



Evergreen Notes

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Evergreen Pastors, Leaders, Families & Friends Attend the Mariners vs. Angels Baseball Game June 13, 2011

On June 13th more than 60 pastors, lay leaders, family members and friends plan to gather at Safeco Field to experience the Seattle Mariners

in a game against the Los Angeles Angels. It's Evergreen's Annual Take Your Pastor to the Ball Game event.

In the last years

we've attended the game, it's been fun and the Mariners won—Expecting a win!!

KI Northwest—August 15-19 2011



Kaleidoscope NW (a week-long workshop experience which continues our relationship with Rev. Dr. Eric Law and the California-based Kaleidoscope Institute) will host its annual

regional training at Rainbow Lodge in North Bend WA on August 15—19, 2011. Through this training we continue efforts to prepare our leaders to be effective in this diverse and ever-

changing “none zone” harvest field for Christ.

For more details and registration information go to page 5.

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Prayer Concerns

Jodie Tooley, Pastor of United Church, Moscow ID—recuperating following auto accident

Churches seeking or soon to be seeking pastoral leaders: Wedgwood Community Church, Confraternidad Eben-ezer, New Community of Faith, Burien Community Church, and Burton Community Church

A Sacred Conversation on Race

I want to take this opportunity to thank Rev. Tom and Mrs. Marilee Nielson for opening up their home on Saturday, May 21, 2011 to allow a group of us to

gather to have a sacred conversation on race. As a beginning place, we used an article written by Boyce Watkins, PhD, discussing comments made by talk show


host, Bill Maher as it relates to Republicans' lack of comfort being in




*Minister Ken Curl
Evergreen Chair*

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Events, Happenings & Celebrations Around the Association

 **Seattle First Baptist Church** invites you to the *Ordination Council* for Ned Allyn Parker on Wednesday, July _____

 **Seattle First Baptist Church** will host a *conversation about the proposed Biennial Bylaws* on June 8th. Reservations are required by

noon on Tuesday, June 7th if you will attend the meal at 6 PM. The Biennial presentation by Dr. Patton will follow at 7 PM.

Sacred Conversations

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the company of African Americans unless they fit the stereotype of the non-threatening black person.

The discussion was moderated by Marcia and resulted in a sharing of experiences and thoughts that really opened our eyes to an appreciation of our different perspectives. It became obvious that our life experiences really do shape the way we see the world and our perspectives on race, discrimination, institutions, race relations and societal views. It is through the sharing of our experiences that we can become more understanding of another person's perspective. For example, the article uses the word "emasculatation" of the African American male. To emasculate means

to deprive of strength, virility, vigor, spirit or procreative power. Several people wondered aloud about the use of this term—asking why would Maher choose this term when discussing whether or not someone is liked or accepted. Well you need to understand the impacts of slavery, Jim Crow, welfare and the prison system (to name a few) and their effect on the African American male and the Black family. It is only through dialog that we can hear these stories and develop an appreciation for our varying perspectives.

We plan to continue these discussions and, in fact, the next sacred conversation will be held at my home in Maple Valley on Saturday, July 30, 2011, beginning at 5:30 PM.

Last Call for 2010 Annual Reports

If your church is not listed among those Churches who have returned their Annual Reports on page 3, please ask your pastor, treasurer, or moderator to contact Clem in the Evergreen office as soon as possible.

"...our life experiences really do shape the way we see the world ..."

I think the article found at the following link will give us some food for thought as we continue to discuss race: <http://www.theroot.com/views/not-welcome-neighborhood?GT1=38002>

If you are interesting in joining the July 30th discussion, please contact Clem at 253-859-2226 or clem@ea-abc.org

Inviting You,

Ken

Ken Curl

ANNUAL REPORTS RETURNED at 45%!! Thank You! Let's Get to 60%!

