



Evergreen Notes

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Barbeque & Bake-Sale-Auction Fundraiser- July 14

The Evergreen Black Caucus invites the entire family to the Annual Barbeque and Bake Sale Auction Fundraiser, Saturday July 14, 2012 at the Teasdale Park (**New Location**), 601 S 23rd St., Renton WA, from noon to 4 PM.

Tickets are \$20 each. The meal is your choice of ribs, chicken or brisket only, or a combo which samples all three meats. The sides are: potato salad, green salad, baked beans, corn on

the cob, a slice of cake and a bottle of water.

Pop will be available for purchase.

Just a reminder to some and information for others:

The Chefs:

Chicken—Julian Hunter

Brisket: Chris Boyer

Ribs: Ken Curl

Baked Beans: Walter Commandest

Cakes: Frank Lowe

While there are also other excel-

lent cooks involved, we want you to come prepared to bid for Marcia Patton's luscious Apple Pie which last year brought a whopping \$90 sight unseen!

And there's a week-end cabin stay at Ocean Shores up for auction, too!

See your church Association rep for tickets or contact Clem at 253-859-2226 or clemeba@comcast.net.

Come eat well, laugh uproariously, play plentifully, fellowship and bid outrageously, ... Come!

Association Reps:

Thank you for getting your BBQ Ticket Sales Log and check or money order payable to Evergreen Association in to the Kent office by Tuesday, July 10th.

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Continue Praying for Churches Seeking Leadership:

- Urban Grace—Tacoma*
- Filipino-American Baptist Fellowship*
- Japanese Baptist Church*
- Wedgwood Community Church*
- Burien Community Church*

Perla's Pearls: Board of General Ministries Meeting



Rev. Perla Belo
Association Chair

The Board of General Ministries (BGM), the newest board of American Baptist Churches

USA met at the Green Lake Conference Center, on June 14 – 17. I represent the Evergreen Association on that Board. The BGM works closely with the Gen-

eral Secretary and staff.

ABC President Ruth Clark presides during the Board meetings. ABC Vice President Rev. Don

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Events & Happenings Around the Association

Evergreen Barbeque, Bake Sale Auction

Fundraiser Sponsored by the Black Caucus, Saturday, July 14, 2012, Teasdale Park, Renton WA, 12 noon—4 PM (See details on page 1 of this newsletter)

First Baptist Church, Mountlake Terrace

invites you to join Jim Erickson and others for an afternoon of music at three o'clock on Saturday, July 21, 2012. Bring a donation for

the Mountlake Terrace Food Bank.

Good Shepherd Baptist Church

invites you to its biennial **Auction & Dinner**, October 13, 2012 at the Lynnwood Elks Club (exact early evening time to be determined)

Japanese Baptist Church

invites you to **Cafe 34:8**, an Asian Caucus Fundraiser, October 21, 2012, 4 PM

Churches, Your 2011 Annual Reports are DUE!

"...the best way to remove barriers between people starts with listening. When I listen to your heart, your hopes, dreams, values, [and] experiences, I discover that we have far more in common than is different."

from Journeys, Vol. 11, No.1, pg. 5

Perla's Pearls

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Ng, led the group emphasis on knowing our Baptist identity and its core values. A few highlights of the meeting follow.

Our learning time included two Response Group break-out sessions for each of the following focus groups: Christian Unity and Inter-faith Relations, Congregational Renewal, Finance, Mission Resource Development,

Missional Response, and Professional Church Leadership.

I was in the Missional Response group that learned about ABCUSA's work among the Burmese refugees here in the U.S. There are now over 100 Burmese congregations within ABCUSA, and the memberships are growing.

The BGM received an update on the Transformed by the Spirit initiative and a financing update of Transformed by the Spirit (TbyS).

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I enjoyed being at Greenlake again for the first time since my retirement from American Baptist Home Mission Societies. It was great to see a renewed relationship of cooperation between the leaders of Greenlake Conference Center and the American Baptist Churches USA. It is truly a blessing for me to represent Evergreen at the Board of General Ministries.

