



# Evergreen Notes

Evergreen Association of American Baptist Churches

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## Annual Meeting: October 11–13, 2012

As this publication reaches you, we are days away from the Evergreen Association Annual Meeting!

Plan to join us for the Pre-Annual Meeting **Sacred Conversation** on Gracious Leadership in a Diverse World, a topic close to the very heart of Evergreen. It will begin on Thursday evening, *October 11, 2012*, at Seattle First Baptist Church, 1111 Harvard at 6:00 PM with

dinner (no cost).

At 7 PM the conversation begins, and we will end by 9 PM.

If you will join us for the sacred conversation, you are asked to **RSVP** by Friday, October 5, 2012. Contact Clem via email: [clemeba@comcast.net](mailto:clemeba@comcast.net) or telephone: 253-859-2226.

And on Friday afternoon and Saturday, *October 12-13, 2012*, the Mount Zion Baptist Church (pastor, Rev. Aaron Wil-

liams), 1634 19th Avenue, Seattle WA 98122 is graciously hosting our gathering.

The keynote preacher is the dynamic Rev. Jacqueline Thompson, Assistant Pastor of the Allen Temple Baptist Church in Oakland CA. Representatives from across the Association will lead us in exciting worship experiences.

Register now!

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*Evergreen Association Annual Meeting*

## Perla's Pearls: Annual Meeting 2012



Rev. Perla Belo  
Association Chair

Once a year in October, members of Evergreen Association churches meet as a

community of Christ's body.

I see the annual meeting as important for the life of Evergreen churches and

members. When a person enters the kingdom of heaven through repentance and faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and


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## Events & Happenings Around the Association

 **Good Shepherd Baptist Church** invites you to its biennial **Auction & Dinner**, October 13, 2012 at the Lynnwood Elks Club. Doors open at 5 PM; Dinner served at 5:30 PM; Silent Auction begins at 5 PM; Live auction after dinner. To be sure you receive a bid card, RSVP to [constance@minervas-owl.com](mailto:constance@minervas-owl.com)

 **Japanese Baptist Church** invites you to **Cafe 34:8**, an Asian Caucus

Scholarship Fundraiser for Asian students studying for ministry, October 21, 2012, 4 PM.

 **2011 Annual Report** received from: First Baptist Church—Mountlake Terrace; Thank you! There's still time for your church to send its report.

**Wedgwood Community Church** welcomes **Rev. Wim Mauldin** as Pastor beginning November 1, 2012!



## Perla's Pearl: Annual Meeting 2012

*(Continued from page 1)*

Lord, this entrance is as an individual person. However, the Christian life and experience is both individual and corporate. We are not isolated from other Christians. The annual meeting brings us together as the people of God.

“The Spirit of God is creating a new community as the body of Christ. While salvation is always individual in its effect, how it is to be offered and experienced is very corporate. To be converted to Christ is to be converted to His body. The church is not a collection of self-selecting individuals who assemble to have their needs met. The church, as the creation of the Spirit, corporately

offers salvation to individuals, but this salvation is accepted and experienced within a community” (Craig Van Gelder, *The Essence of the Church*)

The church in the New Testament is described in corporate terms: people of God, body of Christ, communion of saints, and creation of the Spirit. The core biblical functions of the church are worship, discipling, fellowshiping, serving, witness[ing], visioning and stewarding. (Van Gelder)

During the annual meeting, Evergreen members worship, fellowship (Asian, African American, Euro, Hispanics), serve (registration, meals),

Evergreen Association has opportunity for a Part-Time Position

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Bookkeeping Skills

Knowledge of Investments

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witness (preaching and prayer), disciple (workshops, speakers), visioning (caucus and business meetings), and steward (offering, participation in the various events of the annual meeting).

We are not isolated from other Christians. The annual meeting brings us together as the people of God.

So we invite and welcome your presence this year 2012 in the annual meeting of the Evergreen Association of American Baptist Churches.

