

# EVERGREEN NOTES

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## SOMETHING FOR YOU: FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING

### WE'RE LISTENING!

(miracle of the ear at Pentecost)

Highlights of October 12-13, 2007 Annual Meeting

⌘ Thursday, October 11, Evergreen serves evening meal to Tent City 4 in Issaquah. Call Association office for details.

⌘ Opening worship by Rev. Wil Brown, Chaplain of Baccone College (Native American) Friday afternoon.

⌘ General Secretary Rev. Dr. A. Roy Medley preaching Friday and Saturday evenings.

⌘ Caucus conversations around mission, education and other topics!

⌘ Affirmation of new officers: Rev. Curtis Price, Chair, Mr. Ken Curl, Vice-Chair and Rev. Perla Belo, Treasurer.

⌘ Affirmation of 2008 Budget (copies sent to churches last week).

⌘ Offering will be received to help furnish the new clinic in Haiti.

⌘ Caucuses will offer expression of the gifts they bring to the association and their struggles

*Seussical™ the Musical!*  
Tickets for sale!  
(support Evergreen and Tent Cities)

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**Yosh Nakagawa** was hospitalized September 30th. Please keep he and his family in prayer.

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### Special points of interest:

- During the month of October show appreciation to a clergyper-son.
- Continue to Pray for our churches discerning pastoral leadership.
- Remember our sick and/or shut-in in prayer and other acts of support.

## Peter's Perspectives

In December my two-year tenure as Chair will be over. It hardly seems possible. I am proud to have had the opportunity and the privilege to serve Ever-

green Association of ABCUSA churches. I am a product of Northern/American Baptists having been nurtured for over three-fourth of a century and called to

min-istry over fifty-three years ago.

Yes, there has been tough times, but I

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## Events & Happenings

\*\*\*\*\***Japanese Baptist Church** invites you to the **Asian Dinner and Festival**, to be held Sunday, October 28, 2007, at Chinese Baptist Church, 5801 Beacon Avenue S, Seattle. The event will start at 4:30 p.m. with a program featuring presentations by the three sponsoring churches: Chinese Baptist Church, Japanese Baptist Church, and Filipino-American Christian Fellowship. The dinner follows.

A scholarship event, dinner tick-

ets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 6—11 years old; (under 5 yrs old –free)

\*\*\*\*\*There are **nine(9) Offering Plates** in excellent condition available to any church which can make use of all or any number of them. Please call Seattle First Baptist Church at 206-325-6051.

\*\*\*\*\***Churches in Seattle wishing to provide intern-**

**ship or other educational opportunities to seminarians** should contact Fuller Seminary's extension here and/or the School of Theology and Ministry at Seattle University. Both schools are eager to identify such opportunities, and American Baptist seminarians preparing for ordination with Evergreen are expected to do at least some of that work in an American Baptist setting.

## Thai Crafts Will Be Available at Annual Meeting

Ruth Fox, missionary to Thailand was stateside in late 2006 to early 2007 and brought with her handmade crafts to sell to support some of their ministries. Akha Craft is a ministry she helped get going when she first went to Chiang Rai six years ago.

Included among the crafts are Akha shoulder bags that represent the efforts of the

women of Mehmon Village. They were trying to raise money for a Sunday School building/church in their village and didn't have cash, so they made these bags as their "tithe" toward the building. So purchasing one of these bags helps toward the women's tithes toward the building.

In addition to the shoulder

bags are items such as: key-rings, hairclips, eyeglass cases, potholders, hot mitts, neckties, Bible covers, coin purses tote bags, vests, tablecloths, and more.

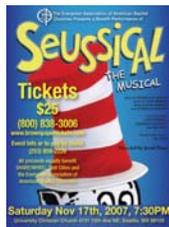
All funds will be sent to Missionary Fox for the ministries in Thailand.

Plan to find some special gifts among the inventory.

## ANOTHER WAY TO SUPPORT *SEUSSICAL*<sup>TM</sup> *the musical*

Perhaps you want to support our fundraiser, *SEUSSICAL*<sup>TM</sup> *the musical* you can put your name or the name of your organization in the program booklet.

The program will be on 8 ½ x 11 paper folded, so a page will be 4¼ x 5½. A full page will be \$150. One-half page will be \$100. One-quarter page will



\$50.00. A business card size will be \$35.00. Sponsorships, a listing of your name will be \$25.00. Inside back or front cover will be \$225.00.

