



Evergreen Notes

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Dance and Play for Haiti: A Fundraiser to Benefit the People of Haiti

Enjoy a night of dancing to the Portage Bay Big Band. Bid on silent auction items such as a kayak outing, hand-made baby blanket, and fine arts prints. Bid on the dessert of your dreams: comforting pies, amazing cakes, and other sweet treats—all while helping the people of Haiti. All proceeds will benefit earthquake disaster relief efforts in Haiti.

Dance and Play for Haiti is being organized by University Baptist and New Beginnings Christian Fellowship with sponsorship by Evergreen. It takes

place at University Christian Church at 4731 15th Avenue NE in Seattle, Saturday, March 20, 2010.

One half of the proceeds will go directly to the Haiti earthquake relief efforts of the American Baptist World Relief Office (www.abc-oghs.org). The other half will be divided evenly between Partners in Health (www.pih.org) and Friends of the Orphans (www.friendsoftheorphans.org), both of which are very active in Haiti.

Tickets are a bargain at \$15 for adults, \$5 for

youth under age 18, and \$35 for families. Youth ages 7 and up will enjoy an evening of supervised games. Tickets may be purchased at the door, or call UBC at 206-632-5188 and New Beginnings at 425-282-6220, Ext. 417 for ticket information. Evergreen office will have some tickets available. Call 253-859-2226. Information is also available on the UBC website: www.ubcseattle.org

Mark your calendar for March 20! Buy your ticket! Then get ready to dance and play for the people of Haiti!

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Prayers & Concerns for—

- *Barry and Anne Briscoe as they face the struggles of Barry's health.*
- *Ruth Hunter as she continues to improve at home with her husband Al and sister Sequindolyn as caregivers*
- *Roberta Stephens as she continues treatment.*

If We Have 100 Churches and One is Missing...



Ken Curl, Evergreen Chair
Earlier this month

Evergreen Leadership spent a couple of days at Camp Burton on Vashon Island to do our annual planning. We have done this every year since the beginning and

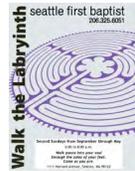
each year we'd come back with a few goals for the organization, theorizing that everyone would accept and follow them and be

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Events & Happenings

 **New Walk Christian Fellowship** invites you to join in celebrating five years in God's service on Sunday, March 7, 2010 at 3pm. A lite dinner will be served between 1 & 2:45pm. The guest preacher is Heath Rainwater, Pastor of The Vine Christian Ministries of Seattle WA. New Walk Christian Fellowship meets at 805 S Smith Street, Kent WA 98031

 **Seattle First Baptist Church** presents "Sing Us Home: A Social Justice Concert", March 28th, Palm Sunday afternoon at 3 PM, SFBC, 1111 Harvard Ave., Seattle. (see article on page 7.)



Seattle First Baptist Church invites you to experience the labyrinth walks each second Sunday March 14th

through May 9th, 6—8 PM in the fellowship hall; the lower Seneca Street doors open to the fellowship hall.

And on April 1- Maundy Thursday, in addition to the Labyrinth Walk, Seattle First will offer a light supper in the parlor adjacent to the fellowship hall. Supper is \$5 and will be served until 6:30 p.m.

Communion will be available in the center of the labyrinth with bread and grapes.

If We Have 100 Churches and One is Missing...

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energized.

Well this year something different happened. We did not come back with a few goals that come from the top down. We decided that in order for our goals to be meaningful, the body of Evergreen had to become part of the planning process. We realized that unless the body is part of the planning process

then we really do not have buy-in and even worse nobody (except for maybe leadership) even knows what the goals are or what they mean. So instead we came back with a few concepts: 1) It's important that our annual goals be well understood by the entire body; 2) We need to be more relational; not just in words but by actually inviting each other in. For example, if Evergreen

was made up of 100 churches and one church was missing or feeling left out we need to invite them in not by just sending them a letter or making a phone call but by going to visit; thereby being in personal relationship. So this year we will try something different by inviting all churches to participate in the planning process because that is what Jesus would do!

Evergreen's Mission Trip to Haiti

For those interested in participating in Evergreen's Mission trip to Haiti, here's the latest for your planning:

The group plans to leave Seattle on November 14, 2010. All will participate in Mission Education and the tour. Those desiring only

part 1 of the trip will then return on Monday, November 20, 2010.

Those wishing to participate in a work project will do so and return on Saturday, November 25, 2010. Costs are anticipated to be about

\$1,200 and \$1,500, respectfully.