Perla

## The Power of the “Will”



*“The earth is the Lord’s and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it”*

Psalm 24:1

You have heard it said “where there is a will there’s a way” This statement is loaded with truths. It’s true that when you make up your mind to do something, I mean something that you really want to do, chances are not just good but very good that you **will** get it done. This begs the question do you know how powerful your “will” is? By now I hope you know that I am not talking about Will Smith, nor I am I talking about the power of control the mind has over its own actions only, but the power of a written “Will” also— a Written ‘Will that expresses your faith and provides directions or continued stewardship/management of your earthly possessions. A Will or Last Will and Testa-

ment, very simply put, is a legal written document with instructions for disposing of assets after death or like I like to put it after you/we take the “BIG Nap” (Please note a will can only be enforced through the probate court).

Did you know that seven out of 10 people (Christians included) don’t have ‘wills’? Therefore, seven out of 10 will not experience the power of the “will” or express their faith in a way that testifies of their love for their family and ministries that were near and dear to them. It has been said you must exercise the will: to will is not enough; one must do.

For you my brother and sister, as Christians, it’s not just a legal process but an opportunity to be a blessing. When you consider that God is the owner of all things...Psalm 24:1 (Yes, He or She is), and we are just stewards; our perspective should be different.

By Rev. Rick Barlow

Experience the Power of the “WILL”; get yours TODAY! And we invite you to consider a gift to Evergreen Association among the ministries to whom you leave a legacy.

*“For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out”.*

I Timothy 6:7

Please contact the region office at 253-859-2226 or [clemeba@comcast.net](mailto:clemeba@comcast.net) to receive your free “Will Planning Guide” and a consultation with Rev. Rick Barlow, Evergreen’s adjunct staff for planned giving, without any further obligation.

**Rev. Rick Barlow** is a longtime American Baptist Churches USA Planned Giving Consultant, adjunct staff of the Evergreen Baptist Association of American Baptist Churches, and founder of the Barnabas Exchange Planned Giving and Resource Development firm. He is also currently serving the Atlantic Street Center of Seattle as Resource Development Officer.

## American Baptist Students and Alums Lead Worship at SU’s STM

Under the guidance of Liturgical Consultant Rev. Bruce Chittick, current American Baptist students and alums of Seattle University School of Theology and Ministry in-

vite you to a celebratory worship service for the American Baptist community on Wednesday, October 24, 2012 in the Ecumenical Chapel at Campion Hall from 4:45—

5:30 PM.

Parking is available in the Cherry Street garage.

Please RSVP to John Forman, [formanj@seattleu.edu](mailto:formanj@seattleu.edu)

# JBC Hosts Concert to Benefit Floyd Schmoe Museum in Hiroshima Japan

Japanese Baptist Church hosted Mike Stern in concert to benefit the November 2012 trip to Hiroshima for the dedication of a Museum to honor Floyd Schmoe, a UW forestry professor, Quaker and peace activist, who following World War II went to Japan to build houses as an act of repatriation.

The city of Hiroshima has invited Schmoe's relatives, Rev. Andrews' son Brooks, (presently interim Senior Pastor at Japanese Baptist), Yosh and Sue Nakagawa and Herb Tsuchiya to the dedica-

tion of one of the last of the houses that Schmoe built, as a museum.

That 1949 group of volunteers on the "Houses for Hiroshima"

building project included two female students of UW- Daisy Tibbs-Dawson, an African American and Jean Walkinshaw, a Japanese American (both were present at the concert), and Schmoe's friend, and then pastor of Japanese Baptist Church, Emery An-



Tom Schmoe, Daisy Tibbs-Dawson, Jean Walkinshaw

draws; and other Quakers.

In a news story by KING 5 reporter, Lori Matsukawa, she shared that "The Seattle delegation will tell their hosts in Hiroshima how Floyd Schmoe so loved the people of that city that at age 90, he used proceeds from a Peace Prize he won to help build a peace park in Seattle with a statue of Sadako[Sasaki] a young atomic bomb victim. Schmoe died in 2001 at the age of 105."

