



# Evergreen Notes

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## Haiti Mission Trip Fundraiser Presents Music Through the Many Talents of Evergreen

Saturday, March 3, 2012 come to Seattle First Baptist Church, 1111 Harvard Avenue, Seattle WA 98122, 6 PM and enjoy the presentations of music and dance from many churches in the Evergreen Association. (See flyer on page 6)

There is no cost for admission; a free-will offering will be accepted to support the purchase of laptop computers, so that each missionary will be able to carry a computer into Haiti and leave it there; and your collective offering gift will also defray the cost of building one classroom in the building of a much needed school.

Come! Enjoy the music, and fellowship! Come! Give what you can!

## Building Bridges Event, March 10, 2012 Features Dwight Lundgren



There's still time for you to register for the Annual Evergreen Building Bridges event to be held at Seattle First Baptist Church, March 10, 2012 8AM— 3 PM.

The guest presenter will be Rev. Dr. Dwight Lundgren who will focus on mediation and peace-making during the plenary session with us. Additionally he will be available to meet with individuals about their ABPS profiles during a workshop time.

See the Registration Form on page 12, and the Schedule for the Day on page 13.

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### Prayer Concerns:

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- New Community of Faith—San Jose
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- Burien Community Church
- Wedgwood Community Church
- Filipino American Christian Fellowship
- Urban Grace—Tacoma
- Haiti Mission Trip participants, recipients and efforts

## Perla's Pearls: Equipping Churches



Rev. Perla Belo  
Association Chair

The second challenge of Evergreen's mission is "to equip member churches to share


Christ and teach God's word. We considered this priority at the recent Evergreen leaders' retreat. We worked on the adaptive challenges inherent in the

priority.


The apostle Paul used the word equip in his letter to the Ephesians church (4:2). The context of this verse is after

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## Events & Happenings Around the Association


 **The New Walk Christian Church**, 805 E Smith Street, Kent WA, invites you to their **Celebration of 7 years in ministry**, March 4, 2012, at 3 PM, with guest speaker, Rev. Dr. Douglas Stowers, pastor of Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, Atlanta GA.

 **Mike Stern in concert at University Baptist Church, March 17th at 6:30 p.m.** Mike & Carol Stern will be visiting Larry & JoAnn Sims at the World Friendship Center in Hiroshima, Japan. The concert is free but a love offering will be collected to send to the work of the World Friendship Center. Join us for the music and stay for the free desserts afterwards!

 **The Community Church of Issaquah**


continues its Speakers' Series—presenting the **Interfaith Amigos** on March 17, 2012, 3-5 PM (article on page 9)

 **Evergreen Association Board Meeting**, Wedgwood Community Church, 9 AM

 **Seattle First Baptist Church** invites you to the Ordination Council for Gretchen Champoux, March 31st, at 1 PM.

 **New Beginnings Christian Fellowship** invites you to enjoy the 100+ Women's Voices directed by Deneen Grant, featuring international recording artist, Bridget Bazile, on Saturday, March 31, 2012 at 7 PM. Proceeds will benefit the NBCF Scholarship Fund. Ticket information may be found on

the church's website at [www.thenbcf.org](http://www.thenbcf.org) or in the church's bookstore.

 **Save these dates!**

**Saturday, April 28th, Suki-yaki Dinner**, scholarship fundraiser, Japanese Baptist Church. Details soon.

**May 5th at 6:00 p.m.** will be the first fundraiser of the newly formed Hispanic Caucus of the Evergreen Association. Everyone is invited to join us for a dinner and dessert auction. More information and tickets will be available soon.

## Perla's Pearls: Equipping Churches

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Christ's resurrection and before His ascension to heaven, "he gave gifts to his people" (4:8); some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ ... to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ." (4:11-13)

The word equip literally

means, "to put in working order" or "to repair." In classical Greek, it refers to setting a broken bone. In the Gospels, to equip means to mend a torn net. The ideal state of a net is to be strong enough to catch and hold fish. A torn net is worthless because a fisherman cannot use it for its intended purpose. If the fisherman can repair it, he once again may use it to fulfill that purpose. (R. Logan, *Beyond Church Growth*)

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To equip is to put into order whatever is not working in the church. The apostle Paul gave a check list on how to effectively equip: "for the work of ministry, building up the body of the church, growing and maturing Christians to arrive into the full stature of Christ." To equip congregation members that will do and become like the description in Ephesians 4:12 is the challenge.

*Perla*

## IMMERSE 2012 – ABCUSA National Youth Gathering- July 24–28



Salt Lake City First Baptist Church (SLC) is working to send about 15 youth to the gathering of American Baptist youth from across the nation, to Washington D.C. Karen Carter and other youth leaders at SLC challenge

other Evergreen churches to be represented as well.

The website to visit is [www.abhms-immerse2012.org](http://www.abhms-immerse2012.org)

Karen says, “I challenge the churches of Evergreen to get on board, and would love to tell you about “Immerse.”

I have the joy of being part of the planning team (specifically mission).

