



Evergreen Notes

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Haiti Mission Trip—Sign Up With Deposit Now!!

It's time to register your intent to join the Evergreen Association sponsored mission trip to Haiti this September by sending a \$200 deposit to the Evergreen office at 409 Third Avenue S, Suite A, Kent WA 98032 by June 15, 2010.

The executive of the Haitian Baptist Convention and Kihomi and Nzunga Mambudiga are expecting us.

Trip costs are projected to be \$1,300 for the mission-only group (September 14—20, 2010) and \$1,550 for the mission-plus work-project group (September 14—25, 2010). The work group may want to also consider a fundraiser to help defray the cost of materials needed for the project at the eye clinic.

It's Time!! Send in \$200 to reserve your spot today.

Contact Ron Kirstein via email at: rkirstein@verizon.net or telephone: 206-533-9285, if you have questions.

Without sufficient registrations and accompanying deposits by June 15th, the mission trip will be cancelled.

We can do this, Evergreen!!!

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Getting to Know Rev. Dr. Jeremiah A. Wright, Jr.



Ken Curl, Evergreen Chair

I was blessed to have

the opportunity to meet, talk to and even take a picture with the Rev. Dr. Jeremiah A Wright, Jr. when he came to our church (Martin Luther King, Jr. Me-

morial Baptist) as guest Revivalist on April 28th, 29th and 30th of this year. Many of you probably know of Rev. Dr. Wright from

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Black Caucus Sponsors Bar-Be-Que Fundraiser—Saturday, July 17, 2010

Be on the look out for information in your church this month about the upcoming bar-be-que sponsored by the Black Caucus. All proceeds will support the ministries of Evergreen Association.

Rev. Walter Heyman and Sister Stephanie Commandest are seeking one person from each member church to be responsible for ticket sales.

If you do not hear an announcement to your church family by the second Sunday, please call Stephanie at 206-293-4388 or email stephanie_250@msn.com

and volunteer to take that leadership role.



Place: Cedar River Trail Park Picnic Shelter, Renton WA (behind Boeing)

Time: 12 Noon—5 PM

Meal Choices: Brisket, Chicken, Ribs, or a Combo and each meal includes green salad, corn on the cob, potato salad, baked beans, cake and water.

Ticket Cost—\$20.00 each



- ◆ Pop will be available for purchase.
- ◆ Baked Goods Auction at 3 PM. (Call the Evergreen office—253-859-2226—if you will contribute your favorite baked item for auction or sale.)

And now, since it worked so well last year, let's all pray for a beautiful, warm, sunny day on July 17th this year!

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Getting to Know Rev. Dr. Jeremiah A. Wright, Jr.

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the many television and radio sound bites you heard over the airwaves during the most recent presidential campaign. Rev. Dr. Wright said that the Republican National Committee spent over seven million dollars going over his sermons to find something they could use. Those sound bites (for political purposes) pictured Rev. Dr. Wright as anything but a man of God. Instead they attempted to display him as a man of hatred, divisiveness, and

mean-spirit. Some would have you believe that he is unpatriotic and hates this country. Well I found him to be anything but. In fact I found Rev. Dr. Wright to be a strong man of God.

During our spring Revival Rev. Dr. Wright used the 23rd Psalms to show us God's provision, protection and promises for us. Also as part of the luncheon for clergy, pastors and ministers he lectured for over an hour and then answered questions for an additional hour and a half. It's

my understanding that he enjoyed this session so much that he had to rush back to the hotel to get ready in time for the evening worship service. In other words Rev. Dr. Wright was very giving and really enjoyed sharing his vast knowledge with those in attendance.

You can find more information about Dr. Wright by visiting his website at: <http://jeremiahwright.com/>

What A Month Was May!!

3 Ordinations

1 Graduate at ABSW

1 Honorary Doctorate, too!

Wings To Reading “graduation”, too!

All Evergreen Folk!