Hispanic Caucus Offers Leadership Training in Portland OR

On July 27 and 28, the Evergreen Hispanic Caucus will offer a conference for the Hispanic Churches in the Northwest at First Baptist Church of Portland. There will be two days of leadership training workshops with worship on Friday night and Saturday afternoon.

Presenters will include, Dr. Liliana del Valle, Pastor Manuel Luquin, Rev. Oscar Vega, Sra. Alicia Luquin, and Dr. David Wheeler.

With the theme from Philipians 2:15, all attendees will learn to become "Portadores de Luz" or "Carriers of the Light" This event

will provide critical training for Spanish speaking pastors and lay leaders throughout the Pacific Northwest.

All are invited to attend. The cost of the conference is \$25 or \$15 per day. Information and registration is available at www.caucushispano.org

Annual Reports Submitted ! Thank You

Thank you for your quick responses to my groveling! As of this newsletter publication time, the following churches have submitted their Annual Reports:

1. Good Shepherd Baptist Church
2. First Baptist Church-Salt Lake City
3. Grace Baptist Church—Tacoma
4. Burien Community

Church

5. Urban Grace—The Downtown Church
6. Japanese Baptist Church
7. University Baptist Church
8. Shell Ridge Community Church
9. First Baptist Church—Seattle

If your church's name does not appear on this list, please ask your church leadership to

go to: annualreport.abcis.org and submit your church's 2011 Annual Report.

Remember, the annual reports keep the region and the denomination abreast of the ministries and health of member churches and is an important commitment to the health of the denominational church body.

Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America Summer Conference



The Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America is having its summer conference Monday evening July 30 through Saturday morning August 4, 2012 at St. Olaf College in Minnesota, forty miles south of Minneapolis/St. Paul.

The Bible study leader will be Michael-Ray Mathews, a former pastor at Grace Baptist Church—San Jose, an Evergreen Association of American Baptist Churches member church, and currently serving as Director of Outreach and Clergy



Organizing for People Improving Communities through Organizing (PICO).

More information about this exciting week is available at bpfna.org/conference

Scholarship information may also be found at the website. Applications for scholarship are due in the BPFNA's Charlotte office no later than May 21, 2012.

Thank You to Peoples & Boyer for Judson Press Rebates

Rev. Shirley Peoples-Harris, Associate at MLK Jr. Memorial Baptist Church and Rev. M. Christopher Boyer, Pastor of Good Shepherd Baptist Church remembered Evergreen Association as they shopped online at Judson Press and the rebate check

has arrived! Thank you both!

It's that simple, as you shop for Christian reading materials—books, Sunday School curricular, devotionals etc—remember to add the regional



code (38) for Evergreen as you exit, and 10% of your purchase amount is rebated to the region.

Again, thank you.

ABSW Serving the Church and Community - July 2012



The American Baptist Seminary of the West invites you to its 3rd Annual Summer Institute for Preaching and Music available for pastors, preachers, music ministers, choir members, worship leaders, youth and young adult leaders and any who are hungry to go deeper in faith.

This year, the two classes being offered are: “**Speaking to Today’s Youth and Young Peo-**

ple” led by Bay Area Pastor/teacher, Dr. Gerald Mann, from July 9-13 and “**Singing the Sermon–Proclaiming the Song**” led by world-renowned musician Don Lewis and ABSW President/Faculty Dr. Paul Martin from July 16-20.

Both classes are from 6:10-9:40pm on the ABSW Campus at 2606 Dwight Way, Berkeley, CA.

General

Admission Cost is only \$65 per class; registration must be completed by the first day of class.

Visit www.absw.edu for full details and to download a registration form or see a full listing of ABSW summer courses. You can also call 510-841-1905 x229 or email admissions@absw.edu.

Kaleidoscope NorthWest Institute—August 13-17, 2012

Holy Currencies: Creating Sustainable Missional Ministries

This is a five-day intensive training course exploring how currencies flow and re-circulate to form a cycle of blessings which empower congregations to strengthen their internal relationships and to reach out and connect with the diverse populations in their neighborhoods.

These currencies that must flow through a ministry in order for it to be sustainable

and missional are:

money
time/place
gracious leadership
relationship
truth and wellness.



The training, led by the Rev. Eric H. F. Law, Executive Director, Kaleidoscope Institute, and published author, will result in an action plan to revise or create a new sustainable missional ministry.