Our thanks to Ron Kirstein who has taken the helm of this project and hopes to have the final itinerary and definite costs available by early April.

Tent City 4 at CCI

The Community Church of Issaquah is hosting Tent City 4 (TC4) from January 23rd through April 24th and your help is appreciated.

There's still time to help.

To donate food, or to prepare and serve a hot meal, please contact Steve Burk at 425.260.3824

SAVE the Date!

Evergreen
Black Caucus
Bar-be-Que
Fundraiser
July 17, 2010
Chefs: Hunter,
Boyer and Curl!

American Baptists have designated March 21st as Women in Ministry Sunday.

The Ministers Council has posted ideas on the Women in Ministry Resource Section of their website at www.ministerscouncil.org.

American Baptist Seminary of the West (ABSW) Says Thank You

Excerpts from a letter of thanks from ABSW President, Dr. Paul Martin:

...I am so honored to join you in celebrating the gifts that God bestows upon our beloved institution. As a trusted [friends] of the seminary, I solicit your continued prayers for the seminary, faculty, staff and students.

...we are in receipt of your generous gift (donation) of

\$1227.44 to be applied to the annual fund... Your gift will serve to enhance the ministries we provide to the students who have invested their preparation for ministry in our seminary. I personally thank you for your prayers of encouragement for the work that we are doing as we engage our students in theologi-

cal education...

Thank you so much for this generous gift in support of our school.

PCBA: About Andrew Kille, Next BLT Speaker

The Rev. D. Andrew Kille, guest speaker for PCBA's April 7th BLT at Grand Lake Gardens, attended the Parliament of the World's Religions last December in Melbourne, Australia. Over 6,000 religious leaders from more than 80 countries around the world gathered for a week of workshops, dialogue, and interfaith discussions to address the needs of our world. He will share his experiences at the Parliament, and why interre-

ligious relationships are essential to our faith and ministry.

For over 36 years, Andy has been engaged in interreligious dialogue and relationship-building. At first, that work was alongside his work as a pastor, teacher, and religious leader. Eight years ago he founded Interfaith Space, dedicated to building and strengthening interfaith relationships in the South Bay Area.

PCBA NEWS Baptists Lunching Together

Rev. Michael-Ray Mathews of People in Community Organizations (PICO) and former pastor of Grace Baptist Church, San Jose was guest speaker at the March 3rd lunch gathering.

Save these Dates:

Wednesday, April 7, 2010—Next BLT at Grand Lake Gardens, Guest speaker: Andrew Kille, Founder of Interfaith Space (see article at left)

Saturday, May 1, 2010—Spring Conference at First Baptist Church, Palo Alto, Keynote speaker—David Gregg

Leadership Retreat at Camp Burton, Vashon Island WA

The leadership of Evergreen had a great retreat in mid-February. We learned better how to listen to one another through some serious dialogue and understanding of high/low power distance. We also developed three major emphases for the coming year:

- ** To increase involvement/participation in Evergreen Association

- ** To equip every member church to teach God's word, and

- ** To increase buy-in of all congregations through development of processes for two-way communication.

These emphases are in addition



Front row, L-R: Doug Holmes, Paul Roby, Bob Fukano; **Middle row, L-R:** Michelle Holmes, Perla Belo, Terri Simpkins, Clem Winbush, Patricia Millard- facilitator, Ken Curl, Judy Gay; **Third row, L-R:** Walter Heyman, Marcia Patton, Bob Sittig, Matt Chaney, Curtis Price, Chris Boyer.

tion to continuing the programmatic work around

- * Resettlement of refugees, especially those who are people from Burma,

- * Continue in our development of a Youth Council (one

youth was with us during the retreat—and fully participated)

- * Response to the Haiti Earthquake, with upgrading our already planned mission trip to Haiti

- * Our “Call to Sacred Action against Racism” and

- * Development of Missional Church Learning Experience Teams in California and Washington

It all means lots of work this coming year, but work that shall both bring us together and help us all to learn and grow! God did bless us and will bless us as we carry out this work!

Ministers' Council Retreat- April 11-13, 2010; Burton Retreat Center No Quick Fixes: “Creative Approaches to Ministerial Leadership”

Presenter: C. Jeff Woods, Ph.D., Associate General Secretary for Regional Ministries, ABCUSA

In today's world, there are no quick fixes to ministerial leadership. Easy answers and ready solutions just don't work. Learnings and principles must be adapted to one's particular culture to have relevance and meaning.

