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OOPS! OOPS! OOPS!

- *The editor apologizes to Marilyn Potts and Colleen Williams for the misidentification of Colleen's picture in the April publication.*
- *On Monday, May 22nd should you Take Your Pastor to the Mariner's Ballgame, the Mariners will face the Baltimore Orioles not Tampa Bay!*
- *Empowering the Church for the 21st Century workshop, sponsored by New Beginnings Christian Fellowship and Evergreen, will be held May 9—12, 2006.*

Come to the ALL-CAUCUS/Association Board Meeting—May 6

The first Sunday of April was the birthday of a dear, departed friend of mine. I celebrated with a mutual friend by attending our departed friend's church, the University Friend's Meeting. Brooke Rolston (current moderator of University Baptist) and I arrived a few minutes early for the (more talkative) second service and were invited to a waffle breakfast! We had some waffles which made us late for the service, but there was a time when we could easily enter with some others. I'm

Peter's Perspectives

What a glorious day April 6, 2006, turned out to be. Even the weather was great for the Dedication of The Japanese American Remembrance Garden on the campus of Seattle University, just north of St. Xavier Chapel.

One may well ask, "What does a garden on a Jesuit

glad we attended the service we did. People did speak about 3-5 minutes out of the hour long service time - far cry from my usual worship experience at Mount Zion! There was a time at the end of the service to acknowledge our friend and receive acknowledgement from his Friends.

I mention this, because one of the things my friend was helping me with before his untimely death was our consensus decision making. You may not know that Quak-

ers are the only Christian denomination that has long held consensus as a decision making norm. (Although some of them would argue that they don't make decisions by consensus; let's not get side tracked into their particular issues.) And we sometimes get side tracked by challenging each other as to whether what we are doing (or not) is consensus.

Have I mentioned that I love leading Evergreen and one reason is

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university have to do with Evergreen?" Let me share a word from Yosh Nakagawa as printed in the Remembrance Garden "Memory Book". He explained "...that SU was on sacred land. Many Japanese and Japanese Americans lived on what is now south campus before World War II in a vibrant and active com-

munity. His parents operated a grocery store adjacent to SU for many years before the War. Like approximately 120,000 other people of Japanese descent, they lost their land and were evacuated and incarcerated in relocation camps..."

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University Baptist Church and the Evergreen Association of American Baptist Churches

Cordially invite your presence and prayers

For the **Ordination to Christian Ministry** of

Beverly Spears

On the Afternoon of Pentecost Sunday

June 4th 2006

4:00 PM

At University Baptist Church
4554 Twelfth Avenue NE
Seattle, Washington
98105

Reception in the church social hall immediately following the service

All clergy are invited to robe for this celebration.

Parking is free in the lot across from the church.

EVENTS AT OUR CHURCHES

Community Church of Issaquah invites you to worship with them during their **Spring Revival** beginning Thursday, May 18th and Friday, May 19th at 7:00 pm each night and concluding on Sunday May 21st at their 11:00 am worship service.

Revivalist, Rev. Michael-Ray Mathews, is pastor of Grace Baptist

Church of San Jose, California, a growing multi-ethnic, multi-generational congregation.

The Community Church of Issaquah is located at 205 Mountain Park Blvd., Issaquah, WA 98027. Telephone: (425) 392-6447 Join us!
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General Executive Council Delves Into Weighty Matters

VALLEY FORGE, PA (ABNS)—The General Executive Council (GEC) meeting of the American Baptist Churches USA took significant steps in attempting to position the mission and ministry of ABCUSA for the 21st Century. The stage for this meeting, which was held from April 5-8 in King of Prussia, Pennsyl-

vania, was set by the action of the GEC itself at its November 2005 meeting in Green Lake, Wisconsin. The GEC in its gathering acknowledged the brokenness of our relationships and need for healing.