And, Immigration Conversation and Groundbreaking for Affordable Housing.

OK, so I didn’t get a day off in May until Memorial Day weekend, but what a month it was!

It started on the 1st with the ordination of Jodie Tooley at United Church in Moscow, Idaho. Diane Hooge, formerly a pastor at Seattle First, was the preacher for the service. What a wonderful celebration! (see picture on page 8)

I followed that up by going to Valley Forge Pennsylvania for the ABC Conversation on Immigration. This involved time around tables with others from the ABC family and all caucuses represented except Portuguese and Indian. The conversation was thorough, honest and inclusive. Please see the resulting letter on pages 5-6. It’s on the ABC website in Spanish as well as English. There are good resources to tap as well at <http://www.abc-usa.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=OgJQBMR9Io8%3d&tabid=36>.

Then on May 16 Woun Kim was ordained at Japanese Baptist Church, Seattle. Woun’s father and brother (the soon-to-

be graduate from ABSW) worked together to present the ordination sermon (something you don’t see very often at an ordination service!). (see pictures on page 8) Another wonderful celebration!

Just the next weekend, Woun’s brother, Sun graduated from ABSW. At that same event, Rev. Greg Ledbetter from Shell Ridge Community Church in Walnut Creek was awarded an honorary doctorate (see article on page 7). A two-for-one event for Evergreen! Another wonderful celebration!

That very Sunday (also Pentecost) was the ordination service for Bruce Thomas Chittick at Seattle First Baptist Church! One of Bruce’s professors at Seattle University’s School of Theology and Ministry was the ordination preacher—a Jesuit Priest. Something else not seen often at the ordination of a Baptist minister! Yet another wonderful celebration!

In between were meetings of the ABHOW (American Baptist Homes of the West) Board and ABSW (American Baptist Seminary of the West) Executive Committee. I even squeezed in a special celebration, the groundbreaking at ABHOW’s 22nd Affordable Housing community in the Salishan neighborhood of Tacoma, Washington. This will be a 56 unit building for seniors. It, too, was a wonderful celebration!

Rev. Dr. Marcia J. Patton

I also assisted our friends, Kristina Gonzalez and Stacy Kitahata at an all day training on cultural competency that featured the IDI (Intercultural Development Inventory) and the ICSI (Intercultural Conflict Styles Inventory). A long day.

The month was “topped” off with an invitation to be present on the last day of this year’s Wings for Reading, a program First Baptist Church, Mountlake Terrace launched last school year.

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This year they had 20 students (as many as

they can handle) finish the course. They each read a page or two from their favorite book. I read part of one of my favorite books, *Oh the things you’ll see* by Dr. Seuss, then donated the book to Wings. Mountlake Terrace is hoping to find the funds to have 40 students next year (volunteers and staff are needed). It was another (different) yet wonderful celebration! What fun!

You might think I’d be glad to see May end, but I’d be glad to witness and participate in more ordinations and honoring of fine pastors like Greg and completion of courses like Wings! What fun it has been! Thanks for the privilege of walking with you and representing you.

Summer Outreach Emphasis at JBC

Even as many regular church activities are suspended during the summer months, JBC will use the time for a number of different forms of outreach. Two of these relate to the growing number of refugees from Burma (Myanmar) who have been settling in the Greater Seattle area. For more than year now, several Chin families from that country have been attending JBC. Interestingly, though all members of the original group have since moved to other parts of the US, others have taken their place and more besides. The church's English Language Learners Sunday School class for adults, started by teacher Shawnda Fukano last year for four students, now regularly has ten in attendance. Their children attend regular Sunday School classes for their age. Rev. Woun Kim, JBC's Minister of Outreach, has provided a range of ministries to these families, including home visitation, transportation assistance, and the formation of a weekly prayer group. Several of JBC's members have helped them to get to and from church.