In this retreat, Dr. Woods will offer creative approaches

to ministerial dilemmas that can be adapted to each person's context. Attendees will not only engage in participatory exercises, but also help shape the content of the retreat as it unfolds. Come and share your own creative insights as you draw from the insights of others in designing creative approaches to ministerial leadership.

There is also some important “downtime” for you—some respite/relaxation.

The retreat is Free if you've paid your dues. If you have not paid your dues, the retreat will cost you \$55. (Ministers' Council dues are \$55!)

All Evergreen Clergy are invited to attend.

For additional information contact Cathy Fransson at 206-325-6051 x35 or email: cfranson@seattlefirstbaptist.org

Haiti: Update on the American Baptists Response from IM



Within a month after the devastating January 12 earthquake in Haiti, American Baptists overwhelmingly responded with more than **\$1 million** for relief efforts in that Caribbean nation. These funds represent gifts by local congregations and individuals during the initial weeks after the earthquake.

Additional contributions have come from other American Baptist partners including - \$5,200 from El Salvador's Baptist Educational and Missionary Institution (IMEBES) and First Baptist Church in San Salvador; \$1,000 from the Baptist Seminary of Mexico; \$8,744 from the Nagaland Baptist Church Council (Northeast India); and \$4,800 from the Kwun Tong Swatow Baptist Church of Hong Kong.

Funds are being allocated for the first two phases of Haiti earthquake response. Phase one includes the provision of medical/pharmaceutical supplies and support through short-term work teams and local and missionary staff. Food, water and shelter supplies are also being distributed through church connections.

Phase two recovery funds are allocated to continuing medical care, scholarship support

for students who have had to move because their schools have been destroyed, transitional housing, micro-credit, and other economic development approaches that will allow victims to move towards self sufficiency.

Additional donations will be required for the rebuilding phase which will include reconstruction of medical facilities, orphanages, schools, housing and church buildings. In association with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, facilities are being prepared to host work teams that will serve under local Haitian leadership in these efforts.

One of the challenges faced by American Baptists' primary partner, the **Convention of Baptists in Haiti** (CBH), is the many families in communities outside the direct earthquake area have generously opened their homes to families, friends and strangers who have left the earthquake zone in a search of safety. This population increase is stretching medical, educational, public sanitation and the food and water infrastructure. The generous hosts having spent their financial reserves caring for the displaced families will now also be vulnerable. So now both the displaced people and their generous hosts need assistance.

In a pastoral letter, CBH General Secretary **Emmanuel Pierre** wrote, "The Haiti Baptist Convention continues to invite its partners to come and see, to send medical teams and work groups, to ship supplies, and to support child development programs, university students scholarship programs, little business loan programs, etc."

Dr. A. Roy Medley, General Secretary of the American Baptist Churches USA, and leaders of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship will take part in church prayer meetings, visit with earthquake victims and missionary and frontline Haitian workers and observe relief and recovery projects.

Donations continue to be needed....

Editor's Note: **One of our members said it this way in an email:** "We just cannot say it too many times that contributions through EBA and ABC/USA to our own ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING offering (in this case designating Haiti) go 100% to Haiti Relief. A \$1 given for Haiti Relief through OGHS sends that whole \$1 to Haitian relief.

So just put a check in an envelope in your church offering and have the church treasurer forward it weekly to the EBA office in Kent." Thanks, Doug!

2009 AMERICAN BAPTIST MISSION SUPPORT (ALL OFFERINGS) - Thank You!!

1	FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, SEATTLE	\$57,314.99
2	JAPANESE BAPTIST CHURCH	\$30,805.99
3	BURIEN COMMUNITY CHURCH	\$20,567.64
4	GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH, TACOMA	\$17,709.51
5	WEDGWOOD COMMUNITY CHURCH	\$14,103.70
6	COMMUNITY CHURCH OF ISSAQUAH	\$13,930.46
7	FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, CHICO	\$13,505.71
8	FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, MOUNTLAKE TERRACE	\$8,306.00
9	SHELL RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH	\$7,779.80
10	UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH	\$7,304.00
11	FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, PALO ALTO	\$6,750.00
12	THE UNITED CHURCH	\$6,415.50
13	NEW BEGINNINGS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP	\$6,000.00
14	FREMONT BAPTIST CHURCH	\$4,708.00
15	GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH, SAN JOSE	\$3,739.34
16	PANTHER LAKE COMMUNITY CHURCH	\$3,276.76
17	FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, BOUNTIFUL UT	\$2,609.71
18	BURTON COMMUNITY CHURCH	\$2,550.00
19	FAIRVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH	\$1,777.57
20	OAK LAKE BAPTIST CHURCH	\$1,540.00
21	GOOD SHEPHERD BAPTIST CHURCH	\$1,391.15
22	FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, SALT LAKE CITY	\$1,000.00
23	MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH	\$963.75
24	MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH	\$487.10
25	GREATER NEW BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH	\$300.00
26	CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH*	\$25.00

