



# Evergreen Notes

Evergreen Association of American Baptist Churches

Volume 12, Issue 5

## Take Your Pastor/Lay Leader/Family to the Ball Game



Seattle Mariners

vs.

Chicago White Sox



Safeco Field, Seattle WA

Monday, June 3, 2013 7:10 PM

We have 48 tickets remaining of the 60 purchased. Order soon so your group can sit together with the rest of the Evergreen family.

Send your name, address and number of tickets (\$15 each) with your check or money order to: Evergreen Association of ABC, 409 Third Avenue S, Suite A, Kent WA 98032.

You may also phone, fax or email your order; and when payment is received, the ticket (s) will be mailed to you.

**Ticket Orders must be received by Friday, May 24, 2013**

## Perla's Pearls: Culture and World



Rev. Perla Belo  
Association Chair

The new president of Seattle Pacific University in his installation message

said: "as Christians we are to engage the culture and change the world". There is a huge shift in the social landscape, a radical change in the social roles and cultural

values of people and society. Referring to the church, "we are much like the culture we inhabit," wrote Leslie Newbigin (Foolishness to the

*(Continued on page 2)*

### Inside this issue:

<i>Events &amp; Happenings Around the Association</i>	2
<i>Churches Continue to Return Annual Reports</i>	3
<i>Prayer : Aftermath of the Boston Terror Attack</i>	3
<i>Bob Fukano's Evergreen Story</i>	4
<i>Are You Proud to be An American Baptist?</i>	5
<i>Backpack, Polo/Denim with Evergreen Logos</i>	6
<i>Break the Chains Project Ends</i>	8

### Prayer Concerns:

*Churches Seeking Pastoral Leadership: Japanese Baptist Church, Panther lake Community Church, Urban Grace- Tacoma, and Filipino-American Christian Fellowship*

*Our nation*

*Our neighbors*

*Plans for a second mission trip to visit our sisters and brothers in Haiti*

## Events & Happenings Around the Association



### Take Your Pastor /Church Leader/ Friend/Family to the Base-

**ball Game.** Join with your Evergreen Family and root on the Seattle Mariners as they face the Chicago White Sox, Monday, June 3, 2013, 7:10 PM. Ticket information on the front page of this newsletter.



**Bar-B-Que Fund-raiser** Sponsored by the Evergreen Black Caucus, **July 13, 2013**; returning to the **Cedar River Trail Park**

**in Renton.** Tickets are \$20 each. There will be an expanded auction of baked goods and other special items. Great Food; and with your presence, Grand Fellowship!



**Backpacks, Polo or Denim Shirts with Evergreen Logos** available now. Interested? See ordering details on page 6.



**Seattle First Baptist Church** presents The Rod Romney Lectures featuring **Rebecca Ann Parker** speaking about the book she

co-wrote with John Buehrens, *A House for Hope: The Promise of Progressive Religion for the Twenty-first Century* (May 11th & 12th). Call 206-325-6051 for information.



Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America Conference, Gonzaga University, Spokane WA, July 15—20, 2013. Registration materials available at [www.bpfna.org/gather/summer-conference](http://www.bpfna.org/gather/summer-conference) and the Evergreen office at 253-859-2226.

## Perla's Pearls: Culture and World

*(Continued from page 1)*

Greeks: The Gospel and Western Culture). "From being in the world but not of the world" - now "it is of the world but not in the world" (D. Posterski).

How do we engage the culture and change the world as Christians and the church? "What would be involved in a missionary encounter between the gospel and the whole way of perceiving, thinking, and living that we call "modern Western culture" (Newbigin)?

At church last Sunday, the sermon text was James 2:1-8, and the title was "Becoming

Who We Are". James is often regarded as a "how to" book of the Christian faith. Before we can know what to do, we need to remember who we are.

But we are to be and to do. As Christians and as the church, God and Jesus define us -- who we are and what we are to do. I am a believer and a disciple of Christ - this is my primary identity; what I do in my life and ministry is shaped by my relationship with Jesus Christ. It is the same with the church.

Are we, individually, and the church, collectively, becoming like Christ, biblically guided, preaching the gospel, discipling members to be Christ's

*continued*

witness, engaging the culture and therefore changing the world? This is a challenge for us as 21st century Christians.

