

those who went to Peace Camp in Atlanta will be offered. All workshops will be done by 12:30.

If you register for the event prior to September 15 there is no cost. If you walk in the registration fee is \$20.00. Sign up today by calling Clem at 253-859-2226 or email at [clemeba@comcast.net](mailto:clemeba@comcast.net)

The 8:45 workshops and leaders are:

**Mediation** Paul Aita & Linda Smith

**Strategies & Approaches to Church Stewardship**

Marcia Patton

**Evangelism** Angela Farrar, Tim Phillips, Clem Winbush and Bev Spears

**Contemplative Prayer (Labyrinth)** Cathy Fransson and Carolyn Shimabukuro

The 11:00 workshops and leaders are:

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## Peter's Perspectives

July means the celebration of the birth of our nation. I want to shout, "God bless America!" This has not always been so. After Pearl Harbor I was reminded that I

could not take my citizenship for granted as a birth-right. Who my parents were seemed to be a factor. Thus, Japanese, whether citizens or not, were

sent to internment/incarceration camps. And the same question is being raised again pertaining to the Hispanics in America today.

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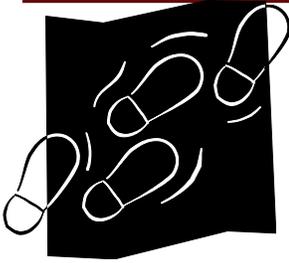
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### Prayer Concerns

- *Sympathy is extended to Mylinda Baits and family. A funeral service was held on June 29th in San Bernardino, CA. for Mylinda's Dad, Ed Long.*
- *Continue to Pray for the health of Jan Jones and Laurie Malcomson, spouses of Evergreen ministers.*

# OUT OF MANY—ONE: DO JUSTICE; LOVE KINDNESS AND KEEP PACE WITH OUR GOD



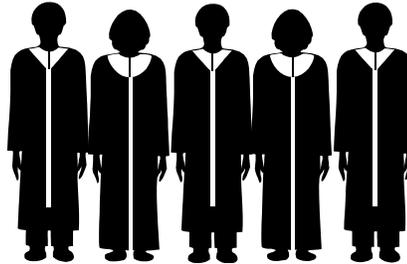
**The Fourth Annual Meeting of Evergreen Association will be held at the**

**Community Church of Issaquah, October 13-14, 2006.**

Rev. Cheryl Dudley will be our keynote speaker (and she will be doing a special workshop on the labyrinth, you won't want to miss). Dinner on Friday and Saturday evenings will be \$12.00, Lunch on Saturday will be \$7.00. Minister's Council

Lunch on Friday will be at the invitation of MMBB. Plan now to attend. Details and registration forms will be in the mail this month.

**A special, get ready to sing of Justice, Love and Keeping Pace with**



**Rev. Kathy Carver** We are looking for 140 voices to sing for our Annual Day Celebration. Rev. Dr. Carver will lead a

Choir Workshop on Saturday, October 7th 9:00 AM-2:00 PM and Tuesday and Thursday, October 10th and 12th from 7:00 PM -9:00 PM to prepare to sing on Friday evening at the Annual Meeting and to be a better choir member in your own church choir. Cost for this workshop is \$15.00; if a church sends 10 or more members the cost is \$10 each.

Sign up today by telephoning Clem Winbush at 253-859-2226 or email her at [clemeba@comcast.net](mailto:clemeba@comcast.net).

## Building Bridges Educational Workshop\* cont.

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**Drama in Worship**  
Chris Boyer

**Pastoral Compensation & Financial Planning** (for Pastors & Treasurer/Financial committees)  
Patricia Hunter

**Consensus Building**  
Marcia Patton

**Discipleship Project** (How to Develop a Christian Education Program for your church)  
Curtis Price

**Atlanta Learnings** (Peace Camp)

Angela Farrar, Brooke Rolston & Youth

\*Like Tools for the Trade

I love the new e-letter for the region. It is very readable--I think much better than the print version. Great job!