Evergreen wishes this peace delegation to Hiroshima well.

Kathy Yukawa, photographer

## Nominations for ABC/USA—Evergreen Meeting Agenda

I received two letters from National Leaders a couple of days apart, informing us of the need to nominate people for two positions:

\*A representative to the Missions Table (a new entity formed with our adopted by-laws)

\*A representative to begin service January 2015 for the Board of General Ministries, a position that Perla Belo currently holds—she will have completed her first term and does not wish to go for another term.

Both these positions are nominated from a Leadership Pool. Below are a quote from one of the correspondences and by-laws:

Dear Regional Executive Minister:

It is with excitement that we are beginning to plan for the first American Baptist Mission Table meeting to take place at our American Baptist Assembly in Green Lake, Nov. 11-13, 2013. In order to prepare for this meeting, your region will need to

elect a person to this Mission Table. You, also, are invited and encouraged to attend Mission Table gatherings as Executive Minister.

The nomination process for nominating persons to the Mission Table *is similar to the nomination process for nominating persons to the Board of General Ministries:*

**(Bylaws: Article VII – Mission Table) Section 2. Nominations.** The Region local church representatives shall come from nominations by each of the Regions. Each Region will suggest five people to the ABCUSA (National) Nominating Committee which shall, in turn, select one person from the five provided by the Region in order to provide a group which is representative of the Denomination. As the church, American Baptists are called to mir-

ror God's intent to the world. Accordingly, Regions will be encouraged to submit diverse nominees based on the following: urban, suburban, rural, large, small, and mega church; ethnicity; race; gender; age; geographical; language; culture; clergy/lay; physical ability; and economic class. The Nominating Committee is mandated to ensure that the diversity of the Mission Table accurately reflects or mirrors the diversity of the American Baptist Denomination.

I am proposing that each caucus nominate at least one person (if so the name will be submitted for both positions). The Executive Committee will name a fifth person depending on need for diversity as described in the ABC/USA bylaws. Come to the Annual meeting prepared to share your wisdom on this nominating process.



## MMBB: Considerations for Pastoral Staff Compensation

In a letter and worksheet dated September 2012, Sumner Grant, Executive Director of the Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board, encourages churches in the care of their leadership and staff:

“...As your church enters its budget process, I ask you to consider the vitality that your minister—indeed, ALL of your staff—brings to your church community every day. As you do, please pray for guidance on how to ade-

quately compensate them for their contributions to the spiritual and missional life of your church.

Some items to consider when developing your staff compensation budget include:

Cost of Living Adjustment...

Catch-up Increase...

Merit Increase...”

“...MMBB offers a recommended resource called The MMBB Guide for Church-

Related Employers. You can find it at [www.mmbb.org](http://www.mmbb.org). Scroll down to News & Updates.”

“...[And] if you have questions about staff compensation—and the special rules around clergy compensation are complex—[please] contact MMBB at 800-986-6222 or [service@mmbb.org](mailto:service@mmbb.org) [and] benefits specialists will help you.



## Sumner Grant Announces Retirement



Rev. Dr. Sumner M. Grant today [9-21-2012] announced his retirement from The Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board (MMBB).

*Rev. Dr. Sumner M. Grant  
Executive Director, MMBB*

director until a successor is named.

Executive director since 1998, Grant initially joined MMBB's staff as assistant treasurer; in 1993 he was elected treasurer. Before joining MMBB, Grant served as executive director and treasurer of American Baptist Churches of New York State, and previously as the senior pastor at churches in New Hampshire and Maine for more

than 15 years.

"I have reached this decision after much prayer and thought," said Grant. "It has been an honor to serve as leader of MMBB--the highest of privileges. It has allowed me the exceptional opportunity to give back to the Board a portion of that which it has given so generously to me and my family ..."