Internationally recognized facilitator, Trish Jones, led the GEC

through the process of examining the operational system of ABCUSA. Dr. Jones assisted the group in identifying four critical areas for review: structure, leadership, the representative process and relevance. These four areas represented common ground for the GEC participants.

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Evergreen Goes "E"!

Electronic, that is! Beginning with the July, 2006 issue of the Evergreen Notes, the newsletter will be sent as an email attachment in PDF format to all for whom we have an email address.

Should you encounter difficulties reading the newsletter, please just zip an email reply to:
clemeba@comcast.net indi-

cating that "going E" does not work for you.

Otherwise, from that point on, you will receive the newsletter electronically. Should this endeavor prove successful, a tremendous cost savings will be realized by the Association in postage and printing costs.

Thank you for your willing-

ness to participate and your continued support of the Evergreen Association.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING (OGHS) OFFERING



Especially during the month of May, One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) is an American Baptist opportunity to give for meeting the needs of people in crises around the world. In 2005 total giving was an historic \$8.1

million. That includes over \$3.6 million for Hurricane Katrina/Rita relief and almost \$2.3 million for tsunami relief. (Total giving to date for Katrina/Rita relief now stands at just over \$3.75 million and tsunami relief is at \$2.5 million.) In ad-

dition to the unprecedented outpouring of support for natural disasters, core support (that is, undesignated giving) also increased by just over \$200,000. Your support has been awesome!

At the same time that we celebrate this incredible generosity, much chronic need goes unmet every day of the year—sometimes for decades. For an example, the

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Washington Baptist Convention (WBC) Annual Meeting & Breakfast Buffet

Evergreen Churches in WA and North ID are a part of the Washington Baptist Convention and are invited to participate in the WBC Annual meeting on Saturday, May 20, 2006 during a breakfast buffet beginning at 8:00 AM. The cost of the buf-

fet is \$6.00.

The WBC Annual meeting will be held in conjunction with the ABC/NW meeting at Everett First Baptist Church,

Please make reservations by sending your check or money order made pay-

able to ABC/NW and to be received no later than May 15, to:

WBC Annual Meeting
Breakfast Buffet
c/o Everett First Baptist Church
1616 Pacific Ave.
Everett WA 98201

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American Baptist Seminary of the West (ABSW)

Next fall, the ABSW will offer concentrations within the Master of Divinity Program and three certificate programs.

ABSW is a Christ-centered school that educates men and women for leadership in the church of the 21st century who are:

- Rooted in an evangelical heritage and tradition
- Equipped for ecumenical partnership in ministry
- Informed theologically and biblically
- Skilled in the practice of ministry for personal, ecclesial and social transformation, and
- Committed to the jus-

tice demands of the Gospel.

Evergreen churches supports ABSW, and is in receipt of a note of thanks for “your gracious gift of \$444.82 to the Annual Fund...which helps ...educate the future leadership of the Christ’s Church”.

For additional information go to: www.absw.edu



There's Still Time to Take Your Pastor to the Mariner's Ballgame

For the second year, Evergreen Association offers the opportunity for church lay leaders — trustees, stewards, deacons, worship leaders, etc., to take your pastor to the ballgame.

Purchase a ticket for your pastor, pastor and family, your family members, other board members, or whomever else you choose to invite along.

Simply call 253-859-2226 or email:

clemeba@comcast.net
and reserve tickets.

Price: 2 for \$18.00

Game Date: Monday,
May 22nd, @ 7:05 PM

Seattle Mariners
vs.
Baltimore Orioles

Because the deadline for ordering more tickets has passed, remaining tickets are made available on a first-come-first-served basis.

As soon as your check or money order is received in the office, your tickets will be mailed to you. Make checks/money orders payable to Evergreen
409 Third Ave. S, Suite A
Kent WA 98032

Come out and have a great time at the game with your pastor and other Evergreen church members and their pastors.

“...mainline or oldline denominations are all facing difficult issues regarding downsizing, diminishing financial resources, and other troubling matters...”