Patricia Hunter

Musicians, Choirs, Soloists, musical groups—There's still time to beat the September 15, 2006 deadline for your group to share in the 2007 American Baptist Centennial Worship during the Biennial Meeting in Washington DC. Audition info available in the Kent Office.

## Evergreen Youth Heading to Atlanta!

The plane tickets are purchased, we're registered, and excited to be going to Atlanta for the Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America's conference, aka "Peace Camp!"

We'll be going to honor and continue Dr. and Mrs. King's legacy. Our fundraisers have earned \$615 and counting.

Many thanks to JoAnn Sims, the behind-the-scenes angel for this pilgrimage. Please keep the youth and chaperones in your prayers. Thank all of you for your support, and praise God for this opportunity!

--Rev. Angela Farrar

**HAS YOUR CHURCH SUBMITTED ITS ANNUAL REPORT?**

**IF SO, THANK YOU!!**

**IF NOT, PLEASE DO SO, ASAP! The info is needed by the denomination and the Association.**

## General Board Report

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June 21-25 was the General Board meeting of the ABC/USA. It was the start of a healing process along with a brainstorming session. Before the Board meeting, the Pacific Southwest Region (PSW) announced that they would sever their covenant with the ABC/USA as of November 30, 2006. This loss has made an impact on the denomination and we are proceeding to heal ourselves of the lost so we can move on. There is a process for the churches in PSW that want to remain in ABC/USA. We have gone through this type of recovery before and we will get through it again.

The Office of the General Secretary (OGS) has been having financial difficulties for some years now due to the decline in giving to United Missions. Therefore, the OGS has to look at a different way of doing business. The General Board is looking at restructuring itself and there were some meeting exercises (brainstorming) to

identify the board's priorities for that restructuring. We can look forward to some changes to the structure of the General Board in the near future, most likely some by-law changes at our next Biennial.

The 2007 ABC Biennial is on June 29-July 2 in Washington DC. The theme is "Arise, Shine" and it is going to be a grand event. Your presence at this event will surely be a blessing to you.

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National Ministries is continuing to move forward with "Transforming Leadership, Transforming Lives." The New Life 2010 report was very favorable in reaching the goals that were set. We are encouraged to complete Annual Reports so that we have an accurate count of new converts, baptisms, and church plants. NM has initiated a new initiative with "Children in Poverty." They have made a pol-

icy statement identifying the importance and the direction we will take in addressing this major issue. There will be much more to come on this issue and resources to help address it.

The Black caucus focused their meeting on what they could do to help the General Board through the healing process. They looked at ways they could communicate with the black churches in PSW and support them in their transition. They also discussed how to get more participation in caucus activities from its members. They will have a booth at the Biennial and need volunteers to run it.

ABC/USA is having some financial difficulties that are causing change within the organization. The way we can help is to do our part with giving to United Mission. Change can be good if you embrace it and look at it as a forward motion. To God be the Glory.

Your Board Rep.  
Rev. Walter H. Heyman Jr.

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## ABSW Expresses Thanks to Evergreen Pastors and Churches

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"We are in grateful receipt of your recent gifts of \$622.70 to the Annual Fund of the Seminary. We appreciate your generosity!..." reports Dr. Keith Russell, President of ABSW.

"During the last commencement," Dr. Russell continues, "25 graduates received degrees during a celebration at the Allen Temple Baptist Church of Oakland. These men and women have been

equipped to do the work of Christ in the world."

This fall a new class of students will begin the journey to graduation. Dr. Russell shares that he is "encouraged by the caliber and commitment of students who are [entering] seminary", and thanks you "for helping to provide a quality education to those who seek to serve."

Four percent (4%) of all gifts to American Baptist United Mission goes to ABSW. The amount referenced in this article is acknowledgement of your April gifts.