Blessings,

Karen Carter

[rkcarter1@comcast.net](mailto:rkcarter1@comcast.net)

Won't you encourage and support some youth(14—19 year olds) to spend some time in our nation's capitol immersed in worship—songs, prayers, and fellowship with other American Baptist youth?

## AFC Weekly Bulletin Insert Highlights Wings to Reading

Your church should have received the curriculum materials for the America For Christ Offering 2012.

As you receive the weekly bulletin inserts, look for the celebration of Wings to Reading: Empowering Children for Tomorrow, an afterschool literacy program at First Baptist Church of Mountlake Terrace which helps students at risk improve their reading

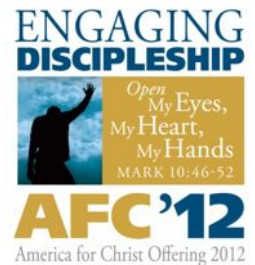
skills and thereby, their grades.

The Rev. Dennis Plourde, pastor of First Baptist Church—Mountlake Terrace and a volunteer to the program, applauds this national recognition of the work being done by Wings to Reading.

Wings to Reading received a Children in Poverty grant from American Baptist Home

Mission Societies in 2010 and 2011.

The director of Wings to Reading (and an Evergreen workshop facilitator) is Diane Plourde, M.Ed. This is one example of your America for Christ and United Mission giving at work.



## Dudley's MLK Day Worship Message Posted on Evergreen Webpage

Due to inclement weather conditions, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Worship Service scheduled for January 16, 2012, at New Beginnings Christian Fellowship, Renton WA was cancelled.

However, Rev. Dr. Cheryl

Dudley, our preacher scheduled for the occasion has been kind enough to send the text of her message and it will soon be posted on the Evergreen homepage at [www.ea-abc.org](http://www.ea-abc.org)

Check on it soon—entitled:

**What Would Martin Tweet... What Would Martin Post?**

Rev. Cheryl F. Dudley,  
D.Min.

For the Evergreen Baptist Association, Seattle, Washington

Dear Loved Ones,

Greeting and Peace of our risen Lord onto each one of you.

Many people ask us about what Kihomi does when she is not helping dig latrines, training her leaders, conducting seminars, counseling families, empowering women, or helping with small economic projects.

Here is an example of Kihomi's unseen and unspoken ministries. She visits people and prays with them. One day, she started by visiting a woman in the Limbe catholic hospital. Then in the afternoon, she was visiting Ma DA. This lady suffers of glaucoma and has been receiving her eye care at our eye clinic. But because of a mistake she made Ma Da could barely open her eyes. Tears were constantly pouring out. Ma Da was talking about going to see another doctor.

When Kihomi came home she told me about the pitiful situation of Ma Da. The next day, I decided to visit her. She was in very bad shape. I asked her to come with me to our eye clinic. When we got to the clinic, I wanted to see Ma Da's file. When the head nurse reads it, it was obvious that Ma Da has continued using the medication the doctor has dis-

continued. When she got the right medicine, tears stop and Ma Da could open her eyes again. Three days later I visited her and she could not stop thanking the Lord for the miracle.

Saturday February 4, at 10:30 PM, we were already in bed snoring. Kihomi's phone rang. A lady was announcing to her the heart attack death of the husband of one of her leaders. The next day, Kihomi was in the truck on her way to Pilate. When she got there, she finds many visitors to comfort the widow. Unfortunately, no one among the visitors who thought about asking the widow how she was. When Kihomi asked this question, she told her that she was dizzy since yesterday when her husband died. She has lost her balance and could hardly walk. Kihomi put the lady in the truck to take her to the small health clinic in Pilate. The nurse there found that the widow's blood pressure was way high and was risking a major crisis. Thank God she was treated.

In the afternoon in Pilate, Kihomi spent time with the Pastor's family whose wife in her thirties had a stroke. She is one of Kihomi's God daughters she has been mentoring since she was at the university where we are. Kihomi had time to counsel

and bring her health education to them.

This is how God of love, God of miracles, is using her servant Kihomi to be of help to her people.

Please be praying for:

A better understanding of what God wants us to do

The new semester starting at the university,

The new acting president of the university

The emotional and physical strength for us to continue what God has called us to do.

Yours in Haiti,

Nzunga & Kihomi

*Dear Friends,*

*The knocks at the door never stop and now with the advent of cell phones in Haiti the phones never stop ringing. Each one is a distress call from someone in need asking for Nzunga's and Kihomi's help. Thanks to God's grace and your support they are there and willing to respond. You will notice in this journal that the new truck plays a pivotal role in their ability to respond that was very difficult before. Thank you for your love. Please keep praying and donating to this wonderful ministry of God's love.*

*Dennis Shewell*

*Mission Partnership Team Communications Advocate and Convener*

*Nzunga and Kihomi Ministry*

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# San Leandro Community Church Will Close March 24, 2012

Press Release from Rev. Valerie Duecker, Interim Pastor, San Leandro Community Church  
Dated February 20, 2012

Regretfully, the members of the San Leandro Community Church have decided to close as a worshipping community. We feel that at this point in the life cycle of the congregation, it is time to close. After numerous discussions, our membership has determined that we can best honor our legacy of faithful ministry by dispersing our resources, including ourselves, into new arenas of ministry.