If you desire to have your name or organization in the program book, contact Clem Winbush at

the Association office before November 1, [clem@ea-abc.org](mailto:clem@ea-abc.org) or 253-859-2226. We will use "camera" ready copy only. Thanks for supporting our efforts to give to SHARE/WHEEL Tent Cities and support our own ministries of Evergreen.

## Executive Minister Clarifies MPT'S and UNITED MISSION

I have received several questions recently regarding giving to our international missionaries. Some folks seem to have heard that the only way for churches to support International Ministries is to re-direct their United Mission dollars. Since this is not true, I want to clarify some things from my viewpoint as your Executive Minister.

International Ministries in the last two-three years has embarked on a new way of raising money for their international missionaries. In the past, missionaries on "home assignment" were all required and encouraged to be engaged with local churches telling their stories and asking for the mission dollar, all international mission dollars were put into the common pool, from which everyone (home staff as well as those deployed) was paid. International Ministries believes that more dollars can be raised if each overseas missionary is responsible for raising a certain amount of dollars that cover that individual's (or couple's or family's) salary and expenses. They have, as I understand it, set a dollar amount which must be raised by each missionary. To help each missionary raise this money, they recruit a "MPT" or Missionary Partner Team. This

team finds prayer partners as well as "money" partners. The understanding is that this would help find new money for our missionaries over and above what churches were giving to American Baptist mission and the World Mission Offering.

American Baptists agreed sometime ago to work together in raising the mission dollar so that we would not always be at the door of the churches and church members asking for money. The basic means for raising the monies needed is the United Mission Dollar. In June we sent a brochure along with the newsletter that outlined where the United Mission Dollar goes. United Mission is Evergreen's bread and butter. Our budget of \$235,000 for next year anticipates receiving \$115,000 of United Mission giving from our churches. To receive \$115,000 means our churches must give at least \$184,000 to United Mission. The rest of those dollars go to the representative process, the Office of the General Secretary, National Ministries and International Ministries as determined by the General Board. In addition, International Ministries receives every dollar of the World Mission Offering, being received in most churches this month or next. National Minis-

tries and Evergreen share the proceeds from the America for Christ offering (taken in February and March), National Ministries receiving two-thirds and Evergreen one-third. The United Mission dollar is important to the work and mission of Evergreen, if your church does not give to United Mission, the work of Evergreen suffers.

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If you desire to support a specific overseas missionary you are encouraged to do so by finding those "over and above" dollars. A church may designate World Mission Offering dollars to a specific missionary, but know that every dollar goes to support our International Missionaries.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any further questions about supporting Evergreen or your other American Baptist missions.

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## You're Invited as Seattle First Dedicates Aeolian-Skinner Organ

**Seattle First Baptist Church** is happy to announce the dedication of its "new" historic Aeolian-Skinner Opus 1216 Organ on

**Sunday, October 21, 2007 11:00 am Dedicatory Worship Service**

**Knowing many are in worship at 11, please come to the 5:00 pm Dedicatory Recital** by Douglas Cleveland, *Organist/Choral Director, Plymouth Congregational Church, Seattle, WA*

## Surround Your Schools with Care in September and Beyond—Nat’l Min.

As children have begun a new school year, there is much that you and your congregation can do to surround the schools in your community with care. Jan Resseger, Minister for Public Education and Witness with the United Church of Christ, and chair of the NCC Committee on Public Education and Literacy, suggests 56 things you can do, from praying for children

in your schools to honoring and appreciating public school teachers; from supporting parents to partnering with public schools; from studying the issues surrounding public education to advocating for public education funding and reform. Download this resource today and begin thinking about what you can do to surround your schools with care. For a

copy of the litany referenced in "[56 Things You Can Do to Surround Your Schools with Care](http://www.ucc.org/justice/issues/public-education/pdfs/litany.pdf)," see <http://www.ucc.org/justice/issues/public-education/pdfs/litany.pdf>.

## Rewired: Youth Ministry in an Age of IM and MySpace



A Judson Press publication—new from parent, professor, and author Peggy Kendall—**Rewired** considers cyberspace

from the perspective of today’s youth leaders, including:

- A summary of current research on IM, MySpace, and YouTube

- Real-life insight from teens who use social networking technology on a regular basis
- Feedback and insight from youth pastors who use IM and MySpace in ministry
- Specific how-to tips on IM and MySpace use.