*Marcia*

## Summary of GEC Meeting June 25-26

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The General Executive Council (GEC) met June 25-26, immediately following the proceedings of the ABCUSA General Board. The primary purpose of the meeting was to examine ways of improving the ministry functioning of the denomination by surfacing and assessing potential modifications and renovations. During an earlier meeting this year, the GEC had identified four areas of concentration for potential transformation within the denomination, namely denominational leadership, denominational structure, representative process, and relevance to local congregations.

The members advanced their previous work by reviewing input from the General Board, new survey data from the grass roots level (from over 2400 respondents), information from a May Summit meeting of ABC Officers and Staff, as well as specific change proposals, authored by the GEC members themselves, in the four areas of concentration. Working in small groups and reporting out to the larger body, the GEC members asked three questions of each proposal: (1) What additional information or clarification do I need to fully understand this proposal? (2) What assumptions underlying this proposal should be/can be challenged? (3) What are the potential unforeseen positive and negative consequences of this proposal? The meeting was facilitated by Dr. Tricia Jones, a communications and organiza-

tional development professor at Temple University. Dr. Jones has also worked with the GEC in prior discussions.

During the next meeting of the GEC, scheduled for September 25-27, the GEC members intend to make recommendations to the General Board in the four areas of concentration; the ABCUSA General Board will receive this information after the September meeting, for consideration and processing in its November meeting.

Prior to their September meeting, GEC members who authored proposals plan to rework each proposal using the feedback received at their June meeting. All members of the GEC have agreed to further advance their work over the summer by assessing specific sections of the newly revised proposals looking for synergies that have the potential of becoming proposals at the September meeting. The criteria to be used for evaluating each revised proposal (as well as their component parts) will include criteria surfaced by members of the GEC itself as well as criteria surfaced by the General Board and its Executive Committee at their recent meetings in June. The process may also include further data gathering. Members of the GEC agreed to these future processes by consensus.

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This current work of the GEC has been prompted by several factors, including a strong desire to advance the mission that God has given to American Baptists, to build upon the work of the "Seek It" vision, to respond to the needs of 21<sup>st</sup> century congregations, to attend to financial concerns, and to address current conflicts within the denomination.

The American Baptist General Executive Council is comprised of the Executive Ministers of the Regions; the Executive Directors and two Associate Executive Directors from each of the National Boards (Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board, the Board of National Ministries, and the Board of International Ministries); the Executive Directors of the Ministers Council, American Baptist Women's Ministries, the American Baptist Historical Society, and the American Baptist Assembly; and the General Secretary and Staff of the Office of the General Secretary.

**Personal Note:** *If you have questions about this meeting or other concerns in ABC/USA, please contact me.*

**Marcia**

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## Beverly Spears Ordination—June 4, 2006—University Baptist



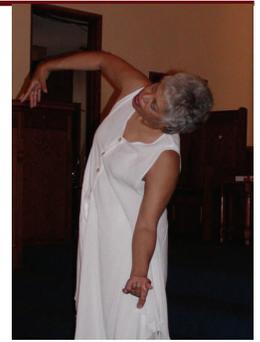
Rev. Beverly Spears



Pastor Angela Farrar & Patricia Repikoff lead the Call to Worship.



Pastor Tim Phillips  
University Baptist Church  
brings the welcome & sermon



Pamela Beatty dances.



Evergreen Sounds—Stephanie Commandest, Director; Bruce Sagor, Pianist (not pictured)



Rev. Brooke Rolston  
invites the laying on of  
hands.



Gift of the Sophia Stole: Jackie Lamont, Coralea Doty,  
Revs. Kathryn Jans, Diane Schmitz, & Elizabeth  
Patrick, with Bev and husband, David.

## WELCOME TO EVERGREEN!

**First Baptist Church, Palo Alto, California** has written a letter asking to join Evergreen Association. We welcome this historic and vital congregation in their process to join us. The Burien Community Church has been asked and accepted to be their mentor church. After a

couple of years of working with a wonderful interim pastor, the congregation has **called Rev. Randle (Rick) Mixon** to serve as Senior Pastor.