Grant will serve as executive

## More Stern Benefit Concert Pictures



*Peter Yukawa, JBC Moderator and  
Mike Stern*



SEP 30 2012



*Yosh Nakagawa and Daisy Tibbs-Dawson*

Kathy Yukawa, photographer

## The Triumph of Lunie



Dear Loved Ones,

This is Saint Fleur John Peter, the son of Lunie, our former scholarship student. At an early age, Lunie found herself pregnant. The father disappeared shortly after the birth leaving the poor girl with no means of survival and a boy to raise. Lunie has struggled to live most of her life.

It was through the transaction of selling/buying charcoal that Kihomi

discovered this young girl. Kihomi invited her to come study at our university where four years after she graduated with a degree in business. Today Lunie has a shop at the Limbe market where she sells all kind of goods and has helped two people find jobs. Every Saturday, she shares some of her money with poor persons of the area. Her son can go to the university with pride of having his mom pay for him.

Saint Fleur John Peter, Lunie's son, remains an interesting young man. When he was in high school, he learned sewing becoming a tailor at early age. Today he is studying agriculture with the hope of studying the transformation of some vegetables into vitamins and pro-

## Nzunga & Kihomi Mbudiga

teins plus. This past summer he planted 400 young papayas trees on a piece of land his grandparents left behind. He is also very interested in the transformation of soya beans.

He has taught himself computer science and teaches many young persons when he is not in school. Today he got the gift of a computer to help him do his research. You can see on the pictures he could not contain his emotion and his expressed himself by saying: "What a surprise! Thank you, thank you Mr. and Mrs. Nzunga. Only God knows how I feel at this moment!"

We say thank you to you all because we can only help when you hear God's call and you help us. Together we become the feet and the hands of Jesus in Haiti.

## Ever Wondered What Happened to the Laptops the Evergreen Mission Team Took to Haiti?

### The Mentoring of Youselie Ambroise

Dear Loved Ones,

May the peace of the Lord be with each one of you. We would like to introduce you to Youselie Ambroise, our second year agriculture student. She is from a family about two hours walk from the university. Youselie is poor in the way she acts, she looks, she dresses and in the way she walks. Third in the family of seven children, Youselie had no way to better her life. After finishing her high school, she was doomed to staying in her village the rest of her life and wait for a man to marry her.

One day Youselie came to sell oranges to our village. Kihomi was interested not only in buying oranges but also in the one who was selling these fruits. She engaged Youselie in a friendly conversation to find out that Youselie has a high

school diploma but was doomed to staying in her village because her parents were poor and could not afford to send her to the university.

Kihomi decided to add Youselie to the list of the girl's she coaches and mentors. At the university Youselie finds herself facing all kind of challenges: dress, hair, looks.. material possessions. Besides providing what Youselie needs to study well, Kihomi is also working to boost and to encourage Youselie's self esteem. To be poor in a village where everybody is poor is one thing but to find oneself in a university setting is something else.

Today Youselie has new shoes and a computer she never touched before or dreamed of in her entire life.

Please join us as we struggle to help those who otherwise are not



able to help themselves. Your support to our ministries is vital and we deeply appreciate and thank you all. Please be praying for our emotional strength as we are trying to put ourselves in their shoes.

Any used laptop in good working condition can greatly change somebody's life over here.

Yours in Haiti,

Nzunga & Kihomi

## Pedzinski Named First Mission Apprentice by International Ministries (IM)

Jennifer (Jeni) Pedzinski has been named as American Baptist International Ministries (IM) first Mission Apprentice. She will serve from September 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013.



tional Development program at Palmer Theological Seminary and Eastern University.

As a Mission Apprentice, Jeni will work in relationship with IM's Volunteers in Global Mission (VIGM) Coordinator Angela Sudermann and Global Consultant Dan Buttry with the preparation and ministry of IM's IGNITE Team.