If you’re considering venturing online to minister to today’s teens, or if you’re al-

*A book on how to use the internet as a place for community, learning and building faith—the dangers and benefits of cyber-relationships.*

ready there, pick up a copy of **Rewired** and take a look at the potential rewards and possible pitfalls that await

## READ for LIFE at Pullman

Pastor John Doty of Pullman Baptist Church shares these pictures of Pullman’s READ for LIFE tutors.

During Orientation Thursday, September 13, 2007, tutors created a collaborative



poster symbolizing the journey, the freedom and the joy of reading. Tutor training



continues for four two-hour sessions and tutees

are expected to begin arriving Tuesday, October 2nd.

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☸ Thai crafts for sale.

☸ Offerings also received for Evergreen ministry and mission.

Something for everyone!  
Register today!

## Classes in Conversational Japanese

JBC will be offering classes in conversational Japanese starting on Saturday, October 6, 2007

Associate Pastor Yuki Sakiyama, coordinator.

Beginners group and an intermediate or advanced level. Interested? Please let Yuki know.

Yuki's e-mail address is yukiosaki@comcast.net.

## Peter's Perspectives

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have never felt an urge to look for another affiliation.

No issues have come before our Region during the months that I have been Chair. However, I have been engaged in conversations pertaining to churches in our region that do not carry the Baptist label. The question raised is how baptistic are they? I do not have an Evergreen answer. The decision to change names have certainly been based on the fact of congregational autonomy, a Baptist liberty. Related to the discussion is the question of "community" churches. This too has been a congregational decision.

The congregations' participation and place in The Evergreen Association is clear indication of their roots and desire to uphold their Baptist heritage. Thanks and praise be to God!

My personal view is that it is paramount that "at heart" we continue to "lift up" our

Baptist heritage, which I believe is within the will and purpose of God for "His people." Scripture is definitely our guide, led by the Spirit and defined for practice for the Lord's congregation, individuals and collective.

As I reflect on being Baptists, it occurs to me that it is not easy to be baptistic. What do I mean? Our sense of freedom as pastors, congregations and members at times turn out to be a weakness as an Association. Everything we engage in outside of our congregations is "VOLUNTARY". Pastors and people have options "to do" or "not to do" when it comes to matters pertaining to Evergreen. Our Region is a voluntary Association - WE chose to become! The only part of our organization that is "structured" is the "caucuses."

Isn't it amazing that we have done well for almost five years? I must commend our pastors, churches and friends for YOUR participation in Evergreen with your time, en-

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ergy, finances and prayers. We have NO "you musts", therefore no ways/means to enforce them. I do confess, however, that we do, "appeal to our sisters and brothers," from time to time. Yes, we appeal to your "voluntary spirit of goodness." It's a Scriptural prerogative, is it not? Thanks for your continuing response of goodwill -this is definitely Scriptural! In reality, our voluntary nature, is a POSITIVE! Baptists are certainly OK people. Praise God!

I thank God that I am an ASIAN American Baptist, otherwise I would have missed this "calling" to serve Evergreen. My only regret is that Dorothy is not here to share this experience with me as she had all my other significant happenings.

May the Good Lord keep each of YOU, your pastors and your churches in His blessed CARE!

Your Grateful Chair,

*Rev. Peter Koshi*

## Meeting Our Seminarians

Recent issues of *Evergreen Notes* have reported on some of the seminarians from our member churches. Here is an introduction to one more:

**Gretchen Bunzer Champoux** is beginning her fifth year at Seattle University's School of Theology and Ministry. This academic year she will complete her Master's of Divinity Degree and also begin a post-master's certificate



in Pastoral Counseling. Gretchen has completed two internships during her the course of her study: the first, as spiritual care intern for Providence Transitions, a subsidiary of Providence Hospice of Seattle, and the second, as pastoral intern at Fremont Baptist Church. Gretchen's ministry reflects her internship experiences: that is, the intersection between con-

gregational life and pastoral care. Besides being a seminarian and active member of Seattle First Baptist Church, Gretchen runs a small garden design business. She lives happily in Ballard with her husband Andre where they enjoy reading, their kitties, and playing in their P-Patch.

## Chairs & Tables Available for a Congregation

Queen Anne Baptist Church has about 100 folding chairs and five to seven long tables more than they currently need. The congregation wishes to give them to your

church if you need them.

If interested, please contact Rev. Cathy Johnson, Pastor of Queen Anne Baptist Church, at 206-282-7744.