To-date, the following churches have returned the hard copy or completed the annual report online:

1. Bountiful First Baptist Church
2. **Community Church of Issaquah***
3. **Filipino-American Christian Fellowship***
4. **Fremont Baptist Church***
5. Good Shepherd Baptist Church
6. **Grace Baptist Church—San Jose CA***
7. Grace Baptist Church—Tacoma
8. Japanese Baptist Church
9. **New Walk Christian Church***
10. Oak Lake Baptist Church
11. **Palo Alto First Baptist Church***
12. Panther Lake Community
13. Salt Lake City First Baptist Church
14. San Leandro Community Church
15. Seattle First Baptist Church
16. Shell Ridge Community Church
17. University Baptist Church
18. **The United Church—Moscow ID***
19. Wedgwood Community Church

Name indicates report received since May Newsletter.*

THANK YOU!

Your Church's Report is Needed!

Evergreen Pastors on Sabbatical

Two Evergreen pastors, Christopher Boyer and Greg Ledbetter, will be on Sabbatical during this year.

M. Christopher Boyer, pastor of Good Shepherd Baptist Church of Lynnwood, will be on Sabbatical from June 1 to September 1. He'll be traveling in France and the UK from June 8 to July 4; one week in study at the ecumenical community in Taize, France; and another week in study at the ecumenical community in Iona, Scotland. At both locations, Boyer will be

studying new techniques in ecumenism and in ancient-future worship practices. The rest of the trip will focus on the study Christian art and architecture in museums and cathedrals in France and the UK. Then time at home will allow for rest and prayer, preparing for the next six years at Good Shepherd.

And Greg Ledbetter, pastor of Shell Ridge Community Church will be on Sabbatical from June through August. In general, his sabbatical will be a blend of rest, rejuvenation,

travel, reading, writing, composing and study. Shell Ridge's sabbatical pastor will be Chris Shade (graduating from PSR on May 22 with an MDiv) currently Minister of Outreach. Chris and some ordained and lay members of the congregation will preach. The congregation will be jointly reading Barbara Brown Taylor's "An Altar in the Word" during the summer. Pastor Greg will return to work in time for the 10th anniversary of 9/11.



**SAVE THE DATE!! - Tuesday, August 16, 2011
Seattle Baptist Union Sponsored
"Active Clergy & Spouse Dinner Cruise"**

American Baptist Churches USA Invites Hampton Institute Attendees to the 6th Annual Reception



American Baptist attendees to the 97th Annual Hampton University Ministers' Conference scheduled for June 5—10, 2011 are invited to a reception sponsored by ABCUSA's American Baptist

Home Mission Societies, the Office of the General Secretary and the Board of International Ministries.

The reception will be held on Wednesday, June 8, at 9:30 PM in Conference Room A of

the Embassy Suites at Hampton Roads Conference Center. It will provide opportunity to network, fellowship, and share some refreshments and conversation with other American Baptists.

ABCUSA's General Secretary, Rev. Dr. A. Roy Medley is expected to be a part of the reception.

American Baptist Seminary of the West - The Place to be this Summer!

Seminary Saturday: O Taste and See

June 11 | 9:30 am - 3:30 pm
Especially designed for those who are considering seminary education and those interested in seminary-level discourse for personal and/or ministry-related growth.

Experience a taste of seminary education and see the Word and world open up before your very eyes. This one-day event will feature ABSW faculty teaching from their expertise on the theme: "At the Intercross of Faith and Culture"

The Greatest Challenges of the Church and Society Today | Inter-

preting the Bible in Contemporary Culture(s) | Jesus of Nazareth in Historical Perspective | The Culturally-Aware Preacher

Doctor of Ministry Informational Day

June 13 | 11:30 am - 3:30 pm
For prospective students thinking about entering a DMin program but are unsure about what such a program offers and what is expected in a dissertation/project.

The day will include a DMin information session, lunch, and observing part of the Project Development I core class for entering students.

Summer Nights and Weekends

June 6 - July 29
Courses for students, clergy, laypersons and any who are hungry to go deeper in faith...