Peter's Perspective

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“...The ‘sacred land’ concept was especially powerful and resonated with members of the Meditation Garden Committee. Coincidentally, Reverend Bill Malcomson and Reverend Bill Cate had a vision for an Asian Garden from the inception of the STM School in 1996. This vision along with the concept of ‘sacred land’ gave birth to the idea of a Japanese American Remembrance Garden.” *quote from Memory Book*

Lifted up in formal recognition during the Dedication Ceremony were Brooks Andrews’ father, Reverend Emery Andrews, ABC missionary to

Japanese Baptist Church until 1956, and Japanese Baptist Church, itself, under the current leadership of Reverend Paul Aita, Senior Pastor.

I was disappointed that, due to an error, Seattle First Baptist Church was not recognized. Reverend Stephen Jones was verbally recognized, but by then he had slipped away to meet another responsibility. But, as I reflected on the omission it occurred to me, that the ‘day’ was for Japanese Baptist congregation to be lifted up and to shine. (The recognition of Seattle First Baptist includes a recognition of Reverend Harold Jensen, then pastor, who spoke out clearly

in support of the American Japanese during the War.)

I am writing about the Dedication because I identify with the Japanese and Japanese Americans in the Northwest for two reasons. Japanese Americans are my people, I am one of them. I am one of the Asian Caucus of Evergreen. Plus, I came to be the pastor of the Japanese Americans in 1956 to lead in their mission to become an English-speaking, self-supporting church, which they have been for a number of decades. Japanese Baptist Church is a member of Evergreen, as is

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Charlotte Keyes' Ordination Service—April 2, 2006



Charlotte responds to the Act of Ordination led by Mrs. Carol Calkins



Rev. Charlotte Keyes



Charlotte with Judy Gay



Dr. Charlie Scalise charges the church



Rev. Chris Causey, one of sermon speakers



Rev. Jean Pierre Gallien, a sermon speaker

Black Caucus Discernment & Development Workshop—April 22, 2006



Julian Hunter; Frank and Priscilla Lowe



Rivian Smith; Stephanie Commandest



Sarah Gray



The Light in our midst



Ken Curl; Walter Smith; Rev. Kristie Graham



Rev. James Winbush



Barbara Bryant

Don Good Ordination Service—April 23, 2006



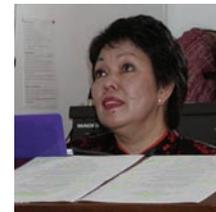
Rev. Peter Koshi



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Rev. Don Good



Ruth Good



Praise & Worship Team



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2006 American Baptist Graduates



L—R:
Judy Gay
Angela Farrar
James Winbush
Chrystal Cooper
Denise Gayden
Mary Walker
(not present)
Martha
Garrison

The Entire 2006 Graduating Class & Staff

ABC Graduates & Staff



L-R: Rev. Dr. Marcia Patton, Rev. Curtis Price, Rev. Marilyn Marston, Judy Gay, Angela Farrar, James Winbush, Chrystal Cooper, Denise Gayden, Mary Walker, and Rev. Mark Rambo

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Contact: Rev. Dr. Marcia J. Patton for further information.

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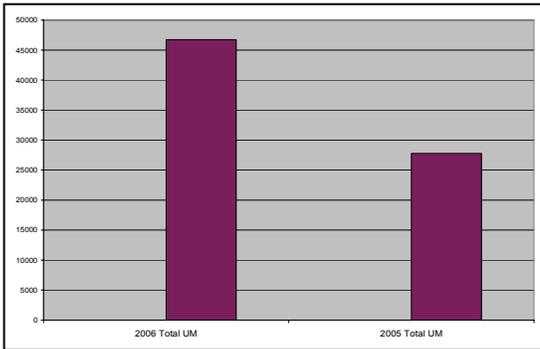
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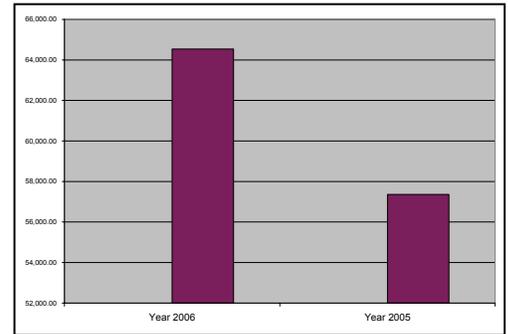
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United Mission Giving 1st Quarter of 2006 compared to 2005