The coming of summer promises to bring both challenge and opportunity to this form of outreach. One of the new worshipers at JBC is Rev. Dongh Suan Pau, who is

eager to minister especially to Tedim-speaking Chin people like himself. It is, in fact, Rev. Pau who has been inviting other Tedim-speakers to worship at JBC. His vision is for these individuals to attend Sunday School and worship at JBC in English and then have opportunity for worship in their own language. Summer will likely be a time of experimenting with these ideas, seeking the best ways to put them into practice.

As another aspect of JBC's summer outreach to refugees from Burma, the church's Senior Minister Paul Aita and his wife Gail will be working with a congregation of Karen people that meets in Kent. Since 2000, the Aitas have been spending every other summer in Burma, teaching at a seminary there. When personal factors led them to cancel such plans for this summer, JBC's Diaconate affirmed the appropriateness of Dr. Aita's use of the summer for a related home mission assignment. He has been working with the Karen leadership to identify ways that he and Gail might be of most assistance to them at this time.

A very different form of outreach will come as a result of the request for JBC's assistance from the Community

Church of Issaquah as it seeks new ways of reaching out to its community. Noting the significant Asian population nearby, Issaquah church leaders would like to explore the possibility of reaching out to them. An agreement has been made between the two churches whereby Woun Kim, whose ongoing position with JBC is half-time, will work full-time through August. Woun and others from JBC will be involved at the Issaquah church in various ways during this time.

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These outreach ministries contain significant elements of experimentation. Having been presented with opportunities for service, JBC's leaders are seeking to be faithful to the leading of God's Spirit, and looking for creative ways to do so.

American Baptists Speak Out on Immigration

May 14, 2010,

“Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On May 6, at the invitation of our General Secretary, we, the undersigned, gathered at the Mission Center to begin a conversation on how we, as American Baptists, might engage the issue of immigration and immigration reform. We write to report on our discussion and invite you into our continuing dialogue – in the spirit of Hebrews 10:24: “Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works.”

At the outset, allow us to be transparent: we do not claim any superior understanding of the issue or what the Gospel demands of us. We know there are differing perspectives in our denominational family. One of our purposes in writing you, in fact, is to encourage brothers and sisters in the faith to share those different perspectives so that our conversation and our responses in word and deed can be richer and more representative.

Those of us who sign this letter gathered not because we are all of one mind on every aspect of immigration reform. We know that any reform must consider such widespread concerns as national security, appropriate means of border control, and the impact on our economic and social welfare systems.

At the same time we recognize there is broad agreement among Protestant leaders (including those represented in the National Association of Evangelicals, the National Council of Churches, Sojourners and Church

World Service) that immigration reform in our country must reflect mercy and justice rooted in God’s love through “immigration reform legislation that is consistent with humanitarian values, supports families, provides a pathway to citizenship for immigrant workers already in the U.S., expands legal avenues for workers to enter the U.S. with their rights and due process fully protected, and examines solutions to address the root causes of migration.” (quoted by Evangelicals for Social Action from Christians for Comprehensive Immigration Reform-Sojourners) This moral framework is shared by Roman Catholic and Orthodox faith leaders as well.

When American Baptist congregations discuss the issue of immigration reform, we believe it is important that we frame such dialogue through the Scriptures in light of God’s revelation in Christ Jesus “for the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all.” (II Corinthians 5:14)

From the Old Testament our discussion is shaped by God’s constant admonition to Israel as to how she is to treat the stranger in her midst: “The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God” (Leviticus 19:34). Furthermore, we are reminded of Micah 6:8 which says, “He has told you, O mortal,

what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?” (Micah 6:8)

In the New Testament, the greeting of Christ, “Fear not,” (Matt 10:31, Luke 12:32, John 14:27b) is a powerful antidote to the fear that so often marks conversations such as this with any number of viewpoints. Likewise the story of the Good Samaritan and Jesus’ description of the final judgment are critical to our perspective.