The 2nd Annual Summer Institute for Preaching and Music

Preaching for Church Revitalization | Singing the Sermon-Proclaiming the Song | Preaching in Local Congregations
CEUs/Auditors available.

REGISTER NOW...

More details available at www.absw.edu

IMMERSE—The Gathering of American Baptist Youth- July 24-28, 2012



Churches are invited to begin planning to send youth to IMMERSE 2012 which will fea-

ture hands-on mission opportunities, daily small groups, creative and powerful worship experiences, exciting recreation time, and the opportunity to meet in Washington DC with youth from across

the country. More info at <http://www.abhms-immense2012.org> or contact Rev. Y. Trevor Beauford at trevor.beauford@abhms.org or at (800) 222 - 3872, x2419.

Models and Processes for Community Transformation

Assisting your community to move toward change constructively and faithfully in response to our diverse and changing world

August 15–19, 2011

Kaleidoscope Institute Northwest

Rainbow Lodge, North Bend, Washington

In addition to Course II, this Institute will include parts of Course IV: Emerging Grace, and a reflection process using the Intercultural Developmental Inventory (IDI)

Prerequisite: *Course I, or the equivalent*

To register online, please visit

www.kscopeinstitute.org



Based on Eric Law's experiences working intensively with more than 300 churches in the U.S. and Canada over the last 15 years, the Kaleidoscope Institute staff will teach the two principal models for assisting local communities to achieve faithful change in response to a diverse, fast-changing environment.

Participants will gain an in-depth understanding of the "Grace Margin" in which community members can explore new ideas and fresh expression of ministries in a gracious environment.

Participants will also learn and practice the principal congregational consulting tool, the Process for Planned Change, and how KI resources and other processes can be incorporated into this model to create the most appropriate consultation design.

For the KI Northwest workshop, we will spend significant time exploring the use of the Intercultural Developmental Inventory and the Developmental Model of Intercultural Sensitivity, and how these tools impact the utilization of our transformation model.

Black Caucus Sponsors Bar-B-Que Fundraiser—July 16, 2011

The Evergreen Association Black Caucus is again planning a wonderful fellowship time at the bar-b-que fundraiser to be held July 16, 2011 at the Cedar River Park in Renton WA.

For the past two years, in July, Evergreen family and friends have gathered to enjoy excellent food, fellowship and fun. This Evergreen tradition is thoroughly enjoyed by all who've been a part.

The bar-b-que chefs are chicken specialist, Julian Hunter; rib specialist, Ken Curl and brisket specialist, Chris Boyer. The best-baked-beans-ever are prepared by Walter Commandest. Other sides include green salad, corn-on-the-cob, potato salad, a dessert by cake baker extraordinaire, Frank Lowe; and water.

Bring along your favorite baked good and contribute to the AUCTION of baked

goods. In addition to being much fun, the auction raises more dollars for the ministries of Evergreen. And finally, pop/soda will be available for a minimal cost.

Tickets at \$20 each will be made available this month in member churches. Listen/look for announcements in your church. If no information is forthcoming, contact Clem at 253-859-2226 or clem@ea-abc.org

Pics from BBQ 2010



Haiti Mission Trip Planning Team Needs a Rep from Each Church

Evergreen Association of American Baptist Churches is preparing to sponsor a mission trip to Haiti in an effort to reach beyond our borders and walk alongside the people of Haiti and our missionaries there in response to an invitation from Haitian Baptiste Convention and Nzunga and Kihomi Mabudiga, two of our AB-CUSA missionaries to Haiti.

Rev. Dr. Keith Madsen, pastor of the Community Church of Issaquah and coordinator for the mission trip, has begun meeting with a small group of volunteers to plan the details.

However, the planning team is incomplete without at least one representative from your church. Each church's representative will be asked to be the point of contact in your church, to promote the trip and encourage interested persons to become a part of the mission group.

The trip is projected for April 21 – 29, 2012 (after Easter and Haiti's weather is still relatively good).