GIVING BY CHURCHES UP SIGNIFICANTLY!

The truth is, it is a bit of an aberration, but it still looks great. Our American Baptist Mission Support and Total United Mission giving by our churches are up the first quarter of 2006! Significantly!



American Baptist Mission Support 1st Quarter 2006 compared to 2005

Celebrations First! We are up in Total United Missions from all our givers (including some individuals who give through us to United Mission) almost 70%!! That's a lot! \$19,765.82 to be exact! Hallelujah! And, our American Baptist Mission Support is up over the first quarter, too by \$8,309.28, which is 14.25%, that was with giving to Tsunami relief last year included! You are a generous people. Thank you!

The list of churches giving over and above the first quarter this year over last year are as follows:

<u>Church</u>	<u>ABMS 2006</u>	<u>ABMS 2005</u>	<u>\$ Diff.</u>
Seattle, Wedgwood Community Church	\$11,437.38	\$0.00	\$11,437.38
New Beginnings Christian Fellowship	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$6,000.00
Issaquah, Community Church	\$3,318.28	\$858.81	\$2,459.47
Walnut Creek, Shell Ridge Comm. Ch	\$2,089.50	\$0.00	\$2,089.50
Seattle, First Baptist Church	\$21,969.83	\$20,349.91	\$1,619.92
Seattle, Burien Community Church	\$1,535.61	\$0.00	\$1,535.61
Palmer, Church of the Covenant	\$656.00	\$0.00	\$656.00
Costa Mesa, Fairview Community Ch	\$853.68	\$0.00	\$596.48
Chico, First Baptist Church	\$525.00	\$0.00	\$525.00
Lynnwood, Good Shepherd Baptist Ch	\$970.00	\$495.00	\$475.00
Moscow, The United Church	\$568.75	\$129.16	\$439.59
Kent, Panther Lake Community Ch	\$1,336.93	\$1,007.39	\$329.54

Now you can see that the difference is that one church gave almost all of its 2005 giving in early 2006 and that makes the difference for us. Add to that our dear friends who have come into ministry and mission with us from Walnut Creek, Chico, Palmer and Costa Mesa and especially our very faithful New Church, New Beginnings Christian Fellowship and we do have reasons to give God praise! Think what the numbers would be if there were not an equal number of churches that have given a bit less in the first quarter of 2006 compared to 2005! This is a reminder to get your church's mission gifts submitted in a timely manner.

If you have any questions about how your church is doing, please call the Association office, 253-859-2226 or email me at marciaeba@comcast.net.

Marcia

Empowering the Church for 21st Century Ministry:

May 9—12, 2006 Hilton Airport Conference Center

17620 Pacific Highway South Seattle WA, 98188

For information and registration: www.empowermentconferenceonline.org

Workshop Descriptions

Morning Sessions

1. *Mission Strategies for the 21st Century World* **Instructor:** Reverend Dr. Raymond Bakke

This workshop is designed to equip the local church to do effective and relevant home and foreign mission in the 21st century world. Emphasis will first be given to informing workshop participants of the critical political, economic, and social developments that shape the mission agenda for today's Church. Secondly, participants will be introduced to new strategies for accomplishing mission objectives under current national and global conditions.