The IGNITE team will serve in the Republic of Georgia in June of 2013. IGNITE is a short-term mission opportunity for young adults ages 19-29 sponsored by IM. (For more information, go to [www.internationalministries.org](http://www.internationalministries.org))

Jeni, a candidate for future long-term service as an IM missionary, is currently enrolled in a dual Masters of Divinity / Masters in Interna-

## 2012 World Mission Offering (WMO)

The 2012 World Mission Offering (WMO) is being promoted in during the months of September and October. Churches may give to the totality of American Baptist International Ministries (IM)'s mission, or direct a portion of their gifts toward the support of individual missionaries.

Your church should have received the new WMO DVD from IM. The DVD features six videos which include an inspirational story about Mike and Becky Mann's water project in northern Thailand called *Joy in Mah Oh Jo*. (5:15 min.)

A second video called *My Hope and Joy Have Come Back* is a heartfelt story told by Becky Mann of a woman

living in Mah Oh Jo who is finding a new life after the death of her husband. (2:20 min.)

"These stories are powerful examples of how IM hears and responds to God's call to embody the gospel in word and action," comments Stan Slade, IM associate executive director for Program.

The DVD also contains four inspiring messages on the themes of Call and Commitment by Ken Fong, senior pastor of Evergreen Baptist Church of Los Angeles. Originally presented at IM's May 2012 World Mission Conference and Call Retreat, these messages captivated and inspired the 400 in attendance. They have been reproduced on the DVD to share



with a wider church audience.

A booklet containing Study Guides for the six videos is included in the package. The videos and Study Guides, as well as the WMO resources, are available at <http://www.internationalministries.org/drives/7>.

To receive the DVD and Bible studies through postal mail, call 1-800-4JUDSON.

Thank you for your gifts to the World Mission Offering.



## Youth Reps for the 2013 ABCUSA Mission Summit (Biennial Meeting)

Evergreen Association is seeking two (2) youth to serve as Regional Youth Representatives (RYR) to the 2013 ABCUSA Mission Summit (formerly called the Biennial) in Overland Park, Kansas City KS, June 20—24, 2013.

The goal is to engage emerging young American Baptist youth leaders in the positive and relevant experience of the larger denominational family.

The program is designed as a leadership opportunity for young adults representing their local congregation as delegates (local churches should count youth reps among the number of representatives allowed) to participate in the business of the denomination.

Interested youth must minimally have completed their sophomore year in high school through maximally,

their freshman year of college by June 2013.

Transportation will be paid and housing provided for the selected youths.

Interested youth and/or youth leaders should contact Marcia Patton at [marciaeba@comcast.net](mailto:marciaeba@comcast.net) or 253-859-2226 for application or more details.

The deadline for application is February 28, 2013.

## Victoria Goff Honored for Leadership of Volunteer Efforts in New Orleans

Victoria Goff, American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS) National Coordinator of Volunteer and Disaster Response Ministries, has received a proclamation from the mayor of New Orleans for her years of service in coordinating volunteer clean-up and rebuilding efforts in the hurricane-ravaged city.

Signed by Mayor Mitchell J. Landrieu and dated August 10, 2012, the framed certificate indicates that it is bestowed “in appreciation of bringing volunteers to help rebuild the Lower Ninth Ward Community.”

Since 2005, Goff has coordinated more than 2,871 volunteers who responded to hurricanes Katrina, Rita, Ike and

Gustav in New Orleans and surrounding areas via a variety of efforts, including the Baton Rouge Baptist Blitz Build in 2007 and 2008, Church World Service Ecumenical Build in 2009, the Mission Encounter with American Baptist Churches of the South in 2010 and the present-day Ecumenical Work Week.

“ABHMS is extremely proud of the leadership that Victoria Goff has provided for our ministering to and with the residents of New Orleans... says ABHMS Executive Director Dr. Aidsand F. Wright-Riggins III.

More than 100 homes in the area have been built or rehabilitated by volunteers since

2005. In addition, volunteers have rebuilt churches and encouraged residents in need. Jobs have included painting, laying sheet rock, cutting grass, removing debris, gardening, maintaining gravesites and running errands.