Rev. Madsen and the planning team are 1) seeking the name, address, phone and email for at least one layperson or clergy leader contact person from

your congregation, 2) asking that your congregation consider how you might offer financial support by lifting a special offering, adding the mission trip into your 2012 budget, etc., and 3) most of all, that you join us as prayer partners asking that the needs of this mission experience be met – both for those going to Haiti and the Haitian people with whom they will interact.

Please send the contact information for your church's representative to Keith Madsen at drkmad2006@yahoo.com or 425-392-6447.

SAVE THIS DATE, TOO!! Evergreen & New Beginnings Host Regional New Baptist Covenant Gathering—November 17–19 2011

On November 17-19, 2011, Evergreen Association and New Beginnings Christian Fellowship will host a regional gathering of the New Baptist Covenant. The New Baptist Covenant is an informal alliance of more than 30 racially, geographically, and theologically diverse Baptist organizations from throughout North America that claim

more than 20 million members.

The original gathering of this group attracted over 20,000 Baptists to Atlanta in January of 2008. In keeping with the historic Triennial Conventions of Baptists prior to the Civil War, meetings will happen this third year, and through the assistance of modern technology, will be

linked by satellite video at widely separated sites. Evergreen Association has the privilege of inviting faithful Baptists from all participating groups to meet at the home of one of our constituent congregations—New Beginnings Christian Fellowship, Renton WA

This is an exciting opportunity and you're invited to participate.

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) Funds Needed

VALLEY FORGE, PA (ABNS 5/25/11)— While responding as the hands of feet and Christ in the disaster-stricken regions of Joplin, Mo., and Tuscaloosa, Ala., American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS) asks

American Baptists to donate to One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS).

ABHMS has released \$20,000 total in OGHS funds to Joplin and Tuscaloosa via Church World Service (CWS), [and] additional funds are

needed. ABHMS had previously donated \$10,000 to Shaw University, Raleigh, N.C.

In addition, ABHMS and its partners are in the process of coordinating volunteer clean-up efforts in affected regions.

SAVE THE DATE!—Evergreen Association Annual Meeting October 13—15, 2011, Seattle First Baptist Church

“...do this, and you will live.” Luke 10:28b

The Annual Meeting of the Evergreen Association of American Baptist Churches will be held at Seattle First Baptist Church, 1111 Harvard Avenue, Seattle WA 98122

There will be music, conversation, and the new and the different.

Plan now to attend.

We begin on **Thursday** evening with dinners and sacred conversations hosted in homes.

Come explore and celebrate with us!

Cascade Meadows Baptist Camp Work Party

SPRING has sprung
the snow is (almost) gone

Oh, what fun!

Come to the Cascade
Meadows Work Party on
June 10 and 11, 2011.

Churches using Cascade
Meadows Baptist Camp dur-
ing the winter had a wonder-
ful time. The Camp is now
getting ready for the summer,

with a work party (wood cut-
ting, trail clearing, and gen-
eral cleaning) starting Fri-
day, June 10 and continuing
Saturday June 11.

Cascade Meadows will pro-
vide food, overnight housing,
and the log splitter; you pro-
vide your own tools.

The new Tractor Barn/
meeting room is nearly com-
plete--it can accommodate up

to 75 people.

If you haven't
been to Cas-
cade Mead-
ows Camp, come and see this
'jewel in the Cascades'.

Contact Ken Collins, at
425-348-5505 or (email) [ken-
neth.collins29@frontier.com](mailto:ken-neth.collins29@frontier.com),
if you will be a part of the
work party.



Emergency Clean-Up Buckets For Tornado Cleanup

“The Joplin tornado may
be the single deadliest tor-
nado in the United States
since 1953,” according to a
statement from CWS. CWS
requests donations of emer-
gency clean-up buckets filled
with cleaning supplies.