San Leandro Community Church is dually aligned with American Baptist Churches, USA and United Church of Christ. In 1992 it succeeded the

Bancroft Avenue Baptist Church, which was founded in 1944. Over these 68 years, through our many, varied ministries, innumerable people from inside and outside the congregation have discovered the wonders of God's love, grown in faith and received much spiritual and physical nourishment.

For the time being, our church building will continue to host our ministry partners: Building Futures for Women and Children, Children's Montessori Adventure, Friendship House Association of American Indians, Inc. of San Francisco's youth program, Hahn Saeng Myung Korean Methodist Church of the East

Bay, Healthy at Every Size Think Tank, Heart to Heart, International Christian Worship Center, and Lavender Seniors of the East Bay.

We will celebrate our ministries and legacy with a special worship service and reception on March 24, 2012 at 2 PM. We invite all our friends from the past and present to join us. Please RSVP by contacting our office:

San Leandro Community Church  
(510) 483-1811  
[slccoffice@gmail.com](mailto:slccoffice@gmail.com)  
1395 Bancroft Ave.  
San Leandro, CA 94577

## PNW American Baptist Women's Conference—Post Falls ID

The Pacific North West American Baptist Ministries announces its annual Women's Conference, May 4-6, 2012 at Ross Point Camp and Conference Center, Post Falls, ID. The conference theme is ***"In the Potters Hands/En Las Manos del Alfarero"***, and the scripture theme is Jeremiah 18:1-6; Romans 9:17b-21.

Featured speakers are Ruth Alerte, National American Baptist GIRLS Coordinator as the bible study leader and Barbara Anderson, National American Baptist Women's Ministries President as the mission speaker.

Come and enjoy a weekend of spiritual renewal, worship, songs and praise, relating to others, workshops, recreational activities, scenic surroundings, overnight lodging, quality food service and FUN.

You need to know the following about attending the conference:

All WOMEN are encouraged to attend!

GIRLS (middle and high school) are invited to attend.

A Spanish speaking track is available for Hispanic women

The mission focus is

***Break the Chains ...  
"Stop the Pain; Pick up the Pieces"***

Contact Lorna Flannery for registration information at (253)752-0024 or by e-mail at [flanbaker@aol.com](mailto:flanbaker@aol.com).

For additional questions about the Conference, please contact Co-Coordinator Alicia Luquin at (509) 895-7140 or [Luquin613@aol.com](mailto:Luquin613@aol.com) or Kathy Knight at (509) 452-1874 or [knight1874@msn.com](mailto:knight1874@msn.com)



Evergreen Association of American Baptist Churches

Invites You to Experience

# SOUNDS OF EVERGREEN: A MUSIC & DANCE FUNDRAISER FOR THE HAITI MISSION TRIP



SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 2012

6 PM

Seattle First Baptist Church, 1111 Harvard, 98122

## Featuring:

*Issaquah Community's*

*Duane Bowen*

*Velma Walker*

*Jonathan Jones*

*Kat and Jay McNickel*

*MLKing's*

*Pharez Keyes*

*Voices of Praise*

*"Believe" Mime*

*Amazing Grace*

*Praise Dancers*

*Fremont's The Walter*

*Family*

*University Baptist Church's  
Choir and Musicians*

*From Wedgwood— Rainbow  
City Band Quintet*

*Japanese Baptist's C2K2*

*And more....*

### **No Cost for Admission.**

A free-will offering will be accepted to support the

Purchase of laptop computers, so that each missionary will be able to carry one into Haiti and leave it there.

Cover the cost of one classroom in the build-

**Enjoy an evening of music and fellowship.**

**Invite your neighbors and friends, too! Thank you for your contribution.**

## Two Churches/Two Journeys/One Service

Japanese Baptist and Seattle First Baptist Churches worship together in remembrance.

Wonderful, beautiful, awe-inspiring, just a few of the words used to describe a unique Sunday morning worship experience at Seattle First Baptist Church on Sunday, February 12, 2012. The Japanese Baptist Church, symbolically closed its doors to join Seattle First Baptist Church for this one Sunday, to express gratitude for founding Japanese Baptist Church over 110 years ago and supporting the church,

and the Japanese Community during World War II and the internment of the Japanese. It was the beginning of a week of remembrance preceding the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of Executive Order 6099 by President Roosevelt which resulted in the Japanese who were living on the west coast being put into concentration camps in the desert interiors of the country. The service included music shared by a combined choir of exquisite presentations, including a piano and pipe organ offertory of "What a Friend We Have in Jesus".

Two presentations were made: one to the son (Mark Jensen) of the pastor of Seattle First Baptist at the time of the internment by the son (Brooks Andrews) of the pastor of Japanese Baptist Church at the time of the internment. And a thank you to Justice Charles Z. Smith to remember his commemoration of unity with the symbol of his ABC/USA presidency which hangs in both Seattle First And Japanese Baptist Churches. Everyone present was blessed!