‘And when did we see thee a stranger and welcome thee, or naked and clothe thee?’³⁹ And when did we see thee sick or in prison and visit thee?’⁴⁰ And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.’ (Matt 25:38-40)

Indeed, we believe these are texts that challenge us in the current reality regarding immigration, and further, we believe they ask us to search deeply what it means to hear James when he writes to Christian communities, “If you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself,’ you do well.” (James 2:8)

We also believe that dialogues about immigration reform in our churches ought also to be framed by who we are as Ameri-

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2009 ANNUAL REPORTS RETURNED—THANK YOU!!

Thank you to the following churches for completing and returning your 2009 Annual Reports on-line, fax or U.S. mail:

1. Church of the Covenant—Palmer AK
2. Community Church—Issaquah
3. Fairview—Costa Mesa CA
4. Filipino-Am Christian Fellowshipship
5. Fremont Baptist Church

6. Good Shepherd Baptist Church—Lynnwood
7. First Baptist Church—Mountlake Terrace
8. First Baptist Church—Salt Lake City
9. First Baptist Church—Seattle
10. Grace Baptist—San Jose CA
11. Grace Baptist—Tacoma
12. Japanese Baptist Church
13. Wedgwood Community

American Baptists...Immigration

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can Baptist Christians and our missional DNA. A report on our history notes:

The Christian Friendliness program had been launched [by the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society] in 1919 as a Christian Americanization program for immigrants. It was known for its goal of changing fear and hostility toward strangers into understanding and friendship. ("American Baptist Women: The Violet Rudd Years, 1951-1976," by Doris Anne Younger)

Since the turn of the twentieth century, American Baptists have been in the forefront of

welcoming immigrants into our country and into our churches. As a result we have been profoundly reshaped by God in our makeup. No one racial/ethnic group holds majority membership any longer in the American Baptist Churches, USA. God has woven us into a coat of many colors. Consequently, in congregation after congregation, we have undocumented persons worshipping with us as beloved brothers and sisters in Christ. This very personal face of the undocumented in our midst reminds us that they are part of the dialogue and not just an object of it.

In addition to framing the conversation scripturally, we believe how one structures the

Church

As is clear 14 of 40 churches reporting leaves a lot of important information about our Association unknown.

Please encourage your church leaders to send in the annual report for 2009 if your member church is not listed above.

(If you need another copy of the report form contact Clem at 253-859-2226 or clem@ea-abc.org)

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conversation is also important. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America has proposed some basic ground rules for conversation for discussing tough social issues that we would commend to you. The resource is noted in the attached resource list which we hope is a help to you.

Again, we greet you all in the name of Christ. Grace and peace be with you.

Sincerely and in Christ,

[General Secretary Roy Medley, Evergreen Executive Minister Marcia Patton and many other national, regional and caucus leaders]

Please remember to send your church or individual contributions to Evergreen. Your support is needed so the services and ministries of the Association may continue.

Shepherd's Garden Grand Opening

On Wednesday, June 9, at 11:00 a.m., Good Shepherd Baptist Church (GSBC) in Lynnwood will celebrate with

per, and Lynnwood Mayor Don Gough, as well as a representative from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

According to Rev. M. Christopher Boyer, pastor at GSBC, "This has been an

tractors at Walsh Construction and all the subs." Funding from HUD, the State of Washington Housing Trust Fund and Snohomish County Affordable Housing Trust Fund, plus the congregation's donation of the 2.2 acres of

land for the project covered the entire budget of approximately \$10 million.



a Grand Opening Ceremony of the "Shepherd's Garden" affordable housing complex for senior citizens which the church developed in conjunction with American Baptist Homes of the West (ABHOW). Scheduled to speak at the ceremony are ABHOW President David Ferguson, retired ABHOW President and former Washington Baptist Convention staffer Rev. Dick Ice, Snohomish County Councilmember and First Baptist Mountlake Terrace member Mike Co-



amazing and blessed endeavor from the very beginning. Only the Holy Spirit could plant a multi-million dollar vision like this in the heart of such a small congregation and see it come to fruition. We are so grateful to our funders and to our wonderful partners at ABHOW. We had an absolutely top-notch team with Beacon Development Group, the architects at Environmental Works, our prime con-

Residency at

Shepherd's Garden is open to those 62 and older with incomes less than half of the Snohomish County median. The 40-unit building is currently full with a waiting list of over 200.