*... "as Christians we are to engage the culture and change the world".*

"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God - what is good and acceptable and perfect." (Romans 12:2)

## Churches Continue to Return Annual Reports (20%)—Thank You

Thank you to the following churches who have submitted 2012 Annual Reports:

*\*Berkeley First Baptist Church*

Burien Community Church

*\*Confraternidad Cristiana Ebenezer*

*\*Fremont Baptist Church*

Grace Baptist—Tacoma

Japanese Baptist Church

*\*Oaklake Baptist Church*

Salt Lake City First Baptist Church

*\*Shell Ridge Community Church*

*\*United Church—Moscow*

*\*University Baptist Church*

Urban Grace—Tacoma

All member churches of the Evergreen Association of American Baptist Churches are asked to prepare and send in Annual Reports for 2012. **Help us reach 100% participation!**

The person (s) completing the report may also go online to [annualreport.abcis.org](http://annualreport.abcis.org) and

submit your church's Annual Report for 2012; fax it to 253-859-1537; or mail it to Evergreen Association—ABC, 409 Third Avenue S, Suite A, Kent WA 98032-5843.

Please provide as much of the requested information as possible to keep Evergreen and the denomination abreast of the ministries and health of member churches. The report is an important commitment to the whole body of American Baptist Churches.

**2012 ANNUAL REPORTS DUE!**

## Prayer in the aftermath of the Boston Terror Attack

Pastor Mindi lived in the Boston area for ten years. This week, she wrote a prayer on her blog, <http://rev-o-lution.org> based on Psalm 23 in the aftermath of the bombings:

Shepherding God, You are the one who leads us into life. In the wake of the terrible acts of cruelty and horror in Boston, lead us away from fear and revenge and instead to the still waters and green pastures of love, grace, and peace. Guide, and guard, our hearts so that we might not react out of anger and hatred ourselves, but out of love for humanity that comes from Your love. Lead us in the paths of righteousness and justice for Your name's sake.

Even though we walk through

the darkness of bombings, of shootings, of war in our world—the shadow of death looms near—we will not let fear overtake us. We will not fear evil in this world, for You are with us as a shepherd is with his sheep. You are comforting us as a mother comforts a hurt child. We feel your hand on our shoulder as we walk through these dark days.

In the presence of those who hate, You are preparing the table of love for us. You bless the ones who love and call us to be transforming love in the world, so that even the ones who hate will be transformed by Your love. Our blessings overflow because of the love You have shown through our reaching out

to one another—through the acts of kindness, the caring strangers, the daring first responders, the solidarity of Bostonians and Americans and human beings.

Surely goodness and mercy will be with all of us all the days of our life. Surely goodness and mercy will overflow and overwhelm any acts of evil in this world. Surely goodness and mercy will overcome the world, and we will dwell in the love of God forever. Amen.



Pastor Mindi Welton Mitchell, Burien Community Church

## Bob Fukano Shares His Evergreen Story



This reflection is written using the Evergreen Association's Mission Statement (shown in italics below) as a guide. It has been my pleasure to serve in Evergreen and to watch the mission come to life.

### Evergreen Mission

Preamble: *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-**

Evergreen introduced me to many people through a number of committees, gatherings, and programs. I like the people and it has been enjoyable and useful. I feel I can call them for advice and cooperation. I learned about their churches and some of their joys and struggles. They in turn learned a little about Japanese Baptist Church by meeting me.

At our meetings, the caucuses pray together. Different communities lead prayer and often it has been inspired and a window into the diverse ways of speaking to God.

There have been BBQs, fund-

raising events, and other social activities that were often fun. Nothing brings people closer together than having a good time.

Evergreen has as a goal to create a balanced relationship between racially diverse caucuses. I am inspired by that aim. The Asian Caucus is thrilled to have a voice and is grateful it is not required to follow the direction of the other caucuses. The struggle for balance is real and continues.

An example of cooperation between caucuses is the ability of the Black and Euro Caucuses to support the Evergreen Mission to Haiti, while the Asian Caucus continues its mission focus towards Japan/Philippines.

#### **Provide resources to equip member churches to share Christ and teach God's word**

Evergreen has devoted its equipping efforts primarily to the formation of leadership. So far, there has been mixed results to this challenging endeavor. Leaders in the caucuses are drawn together for a variety of programs and Eric Law's workshop was the highlight of these events in my opinion.

I have served on the Ministerial Standards Committee

and participated in the process of recognizing the ordinations of several ministers. It was a rewarding experience and an important part of Evergreen's duties. The learning that I received in this committee is assisting me as I begin my role as Moderator of JBC.