## ABSW Sends Thank You

Dr. Paul M. Martin, President and Professor of Pastoral Theology at American Baptist Seminary of the West sent a letter of thanks which reads, in part:

"...we gratefully acknowledge the donations [ \$5,682.47] made during 2011 from Evergreen Baptist Association.

Like so many non-profit institutions, we are experiencing the challenges of the current economic environment in

which we live. Your association's gifts not only help us meet our financial obligations, but your support serves as a source of encouragement as we strive to be faithful to our mission of preparing men and women to minister in Christ's church in the 21st century.

As we enter a new year in the life of our seminary, we look forward to another year of growth and opportunity. Our

work depends upon the generosity of our friends, alums and churches. It is an important partnership, and the future leadership of the church depends upon our actions today. Thank you for helping us train men and women for leadership in the 21st century...."

*[Editor's Note: ABSW receives 4% of your gifts to United Mission]*



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## Transformed by the Spirit Alive and Well Across the Region



Evergreen Association is involved in Transformed by the Spirit!

We have four groups presently working.

The first is working on the Association's Ministry Challenge: ***Creating Community across Geography/Cultures that Makes a Difference:***

We need deeper relationships, more diverse relationships that results in the inclusion of all people/persons. We have been working on this and making progress, but we need to stay concerned and continue to work on this in keeping our focus. We added to this remembering that one

of those "cultures" we need to be aware of is the youth culture. Ken Curl has agreed to facilitate this Team and team members include: Sheila Braxton, Ned Parker, Manny Santiago, Woun Kim, Bob Fukano, and Curtis Price. Clem Winbush is their coach.

Meanwhile, First Baptist Church of Berkeley is faced with moving their "space" after 37 years. They've formed a team around the ministry challenge of "space". Pastor Nancy Hall will facilitate their work and Karen Yee will coach.

Three pastors in the greater Seattle Area have gathered around the Ministry Challenge of Local Church

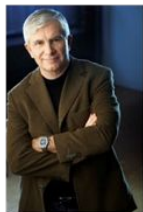
Leadership. Walter Heyman, Judy Gay, and Cathy Kernen will meet with Nancy Darnell facilitating and Marcia Patton as coach.

SKYPE will help the fourth group gather around the Ministry Challenge of Church Growth. Greg Ledbetter and Chris Shade, Daryl Lavway, Chris Boyer, Jodie Tooley and Curtis Price are in this group, facilitated by Marcia Patton and coached by Keith Tannis.

Please keep these groups and indeed groups forming across the country in response to the national invitation to be a part of Transformed by the Spirit.

## Roxburgh in the Bay Area March 30 and 31

Are you in an American Baptist Church in California? If so, Alan Roxburgh will be in the Bay Area on March 30 and 31. There will be a dinner at American Baptist Seminary of the West (ABSW) on Friday evening March 30 and a meeting for all church pastors and people on Saturday, March 31 at Alameda First Baptist Church. Please be on the lookout for further information and plan to join the discussions.



Alan Roxburgh is one of the consultants with ABC/USA leading us in the *Transformed by the Spirit* Initiative. He is a pastor, teacher, writer and consultant with more than 30 years experience in church leadership, consulting and seminary education. Alan has pastored congregations in a small town, the suburbs, the re-development of a downtown urban church and the planting of other congregations. He has directed

an urban training center and served as a seminary professor and the director of a center for mission and evangelism. Alan teaches as an adjunct professor in seminaries in the USA, Australia and Europe. His books include: *Reaching a New Generation*, *Leadership, Liminality and the Missionary Congregation*, *Crossing the Bridge: Leadership in a Time of Change*, *The Sky is Falling – Leaders Lost in Transition*, and more.



## THANK YOU TO CHURCHES GIVING TO AMERICAN BAPTIST MISSION SUPPORT!

In 2011 the following churches gave to American Baptist Missions. These figures include United Missions, the four offerings: America For Christ, World Mission Offering, One Great Hour of Sharing, and the MMBB Thank You Offering, as well as giving to Evergreen Association (Region Offering) and other targeted gifts to American Baptist Mission. Much work was done with these dollars, and we are thankful for your generosity. Churches are listed in order of their giving, largest gifts first. Every gift counts!