Also, we welcome to Evergreen another new pastor, **Rev. Sarah Halverson, recently called by**

**Fairview Community Church, Costa Mesa California.** Sarah also begins August 1. She is ordained with the United Church of Christ and lives near Costa Mesa. We are glad for the Fairview Church and look forward to meeting Sarah!

## CHILDREN IN POVERTY AND FUTURE SEARCH

National Ministries is leading American Baptist Churches in an initiative to end Children in Poverty. As part of this initiative, they are seeking to train a number of American Baptists in a planning process familiar to some of us - Future Search. This planning process brings together people of the community, gov-

ernance, industry, education as well the religious community to address issues.

National Ministries will train three people in our Association if we will pay for the training of a fourth person. The training will take place sometime in 2007. We would look to recruit from all over our Association

(someone from Utah, California, maybe Alaska as well as Washington).

Are you interested? Do you want more information? Please contact Marcia at [marciaeba@comcast.net](mailto:marciaeba@comcast.net) or 253-859-2226 or 206-778-2226

# MINISTERS: SAVE THE DATES!! COME TO THESE EVENTS

Two great events are coming in August that are offered at no cost to you. However, you must register your attendance, and you can do that with Clem at [clemeba@comcast.net](mailto:clemeba@comcast.net) or 253-859-2226.

## DINNER CRUISE



You and your spouse (or significant other) are cordially invited to a Dinner Cruise on Elliott Bay, on TUESDAY, Au-

gust 22nd. Boarding begins at 6:00 pm, and the boat sails (whether you are on board or not) at 7:00 pm. A great night out for your loved one and yourself. Rev. A Roy Medley, ABC/USA General Secretary will be joining us for the evening. It's a great opportunity to meet and speak with our ABC leader.

## RETREAT

Thanks to an ABC/USA Ministers Council



Grant, we have a retreat for all clergy at Camp Bethel, August 23-24, WEDNESDAY NOON to THURSDAY NOON. The topic for the retreat will be Executive Coaching, with Rev. Joan Friesen as the leader. Three meals and overnight accommodations for the price of your own transportation to Camp Bethel.

**SIGN UP FOR THESE EVENTS TODAY!!**

## Peter's Perspectives

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There was a period when I resented being a hyphenated American. But today, I am okay with it because my being called to be pastor of Seattle Japanese Baptist Church and my being recruited to be Chair of Evergreen Association of American Baptist Churches happened partly because I am a Japanese-American.

I feel very much at home with the Evergreen family because we are all hyphenated: Euro-American, Black-American and Asian-American caucuses. In time we hope to add the Native-American and Hispanic-American caucuses. The insightful purpose the caucuses serve is to point out the diversity of America. We are far from

being a "melting pot". Individually we are accepted and "blend" in while our people still are not really accepted. What Americans are grappling with is how to respond to the increasing diversity of people of color in America.

What excites me as I reflect on the 4th of July is that Evergreen with her caucuses is a "bit" of America. Evergreen is not an experiment; it is "experiencing America!"

Let me try to explain what it is I am feeling. The grouping in caucuses is a gathering of a people with different ethnic identity and culture, yet we are one—one in Faith, one in Association, one in Denomination, and one in Mission, Witness, and Ministry

for Christ our Lord.

What binds us together is our one in Spirit which is arrived at by consensus. This is central to the governance of Evergreen as an association. Abraham Lincoln said, "...that this nation under God shall have a new birth of

freedom — and that the government of the people, by the people, and for the people shall not perish from the earth". And in the Declaration of Independence we read, "We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men/women are created equal, that they are endowed by the Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and pursuit of happiness". How American and Baptist!

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## Camp Burton Retreat Center Project NEEDS YOU!

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Construction on the New Camp Burton Retreat Center will begin this fall. Generous financial gifts allows this project to begin. However, a little more support is needed to reach the goal.