Location: *Rainbow Lodge Retreat Center, North Bend [near Seattle], WA*

Register online at www.kscopeinstitute.org

For a congregational team special discount rate or other information, email: kscope@kscopeinstitute.org Or call 1-800-366-1636 x216

CleanGreens Calls for Volunteers



Lottie Cross, Director of Clean Greens, is looking for volunteers to help work on the farm, planting, weeding and

harvesting. Additionally, volunteers can work at the market stands selling produce, help fill CSA produce boxes, and help with marketing by passing out flyers in communities.

For more information, click on the link provided: [inquire about volunteering](#)

A Haitian Experience

by Susan Blythe-Goodman

On the Haiti trip, we unfortunately missed church both Sundays, because of our flight schedule. However, we still got to witness the faith in action of members of the Haitian Baptist Convention (HBC).

We saw this first through the school site where we did a little work.



Pastor Mano, the General Secretary of the HBC, is having a school built in the poorest neighborhood of Cap Haitien, so the

kids begging on the street will have the opportunity to pursue an education. This is important to Mano because he grew up begging too, until people in his life encouraged him to get an education.

The first day we helped carry bricks, he came to the school site to talk to the engineer, and dressed in his professional slacks and button down shirt, he picked up bricks and moved them with us.

Kihomi, one of our hosts, told us a story similar to Mano's. She grew up poor, carrying baskets of fruit on her head for hours each day to sell them at the market. People in her life also

supported her as she got an education. We met one of the young women Kihomi helps and whom she had found carrying oranges on her head. Kihomi told this woman, as well as all the women she sees doing well in school, that she knows they are grateful to her and no further thanks are needed.

Nzunga was our main host. We got to see his faith in action everyday, in the way that he cared for us. He made sure we were always together, hydrated with clean water, fed, and having fun. He would get candies for us. He would stay up late talking with us and answering all our questions. He



drove us everywhere we wanted to go. If we wore him out with our needs,

he never let it show.

I'd done some reading before I went to Haiti, about some of the history from before the earthquake, and the role of the U.S. in causing certain conditions. I went to Haiti thinking that after what my government had done, it was my responsibility as a

citizen of the States to have a supportive attitude toward all the projects started by the Haitians that still had need, and to listen and learn from whoever had something to teach. Now, I have a desire to continue that support and learning from the States, because I want to stay connected and give back to the hosts who gave so generously to me. We were always fed and sheltered. When we came back from



Susan Blythe Goodman



working at the school, our shoes were washed. We were driven and shown around a beautiful place.

I want to end by expressing my deep thanks to the CFYA and the Outreach Commission that helped send me; to the church community for the meaningful send off and warm welcome home; and to Pastor Ned for feeding me the idea of going.

Stewardship



International Ministries Missionary to Japan, Roberta Stephens, will need the use of a car while she is in the Seattle Area from Sept.-Nov. 2012.

If you or a member of your congregation has a vehicle which could be at Roberta's disposal any time during those three months or for more information, please contact Terri Simpkins, a member of Roberta's MPT, at terrisimp@aol.com or call 206-399-0029.

Jim Erickson and Friends: An Afternoon Musicale



Jim Erickson

Jim Erickson and a few others will present an afternoon of music at the First Baptist Church in Mountlake Terrace at three

o'clock in the afternoon on Saturday, July 21, 2012. A time of fellowship and light refreshments will follow the program.

You are invited. Bring some-

thing to share with the Mountlake Terrace Food Bank.

This musical treat is being planned by Jim and Karen Kincaid, the Music Director and Worship Accompanist at the church. Jim has just retired from playing his flute in the Cascade Symphony Orchestra of Edmonds, as they completed their fiftieth season. He and Karen chose this time to bring to the members and friends of the church a

bit of recognition of his time with the orchestra, and also to remember the place that music plays in the life of the congregation.

Drawing from the musical abilities of others in the congregation, the program is to include some vocal as well as other instrumental offerings and poetry readings. You are sure to enjoy this time together.