1	SEATTLE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH	\$55,844.00
2	JAPANESE BAPTIST CHURCH	\$41,839.55
3	GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH, TACOMA	\$16,624.15
4	UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH	\$11,825.00
5	MOUNTLAKE TERRACE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH	\$10,242.00
6	CHICO FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH	\$9,793.00
7	BURIEN COMMUNITY CHURCH	\$9,516.53
8	PALO ALTO FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH	\$9,188.00
9	COMMUNITY CHURCH OF ISSAQUAH	\$8,875.34
10	SHELL RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH	\$6,506.90
11	NEW BEGINNINGS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP	\$5,000.00
12	FREMONT BAPTIST CHURCH	\$4,730.00
13	PANTHER LAKE COMMUNITY CHURCH	\$4,265.26
14	GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH, SAN JOSE	\$3,508.53
15	WEDGWOOD COMMUNITY CHURCH	\$3,417.00
16	SAN LEANDRO COMMUNITY CHURCH	\$2,741.63
17	BOUNTIFUL FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH	\$2,540.52
18	OAK LAKE BAPTIST CHURCH	\$2,488.00
19	BURTON COMMUNITY CHURCH	\$2,400.00
20	SALT LAKE CITY FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH	\$2,191.00
21	BERKELEY FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH	\$2,069.67
22	THE UNITED CHURCH, MOSCOW IDAHO	\$1,985.00
23	GOOD SHEPHERD BAPTIST CHURCH	\$1,573.03
24	MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. MEMORIAL	\$1,506.34
25	FAIRVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH	\$1,229.24
26	MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH	\$357.66
27	SKY CENTER FOR SPIRITUALITY	\$300.00
28	NEW COMMUNITY OF FAITH	\$300.00
29	CONFRATERNIDAD CRISTIANA EBENEZER	\$240.00
30	URBAN GRACE - THE DOWNTOWN CHURC	\$219.00
31	CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH	\$200.00
32	FILIPINO-AMERICAN CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP	\$196.01
33	NEW WALK CHRISTIAN CHURCH	\$100.00

## TOP GIVING CHURCHES TO UNITED MISSION IN 2011

Thank you to these churches who gave to American Baptist United Mission in 2011. United Mission is our budget bread and butter. Around 60% of these dollars returned to Evergreen Association for our ministry efforts. The rest is distributed throughout the American Baptist Family, including around 4% for American Baptist Seminary of the West. Thank you Churches of Evergreen!

1	SEATTLE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH	\$44,973.28
2	JAPANESE BAPTIST CHURCH	\$12,543.55
3	GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH, TACOMA	\$12,390.75
4	UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH	\$6,580.00
5	MOUNTLAKE TERRACEFIRST BAPTIST CHURCH	\$5,599.00
6	COMMUNITY CHURCH OF ISSAQUAH	\$5,350.34
7	CHICO FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH	\$5,250.00
8	NEW BEGINNINGS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP	\$5,000.00
9	BURIEN COMMUNITY CHURCH	\$4,948.31
10	PALO ALTO FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH	\$3,500.00
11	FREMONT BAPTIST CHURCH	\$3,000.00
12	WEDGWOOD COMMUNITY CHURCH	\$2,542.00
13	PANTHER LAKE COMMUNITY CHURCH	\$2,541.00
14	BURTON COMMUNITY CHURCH	\$2,400.00
15	SAN LEANDRO COMMUNITY CHURCH	\$2,360.63
16	GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH, SAN JOSE	\$2,085.92
17	MLK JR. MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH	\$1,260.57
18	BOUNTIFUL FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH	\$1,177.90
19	SALT LAKE CITY FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH	\$1,000.00
20	THE UNITED CHURCH	\$920.00
21	OAK LAKE BAPTIST CHURCH	\$600.00
22	FAIRVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH	\$585.80
23	BERKELEY FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH	\$383.41
24	MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH	\$357.66
25	SKY CENTER FOR SPIRITUALITY	\$300.00
26	SHELL RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH	\$253.90

# Sounding the Soul: The Rhythm and Resonance of Spirit—A Retreat

The Retreat Ministry of Seattle First Baptist Church invites men and women to join in “Sounding the Soul: The Rhythm and Resonance of Spirit”, Friday night, March 23rd thru Sunday Morning, March 25th at Rainbow Lodge, North Bend. Revs. Jodie Tooley and Catherine Fransson will lead in an exploration of how sound and silence carry one closer to the sacred, to others and oneself. Contact the church office at 206-325-6051 or go online to [SeattleFirstBaptist.org](http://SeattleFirstBaptist.org)

Registration Form		<i>Sounding the Soul: The Rhythm and Resonance of Spirit</i>	
		March 23-25, 2012	
Name	Address	Zip	Phone
Email			
Choice of roommate (Sign up with your roommate; bring a friend!)			
Check must be enclosed with registration:	Registration by:	Feb. 26th	Dbl \$135* Sgl \$145
	Registration after:	Feb. 26th	Dbl \$145* Sgl \$160
<small>*Double room price is per person. Send your registration and check to the church office, 206.325-6051 SeattleFirstBaptist.org Your registration is confirmed with your check for the amount. Ask Pastor Fransson if you qualify for a scholarship.</small>			

## Interfaith Amigos Featured at Community Church of Issaquah

The Interfaith Amigos, international speakers, are coming to Community Church of Issaquah (CCI), as a part of CCI's continuing Speaker Series, March 17th, 3-5 PM. There will be a free will offering accepted.