For instruction on assem-

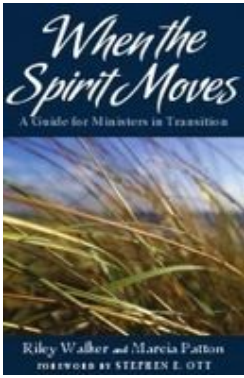
bling and shipping buckets,
visit the organization's [Web
site](http://www.churchworldservice.org) at
www.churchworldservice.org

To donate to OGHS or vol-
unteer for clean-up efforts,
contact Victoria Goff, ABHMS
national coordinator of Volun-
teer Ministries, at

victoria.goff@abhms.org or
800-ABC-3USA, x2449.

When donating to OGHS
for these disasters, please in-
dicate “Alabama Tornado,”
“Mid-West Floods” or
“Missouri Tornado.”

Co-Authors—Riley Walker and Marcia Patton Published by Judson Press



ABC Executive Ministers Riley Walker and Marcia Patton have co-authored Judson Press's newest release, *When the*

When the Spirit Moves: A Guide for Ministers in Transition.

This practical and spiritual guide through vocational transition addresses common areas of concern, frequent pitfalls and missteps, and oft-traveled routes to a successful transition. One chapter covers the difficult subject of involuntary resignations.

In the book's foreword

Dr. Stephen E. Ott, Executive Director of the Center for Career Development and Ministry in Dedham, Massachusetts wrote, "Covering a wide scope of topics in discussing pastoral calling and the variety of ways one might answer that call, this book offers much in the way of practical guidelines, based in spiritual wisdom and years of experience and reflection. It is plain in speech, and even-handed in its treatment of ministry practice issues. It uses fictionalized vignettes to illustrate teaching points and best practices."

Dr. Mark Sundby, Executive Director of the North Central Ministry Develop-

ment Center found, "Reading it is like sitting with a wise friend who asks the right questions and prods you gently but firmly to consider all aspects of your decision. Beginning always with the spiritual and with the call God has placed on your heart, it expands your decision-making process to take into account such practical realities as your skills, interests, family relationships, and other life commitments."

When the Spirit Moves retails for \$15.99. Judson Press resources can be ordered by calling 800-458-3766 or save 20% when you order online at www.judsonpress.com

Penny Project Jar in Evergreen Office Raises \$60+



A jar with a slit cut in the metal top, placed on the lamp table in the Evergreen office in Kent raised \$61.76 for the Penny Project.

The funds were donated

through Seattle First Baptist Church to the ABW Pennies for the Bridge Project aiming to help girls get off the street and out of prostitution.

Our thanks to everyone who helped to make this contribu-

tion to bettering our world.

Churches are encouraged to continue efforts toward the penny project— Every Penny Counts!

Baptists Lunching Together Reminder

July 13

A Panel Report on the Puerto Rico Biennial

The Rev. Don Ng,
Candidate for Vice President,
ABC-USA

The Rev. Katie Choi-Wong,
Pastor, New Life Christian

Fellowship, Castro Valley

Wednesdays at Noon

Location

Grand Lake Gardens
401 Santa Clara, Oakland

Lunch and Program \$8

Reservations: 510-350-7008
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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

JUNE

10-11—Black Caucus visits Calvary Baptist Church, Spokane, WA

13—Take your Pastor/Church Leader to the Ball Game, Mariners vs. Angels, 7:10 PM

17—Executive Committee Meeting, Japanese Baptist Church, 5:30 PM

Father's Day 19—Happy Father's Day, Dads!

24-26—American Baptist Biennial, San Juan Puerto Rico

JULY

4-9—Baptist Peace Fellowship of NA Summer Confer-

ence, Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg VA.

16—**Black Caucus Bar-B-Que. See page 6**

AUGUST

15 -19 Kaleidoscope Institute NW—"Process for Planned Change", Rainbow Lodge North Bend WA

27—**Association Board Meeting, Wedgwood, 9 AM**

OCTOBER

13-15 - **Evergreen Annual Meeting 2011**, Seattle First Baptist Church (SAVE THE DATE, pg. 8)

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.