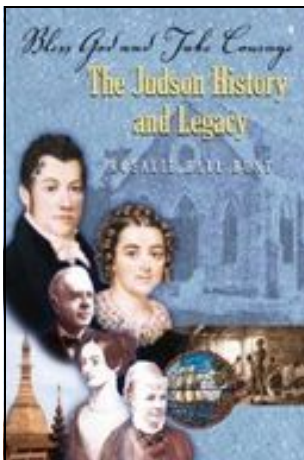
“I’m honored to have Vickie as a friend, and I’m honored that she, ABHMS, and its volunteers have continued to come to New Orleans and be with us seven years after Hurricane Katrina,” says Warrenetta Banks, volunteer coordinator of the Lower Ninth Ward Center for Sustainable Engagement & Development.



Victoria Goff



## New “ABC Reads” Selection Ties to Bicentennial Celebration: Judsons



VALLEY FORGE, PA (ABNS 9/19/12)—February 2012 marked the beginning of a year-long bicentennial celebration of

Ann and Adoniram Judson’s historic undertaking of the first overseas mission. To encourage all American Baptists to learn this incredible story of unwavering faith, Judson Press has named *Bless God and Take Courage: The Judson History and Legacy* the 2012–2013 ABC Reads selection. ABC Reads is designed to bring the denomination together—literally and figuratively—through the power of a book.

In *Bless God and Take Courage*, author Rosalie Hall Hunt has provided a well-researched, ... and scholarly account of Adon-

iram, the three women—Ann, Sarah, and Emily—who served as his partners in life and mission, the Judson descendants, and the lasting impact of the Judson ministry. An engaging and in-depth tale of the people whose vocation led to the birth of American missions, *Bless God and Take Courage* documents the life and legacy of the Judsons with never-before-published discoveries and details.

Sponsored by Judson Press, ABC Reads highlights a book annually that’s appropriate for reading and discussion in small group settings, as well as individually. The book provides an opportunity for learning, sharing and growing in knowledge and faith in Sunday school classes and Bible studies, as well as men’s, women’s and youth groups. For a list of previous ABC Reads titles, visit [www.judsonpress.com/](http://www.judsonpress.com/)

[abcreads.cfm](http://abcreads.cfm).

To order *Bless God and Take Courage*, call 800-458-3766, or visit <http://www.judsonpress.com> to save 20% off the retail price of \$21.00. A 15% discount for orders of ten or more copies can also be applied to the 20% standard web discount when ordering online. Customers must enter the code ABCREADS in the discount box at checkout or refer to it when calling customer service. A free study and discussion guide by the American Baptist Historical Society will soon be available for download on the ABC Reads web page: [www.judsonpress.com/abcreads.cfm](http://www.judsonpress.com/abcreads.cfm).

## Evergreen Receives Rebate on Net Sales at Judson Press—Thank You!



Evergreen Association sends a big thank-you to Grace

Baptist Church—Tacoma, Stephen Johnson, Dene Mathews and Jackie Williams who recently remem-

bered to add Evergreen’s regional code (38) when they were shopping at Judson Press.

As a result, Evergreen received a generous 10% of their total purchases!

We invite others who shop online at Judson Press to remember to enter **Region Code 38** as you leave the web page.



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"Go and do likewise" Luke 10:37b

# Annual Meeting Evergreen Association of American Baptist Churches Mount Zion Baptist Church

Rev. Aaron Williams, Pastor  
1634 19th Avenue, Seattle WA 98122

## October 11-13, 2012

### SCHEDULE

#### THURSDAY

6:00 PM Dinner Provided; 7:00 PM Sacred Conversation —  
Place: Seattle First Baptist Church, 1111 Harvard Ave., 98122