*This is for only one month of giving as an Evergreen Association Church

American Baptist Mission support includes United Mission, the four Annual Offerings (America for Christ—happening right now for National Ministries, World Mission Offering, Ministers & Missionaries Thank You Offering and the One Great Hour of Sharing Annual Offering) plus Regional Offerings (those monies designated specifically for the support of Evergreen), targeted gifts and Specifics (to places like Camp Burton). Thank you for reaching far beyond your neighborhoods.



2009 UNITED MISSION GIVING—Thank You!!

1	FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, SEATTLE WA	\$39,355.85
2	GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH, TACOMA WA	\$13,334.51
3	JAPANESE BAPTIST CHURCH, SEATTLE WA	\$12,947.00
4	WEDGWOOD COMMUNITY CHURCH, SEATTLE WA	\$11,956.20
5	FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, CHICO CA	\$11,132.42
6	BURIEN COMMUNITY CHURCH, SEATTLE WA	\$10,373.41
7	COMMUNITY CHURCH OF ISSAQUAH, ISSAQUAH WA	\$10,245.66
8	NEW BEGINNINGS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, RENTON WA	\$6,000.00
9	UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH, SEATTLE WA	\$5,201.00
10	FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, MOUNTLAKE TERRACE WA	\$4,894.00
11	THE UNITED CHURCH, MOSCOW ID	\$3,750.00
12	FREMONT BAPTIST CHURCH, SEATTLE WA	\$3,025.00
13	FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, PALO ALTO CA	\$2,500.00
14	PANTHER LAKE COMMUNITY CHURCH, KENT WA	\$2,466.95
15	GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH, SAN JOSE CA	\$2,261.55
16	BURTON COMMUNITY CHURCH, BURTON WA	\$2,200.00
17	FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, BOUNTIFUL UT	\$1,339.89
18	FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, SALT LAKE CITY UT	\$1,000.00
19	SHELL RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH, WALNUT CREEK CA	\$851.80
20	FAIRVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH, COSTA MESA CA	\$711.57
21	OAK LAKE BAPTIST CHURCH, SEATTLE WA	\$600.00
22	MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH, SEATTLE WA	\$487.10
23	GOOD SHEPHERD BAPTIST CHURCH, LYNNWOOD WA	\$448.00
24	GREATER NEW BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH, SEATTLE WA	\$300.00

These figures mean that approximately 60% of your giving comes back to Evergreen and is the foundation of income that supports our ministries and staff. If we increase giving to United Mission, Evergreen benefits and so does the rest of the ABC family.

We are grateful for all the work and ministry of our local churches, and are especially grateful for those who remember that we can accomplish so much more when we work together.

Thank you for making the ministry of Evergreen happen.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marcia", is located in the bottom right corner of the page.

Festival of Preaching Northwest



Festival of Preaching Northwest invites you

to experience worship, conversation, inspiration and renewal during April 19-21, 2010.

The Festival is proud to welcome six of the nation's most outstanding preachers and teachers, who bring a diversity of background and experience: Lillian Daniel, Martin Copenhaver, Ayanna

Johnson, Heidi Neumark, Kenneth Samuels and Will Willimon. All will preach or speak at least two times during the Festival.

All Festival events and services will take place at Plymouth Congregational Church (UCC), at Sixth and University in downtown Seattle (1217 Sixth Ave, Seattle, 98101)

Whether student, seeker, pastor or lay leader, you're sure to experience deep learning,

spiritual nourishment and fellowship at this transformative event.

Register online at www.festivalofpreachingnw.org

Full event registration (including meals) - \$285
 Student/Group (4 or more) Full event registration - \$255
 Evening services only - \$60

Call Rebecca at 206-290-9884 or email: rzwithington@comcast.net

BUILDING BRIDGES EVENT*

*Like "Tools for the Trade"

On Saturday, February 27th representatives from many Evergreen churches and interested community friends gathered at Seattle First Baptist Church for an extraordinary learning and worship experience with Brad Berglund and Jeff Woods, our guest presenters and many of

our own leaders from churches across the greater Seattle-Tacoma area.