The Evergreen staff has been ever welcoming. Marcia always finds the best thing for Evergreen leaders and churches to use. Clem always holds the ship together in the

*"At our meetings, the caucuses pray together. Different communities lead prayer and often it has been inspired and a window into the diverse ways of speaking to God."*

best and friendliest of ways imaginable.

#### **Translate our unity to the world**

The unity vision has not been completely realized, and it will always be a challenge given the liberty of each American Baptist Church. However, the dedication of the caucuses, the faithfulness of the staff, and the understanding among churches are a sign that the unity exists and has a place to grow.

## Rev. Dr. Marcia Patton Worships with the Falam Chin Congregation

Another church is being planted with people from Burma. This group is Chin, of the Falam dialect.

Recently they had a visit from Rev. Biak Mang, a Chin American Baptist from the Chicago area. Rev. Biak is standing three from the right; to the left of Marcia Patton and the right of Woun Kim. His wife is kneeling in the first row, far left.



## Are You Proud to Be an American Baptist?

American Baptist Churches USA has a rich history, reaching back to 1814, to the start of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (now International Ministries), and 1832 with the American Baptist Home Mission Societies.

2013 is an anniversary year for quite a few events that have been central to American Baptist history:

Ann and Adoniram Judson arrived in Burma, 1813

Emancipation Proclamation, 1863

March on Washington, 1963

First Baptist Church in America, 1638

Our history is one of the many reasons I am proud to be an American Baptist. Our commitment to ecumenical work and human rights issues are also important to me. In the coming year, ABCUSA will be highlighting the stories of many people across the United States and Puerto Rico who are proud of their American Baptist heritage. You can visit the following page for more information: <http://www.abc-usa.org/>

*proudtobeanamericanbaptist/*

We hope that you will join in our excitement as we thank God for our heritage and pray that we learn God's plan for us and the bright future of our denomination.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "A. Roy Medley".

*A. Roy Medley, General Secretary of American Baptist Churches USA*

**American Baptists Attending the Hampton University Ministers' Conference and Choir Directors' Organists' Guild Workshop, June 2–7, 2013 are invited to network, fellowship, and enjoy some refreshments together: Wednesday, June 5, 2013, Embassy Suites @ Hampton Roads Conference Center, Conference room "A" 9:30 PM to 10:30 PM**



# One Great Hour of Sharing Offering Month



The month of May is designated as One Great Hour of Sharing month among American Baptist Churches. Although gifts will be appreciated at any time, during the month of May the giving focuses on emergency disaster relief, development projects and refugee ministries around the globe.

Ministries include economic development, education, evangelism, health, human trafficking, peace and refu-

gees and theological education

Emergency relief has included disasters—earthquakes in Haiti and Japan; tsunami victims; hurricane Sandy, etc.

Development projects include reaching out to women and girls caught in human trafficking and meeting other needs.

Refugee ministries involve aiding the Karen in Thailand,

people from Burma, etc.

So we invite you to give through your congregation's mission so that American Baptists can continue to be ready to be the hands and feet of Christ during emergency situations and to show Christ's love around the world.

## BLT: Baptists Lunching Together

Wednesday Luncheons at 12:00 Noon, Grand Lake Gardens, 401 Santa Clara Ave., Oakland, unless otherwise noted.



Debora Jackson,  
Director of Ministers' Council  
ABCUSA, Guest  
Conference  
Leader

**Saturday, May 11—PCBA Spring Conference**, 9 AM—3:30 PM, Lakeshore Avenue Baptist Church, 3534 Lakeshore Avenue, Oakland.  
Contact Lura Bub-

litz, Conference Registrar, at 925-935-3250 or [lura@shellridge.org](mailto:lura@shellridge.org)

**Thursday, June 27—Panel Reports on ABC Summit in Kansas**

**(No BLTs—July and August)**

**Wednesday, September 18—Kay Kallender** (*moved*

*from April 17)*  
*Senior V-P, Strategic Planning American Baptist Homes*  
*“Understanding Dementia Care”*

*Questions? Call Joan Thatcher at 510-350-7008.*



REGISTER NOW

for

**“Entertaining Angels: Peacemaking through Radical Hospitality”  
Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America Summer Conference**

July 15-20, 2013 - Gonzaga University, Spokane, WA

More information at: <http://www.bpfna.org/gather/summer-conference>  
Rev. Dr. Marcia J. Patton and Rev. J. Manny Santiago are among the conference leaders. **Scholarships** available—application deadline May 30, 2013. (Also, First 100 requests by persons of color: free registration, half-price meals and room costs).