Speakers, Pastor Don Mackenzie, Rabbi Ted Falcon and Imam Jamal Rahman—now known as the Interfaith Amigos—started working together after 9/11. Since then, they have brought their unique blend of spiritual wisdom and humor to audiences in the US, Israel-Palestine and Japan. Since then, they

have brought their unique blend of spiritual wisdom and humor to audiences in the US, Israel-Palestine and Japan. Their first book, *Getting to the Heart of Interfaith* (Skylight Paths, 2009), brought the Interfaith Amigos international attention with coverage including the *New York Times*, *CBS News*, *BBC Radio*, and various *NPR* stations. Karen Armstrong calls their “exuberant and courageous” second book, *Religion Gone Astray: What We Found at the Heart of Interfaith* (Skylight Paths, 2011), “an inspiration and example for

*all of us in these sadly polarized times.” Their work is dedicated to supporting more effective interfaith dialogue that can bring greater collaboration on the major social and economic issues of our time.*



Mackenzie is head of staff at University Congregational UCC Church in Seattle, while Falcon is founder of meditative synagogues in Los Angeles and Seattle and Rahman is a Muslim Sufi Imam and co-founder of Seattle's Interfaith Community Church.



**We Depend On Your Gifts to United Mission.  
Thank You.**

EVERGREEN ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES

# BUILDING BRIDGES EVENT



March 10, 2012 8 o'clock AM

Seattle First Baptist Church, 1111 Harvard Avenue, Seattle WA

## REGISTRATION FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Child Care is needed (please list name & age for each child)

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Register me for the following workshops (one each session or preference 1, 2, 3):

Workshop Name	Session I	Session II
American Baptist Personnel Services (ABPS)	_____	
Consensus Building	_____	
The Family	_____	
*****		
Our Children		_____
The Evergreen Way - Video/Vignettes		_____
Transformed by the Spirit - Adaptive & Technical Change		_____

**FEE: \$15.00 if pre-registered by March 7th . \$20.00 at the door. Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Send checks payable to Evergreen Association-ABC, 409 Third Ave. S, Ste A, Kent WA 98032



# BUILDING BRIDGES EVENT

## SCHEDULE For the Day

**Saturday, March 10, 2012; Seattle First Baptist Church**

8:00—8:30 Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:30—8:45 MINI-WORSHIP

Tim Phillips, Leader

8:45—10:15 SESSION I WORKSHOPS

1. **“American Baptist Personnel Services (ABPS)”**

Dwight Lundgren

2. **“Consensus Building”**

Marcia Patton

3. **“The Family”**

Ned A. Parker

10:30—12 NOON Plenary Session—Mediation/Peacemaking with Rev. Dr. Dwight Lundgren

12 NOON LUNCH

12:45—2:15 SESSION II WORKSHOPS

1. **“Our Children”**

Diane Plourde, M.Ed

2. **“The Evergreen Way – Video/Vignettes”**

M. Christopher Boyer

3. **“Transformed by the Spirit ” - Adaptive & Technical Change**

E. Clem Winbush

2:30—3:00 CLOSING WORSHIP

Tim Phillips, Leader

## ABHMS Offers Grants for Programs Supporting Children in Poverty

VALLEY FORGE, PA (ABNS 2/14/12)—Congregations, regions and community ministries related to American Baptist Churches USA (ABCUSA) are invited to apply for 2012 grants from American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS) for support of programs that address needs of children living in poverty in their local communities.

At least 10 grants ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000 will be distributed.

Last year's 22 grants totaling \$50,000 were awarded to children's ministries from the state of Washington to the island of Puerto Rico. The impact of the grant program

was expanded through a generous \$10,000 gift from The First Baptist Church (FBC) of Royal Oak (Mich.) Mission Fund, under the auspices of Genesis: The Church. (FBC of Royal Oak and Genesis: The Church merged in 2010.)

ABHMS' 2011 grants supported tutoring programs, educational enrichment, summer outreach and ministries to children of Burma refugees. In 2012, ABHMS seeks projects that address quality public school education, access to quality health care and support for caregivers to find employment that provides livable wages. Special attention, however, will be given to programs that focus

on partnerships with public schools in the 2012-2013 school year.

This is the fourth year that ABHMS has awarded Children in Poverty grants aimed at helping the 14 million and more children growing up with inadequate resources to nurture their God-given potential.

Grant application packets are available at [www.abhms.org](http://www.abhms.org) > Ministries & Programs > Children in Poverty or by calling the Rev. Lisa Harris at 800-222-3872, x2158. Proposals must be post-marked April 25, 2012, or earlier; applications will not be accepted via email.

## From IM— Hear the Call: 26 new career opportunities for serving God

American Baptist International Ministries (IM) has launched renewed efforts to proactively recruit and send new missionaries and development workers for long-term, incarnational service around the globe.

As efforts ramp up to identify people God is calling to international service, IM is also receiving new requests for missionaries to come alongside and work with its international partners to enable people to **come** to faith in Jesus, **grow** in their relationship with God and **change** their worlds through the power of the Spirit. Twenty-six new career opportunities for international service are newly posted on the International Ministries website, and more will be added as new requests are received from partners.

Opportunities calling for a wide range of educational backgrounds and a variety of gifts, talents and prior experiences abound for individuals and

couples. A person with a Ph.D. in theology is requested for teaching in a seminary in China. Experienced doctors and nurses are needed to treat patients and to train new practitioners at the Vanga Evangelical Hospital in the Democratic Republic of Congo. A Christian school in South Africa is seeking a skilled handyperson to serve as a maintenance supervisor.

