



# EVERGREEN NOTES

EVERGREEN ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES

## ANNUAL MEETING

The fourth Annual Meeting of the Evergreen Association of American Baptist Churches will be held on Friday and Saturday, October 13—14, 2006, hosted by the Community Church of Issaquah, 205 Mountain Park Blvd. SW, Issaquah. Rev. James Winbush is pastor.

Our guest preacher is the Rev. Dr. Cheryl Dudley, currently serving as Senior Advisor to the Executive of Church World Service. Before this year, Rev. Dudley served as associate executive director of

National Ministries, USA.

Our theme: Out of Many One...Do

justice, love kindness, and keep peace with God (Micah 6:8)..

Again this year we hope to welcome at least one new congregation to the Association.

So mark your calendar now. Don't miss this event!



Rev. Dr. Cheryl Dudley

## ANNUAL MEETING CHOIR

For the first time, Evergreen is making plans to include a week-long preparation for the Annual Meeting, with a special guest musician to produce an Evergreen Annual Meeting Choir.

Rev. Dr. Kathryn Carver, daughter of the Rev. Dr. Leon C. and Ruby Jones, and a Seattle native, will lead a week-long workshop with voices and musicians from Evergreen member churches to culminate in a worship concert on

Friday evening, October 13, as part of the Annual Meeting celebration. Rehearsals will be all day Saturday, October 7, and each evening Monday—Thursday..

So the musicians and singers from your church are invited to plan to participate in this "first" for Evergreen.



## Peter's Perspectives

The Evergreen Story is an ever emerging story. The Association affords frequent windows of opportunity.

In August the first

Asian American Baptist Convention will be sponsored by Asian American Baptist Caucus of ABC USA, Herb Tsuchiya President, at the South Center Doubletree on



August 18-19, 2006. The convention will be preceded by an Asian American Baptist Pastors/

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## EVENTS AT OUR CHURCHES

Seattle First Baptist Church Invites You to the **ORDINATION COUNCIL** FOR **MARTI GARRISON** *3:00 PM Sunday, June 11* Parlor, Seattle First

Baptist Church 1111 Harvard at Union and Seneca Adjacent free parking in the large lot \*\*\*\*\* Community Church of Issaquah invites you to support the Matzalan Mexican

School/Education Fundraiser Dinner on Saturday, June 10, 5 PM. Call 425-392-6447 for details. \*\*\*\*\* Congratulations! First Baptist Church Salt Lake City, praises God for 123 years of service and witness!

**Mark your Calendar:** Evergreen Sponsors and invites you to plan to attend the

**2006 Building Bridges Educational Event**

Training for Clergy and Lay Leaders to help us do our work in the church

**Saturday, September 16,** Japanese Baptist Church, Seattle

More info to come.



### Academy of Congregational Transformation

*How do you lead the church in the 21st Century? Where do you start? To what do you pay attention? What will your*

*church be like in 10 years?* You can become a more effective leader and change agent. You can transform yourself, your relationships with those around you, your congregation, with the help of God if

you ACT now. This could be the beginning of deep change for your congregation, change led by God, change that will make a difference for you and your community. The Weekend *(Continued on page 6)*

## Evergreen Notes Goes Electronic

If we have your email address, beginning with next month's issue of the Evergreen Notes, you will receive the newsletter as an email attachment. It will be in PDF and you will need to have downloaded Acrobat

Reader in order to open it. So, if we do not have your email address and would like to receive the electronic version of the newsletter, please send your address to

clemeba@comcast.net Also, if you are unable to open the newsletter when it arrives on July 5th or 6th, please send an email to that effect to clemeba@comcast.net We appreciate all

feedback to help us improve service to you.

# All Caucus Workshop/Meeting—May 6, 2006



P. Koshi,  
Association Chair

Chrystal  
Cooper;  
Barry  
Briscoe,  
Euro  
Caucus  
Leaders



Frank  
Lowe,  
Black  
Caucus  
Leader



Bev Spears,  
Facilitator



Terri, Peter; Stephanie



Small Group Leaders: Barry, James, Curtis,  
Tim, Judy, Betty, Peter, Chrystal



A Group in Discussion



Group Discussion



Pastors in Group Discussion



Group Discussion

# Evergreen Inspires Mariner Grand-Slam?? May 22nd



Can you identify Pastors? Clergy? Members?  
Friends?  
The Mariner Moose paid the younger  
“Evergreeners” a visit!

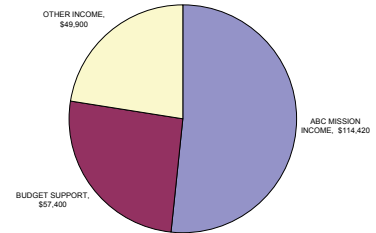


## BUILDING BRIDGES ANNUAL FUND CAMPAIGN

Evergreen's annual budget is slightly over \$220,000. Over half of that is direct and proportional gifts from our cooperating churches, \$114,000+. This year churches are being generous and we are grateful for their gifts and generosity (please continue to keep up the good work, especially through the summer). A significant portion of our budget (22.5%, \$40,000) must be raised by individual

gifts. This not only helps to pay the salary of Clem Winbush, it also makes ministry and mission happen! We couldn't do things like our recent caucus gatherings, or supporting the trip to Peace Camp this summer for some of our youth, without your generosity. So far this year we have received \$7,285 in gifts, with an additional \$9,700 pledged before the end of the year. All of our Executive Com-

mittee has pledge funds from \$350 to \$2700 each. If you have not been contacted by an Evergreen friend to contribute to our fund, you will be soon! Gifts and pledges small and large will help us to our goal. Consider giving before we ask!