## JBC's Annual College Men's Retreat Pastor Paul Aita

Starting in 2003, I've invited JBC's college men to a mini-retreat at Ocean Shores before the start of each school year. For this year's Fifth Annual event, six young men participated with me from Thursday, September 20th, through Saturday, the 22nd. They're shown in the photo (from left to right): Ed Oh, Tommy Booth, Jeremy Cho, Chris Nielsen, Evan Matsuzawa, and Nick



Butler. Of these, Evan was the only first-timer, and Jeremy was the only one who has attended all five events! The group had a great time, keeping their pastor up till 1:30 a.m. one night and 2:30 a.m. the next.

## New Resource

"I Have Called You Friends" (John 15:15) will help pastors and stewardship leaders design a giving campaign for next year.



The magazine includes a series of four worship services — including sermon ideas and songs — that teach the beauty of the offering and invite people to consider their future giving. The magazine sells for \$9/copy and includes outlines for three services in the center insert. Information for the fourth is available on the Ecumenical Stewardship Center website: [www.stewardshipresources.org](http://www.stewardshipresources.org).

Most churches will need only one or two copies of the magazine because all resources can be photocopied.

Order directly from Judson Customer Service: 1-800-4JUDSON (458-3766)

## Forum on Educational Accountability—National Ministries

The Forum on Educational Accountability has been formed to improve federal education policy by expanding on and advancing the ideas in the "Joint Organizational Statement on No Child Left Behind." Supported by more than ninety national education, civil rights, religious, children's, disability,

and civic organizations, including National Ministries, American Baptist Churches USA, the statement calls for significant changes to improve federal education policy. The signatories to the statement seek to shift No Child Left Behind from applying sanctions to schools for failing to raise test scores to

supporting states and localities and holding them accountable as they work to make the systemic changes that improve student learning. For more on the Forum and the Joint Statement visit the [Forum on Educational Accountability](#)

## Michael Stern & Friends in Concert

The Seattle Chapter Fellowship of Reconciliation presents singer/songwriter, Michael Stern with friends, Eric Smith and William Limbach in concert Saturday, October 20, 2007, 7:00 pm, at University Friends Meeting House, 4001—9th Avenue NE, Seattle.

The artists' repertoire will include songs of compassion, humor, justice and peace.

Suggested donation \$10—\$20, but nobody will be



turned away for lack of funds.

Proceeds will benefit the local chapter of Fellowship of Reconciliation which has advocated nonviolent solutions to conflict since 1914.

## SBU Ministers/Spouses Cruise - Answers to the Name the Faces Question

Picture 1: (L-R) Paul Aita, Chuck Elven, Patrick Green, and James Winbush

Picture 2: Gretchen & Andre Champoux

Picture 3: (L-R) Ann & David Hall and Bonnie Sutton

Picture 4: Bruce Chittick and Russ Kaake

Picture 5: Ruth and Colvin Caughey (Retired)

Picture 6: Ron Kirstein; David Simpkins

Picture 7: Joel and Cathy Johnson

Picture 8: Robin and Mary Balcom

## October is Clergy Appreciation Month!

The role of pastor, much like the role of parent or teacher, can sometimes be a thankless job. When did you last say thank you? Have you recently offered a word of praise or encouragement? What have you done to show your appreciation for all your pastor does for your church family? Judson Press is making it easy to give the perfect gift to the gifted leaders of our churches! Judson Press' Clergy Appreciation Month promotion, save \$10.00 on any order of \$20.00 or more!



## TENT CITY 4 at Community Church of Issaquah—UPDATE

Issaquah has been a surprising place for TC4. It was expected that the camp would decrease in population being so far out from the metropolis, but instead the numbers have steadily climbed. As of September 4 the numbers were at 94. Many of our residents were finding jobs in Issaquah. Some were volunteering at the Fish Hatchery. Responses from Tent City 4 residents and the community remain positive. The Needs List Continues...

**Food:** Creamer for coffee, Coffee, Canned chili, stew,

**Clothing:** Warm clothing, especially wool socks. Please bring these items and any hand warmers, blankets, etc. to the church for storage and distribution; NOT to the camp. Cold weather stuff is leaving camp too rapidly with departing residents, and there is likely to be a shortfall when the bad weather comes.

**NO Meal Dates to Fill:** We are

grateful to you all!!