Persons considering a call to international service can learn about the available career and volunteer opportunities at <http://www.internationalministries.org/get-involved>. "As you do so," says IM Director of Recruitment Jim Bell, "perhaps you'll have an experience like that of the Apostle Paul, whose life and ministry changed directions when he had a vision of a Macedonian man saying 'Come over and help us'" (Acts 16:9). IM's international partners are extending invitations for American

Baptists to come over and help them, and IM is here to help you hear the call, and respond!"

For more information about any of the career opportunities listed or about the process of becoming an IM missionary or development worker, contact [recruitment@internationalministries.org](mailto:recruitment@internationalministries.org). Interested individuals are also invited to attend the "Call Retreat" May 18-20 at Green Lake, part of International Ministries 2012 World Mission Conference (<http://www.internationalministries.org/read/38513-may-2012-hear-the-call>).

# The Interfaith House at WSU and The Common Ministry *present the 34th Annual Roger Williams Symposium March 23-24, 2012*

The event is free - public lectures and discussions. You are invited.

Friday evening, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7:00-9:00 pm, Washington State University, in the CUE room 203.

Saturday morning, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am-12:00 noon, Community Congregational United Church of Christ, 525 NE Campus Ave., Pullman WA.

For thirty three years, The Common Ministry has invited nationally known theologians and scholars to the Palouse for the Roger Williams Symposium, an event that highlights the intersections of religion, academics, faith and learning in our world today.

This year, our keynote speaker is Dr. Willis Barnstone, speaking on *Poetry as the Voice of the Divine in the Gospels and Gnostic Scriptures*.

## Baptist-Muslim Dialogue: Common Ground

Muslims and Christians together make up over half the world's population, and without peace and justice between these two religious communities, there can be no meaningful peace in the world. The foundational principles of both faiths: the unity of God, love of God, and love of neighbor, are found in their sacred texts. On February 3, a dialogue was devoted to en-

Dr. Barnstone (1927 - ) is one of America's most prolific and highly regarded translators and poets - a Guggenheim Fellow, Pulitzer Prize finalist in poetry, and a distinguished Professor Emeritus at Indiana University.

Among Dr. Barnstone's publications are: *The Other Bible* (Harper-Collins 1984), *To Touch the Sky: Poems of Mystical, Spiritual & Metaphysical Light* (New Directions, 1999), *The Apocalypse: Book of Revelation* (New Directions 2000), *The Gnostic Bible* (Shambhala, 2003) with co-author Marvin Meyer, *The Restored New Testament* (W. W. Norton, 2009), and his most recent publication *The Poems of Jesus Christ* (W.W. Norton April 2012)

Jesus Christ, whose teachings have been on the lips of millions for two millennia, is revealed here as one of the

greatest poets of all time. What happened to deafen us to the poetic nature of his words? In migrating from Aramaic speech into written Greek translation, and later into English translation, the lyrics got locked up as prose.

In *The Poems of Jesus Christ* Willis Barnstone unveils the essential poetry of the Gospels - Mark, Matthew, Luke, and John... Jesus's poems are wisdom lyrics and narrative parables, rich with garden, animal, and nature imagery. Austere and poignant, they carry the totality of the Gospels' message through the intensity of a single voice—the Gospel of Jesus.

Also sponsoring this year's event are the Evergreen Association of American Baptist Churches and the Office of the Dean of Students at Washington State University.

by Marilyn Hunwick

ABSW and the Office of the General Secretary of ABCUSA, it was the first of three meetings to be held across the country. Dr. A. Roy Medley, General Secretary of ABCUSA was present and has provided leadership in the Christian community in the dialogue between Christians and Muslims.

## Evergreen Leaders' Retreat

Associate General Secretary, Dr. C. Jeff Woods did it again! He led the Evergreen Leaders to accomplishing good things.

Last year led to our identification of core values and mission priorities. This year we

explored deeper the mission priorities expressing some of the adaptive challenges present in the mission priorities. There is still much work to be done to address these challenges and continue to move Evergreen forward. We are so

grateful for the partnership of ABC/USA in the work and ministry of Evergreen Association!

2012 Leadership Team  
At Camp Burton on Vashon Island  
February 10—11



Front row, L-R: Kathleen Hendrickson, camp director, Micky Holmes, Terri Simpkins, Perla Belo, Clem Winbush, Herb Tsuychia, Priscilla Lowe, Shelia Braxton,

Next row, L-R: Marcia Patton, Doug Holmes, Woun Kim, Bob Fukano, Ken Curl, Jon Peterson

Back Row, L-R: Yosh Nakagawa, Chris Boyer, Frank Lowe, Jeff Johnson, facilitator; Guadalupe Vasquez and Bob Sittig (not pictured: Walter Heyman)

## You're Invited...Shell Ridge Mexico Mission 2012

Hey Shell Ridge friends, want to join us? We're headed for Mexico to see some of our old friends and meet some new ones that need our help. You can probably tell we like it a lot because this will be our 11<sup>th</sup> Mission journey. There is some hard work involved and it's very rewarding (but as you can see, some



of us do spend some time standing around watching others work! Our Mission this year will be on June 16<sup>th</sup> thru 22<sup>nd</sup>.