For further information on the building, contact resident manager Kathy Meek at 425-744-1610. For information on the development process, contact Rev. Boyer at 425-774-1010.

ABSW: Sun Kim Graduates & Greg Ledbetter Receives Honorary Doctorate

On Saturday, May 22, 2010 American Baptist Seminary of the West (ABSW) held its graduation ceremony at Beth Eden Baptist Church, Oakland California.

Among the graduates was Japanese Baptist Church member, Sun Kim (the dean said she ran

out of ink writing his name!). The whole family was present for the day, including newly ordained brother, Woun, Sun's fiancé and her parents.

Also at the Graduation, the Rev. Gregory Ledbetter, pastor of Shell Ridge Community Church, was awarded an honorary doc-

torate for his fine service as a pastor. Greg is a M.Div. graduate of ABSW. He started his remarks with a song and included a list of thank yous including his parents and family. He concluded saying that he accepted the degree on the behalf of all pastors who labor daily for God's church.

United Church, Moscow Ordains Jodie Tooley –May 1, 2010

The Rev. Diane Hooge, former pastor of ordinand Jodie Tooley and still pastor of Judson Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota was the preacher at the ordination service on Saturday, May 1 in Moscow.



Attending Clergy L-R: Diane Hooge, Sandy Messick (Disciples of Christ Regional Minister), Cathy Fransson, Jodie hugs Marcia Patton, Greg Ledbetter, and Shelly Booth Denny (Episcopal Priest & friend of Jodie)

Over 10 guests came from Shell Ridge Community Church in Walnut Creek, California where Jodie had served as an intern while

at seminary and later as part time pastoral staff. Jodie's

family was there in force as well, offering music during the service. Diane Hooge passed to Jodie a stole which had been made for her by the church—it was passed on to a gay man in Judson Church and was

passed along from him to Jodie.

Japanese Baptist Church, Seattle Ordains Woun Kim—May 16, 2010

Woun's father preached the ordination sermon in Japanese



and Sun (brother to Woun) interpreted the sermon. Throughout the sermon several scripture were included and from his seat, Woun read



the scripture aloud. Woun was presented a stole made by women of Japanese Baptist from a obi (sash of the kimono) one of the women



owned. It has been a tradition of Japanese Baptist to present these stoles to each person they ordain.

Seattle First Baptist Church, Seattle Ordains Bruce Chittick—May 23, 2010

The choir of Seattle First Baptist preceded the robed clergy during the procession at Bruce Chittick's ordination. The sermon was given by a professor of Bruce's at Seattle

University, a Jesuit Priest, who had to seek permission to do so (not from us Baptists!). Bruce was presented a stole from his partner and son. The stole was made by a colleague at Seattle University.

National Ministries Reclaims Names: American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS)

VALLEY FORGE, PA (04-28-10)

— In a day devoted to worship and celebration of mission and ministry by devoted disciples spanning three centuries, Executive Director Dr. Aidsand F. Wright-Riggins III announced on April 27, 2010, that National Ministries, reclaiming its historic names, will now carry out ministry as American Baptist Home Mission Societies.

Wright-Riggins made the announcement as the organization unveiled a new logo during worship at Mariner's Temple Baptist Church in New York City, the site where on April 27, 1832—then known as Oliver Street Baptist Church—a number of Baptists attending the Sixth Triennial Convention of the General Missionary Convention of the United States of America for Foreign Mission recessed to the nearby Mulberry Street Baptist Church to found The American Baptist Home Mission Society.