Our thanks to each person who attended and each presenter for the service of you time and skill so we truly become workmen/women who continue to study that our work for the kingdom improves.



Langston joins in White Cross bandage-rolling project showing we're never too young to volunteer.



A Message From General Secretary Roy Medley



On Ash Wednesday, Christians in many traditions begin a 40 day interior pilgrimage towards Holy Week. These 40 days coincide with the 40 years of Israel's sojourn in the wilderness and Jesus' own 40 days of retreat and fasting immediately following his baptism.

The desert is a wild place, a reminder that God is never tamed or controlled by our religiosity. The desert is a desolate place, a reminder that much that we consider necessary is not essential for our journey. The desert is a beautiful place, a reminder that love can flourish even in the harshest conditions, even in a place called Golgotha.

In a culture addicted to the ephemeral instant, to the

shallow surface, and to the jittery jangle of noise, Lent is an invitation to journey at a different pace. It is an invitation to embrace the moment fully aware that it is indwelt by past and future – a past remembered in bread and cup; a future anticipated as advent and resurrection. Lent is an invitation to breathe deeply and plunge beneath the surface, to enter the depths of love marked with the mystery of paradox – a king on a donkey, God on the cross, hope emerging from death, life found by losing it in God and others. Lent is also an invitation to solitude, to the intensity of quiet and its revelatory power as we open ourselves to the gaze of God upon our hearts.

On this pilgrimage, self-

examination, reflection upon the depth of love in Jesus' sacrifice, and prayerful identification with the world's suffering are interwoven paths leading to a common point: our re-turning towards God.

So, friend, let us, too, set our faces to go to Jerusalem knowing that this will be a transformative pilgrimage with Christ our companion. Journey prayer-fully. Journey hope-fully. Journey grace-fully.

Centered in Christ and
United in Mission,

Rev. Dr. A. Roy Medley
General Secretary

The Philippine Book Project: Your Unused Books Can Be Used By Philippine Pastors!

In the Philippines, the cost of books puts basic theological works beyond the reach of many village pastors and severely limits additions to the theological library of American Baptist-founded Central Philippine University.

The Pacific Coast Baptist Association has set up a program through which needed books no longer in use here can be sent for this purpose. Many of these books come from retired minis-

ters, church libraries, and theologically-informed laypersons. These include Bible commentaries and dictionaries, books on church history and doctrine, works dealing with pastoral care and Christian education, and general reference books.

The Pacific Coast Baptist Association began the program which has now shipped over 2,000 books from Northern California.

You Can Participate

Those who have appropriate books may contact the Mission Chair of the PCBA, Dale K. Edmondson (14234 Outrigger Drive, San Leandro, CA 94577; 510-483-6836; edmondsons@comcast.net).

Contributions for shipping may be sent to The Treasurer, Pacific Coast Baptist Association, 200 La Casa Via, Walnut Creek, CA 94598.

A Thank You on Behalf of the Nzungas and Haiti Eye Clinic

We received the following email of thanks:
In the name of Jesus Christ,
AMEN!

Evergreen Association of
American Baptist Churches:

I am Les Roberson and am on
Kihomi & Nzunga's Missionary
Partnership Team as the Special
Interest member.

On behalf of Kihomi & Nzunga,
I want to thank the Evergreen
Association of American Baptist
Churches for stepping up and
underwriting the funding for the

Generator of the Eye Clinic in
Haiti. This is one of Nzunga's
most needed projects. I am sure
he explained the need to you
and as a result, the Lord gave
you the insight to fund this.

I hope you will have a good
many Saints traveling to Cap
Haiti to see the project com-
pleted. I do not need to tell you
that God will bless your gift in
so many ways. I wish you and
the congregations of the Ever-
green Association of American

Baptist Churches a Happy New
Year. If in the future you need
any help finding places to invest
in the Kingdom of God, please
contact me. Please forward to all
supporting congregations.

In His Service,

Les Roberson Missionary Part-
nership Team Member Special
Interest Projects Nzunga Minis-
try (260) 312-8693 cell
loof3@verizon.net

Sing Us Home: A Social Justice Concert

On March 28th, Palm Sunday
afternoon, Seattle First Bap-
tist Church presents a con-
cert to raise awareness about
homelessness— singing for
social justice and hope that
the power of music might
allow both audience and per-
former to become energized,
to learn, and to emotionally
connect with those who are
homelessness. An Informa-
tion Fair and reception follow
the concert at which people
can learn about various vol-
unteer opportunities.