2. *Developing and Implementing the Vision for Your Church* **Instructor:** Reverend Marlin Harris

This workshop is designed to equip pastors, church staff, and church officers with a methodology for developing and implementing a "shared vision" for congregational growth and ministry development in their local church. Strategies will be given for creating excitement, building trust, managing conflict and increasing buy-in throughout the change process.

3. *Nurturing the Multi-Cultural Congregation* **Instructor:** Rev. Dr. Heidi Newmark

This workshop is designed to equip pastors, church leaders and church members with the tools to create genuine faith community and understanding among congregants from diverse racial and cultural backgrounds. Workshop participants will be introduced to effective strategies for managing conflict that arises from difference.

4. *Developing the Dynamic Music Ministry* **Instructor:** Rev. Nolan Williams

This workshop will address the spiritual development of a music staff and choir members. Learn about enhancing musical technique, both vocal and instrumental. Attention will be given to the integration of all worship arts, including dance, mime, drama, and spoken word, etc. Learn how to establish a music ministry that masters both traditional and contemporary styles of sacred music.

Afternoon Sessions

5. *Preaching Through Congregational Conflict and Transition* **Instructor:** Rev. Dr. Gary Simpson

This workshop is designed to equip pastors with the tools to responsibly and constructively address congregational conflicts during the preaching moment. Participants will also be given guidance in how to avoid the temptation of developing a "reactionary pulpit" during difficult congregational seasons.

6. *Effective Models of Christian Education and Faith Formation* **Instructor:** Rev. Kathi R. Chavous

This workshop will introduce participants to creative and fresh models in "life long faith formation." Emphasis will be given to the development of curricula that is culturally and age sensitive. Also creative teaching techniques, including use of new technologies, will be introduced.

7. *Developing Effective Leaders for a Healthy Church* **Instructor:** Rev. Dr. Anthony Robinson

This workshop will distinguish between the healthy and the unhealthy congregation, and then identify and contrast healthy vs. unhealthy leadership behaviors. The objective is to present a model for training and/or retraining healthy church leadership that in turn can develop a spiritually and relationally healthy congregation.

8. *Taking Christ to the Hip Hop Generation* **Instructor:** Rev. Melvin Maxwell

This workshop is designed to help pastors and adults youth workers to better understand the dynamics of Hip Hop culture and to introduce them to successful models of ministry to today's youth. Emphasis will be given to how to train prospective adult youth workers to effectively reach youth and to successfully implement the appropriate youth ministry model for their local church.

Japanese Baptists Show Solidarity by Donating to Hurricane Recovery

VALLEY FORGE, PA (ABNS)—As a tangible expression of their solidarity, the Japan Baptist Union (JBU) donated \$15,585 for Hurricane Katrina relief efforts of ABCUSA.

In a letter to International Ministries soon after the hurricane hit, Rev. Kazuo Oya of JBU said, “The news of [the] devastating Hurricane Katrina was a shock to us,” and added, “Many people in our churches want to do something to help.”

“Disasters have a way of

breaching cultural boundaries that can otherwise divide people, such as language and customs. JBU’s show of support demonstrates — once again — how barriers to unity dissipate in the face of Christian concern for a neighbor, no matter how many miles separate them,” said Ken George, National Ministries’ national coordinator for Intercultural Ministries, Direct Human Services. Now, several months later, focus on administration of hurricane recovery remains strong in National Ministries, which

continues to partner with churches in Baton Rouge and New Orleans through Baptist Builders and with American Baptist Churches of Indiana and Kentucky in its Pass Christian, Miss., town recovery project. National Ministries’ Volunteers In Mission program is regularly helping to organize and send teams for work in Pass Christian and other stricken areas.

Support for the work of recovery continued into 2006. World relief officer, Lisa Rothenberger, reported that as of Febru-

ary, ABCUSA had received more than \$3.75 million for relief of survivors of Hurricane Katrina, as well as Hurricanes Rita and Wilma. At the end of November 2005, 90 days following the disaster, the denomination had raised \$3.2 million, the largest amount ever raised for a single disaster in that short amount of time, said Rothenberger.