## Peter's Perspectives

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Seminarians and Young Adults Retreat sponsored by National Ministries/Asian Ministries, (August 17-18).

These two events will bring to our area three of our national American Baptist denominational leaders:

Dr. Roy Medley, General Secretary, ABC USA;

Dr. Aidsand F. Wright-

Riggins III, Executive Director, National Ministries; and

Dr. Charles Jones, Interim Executive Director, International Ministries. Announcements will be forthcoming relating to opportunities to meet and hear these national leaders.

You will note that Evergreen is not a formal participant in the events mentioned. However, we are

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connected by the Asian Caucus of the Association which is part of the National Asian Caucus.

And because of our caucus structure, the Black Caucus of Evergreen will be hosting a barbecue luncheon for the convention on Saturday. A hosting across ethnic/cultural differences in a meaningful expression of 'koinonia.'

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## BPFNA's 21st Annual Summer Conference July 10—15, 2006/ Atlanta GA

The Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America (BPFNA) invites you to “come explore the immensity of Dr. King’s vision of justice for all—of becoming the beloved community”.

Rev. Angela Farrar and youth leaders from some EBA

churches are looking for youth between the ages of \_\_\_ and \_\_\_ to participate in this summer camp experience.

If you or your youth are interested, please contact Rev. Farrar at: [farrara@yahoo.com](mailto:farrara@yahoo.com)

Or 425-778-2046:

Additional information

may also be found on the web at [bpfna.org](http://bpfna.org) and select the link summerconference2006



## Peter's Perspectives

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Evergreen will also be sponsoring a bus tour of Seattle for the participants, thanks to a friend of Evergreen.

These are examples of seizing the opportunities as they appear in the spirit of oneness.

I must comment on the super outing pastors, church members and friends enjoyed at Safeco Field on Monday night. The spirit

and number of Baptist fans was impressive. Is it possible the Mariners won for us Baptists or because we were there to root for them and lost the next night because we weren't there? It certainly was fun to be there in an outdoor stadium on a beautiful evening with the roof open.

As things keep developing I am made aware that the vision

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and mission statements of Evergreen Association of American Baptist Churches are do-able, especially as we grow in oneness of the Spirit.

I feel blessed to be Chair of EBA,

*Peter*

## Baptist History & Polity Class Offered

Reminder: There's still time to register for the Baptist History and Polity class to be offered at Fuller Theo-

logical Seminary, July 17-28, 2006. The class will meet Mondays—Fridays, 9 AM—12 Noon. Contact:

Julia at the Fuller Northwest Office, (206) 284-9000 or [Julia@fuller.edu](mailto:Julia@fuller.edu)

## Evergreen Choir Rehearses on MONDAYS

The Evergreen Sounds heard potential members for whom Tuesday rehearsals did not work.

Beginning MONDAY, June 12th at 6 PM, at JBC, the Evergreen Sounds will meet every Second and Fourth Monday, 6:00 PM, at Japanese Baptist Church.

Please join us as we look forward to being the backbone of the Annual Meeting Workshop Choir under the coordination of Rev. Dr. Kathryn Carver. (See front page article)

See you on second and fourth Mondays, 6 PM at Japanese Baptist Church, 160 Broad-

way, Seattle 98122

## *ACT* Academy of Congregational Transformation cont.

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Academy of Congregational Transformation will happen on 10 weekends (Fridays and Saturdays) over a two year period. Pastors and congregational leaders are encouraged to attend.

Churches want to be successful. And why not? To be successful is to serve God, to bring God glory, to fulfill the calling as a church.

Since success

looks different in different contexts or cultures, no cookie cutter approach will work for everyone. *ACT* considers the context of churches and the systems unique to each congregation. The program coaches leaders through the process that is the greatest challenge to our churches today: transformation!

The weekends (all day Friday and Saturday) for training

for the 2006-8 class are:  
September 29-30, 2006  
November 17-18, 2006  
January 19-20, 2007  
February 23-24, 2007  
April 20-21, 2007  
September 28-29, 2007  
November 16-17, 2007  
January 11-12, 2008  
February 22-23, 2008  
April 18-19, 2008

Please contact Marcia Patton ([marciaeba@comcast.net](mailto:marciaeba@comcast.net)) or 253-859-2226 or 206-778-2226) for more information or to apply for the program.

## Guadalupe Vasquez Installed as Pastor in Pasco

The Yakima Valley Hispanic Ministries Steering Committee is happy to announce and invite you to the installation of Gua-

dalupe Vasquez as the pastor of Comunidad Cristiana El Camino in Pasco, Washington. The service will be on Sun-

day, June 4th, at the College View Baptist Church, 2100 W. Agate St. in Pasco. Guadalupe participated in

Evergreen's 2004 Annual Meeting. May God bless Guadalupe in this new service.

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Evergreen Notes, the newsletter for the member Churches, ecumenical partners, national affiliates, and friends of the Evergreen Association of American Baptist Churches is published monthly.

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**

**JUNE**

- 4—Beverly Spears Ordination, University, 4 PM
- 9—Executive Committee Meeting, JBC, 5 PM
- 11—Marti Garrison Ordination Council, Seattle First, 3 PM
- 12—Evergreen Sounds Rehearsal, JBC, 6 PM
- 11—Labyrinth Walk, SFBC, 6—8 PM
- 22-25 ABCUSA General Board
- 26—Evergreen Sounds Rehearsal, JBC, 6 PM

**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
- 22—Minister & Spouse Dinner Cruise w/guest, General Secretary of

ABCUSA, Rev. Dr. Roy Medley.

- 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.

**OCTOBER**

- 13- 14 Evergreen 4th ANNUAL MEETING, Community Church of Issaquah