“We are excited about reclaiming our historic names and reaf-

firming our missional identity by boldly proclaiming ourselves American Baptist Home Mission Societies,” says Wright-Riggins. “Outside of American Baptist circles and often within it as well, we spend a lot of time explaining what National Ministries is. American Baptist Home Mission Societies is much more straightforward and self-explanatory. Our birth names state clearly who we are and what we are called to do in this second decade of the 21st century. We are American Baptists, networked and focused on doing and enabling mission here in the United States of America and Puerto Rico.”

The name represents the joining of the organization founded in 1832 with the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society (founded in 1887) in 1955 and the eventual assimilation of the Baptist General Tract Society, founded in 1824, along with The American Baptist Educa-



tion Society, founded in 1888, through the absorption of Educational Ministries in 2003. Board President Dr. Clifford Johnson says, “By doing ministry as American Baptist Home Mission Societies, we honor the various threads of our history.”

Graphic files of the [new logo](#) and a [bulletin insert](#) to announce the reclaimed name to congregations are [available](#). Listen to the launch episode of a [new weekly podcast series](#), “Home Mission in Action,” which features an interview with Wright-Riggins about National Ministries reclaiming its historic names.

American Baptist Home Mission Societies ministers as the caring heart, serving hands, going feet and prophetic voice of Jesus Christ, bringing God's transformative love—through chaplains and pastoral counselors, urban Christian centers, American Baptist-related colleges and seminaries, volunteer mission trips and much more—to individuals, churches and communities across the United States and Puerto Rico.

Now I Lay Me Down to Sleep

SENIOR
ADULT
RETREAT



**Presented By The
Retreat Ministry of
Seattle First Baptist
Church**

July 14 -16, 2010
Wednesday Evening through
Friday Morning

**Rainbow Lodge
North Bend, WA**

Leader Rev. Carol Franklin Sutton will explore the practice and meanings of prayer: Does it really matter? How do we know it works? What forms of prayer are best for me?

To register call the Seattle

First Baptist Church office at 206.325.605 and confirm your registration by paying the registration fee with a check made payable to Seattle First Baptist Church.

Please ask Rev. David Kile about available scholarships.

Planned Giving

Rev. Rick Barlow

Two ways to think of planned giving

- Memorial and Honor Giving "Give Now To Be Used Now"
- Endowment Giving "The Gift That Keeps On Giving"

When a church opens the doors of planned giving and permanent endowment funding at least FIVE things happen:

- The church receives

increased gifts to fund its various ministries

- Members begin to examine their Christian stewardship concepts and understanding in a broader context and begin including planned gifts as well as current gifts in their stewardship response
- Members are educated as to many expanded gift opportunities for mission and ministry through their Church

and region

- Current contributions given in support of the ongoing annual budget are freed up to strengthen and even expand existing programs
- The church and its various ministries and institutions begin to receive major planned gifts that have previously been directed to other causes where planned giving programs are already in place.

Experiments with Faith Identities in an Interfaith Context

Join the three interfaith amigos, Rabbi Ted Falcon, Pastor Don Mackenzie and Sheikh Jamal Rahman with



amiga Rev. Catherine Franson as they present the challenge of actually experiencing different faith traditions through rituals sacred to Christianity, Judaism, and Islam, the three Abrahamic

faiths. The gathering will happen on August 21 -2 26, 2010 at Indralaya on Orcas Island, WA.

For more information please email:

indralaya@Indralaya.com or call Seattle First Baptist Church, 206-325-6051.

Evergreen Association
ANNUAL MEETING
October 8–9, 2010
New Beginnings Christian Fellowship, Renton WA ,
hosting
Guest Preacher, Liliana De-Valle, Executive Minister,
American Baptist Churches
of Rhode Island
Theme: "Who is my neighbor?"

Cascade Meadows Baptist Camp Invites You *to the mountains above Leavenworth, WA*

Cascade Meadows Baptist Camp is available to groups of all kinds through a church: children, youth, family reunions, men and women fellowships. We can also accommodate non-profit educational groups.