Andrew C. Jayne
American Baptist Churches, USA
Mission Resource Development

Peter’s Perspective

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Seattle First Baptist. In a real sense this was partially an Evergreen Association of ABC celebration.

The Remembrance Garden is a reminder to us in our respective caucuses, our ties are not only within, but extend to the larger ethnic communities

beyond Evergreen. The attendance was large and inclusive with fellowship and blessings enjoyed by all.

I almost forgot to mention that the Dedication Ceremony included participation of Buddhist and Shinto priests. Their meditation sounded so much like that of ours that, if they had not been

identified, one would not have recognized that it was an interfaith rather than an ecumenical service.

Thanks for allowing me to share this experience with you. And please visit the Remembrance Garden when you are in the area. You will be blessed.

Peter

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Baptist Joint Committee Sponsors 2006 Essay Contest

The Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty has launched the 2006 Religious Liberty Essay contest to engage high school students in church-state issues and to generate interest from a wide range of Baptists.

The essays, between 700 and 1,000 words, are due June 1.

Open to all Baptist high school students in the classes of 2006 and 2007, the contest offers a grand prize of \$1,000 and a trip to Washington, DC. The second

prize is \$500, and third prize is \$100.

The theme of the contest is “Why the separation of church and state is necessary to ensure religious liberty for all”.

For more details or to download a registration form, visit the Baptist Joint Committee web site: www.BJConline.org

Remember, the deadline is June 1, 2006.

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

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plight of Burmese refugees on the border between Myanmar and Thailand has existed for decades. Millions of affected people have been living in refugee camps in

conditions similar to people who have been the victims of recent natural disasters.

Through undesignated giving to the OGHS offering we can help those whose needs are chronic.

Your church should have received materials related to this offering. The theme is Matthew 25:37, “When was it that we saw you...thirsty?”

Won't you respond as freely as American Baptists have in the past?

All Caucus Meeting—May 6th

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just such learning adventures as our consensus building!

Please come to the May 6 all caucus meeting if you can. Your presence is needed as we continue to explore how we make decisions together...using

caucuses and by consensus! It is much easier to experience it than to explain it. We are scheduling the day a bit shorter. We'll have a worship experience at 9:00 AM and promise to have you on the road by 4:00 PM! Come! If you already have been at a Euro or

Black caucus meeting, the May 6th meeting just costs \$5.00 more. If you sign up now, it costs \$20.00. If you arrive Saturday morning without having responded at the Association office, the cost is \$40.00! We want you there. Come join the adventure. *Maroia*

General Executive Council

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A scheduled meeting in June will involve a brainstorming session to clarify solutions with a high level of specificity. The outcome will be distributed to a wider ABC audience for input. A September meeting will negotiate possible courses of action. This GEC meeting was imbued with a sense of hope as well as an element of urgency. Participants experienced movement and progress toward consensus, and the day and a half of discussions were held on a positive and

high level without conflict or confusion.

Also leading a session of the GEC meeting was well-known consultant, Dr. David Roosen, who placed the weighty issues facing ABCUSA in a wider context. Dr. Roosen pointed out that mainline or oldline denominations as well as other denominations in the United States are all facing difficult issues regarding downsizing, diminishing financial resources, and other troubling matters between leadership and congregational life.

For the GEC, however, their meeting was touched with a God-moment as new light began to emerge from the distant horizon. A new day seems to be dawning as a new vision is birthing around the Focus Statement: American Baptist Churches are Healthy Missional Churches that Nurture Devoted Disciples of Jesus Christ who Live Their Lives in Mission and Ministry for the Healing of the World through the Love of Christ. This Statement grew out of Seek It! and the Seven

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Volunteer Opportunities

Greetings from Valley Forge, where flowers and volunteers are in full bloom!!