**Other:** Personal sized flashlights, 33 gallon trash bags, sturdy paper plates, Laundry Soap, Batteries (D, AA, AAA) ... used for fans, flash lights, and many other uses; Women's sanitary products, Rubber bands, Antibiotic ointment, Printer paper (for resumes, camp paperwork, etc)

**Thank you!**

Elizabeth Maupin,  
Outreach Minister

## Missionary Commissioning Service



(L-R) Rev. John Bell, Lee Ann Hwang, Gordon Hwang, Rev. Stan Murray, Irene Iwata, Pam Nomura, and John Stice

Two members of Japanese Baptist Church, Gordon and Lee Ann Hwang, were commissioned as American Baptist missionaries at JBC on Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. Having been commissioned as JBC's

own missionaries in 2005, the Hwangs now have a joint appointment by the church and ABC International Ministries. Participating in the commissioning service on behalf of the Board of International Ministries were Board member Sharon Gober from Chehalis WA; IM staff members Rev. Stan Murray and Rev. Jim Bell; and IM missionaries to Japan John and Tomoko Armagost and Carolyn Predmore.

Lee Ann Hwang teaches at Soshin School in

*"..., the Hwangs now have a joint appointment by the church and ABC International Ministries."*

Yokohama, where she combines a full teaching load with ministry to students and other faculty. Gordon leads Bible studies and assists in the ministry of the Soshin Baptist Church.

## SEATTLE FIRST IN TRANSITION



Seattle First Baptist said goodbye to one of their pastors the end of July. Stephen D. Jones moved with wife, Jan, to St. Louis, Missouri where he now serves as pastor of

Second Baptist Church.

While the church does some study of staff structure and its future, the remaining two pastors continue to serve; Cathy Fransson serves full time and Craig Darling will give some extra time to the church from

his primary duties as Director of Companis. Recently retired David Kile has taken on some added time/duties, and added staff member, Ingrid Welti, helps with administrative tasks. Your prayers and concerns are appreciated.

## *A New Heaven and A New Earth*

### **Cultural Competency Training for the Northwest**

*A Partnership of: Evergreen Association of American Baptist Churches, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Northwest Synods, Episcopal Diocese of Olympia, Pacific Northwest Conference of the United Methodist Church, in conjunction with the Kaleidoscope Institute*

*and the Reverend Eric Law.*

**November 6, 2007**

**8:30 AM to 5:00 PM**

Peace Lutheran Church

2106 S. Cushman

Tacoma WA

253.383.1317

#### ***What is Cultural Competency training?***

*Cultural competency training assists in building skills to effectively communicate with a diversity of people - younger, older, immigrant generation, a primary language or culture different from your own.*

*As Christians in the Northwest we want our faith communities to reflect the diversity of the local community. You will learn skills and tools for building relationships with your neighbors of diverse cultural and ethnic backgrounds.*

#### ***Who should attend?***

*Lay and clergy persons in leadership positions in their churches or organizations*

*Congregations reaching out to communities becoming more diverse*

*Persons ministering cross-culturally*

*Persons who are curious about their own potential for embracing diversity*

#### ***Why do this training ecumenically?***

*Developing our ecumenical relationships and collaboration strengthens our witness and outreach locally. This ecumenical partnership represents a long-term commitment to build capacity among Christian community in the Pacific Northwest to train others in cultural competency.*

### **REGISTRATION**

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Cost: \$50.00 person. Make checks payable to PNW Treasurer

To register, simply send name, address, church affiliation and check to:

**PNW Conference, UMC**

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

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

Rev. Dr. Marcia J. Patton, Executive Minister

Building Bridges Between Communities

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

### OCTOBER

- 12—13 **Annual Meeting Japanese Baptist Church, General Secretary ABCUSA, Roy Medley, Key- note Speaker**
- 13—**SBU Annual Meeting/ Asian Caucus Appreciation Dinner, Japanese Baptist**
- 14—15 **Roger Williams Symposium, WSU**
- 28—**Asian Caucus Scholarship Dinner/Festival, Chinese Baptist, Seattle**

### NOVEMBER

- 2—**Executive Committee Meeting**
- 6—**Eric Law Training on Cultural Competency, Peace**

Lutheran Church

- 10—**Association Board Meeting, Wedgwood, 9 AM**
- 16—17 **ACT Weekend**
- 17—**Evergreen presents, Seussical™, the Musical, University Christian Church, Tickets \$25.**



### JANUARY

- 11—12 **ACT Weekend**
- 21—**Martin Luther King Jr. Day Worship Service**

### FEBRUARY

- 15—16 **TEAM, Executive Committee & Caucus Leadership Retreat**

## 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.**