Questions? Call Jim at

Congratulations! Artist Charlotte Scherer Completes Training Course

Charlotte Scherer, Volunteer Coordinator for Evergreen Association, and a member of the Community Church of Issaquah, recently completed a three-year-course of study to improve her artistic ability, and is congratulated for her commitment to excellence.

Charlotte is shown in this



Charlotte Scherer stands before some of her artwork. Photographer: Douglas Tsang

picture with some of her art

pieces on display at a ceremony on June 8, 2012 commemorating the course completion.

Two students, Charlotte Scherer and Marcela Kofranek, each displayed about 15 pieces of their artwork.

Congratulations, Charlotte!

Presentations Available on Evergreen's Haiti Mission Trip

This past April, ten Evergreen folks went on a mission trip to Haiti. They were from Fremont Baptist, Wedgewood Community, Community Church of Issaquah, Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial and Seattle First Baptist. And, in a larger sense, they were from ALL of Evergreen, because churches throughout the Region contributed both financially and in prayer to the trip.

Now we want to give back to you by coming to your church and sharing what we learned about our American Baptist work in Haiti. There is no charge for this presentation (although congregations will be encouraged and challenged to further support this mission).

We can share at evening programs, women's groups, youth groups, and even morning worship. We can set up presenta-

tions during the Summer or this Fall. Presentations will likely include a slide show, commentary from those who went on the trip, and a time for questions and answers.

If you are interested in a presentation, please contact Keith Madsen at (drkmad2006@yahoo.com or 971-645-1021) or Clem Winbush at (clemeba@comcast.net or 253-859-2226).

Transformed by the Spirit—UPDATE



Right now in Evergreen we are affirming the groups and the mem-

bers for Action Learning Teams. We are preparing for three teams:

Deepening Relationships Across Cultures/ Geography – facilitated by Ken Curl. (this team needs more members)

Church Growth—

facilitated by Marcia Patton

Church Leadership— facilitated by Nancy Darnell (this team needs more members)

Their adaptive challenge statements appeared in last month’s newsletter. If you are interested in any of these teams, please talk to Marcia Patton today!

We have another group working as an Adaptive Challenge Team on “space” facilitated by Nancy Hall and with First Baptist Berkeley as the

primary team.

Also, thank you to those who responded to the invitation to complete a national ABC survey on Transformed by the Spirit. There is still time to respond to the survey, go to this link <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ministrychallenges> or contact Marcia Patton for a paper survey.

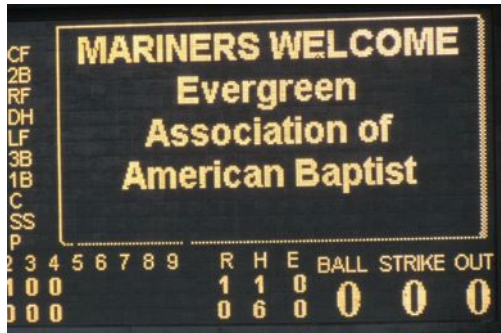
If you have any questions about Transformed by the Spirit, please do not hesitate to be in touch with Marcia.

Evergreen Family at the Ball-Game

An enthusiastic group of 70+ Evergreen pastors, lay leaders, family and friends attended the game between the Seattle Mariners and the Oakland Athletics on Monday, June 25th at Safeco Field in Seattle.

Though the Mariners were unsuccessful in their efforts to ‘best’ the Athletics, the score 0-1 tells a lot and everyone present had an awesome time. The downside is that some of us were severely separated from the larger group. Next year we’ll get a larger number of tickets in the initial order.

Hope to see you all again next year, and that we can be more conversantly seated!



Marcia J. Patton, photographer

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"Speaking to Today's Youth and Young People" Dr. Gerald Mann, ABSW Adjunct Faculty
(RAFT 2670 1.5 Units)

Mon-Fri July 9-13, 6:10-9:40pm

Focused on urban culture, multicultural ministry, contemporary youth culture and missional methodologies, Dr. Gerald Mann, Pastor of Sunset Ministry in San Francisco California, will lead class participants toward developing theologically grounded practices for communicating the gospel message to urban and sub-urban youth based on cultural foundations and personal experience.