## “Break the Chains” Project Ends: AB Women’s Ministries Refocuses Mission Outreach

**VALLEY FORGE, PA (ABNS 4/26/13)**—American Baptist Women’s Ministries’ Break the Chains project has led the organization to refocus its mission outreach through its Women and Girls Mission Fund, said AB Women’s Ministries Executive Director Virginia Holmstrom in an announcement that the Break the Chains project and grants will end this year. The Women and Girls Mission Fund will be the primary funding vehicle for AB Women’s Ministries’ mission work on behalf of women and girls in the U.S. and worldwide.

From 2007-2013, AB Women’s Ministries sponsored a national mission project, first named “Break the Chains: Slavery in the 21st Century” to specifically address sex trafficking, and then renamed in 2011 as “Break the Chains and Stop the Pain” to recognize a shift from a focus solely on sex trafficking to one that encompassed any violence against women and girls. Through Break the Chains, \$515,651 was raised and 25 grants were awarded by AB Women’s Ministries to new min-

istries addressing sex trafficking and other forms of violence against women and girls in the U.S., Puerto Rico, and other countries. The Break the Chains project will cease this year.

“The Break the Chains project has led us into deeper and more complex issues that need widespread attention,” Holmstrom explains. “The sex trafficking and gender-based violence issues made us deeply aware of systemic problems that fuel the exploitation of women and girls. Such underlying issues may deny education to girls, reinforce cultural practices that discriminate against women and girls, limit entrepreneurial opportunities for women and the management of earnings to nurture and support their children, limit the availability of pre- and post-natal health care, and much more—these are reprehensible obstacles that hold women and girls back. We want to be about the work of empowering women and girls to live into the fullness of God’s purpose for their lives.”

Individuals and groups can con-

tribute to the Women and Girls Mission Fund to support a variety of crucial missions to women and girls. The mission fund provides the means for AB Women’s Ministries to partner in mission initiatives at home and around the world that focus on bringing healing and hope to women and girls. Initiatives include AB Women’s Ministries work in leadership development, Refit, and the AB GIRLS ministry. The Women and Girls Mission Fund, begun in 2011, has supported such ministries as the Cholera Project in Haiti, under the guidance of international missionary Kihomi Nzunga; the COTAAN project, a congregational outreach in Ohio to women reentering society after incarceration; and providing wholistic support to middle school-age girls through an “I Am Awesome” summer camp program in Maine.

The Break the Chains mission accomplishments will be celebrated at the 2013 summer events of American Baptist Women’s Ministries.

## “Celebrating the Gifts of Women in Ministry” Launched

**VALLEY FORGE, PA (ABNS 4/26/13)**—The Women in Ministry Advisory Team is excited to introduce “Celebrating the Gifts of Women in Ministry,” a letter of support created by the Advisory Team to gather signatures of American Baptists who affirm women as ministerial leaders for our churches.

The initiative seeks to highlight the support that already exists for women as leaders in our churches—but may not be widely known—in order to encourage others to join in this momentous movement.

The team extends an invitation to join in a public affirmation of the

gifts that women bring to ministry and for the vision of the full partnership of men and women in professional church leadership.

Those interested can sign the letter by visiting the following link: [http://www.abc-usa.org/what\\_we\\_believe/abc-organizations/abwim/](http://www.abc-usa.org/what_we_believe/abc-organizations/abwim/)

## Association Board Meeting—April 13 2013



Thanks to Herb Tsuchiya who makes sure Evergreen's history is recorded in pictures.

### Excerpt From Mylinda Baits' Journal Entry, "BOUND"

...As I begin this new journey as a regional missionary for Iberoamerica and the Caribbean, I'll be new in a number of countries, working with new groups of people and not always knowing my way around or what my specific responsibilities are, but I know that if I show up and ask how I can help, I'll meet God there.

In this new role I get the chance to meet with and learn even more from amazing colleagues like those at [the European Baptist Federation's Anti-Trafficking] conference: Terry Meyers in Bulgaria, Luran Bethell in the Netherlands and all over the world, Debbie Kelsey in

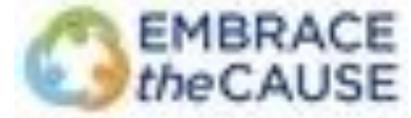
Europe, and Joyce Reed in Mexico. In a couple of weeks I head to Nicaragua to be with IM colleagues, David and Laura Parajon, to support their work with AMOS and learn from village leaders how they address issues of exploitation and trafficking in their contexts. I trust that I will help and learn. As we do more collaborative work, each offering what we can, I believe we will be engaged in even more effective action. One way that Jesus encouraged his disciples to keep moving forward and follow Him was setting the table and feeding them breakfast, but he also invited them to contribute with their own

caught fish. Maybe that is how I can help as a regional missionary to my Latin American friends, setting a safe and hospitable place where stories can be shared, vulnerability honored, but never exploited, and freedom and dignity lived out in everyday gestures of love.