If you would like to join us, please text, email or call

Carine Donzé or Brian Kearins.

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Brian can be reached at 285-0326 or [bkea@chevron.com](mailto:bkea@chevron.com)



**May 18 – 25, 2012**  
**Green Lake, Wisconsin**

**International Ministries**  
**invites you to our biggest**  
**event in a decade!** Come

for the weekend retreat, the  
weekday mission conference,  
the one day celebration, or the  
entire week!

**To register**, call the Green Lake  
Conference Center at (920) 294-  
3323.

**Schedule** To view the  
conference schedule, [click here](#).

**The Call Retreat:** The week-  
end of May 18-20 will be open to  
everyone, but will focus espe-  
cially on discerning God's call  
personally. There will be three  
dedicated tracks for those con-  
sidering a call to service as in-  
ternational missionaries, pastors  
and lay leaders within the U.S.  
and Puerto Rico or globally.  
Worship, inspirational messages,  
Bible study, workshops and per-  
sonal reflection time will com-  
bine to make this a powerful dis-  
cernment experience.

*Track 1 will explore a call to*  
*Missional Involvement in your*  
*Community*

*Track 2 will explore a call to*  
*Pastoral Ministry*

*Track 3 will explore a call to*  
*Cross-cultural Global Mission*  
*service*

(IM is partnering with  
ABHMS and the Ministers Council  
to provide tracks 1 & 2)

**The Call Globally** Monday eve-  
ning through Thursday evening,  
May 21-24 will focus on what  
God is doing in global mission  
today, especially as seen  
through the work of IM mission-  
aries and partners in the U.S./PR  
and around the world. This  
event will include worship, Bible

study and a variety of  
opportunities to learn  
from and connect per-  
sonally with what God is  
doing through the part-  
ners and missionaries of  
IM.

### **The Call Celebration:**

Thursday afternoon and  
evening, May 24. **The Call**  
**Globally** will be brought to a  
climax with the participation of  
Tony Campolo and the Christian  
contemporary music group, Jars  
of Clay....

### **Leaders**

We have a diverse, talented  
group of leaders that are helping  
to shape and lead this event.  
They are listed here in order of  
their involvement. Click on their  
name to read their bio.

#### **Bible Study Leader** **(May 18 - 20)**

**Dr. A.K. Lama** – *General*  
*Secretary, Council of Baptist*  
*Churches, North East India*

#### **Track Leader:** **Missional involvement in** **your Community**

**Rev. Glynis LaBarre** -  
*Transformational Strategist for*  
*the American Baptist*  
*Home Mission Societies*

#### **Track Leaders: Pastoral** **ministry**

**Dr. Joe Kutter** - *Execu-*  
*tive Director, Ministers Council*

**Dr. Jeff Savage** - *Presi-*  
*dent of the ABC Ministers Coun-*  
*cil*

#### **Track Leader: Cross-** **cultural global mission ser-** **vice**



**Rev. Jim Bell** - *Recruit-*  
*ment Director, Int'l Ministries*

#### **Sunday evening ser-** **mon (May 20)**

**Dr. Leslie Braxton** –  
*Senior Pastor of New Beginnings*  
*Christian Fellowship in*  
*Renton, WA*

#### **Bible Study Leader** **(May 21 - 24)**

**Dr. Ken Fong** – *Senior*  
*Pastor of Evergreen Baptist*  
*Church in Los Angeles, CA*

#### **Worship Leader (May** **18 - 24)**

**Brian McClure** - *Founder*  
*of 'The Way', Nashville, TN*

#### **Daily Workshop Lead-** **ers (May 21 - 24)**

Two dozen IM missionar-  
ies, development workers,  
global consultants, interna-  
tional leaders and staff from  
around the world.

#### **Keynote Speaker (May** **24)**

**Dr. Tony Campolo** –  
*Professor emeritus of sociology,*  
*Eastern University; Founder and*  
*president of the Evangelical As-*  
*sociation for the Promotion of*  
*Education*

#### **Special Guests (May** **24)**

**Jars of Clay** – *Christian*  
*Contemporary Music Band*



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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

### MARCH

4—Evergreen Haiti Fund-raiser, Seattle First, 7 PM—Free. Offering will be accepted.

10—Building Bridges Day, Seattle First Baptist Church, 8 AM; Dwight Lundgren, guest

24—Association Board Meeting, Wedgwood Community Church, 9 AM—12 Noon

30—Alan Roxburgh & Pastors dinner, ABSW

### APRIL

8—Easter Sunrise Service, St. Ignatius Chapel, Seattle University Campus, 7 AM

15-17 Ministers' Council Retreat, Camp Burton

20—29 Mission Trip to Haiti

### MAY

4—6 ABW-NW Conference, Ross Point Camp

### JUNE

9—Association Board Meeting, 9 AM, Wedgwood

### JULY

24—28 Immerse; ABC Youth Gathering

### AUGUST

25—Association Board Meeting, 9 AM, Wedgwood

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