Discovery Teams are alive and well this summer! Mexico is the place to be in June, with the Tijuana trip from June 16 – 24 and Mexicali from June 25 – July 1. More information about those trips and all the others are on the website, www.discoveryteams.org

Jonathan, Herb Rogers or I would **love** to be at your next annual meeting, mission conference, or women's gathering! We'd love to share what is going on in the volunteer world, opportunities that are available, and the ways ANY-ONE can get involved. Please contact us!

Tsunami Relief needed in Thailand!

Individuals and groups are needed until at least June 2006 to serve affected communities in the south of Thailand, just north of Phuket. Construction work or possibly teaching is needed. Accommodation is

provided at the air-conditioned guest house in Khao Lak, managed by Canadian Baptist partners.

School Teachers needed in Democratic Republic of Congo

The American School of Kinshasa (where all the MK's in Congo go to school) has openings for the next school year for elementary grade 2 or 4, Librarian, and Art (K-12). Teachers at TASOK are paid according to their experience and training, plus receive furnished housing on the school campus, and a ticket to the U.S. every summer. Teachers receive a good health package and other benefits and teach on a 2 year contract.

Opportunities available at HOPE in SE Asia

-Sports Ministry

Sports enthusiasts needed at the HOPE Drop-in Center to help develop the sports ministry program. If you have a background in coaching, PE, or organiz-

ing athletic events please consider using your gifts in this sports ministry for street and slum children! Opportunities include mentoring and encouraging young athletes, training coaches, and producing materials and lesson plans. Commitments available from one-week sports clinics or intensive training for coaches to a few years to help plant a solid sports ministry

-English as Second Language Teachers

-Staff Trainers

-Administrative Positions

For more information call 1-800-222-3872, Jonathan Hilsher ext. 2367 or Angela Sudermann ext 2164.

Email TUJonathan.Hilsher@abc-usa.org or TUAngela.Sudermann@abc-usa.org, or check the website for a full listing of opportunities: www.internationalministries.org

International Ministries, PO Box 851, Valley Forge, PA 19428 * Fax 610-768-2088

General Executive Council

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Key Ministry Areas of Radical Discipleship, Healthy Missional Churches, Leadership, Church Planting, Youth, Stewardship and Mutual Faithfulness.

This was the official report of the meeting, with which I concur. Look for more information or respond to surveys if requested. Thanks for your prayers and response.

Marcia

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

Please submit articles by the 25th of the month prior to expected publication.

You are encouraged to copy and/or reprint information and articles.

Building Bridges Between Communities

Rev. Dr. Marcia Patton, Executive Minister

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

MAY

- **6—INTERCAUCUS WORKSHOP, Seattle First, 8:30 AM—4 PM**
- **9—Evergreen Sound (Choir) Rehearsal, JBC, 7 PM**
- **9-12 Empowering the Church in the 21st Century Conference, Hilton Airport Conference Center, 14620 Pacific Highway S, Seattle 98188**
- **12—Labyrinth Walk, SFBC, 6-8 PM**
- **22—Take Your Pastor to the Ball-**

game! Seattle Mariners vs. Baltimore Orioles, Safeco Field, 7:05 PM

- **23—Evergreen Sound (Choir) Rehearsal, JBC, 7 PM**

JUNE

- **4—Beverly Spears Ordination, University, 3 PM**
- **9—Executive Committee Meeting, JBC, 5 PM**
- **11—Labyrinth Walk, SFBC, 6—8 PM**
- **22-25 ABCUSA General Board**
- **30—Evergreen Sound (Choir) Rehearsal, JBC, 7 PM**

JULY

- **10—15 Youth Peace Camp, Atlanta GA**
- **17—28 Baptist History & Polity Class, Fuller Seminary, M-F, 9 AM-12 Noon.**

AUGUST

- **22—Minister & Spouse Dinner Cruise**
- **26 Association Board Meeting, Wedgwood, 9 AM**

SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER

- **13- 14 ANNUAL MEETING, Community Church of Issaquah**