Your prayers and support are what hold me up, a weaving of sorts that intertwines with the common grace we have in Christ. Thank you for adding your story to mine and allowing God to make something new, useful and beautiful out of us...

Bound to and blessed by you,  
Mylinda

## Considering a Call to Global Mission Service?



Registration has opened for the 2013 "Embrace the Cause" retreat for you and others considering a call to global mission service. Sponsored by American Baptist International Ministries (IM), this three-day event is designed for singles, families and couples who are considering a call to serve as global missionaries, and is scheduled for August 9 -12, 2013 at the Green Lake Conference Center in Green Lake, Wisconsin.

This high-intensity, focused weekend is designed to provide practical knowledge about

- what it takes to be in global mission service ...
- what are the biggest joys and challenges ...

- how to discern God's call on one's life ...
- what background is needed/required...
- and how to get started.

Attendees will learn from experienced missionaries and have open and frank discussions with recruiters who have current and future openings for global servants.

Prayer, worship, inspirational messages, interactive sessions and personal reflection time will combine to make this a powerful discernment experience. No matter where an attendee is in the process, they'll leave with a clear understanding of next steps.

The cost for the three-day conference is \$80; meals and housing are additional. To register, call the Green Lake Conference Center: (920) 294-3323 . Limited scholarships are available from IM. Write to [recruitment@internationalministries.org](mailto:recruitment@internationalministries.org) or call 800 222-3872 ext. 2245.

For more information on the conference and the full schedule of events, go to [www.internationalministries.org](http://www.internationalministries.org) and click on "Embrace the Cause".

News by *Catherine Nold*

## FBC-Salt Lake City Determines How to Help Clearfield Following Fire

Before the fire at Clearfield Church, their women's circle had completed and stored in a closet in the basement, all their assigned bandages for White Cross.

Because those White Cross bandages need to be replaced, on April 24<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 9 pm

First Baptist Church, Salt Lake City will gather to roll bandages and cut muslin squares to replace that quota for White Cross.

Additionally, SLC's American Baptist Women and A.B. G.I.R.L.S. will be sewing "Britches for Boys" Members

have been invited to bring their sewing machines and scissors. Questions: Call Jackie at. 801-583-9162.

**Editor's Note: Is this being the hands and feet of Christ to our brothers and sisters?**

## Evergreen Planning Second Missionary Visit to Haiti in 2014

You're invited to be a part of the Evergreen Association's second missionary trip to Haiti. Whether you actually go on the journey, support other travelers financially, offer prayers beginning now and through the trip next spring, please participate! Contact Clem at 253-859-2226 or [clemeba@comcast.net](mailto:clemeba@comcast.net) for more info.

**The Piano offered by Wedgwood Community Church has been claimed!**

## Return to Hiroshima

**Michael Stern** (*As If the Flowers Knew – Take Only What You Can Carry*) in concert and excerpts from the play, **Breaking The Silence**, written by Nikki Nojima Louis. Based on oral histories of 3 generations of Japanese Americans: Issei, Nisei, Sansei—stories of Immigration, Incarceration, and Redress.

**Saturday, June 8, 2013,  
Blaine Memorial United**

## Breaking The Silence-Hiroshima Project, 2013

Excerpted from an April 13, 2013 letter from Herb Tsuchiya to Floyd Schmoe:

The inspiration to take *Breaking the Silence* to Hiroshima began with the honor of an invitation to the dedication of the Dr. Floyd Schmoe (Homes for Hiroshima) Museum in October, 2012.

During my stay, I informed JoAnn and Larry Sims, volunteer directors of the World Friendship Center (WFC), about this oral history play and its educational value. Written in 1986 to benefit the civil liberties trial of Gordon Hirabayashi, it has continued to enlighten audiences on human rights and social justice. It is a play that advocates what Dr. Floyd Schmoe stood for: peace, friendship and understanding.