If you haven't been to Cascade Meadows recently, we

have 6 cabins with bunk beds (8 people per cabin), Mountain View Loft (with bunks and single beds for 9 people) a 'single bed' room (the Dispensary) and a two-bed room. There is a fully stocked kitchen with cooking, serving and eating for 70.

Dates available: May 17-June 10; June 15-July 8; July 29-

August 5; August 20-24; August 30-September 9; and September 13-30

For information and reservations, call 509-763-3673 or go to our website: cascademeadows.org

We would love to have you come for a visit.

TIDBITS

SEATTLE—Through December 12, 2010, the Wing Luke Museum of the Asian Pacific American Experience (719 S King St) is showing an exhibit entitled "A Refugee's Journey of Survival and Hope." The experiences of Burmese refugees arriving in the Puget Sound region are included in this exhibition. See http://wingluke.org/refugees_postcard.htm for more information



We are excited to announce Judson Press plans to release, When the Spirit Moves: A Guide for Pastors in Transition by Riley

Walker and **Marcia Patton** in the spring of 2011!!

UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH invites your participation in the Service of Ordination to the Ministry of Music and Worship of Margaret Stephins Paynton on Sunday, June 27, 2010 at 2

o'clock in the afternoon.

- Reception immediately following the service.
- Clergy are invited to wear vestments.
- Child care and free parking available.

University Baptist Church, 4554 12th Ave. NE, corner of 12th Ave NE & NE 47th St in the University District; 206-632-5188 or ubcseattle@gmail.com.

Wings to Reading Celebrates First Program "Graduates"

All of the students present read a selection from their favorite book and did fantastically - showing a huge improvement in reading skills.

The program is for disadvantaged children who are a year behind grade level in reading - and these children and their families were able to collect materials for 30 hygiene kits for Haiti and Chile!

Dr. Brossoit, Edmonds

School District Superintendent was one of the speakers along with Dr. Marcia Patton, Evergreen Executive Minister.

Director, Diane Plourde shared that "Seattle Baptist Union is our largest grantor and is greatly appreciated!"



Director Plourde & Marcia Patton

Supt. Brossoit

PCBA NEWS

There will be a regular **BLT** on Wednesday, June 9th at Grand Lake Gardens. The speaker after lunch will be the **Rev. Daryl Lavway**, new pastor at Grace Baptist Church, San Jose. This is an opportunity for the BLT community to get to know this new pastor in our midst and to hear a bit about life in Maine!

Please make reservations with Alice Edmondson at 510-483-6836 or email: edmondsons@comcast.net

PCBA had a good gathering on Saturday, May 1 at First Baptist Church, Palo Alto. The Rev. David Gregg was a blessing. We were sorry that this ended up to be a conflict for so many, but those of us

present had great conversation.

Dr. James Chuck was elected as the new PCBA President. We welcome James to this responsibility.

Following a two-month break, BLT will resume on Wednesday, September 8th. Please watch for e-mail, this publication and/or post cards for further information.



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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

JUNE

4 (3-5 pm) - 5 (9 am—noon)
Women in Ministry meeting, Judson Park; guest facilitator, Holly Bean.

9—Open House for Shepherd's Garden Senior Housing, at GSBC, 11 AM

12—Association Board Meeting, Wedgwood, 9 AM

28—Executive Committee Meeting, JBC, 5:30 PM

JULY

10—Black Caucus Meeting, Kent Office, 9 AM

17—Bar-B-Que Fundraiser sponsored by the Black Caucus, Cedar River Park, Tickets at local churches soon.

26—Executive Committee Meeting, JBC, 5:30 PM

AUGUST

 10—SBU-Hosted Active Clergy/

Spouse Dinner Cruise

16-20—Kaleidoscope NW Training, Rainbow Lodge.

SEPTEMBER

18—WBC Biennial Meeting, JBC

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.