If you have the ability and willingness to offer “gifts in kind” or services toward the completion of this project, please contact Chuck Clegern, construction manager, at [clegerncms@msn.com](mailto:clegerncms@msn.com), telephone: 206-999-0814 or the Camp Burton Office at [CBurtonWA@aol.com](mailto:CBurtonWA@aol.com), tele-

phone: 206-463-2512.

You are encouraged to donate

- materials such as lumber, reinforcing steel, windows, doors, roofing, drywall, carpet and/or other finish materials
- Volunteer labor such as painting, landscaping, cleaning and moving furniture and other labor as your skills allow.
- “special or discounted pricing, if you are a contractor or subcontractor

And finally, the Camp is still accepting financial gifts to help the new retreat center become a reality.

Rev. Randolph Farrar,  
Executive Director

Kathleen Hendrickson,  
Camp Manager

Fred Shea,

Burton Board Member

## Peter's Perspectives

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From a prayer by Peter Marshall: “Bless this land that we love so much, our Father, and help her to deposit her trust...in that righteousness which alone exalteth any nation and by which alone peace can finally come to us.” Amen.

Note: Correction for May Issue—Remembrance Garden on SU Campus is North of **St. Ignatius Chapel**. Thanks.

And so, “GOD BLESS AMERICA, AMERICAN BAPTISTS AND EVERGREEN!”

Thanks,

Peter

## Volunteers Are Bustin' Out All Over!!

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Xtreme Teams, Discovery Teams, short term mission teams, and individual volunteers are being sent all over the world this summer!! From construction to medical teams, vacation bible school to community service, orphanages to seminaries, American Baptist volunteers are popping up world wide, serving God and their sisters and brothers in

Christ. Relationships are being formed all over the God's kingdom as His children connect through the love of Jesus.

Thank you for your role in making this happen!! As encourager, advocate, cheerleader, promoter, prayer warrior, friend-raiser, participant, leader...however you may see yourself...you are so important as we

all follow the call to make disciples of all nations.

Links to the registration forms, grant application forms, volunteer application forms, and more can be found at

<http://www.internationalministries.org/opportunities/Volunteers/Volunteer%20Website/Short-TermMissionResource.htm>



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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.

Rev. Dr. Marcia J. Patton, Executive Minister

## 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.

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

### JULY

- 10—15 Youth Peace Camp, Atlanta GA
- 10—Evergreen Sounds Rehearsal, JBC, 6 PM
- 17—28 Baptist History & Polity Class, Fuller Seminary, M-F, 9 AM-12 Noon
- 24—Evergreen Sounds Rehearsal, JBC, 6 PM

### AUGUST

- 14—Evergreen Sounds Rehearsal, JBC, 6 PM
- 17-19 Asian Caucus Convention, Tukwila
- 22—Minister & Spouse Dinner Cruise w/guest, General Secretary of ABCUSA, Rev. Dr. Roy Medley.

- 23-24 Clergy Retreat sponsored by Ministers' Council, Camp Bethel.
- **26—Association Board Meeting, Wedgwood, 9 AM**
- 28—Evergreen Sounds Rehearsal, JBC, 6 PM

### SEPTEMBER

- 16—Building Bridges Educational Event (Like Tools for the Trade), Japanese Baptist Church, 8:15 a.m. to 12 Noon
- 29-30 ACT Weekend

### OCTOBER

- 7—Annual Meeting

Choir Workshop, JBC, 9 AM—2 PM

- 10 & 12—Annual Meeting Choir Workshop, evenings, JBC, 7-9 PM
- **13- 14 Evergreen 4th ANNUAL MEETING, Community Church of Issaquah**
- 28—Evergreen Sounds Rehearsal, JBC, 6 PM

### NOVEMBER

- **11—Association Board Meeting, Wedgwood, 9 AM**
- 23-24—Thanksgiving holiday—Office closed