I have been a member of the *Breaking the Silence* company for almost 20 years and have toured to communities, schools and universities throughout the United States, performing before audiences of diverse ages, cultures, and backgrounds...

Nikki Nojima Louis, like many who were born in Seattle, was interned

**Methodist Church, 3001  
24th Ave. S,** Seattle at 7:00 P.M. Lee Activity Center  
**FREE ADMISSION** (Free-Will Offering )

For more information contact Herb Tsuchiya (206) 722-4122

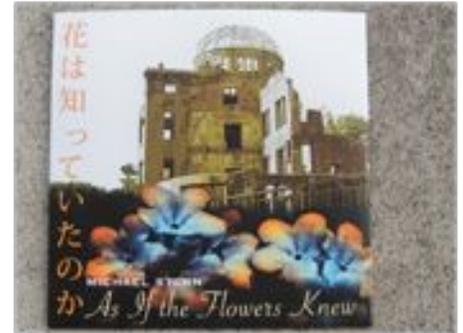
Offering will help defray the cost of travel for the cast of the play on the Peace Project to Hiroshima City, August 1-3, 2013.

in Minidoka as a child. It was her meeting with Gordon Hirabayashi in 1985, as well as her friendship with peace activist Aki Kurose that inspired her to research and conduct oral histories of Japanese Americans in the Pacific Northwest. The play premiered at the University of Washington in 1985 to a standing room audience...

We are excited to have this new opportunity to return to Hiroshima City with the “Breaking the Silence” to share a bit of history about which the Japanese people have such limited knowledge and apparent hunger to learn. The play will be performed at the Hiroshima Prefectural Art Museum in conjunction with the “Art of Gaman” traveling exhibition of artifacts created by the internees of the War Relocation Authority camps in America during World War II. (*Gaman* in Japanese means to persevere, endure, tolerate.) The exhibit has been touring Japan since December 2012; Hiroshima City is its final stop.

*Breaking the Silence* will create in-

CAST: *Chisao Hata, Nikki Nojima Louis, Joyce Nakamura, Stephen Sumida, Michael Stern, Herb Tsuchiya* – STAGE MANAGER: *Kim Louis*



creased visibility for the Dr. Floyd Schmoe Museum and the work of Dr. Floyd Schmoe and Rev. Emery Andrews in building homes for Hiroshima City and Nagasaki. I believe the reason *Breaking the Silence* continues to be meaningful for all audiences is that it shares the stories of a particular group of people who were discriminated against, suffered injustice, and survived through patience, tolerance and peaceful activism, just as the peoples of Hiroshima and Nagasaki have survived devastating tragedy to work for universal peace and understanding. We bring *Breaking the Silence* to Hiroshima in the spirit of Dr. Floyd Schmoe, who knew many of the people and events of the play. We are also deeply mindful that the largest group of Japanese immigrants to the United States came from Hiroshima-ken.

Peace,

Herb Tsuchiya, age 80  
Producer and cast member  
*Breaking the Silence*-Hiroshima Project



# Evergreen Association of American Baptist Churches

409 Third Avenue S, Suite A  
Kent WA 98032-5843

Phone: 253-859-2226  
Fax: 253-859-1537  
E-mail: eba@ea-abc.org

Non-Profit  
Organization  
US  
PAID  
Kent WA  
Permit No. 451

Return Service Requested

**Visit us on the web at  
[www.ea-abc.org](http://www.ea-abc.org)**

Building Bridges, Resourcing Churches & Translating Our Unity

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 **24th** of the month prior to expected publication. You are encouraged to copy and/or reprint information and articles.



Rev. Dr. Marcia J. Patton  
Executive Minister

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

 **May 4, 2013, Hispanic Caucus** Cinco de Mayo celebration/feast, Burien Community Church (Ebenezer Confraternidad), 5-8 PM

 **June 3, 2013—Evergreen Goes to the Ball Game; Seattle Mariners vs Chicago White Sox, Century Link Field, 7:00 PM**

 **June 21-23, 2013 – Mission Summit, AB-CUSA Biennial, Overland Park, Kansas**

 **July 13, 2013—Bar-Be-Que Fundraiser, Ce-**

dar River Trail Park, Renton, WA, 12 Noon (Save the Date!)

 **July 15-20, 2013—Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America (BPFNA) 2013 Summer Conference "Peace Camp", Gonzaga University, Spokane, Washington**

 **October 10 –12, 2013 Evergreen Annual Meeting –Celebrating 10 Years!, Japanese Baptist Church, 160 Broadway, Seattle WA**

**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.