#### FRIDAY

9:00 AM Ministerial Standards and Concerns Committee Meeting

9:00 AM Caucus Leaders' Meeting

11:00 AM Registration Opens

12:00 NOON — Minister's Council Luncheon

12:00 NOON — Laity Luncheon

1:00 PM "THE EVERGREEN WAY" Workshop

2:00 PM Workshop Period 1: Choose one

Intro to Technology and the 21st Century Church

Consensus Building

Transformed by the Spirit

Haiti Mission Trip

3:45 PM Workshop Period 2: Choose one

Haiti Mission Trip

Transformed by the Spirit

Consensus Building

Intro to Technology and the 21st Century Church

5:15 PM Break

5:30 PM Dinner (Purchase tickets by October 9th)

7:00 PM Worship

#### SATURDAY

8:00 AM Registration Opens

8:30 AM Agenda Review

9:00 AM Caucuses Meet—Part I

10:30 AM Worship

12:00 NOON Lunch (Purchase tickets by October 9th)

1:00 PM Caucuses Meet—Part II

2:00 PM Business Session



**Featured Preacher**

**Rev. Jacqueline A. Thompson**

**Assistant Pastor**



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**REGISTRATION FORM**

Please mail the completed form (and applicable fees) to: Evergreen Association of ABC, 409 Third Avenue S., Suite A, Kent WA 98032-5843. Checks and/or money orders should be made payable to Evergreen Association-ABC.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Church Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

- I will need baby sitting for \_\_\_\_ child(ren); age(s) \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.
- I will participate in the Sacred Conversation, Seattle First Baptist, October 11, 7 PM.

	Cost	Total
<input type="checkbox"/> I am a DELEGATE (Representative Voice for my Church)		
Delegate Registration Fee	\$10.00	\$ _____

<b>MEAL REGISTRATION</b>		
	Cost	Total
<u>Friday, October 12, 2012</u>		
Ministers Council Lunch/Meeting	\$10.00	\$ _____
Laity Lunch	\$10.00	\$ _____
Dinner	\$20.00	\$ _____
<u>Saturday, October 13, 2012</u>		
Box Lunch	\$10.00	\$ _____
<b>Total Meals</b>		<b>\$ _____</b>

**TOTAL DELEGATE AND MEAL FEES ENCLOSED** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Deadline: October 4, 2012**

## Who Are the Missionaries?

I wonder who the real missionaries are. Deep down I honestly believe the real missionaries are those individuals and churches who day after day:

- pray for missionaries who are on the mission fields,
- sacrificially support the missionaries on the field with their money,
- take their time to send emails, cards, letters,
- forget how big the phone bills are to call those on the fields,
- forget their needs to send boxes and packages of all kinds to

- those on the fields,
- risk their lives to visit the missionaries on the fields,
- forget all hygiene principals to get their hands dirty on different projects on the mission fields,
- open their hearts and their homes to welcome those on the fields in their homes,
- don't hesitate to spend their money to feed the visiting missionaries,
- take their time, leave their homes, put their vehicles and their life on the line driving the missionaries around in this

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huge and big country,



The mission is all of us serving the Master. Alone, we can not do it.

Thank you for being who you are and doing what you do.

Yours in Haiti  
Nzunga & Kihomi

## Welcome Home Gary & Mylinda Baits



In Gary's last journal as an International Ministries Missionary, he shared his and Mylinda's gratitude for a meaningful

closure [celebration of] 12 years of ministry in Costa Rica held at Eastern University.

And we are excited for and with Mylinda as she continues her IM work as the Regional Missionary to Latin America for the Prevention of Human Trafficking and Prostitution. Pray for her as she travels in Oregon, Washington, Illinois, Indiana, and Minnesota this fall.

Invite Mylinda to share some of the latest about ministries in Costa Rica with your small group or midweek group.

The Baitses now reside in Washington State.

## Thank You! You Are the Heart, Hands and Feet of Christ!

For the cards, flowers/plants, emails, financial support, telephone calls, prayers—whatever your part in showing love for my family and me in the tragic death of my youngest brother, Dion Antonio Harris—THANK YOU!