"Singing the Sermon—Proclaiming the Song" Don Lewis, ABSW Adjunct Faculty and Dr. Paul Martin, ABSW President and Faculty (PIMS 2420 1.5 Units)

Mon-Fri July 16-20, 6:10-9:40pm

This is not just a class—but an experience! Come ready to participate, engage and be engulfed by the dynamic synergy between Dr. Paul Martin and Don Lewis and their practical approach to educating clergy, musicians and laity on the relationship between music and preaching. Whether a preacher, teacher, musician, singer, or worshipper in the pew—guaranteed you will leave enriched and excited. Food for the Soul! (Don Lewis is a world-renown musician/educator. More can be learned about Don Lewis at www.donlewismusic.com)

General Admission: \$65 per course

*For ABSW/GTU students, regular tuition rates apply. CEUs/Auditors, call for details. **REGISTRATION NOW OPEN.** Contact the ABSW Registrar's Office at 510.841.1905 x237 or academics@absw.edu*

— Go to WWW.ABSW.EDU for more info and to download a registration form—

The Underground Church—Robin Meyer

The substance of this article is by Roxana Harper and published in the SFBC Spire, June 2012.

During the Rodney Romney Lecture Series at Seattle First Baptist Church, author Robin Meyer introduced attendees to his new book, “The Underground Church: Reclaiming the Subversive Way of Jesus”. He encourages us to recapture the spirit of the early church with its emphasis on what Christians do rather than what they believe; to be subversive in the best sense of the word. The defining characteristic of the Beloved Community should be its countercultural compassion and its love of justice for all people.

... Nobody thinks going to church is dangerous – why is that?

The Underground Church would be biblically responsible, intellectually honest, emotionally satisfying, and socially significant – remembering where we came from, where we’re going, and to whom we belong (radical trust).

Baptists **L**unching **T**ogether—BLT

BLT meets at 12 noon, Grand Lake Gardens, 401 Santa Clara Avenue, Oakland

September 19—Robert Wilkins

October 17—A Panel: “Gay Clergy”, Jim Hopkins, Mod-

Questions:

- Where are we frustrated about the church today? What can we change?
- What gives us hope? What do we do well?
- As the Underground Church, what can we do to “corrupt” (be leaven) in the Empire?

Those who accept the invitation to join the Underground Church movement will be urged to consider making some or all of the following seven changes in what it means to be truly radical:

1. As often as possible, the Underground Church will celebrate communion by serving an *actual meal*, before or after the service...
2. Membership in the Underground Church is not by “profession of faith” but by *profession of trust* in the redemptive power of unconditional love...
3. Worship styles and music in the Underground Church are to be *intentionally diverse*...
4. Members of the Underground

erator; Esther Hargis, Wally Bryen and Rick Mixon, panelists.

Roxana Harper

Church will be committed to mission projects that mark the community off as *countercultural* and *anti-imperial*. We will be committed to nonviolence, radical hospitality, collective generosity, and the ministry of encouragement.

“... Nobody thinks going to church is dangerous – why is that?”

5. The Underground Church will give special attention to the stranger, the forgotten, the weak, and the dispossessed...
6. The Underground Church will create *its own economic system* in the community by requiring a pledge of financial support from all members to support the operation of the church, while encouraging individuals to contribute additional funds to mission projects about which they are particularly passionate.



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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.



Rev. Dr. Marcia J. Patton
Executive Minister

Building Bridges, Resourcing Churches & Translating Our Unity

Calendar of Upcoming Events

JULY

14—Bar-B-Que Bake Sale
Auction Fundraiser; details on
page 1; **New Place!**
Purchase tickets Now!

24—28 Immerse; ABC Youth
Gathering, Washington DC

AUGUST

13—17 Eric Law's Kaleido-
scope NW: Creating Sustain-
able Missional Ministries,
Rainbow Lodge, North Bend
WA

25—Association Board Meet-
ing, 9 AM, Wedgwood

OCTOBER 11-13, 2012 -

**ANNUAL MEETING,
Mount Zion Baptist
Church, Rev. Jacquie
Thompson, Associate at
Allen Temple Baptist
Church, preaching**



Save the Date:
**June 21-23, 2013 -
Mission Summit -
ABCUSA Biennial**

MISSION STATEMENT

Being a culturally diverse peo-
ple 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.