The major work on the pro-
gram is Henry Mollicone's
*Beatitude Mass (for the
Homeless)*, written in 2007.
Mollicone's music has been
compared by reviewers to
that of Bernstein, Britten,
and Sondheim. Two operatic
soloists, Juliana Rambaldi
and Victor Benedetti, sing the

roles of Adam and Eve,
named for the first homeless
couple. The libretto doesn't
shy away from the realities;
Eve sings, "What about the
nights to come, the tedium,
the pain?" Adam cries, "I've
been to hell and back again."
There is hope at the end as
the pair find the "singing
voice within the storm" and
the beatitudes remind us that
those blessed, those closest to
God, are those who suffer and
endure.

**All concert proceeds bene-
fit First Place**, a school and
agency that at no cost to
families, provides quality
education for grades K-6,
counseling, and basic services
such as food and clothing.
There will be a free-will offer-
ing during the concert, but to
increase the giving we are en-
couraging those who are able

to purchase a donor pass *in
advance* for \$50 which will
reserve a seat. A limited
number of passes and much
more information are through
the website: [SeattleFirstBap-
tist.org/Beatitude](http://SeattleFirstBaptist.org/Beatitude).

The Lakeside School Chorale,
with Mt. Zion choral director
Phyllis Byrdwell at the po-
dium, will sing an opening
set, a terrific example of
youth contributing time and
talents to support other
youth. The composer, Henry
Mollicone, will donate his ser-
vices as pianist for the per-
formance. Volunteer singers
from some of Seattle's top
choral groups will join with
SFBC Sanctuary Choir. The
Greater Seattle Council of
Churches, our Outreach Com-
mission and many service
agencies are involved.

America for Christ Offering



The month of March has been designated for the America for Christ Offering. Of course funds are accepted for the offering year-round.

Funds collected during the America for Christ Offering support American Baptist Churches USA, National Ministries' efforts to answer God's call to live out Christian faith and transform individuals, congregations and communities through developing Christ-centered leadership, networks and programs committed to witness and evangelism, social justice, discipleship and mission work across the United States and Puerto Rico.

In the midst of war, an American Baptist U.S. Army chaplain brings the peace of God to soldiers fearing for their lives on the Iraqi front. In West Virginia, a Christian center, part of the American Baptist-related Neighborhood Action Program, brings Christian love and support to chil-

dren in need of safe space.

These powerful stories of ministry—which show how American Baptist home mission transforms individual lives as well as communities—are the focus of new videos produced by National Ministries for the 2010 America for Christ Offering.

The videos, each approximately 3 ½ minutes, can be viewed online or downloaded. They are also available on DVD at no charge. Developed to coordinate with this year's America for Christ Offering materials, the videos are perfect for mission moment presentations in worship and Bible study settings. To access the videos go to the resources page of nationalministries.org, click on the America for Christ logo on the upper right hand side and then click “resources”.



This means that more than 1,300 mission partners, working with National Ministries, minister to those in emotional, physical, financial and spiritual need every day as chaplains

and pastoral counselors, refugee sponsors, directors of Christian centers, volunteers and new church planters. These mission partners are on the front lines of faith, bringing God's love to those who need it most: families trapped in poverty, older folk struggling with illness and loneliness, pastors planting churches in growing neighborhoods, Sunday school teachers and youth ministers guiding and encouraging children to grow in faith.

But the list doesn't stop there. National Ministries also supports NEW LIFE 2010 — the American Baptist vision of reaching 1,000,010 new disciples, planting 1,010 new churches and vitalizing a multitude of caring ministries to transform its churches by 2010 — assuring vital witness for tomorrow.

The work of National Ministries reaches from Alabama to Alaska, Pennsylvania to Puerto Rico, and so much further — to the deepest parts of the human heart and just outside your door.



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Evergreen Notes, the newsletter for 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

Building bridges, resourcing churches & translating our unity

Calendar of Upcoming Events

MARCH

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

27—Association Board Meeting, Seattle First Baptist Church, 1111 Harvard, 9 AM [Note the site change]

APRIL

2—Good Friday; Office Closed

4—Easter Sunrise Service, St. Ignatius Chapel, Seattle University Campus, 7:30 AM

11—13 Ministers Council Retreat, Camp Burton.

MAY

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

JUNE

12—Association Board Meeting, Wedgwood, 9 AM

JULY

17—Bar-B-Que Fundraiser sponsored by the Black Caucus.

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.