You generously shared enough financial support to cover the cost of my transpor-

tation to Georgia and gasoline roundtrip to the Atlanta Airport! We are so grateful for your thoughtfulness and the actions that accompanied your thoughts for us.

My heart overflows with gratitude, and I am able to smile whenever I think of Dion, God's gift of him to us for 38 years, and God's awe-

some provisions through you. You are indeed the heart, hands and feet of God!

My Evergreen Association family and my Seattle Area family ROCK!

*Clem*



## Anita Pittman Passes

Anita Pittman, who served as Executive Director of Camp Bethel for many years, died Monday morning, September 17, 2012, following a year-long battle with renal cancer.

At Anita's request there will be no memorial service.

So we share with you comments/notes received from friends and acquaintances:

"...I enjoyed her humor and appreciated her love of camping. Her dedication to Camp Bethel was beyond compare."

Being at Camp Bethel with Anita has been described as "...a little wacky at times -- but lively and a wonderful way to spend the summer and enjoy the moments ... in the dining hall with the campers."

"Once following a Thanksgiving weekend spent with Anita and friends at Camp Bethel, I realized I had left camp while eating some leftovers using a silver fork not plastic. So I mailed the fork back to Anita. She promptly sent me an email declaring me a kleptomaniac, for sure! And from that point on she and I fondly mentioned 'fork' in our conversations and got a good

laugh again and again!"

"A wish is a hope  
A hope is a dream  
A dream is a prayer  
And prayers come true."

This devotional poem was shared with Kay (Harvey) Kallander when she was a 12 year old camper at Thousand Pines, by her favorite counselor, Anita Pittman.

It is written in the front of Kay's Bible and still reminds her of those sweet days with Anita so long ago.

## WSU Interfaith House

Washington State University's Interfaith House invites participation in the following meetings sponsored by the Common Ministry:

**Interfaith Mythbusters:** 5-7pm every Thursday at the Interfaith House. The public is invited to join in a meal and discussion.

**Meditation:** 12:15pm Tuesday and Thursday in Room 8. Public invited.

**Inspire!:** 5-7pm on Wednesdays. Christian fellowship and development. *Limited to student participation.*

**Student Retreat:** October 26-28th at St. Gertrude Monastery in Cottonwood, ID. Everyone is

invited to be a part of the Retreat.

For more information, contact the Interfaith House:

The Common Ministry /  
Interfaith House at WSU  
720 NE Thatuna St.  
Pullman, WA 99163  
509-332-2611

Or email Lorraine at  
[office@interfaith-house.com](mailto:office@interfaith-house.com)

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And because of a gift from Pullman Baptist Church, Evergreen received the following note from WSU Interfaith House which reads in part:

"Dear Rev. Patton...

Thank you so much for your donation of \$1,000.00 to The Common Ministry at WSU! We appreciate your generosity and support, and we are excited about all that is taking place at the Interfaith House.

Thank you for helping us to make this a safe space for spiritual development, as we continue to serve the WSU campus and hundreds of students in their faith journeys!

Blessings,

(signature on file)

Sue Durrant  
President  
Common Ministry Council

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Rev. Dr. Marcia J. Patton  
Executive Minister

Building Bridges, Resourcing Churches & Translating Our Unity

### Calendar of Upcoming Events

**OCTOBER 11-13, 2012 - ANNUAL MEETING**, Mount Zion Baptist Church, Rev. Jacqueline Thompson, Associate at Allen Temple Baptist Church, preaching

**21—Café 34:8 Asian Caucus Scholarship Fundraiser, 4 PM**

**SAVE THE 2013 DATES:**

**January 21—MLK Day Service, Rev. Michael-Ray Mathews, preaching. (More details to come)**

**March 31—Easter Community Sunrise Service**



**June 21-23, 2013 – Mission Summit, AB-CUSA Biennial, Overland Park, Kansas (Rev. Dr. Braxton is on the Program Planning Committee.)**

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