



# Evergreen Notes

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## Building Bridges Event—Saturday, February 27, 2010

There is something for every church member at the Building Bridges Event. Clearly, with Brad Berglund with us, there is much for the worship planners and musicians in the church. In addition, we have planned something for trustees (Rick Barlow's workshop), for the leaders of the church (Know Your Neighborhood—Curtis will help you do demographics), and for mission folk—Refugee Resettlement (Paul Roby will tell you about the needs and possibilities of working with refu-

gees in and around Seattle). Jeff Woods will also be with us. He's developed a wonderful piece on church typology. Pastors and other church leaders will find this helpful as they plan for their church ministry.

We'll all appreciate Brad's workshop before lunch on "Practice Makes Perfect", then in the afternoon we have choices again. There is something for teachers of children, for figuring out how to make a difference in your neighborhood, and if you just want to have

fun and learn a new skill, join those making quilt squares and rolling bandages (used in places like Haiti). If you want to learn how you work in conflict situations, join me in the afternoon at the Intercultural Conflict Styles Inventory. There's something for everyone in one of the workshops!

Seriously, this day is planned so that everyone can find something new to take home. See you at Building Bridges!

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- Yosh Nakagawa of Japanese Baptist Church
- Barry Briscoe of Burien Community Church
- Amos Landry, pastor of Peoples Institutional Baptist Church

## Operating Under An Illusion



Ken Curl, Evergreen Chair

Recently Marcia

asked each of the leaders to take a survey called the Intercultural Development Inventory (IDI). This survey provides valuable information

about your own orientations toward cultural difference and commonality. The survey states that the IDI is a cross-

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## Events & Happenings Around the Association

 **NEW WALK CHRISTIAN CHURCH** and Pastors Walter & Evelyn Heyman extend a welcome to our Evergreen Church Family to join us as we celebrate five years in God's service on March 7, 2010 at 3pm. A lite dinner will be served between 1 & 2:45pm. Our guest speaker is Heath Rainwater, Pastor of The Vine Christian Ministries of Seattle WA.

 **GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH—SAN JOSE**, welcomes their new pastor and his wife, Daryl and Tatyana Lavway.

 **SEATTLE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH** invites you to experience the labyrinth walks each second Sunday beginning February 14th through May 9th, 6—8 PM.

 Come and find out about **NEW HOPE'S** Clean

Greens Farm and Market Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) Program! Delivering fresh pesticide-free produce to all people at affordable prices. Saturday February 13, 2010, 10:00 AM -12:00 Noon, St Mark Episcopal Cathedral Leffler House Living Room (House across the parking lot from the Cathedral), 1245 10th Ave E, Seattle 98102

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culturally valid and reliable assessment of intercultural competence.

I took the survey thinking that I am a person that values diversity and therefore my results ought to confirm my personal reflection. Well guess what? To the contrary my results indicated that I am in the "minimization" category. There are five stages in the IDI Continuum and minimization is smack dab in the middle. The categories are in order from low to high: denial, polarization, minimization, acceptance and adaptation. Minimization is defined as: an orientation that highlights cultural commonality and universal values and principles that may

also mask deeper recognition and appreciation of cultural differences. The survey also measures the difference between your Perceived Orientation (PO) (where you place yourself along the continuum) versus your Developmental Orientation (DO) (your primary orientation toward cultural differences and commonalities along the continuum as assessed by the IDI). The gap between my PO and DO is a whopping 22.90 points where a gap of 7 points or higher can be considered a meaningful difference between where you perceive "you are" on the developmental continuum and where the IDI places you. As you can see I have my work cut out for me in order to bring my PO and DO in sync.

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The reason I am sharing this is to encourage each of you to take the IDI sometime over the next year. Marcia can administer the test, analyze the results and provide you with a one on one analysis of where you stand (at a minimal cost of course). As you know Evergreen's caucus system and consensus decision making is a way of honoring diversity. It seems only appropriate that we all take the time to know where we are on the IDI continuum so that we can do better. The next step for me is to find out how I can do better because that's what Jesus would want.

May God Bless You and Keep You.

**Ken**

## I Was in Prison, and You Visited Me

Terri Simpkins

In Matthew Chapter 25: 35-36 Jesus tells His disciples how to do ministry—*“I was hungry, and you gave me food. I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink. I was alone and away from home, and you invited me into your house. I was without clothes, and you gave me something to wear. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me.”* and he concludes in verse 40 saying, *“...anything you did for even the least of my people here, you also did for me.”*

For the past ten years Dave and I have been going into Washington State prisons for ministry. Now we go the women’s prison at least once

a week. I know that not everyone can actually go into a prison. But there is a way you can minister to a person in prison. Twice a year four prisons in Washington State have a mini (three-day) retreat weekend sponsored by Kairos Ministries International. Christians from many denominations work together to make this weekend happen.

So, how can you be a part of the ministry? Every volunteer who works a weekend is asked to contribute 100 dozen cookies. Yes, you read that correctly. Since there is about 60 people on a team that means 6000 dozen cookies! What do we do with that many cookies, you ask? Every day during the re-

treat, every person in the facility gets a dozen cookies delivered to their unit. At Purdy (the women’s facility) there are over 900 women. Get the picture!

If you love baking cookies and would like to contribute in this way please contact me. There are specific kinds of cookies that can go into the prison, like chocolate chips; peanut butter; oatmeal. I will be happy to send you the information and some of the women’s favorite recipes. For the men and women in prison it would be like a visit from **YOU**.

Terri Simpkins, cell: 206-399-0029; home: 206-243-2252; e-mail [terrisimp@aol.com](mailto:terrisimp@aol.com).

## Tent City 4 Comes to Community Church of Issaquah

The Community Church of Issaquah is hosting Tent City 4 (TC4) from January 23rd through April 24th of this year. Some have asked for information about how to donate food or cook meals or make cash donations to TC4. So allow me to give you some contact people and phone numbers:

To donate food, or to prepare and serve a hot meal please contact Steve Burk at 425.260.3824

To donate non food supplies please contact Elizabeth Maupin at 425.313.8937 about particular needs.

To make a cash donations please make checks payable

to Community Church of Issaquah, and designate to Tent City 4. Our mailing address is: CCI 205 Mountain Park Blvd. SW, Issaquah WA. 98027

Thank you for any help you may be able to offer,

Dick Birdsall,  
Interim Minister

## Singers/Choirs Music Groups/Dancers/Drama For Biennial in Puerto Rico

If you are interested in being involved in the musical presentations at the American Baptist Biennial in San Juan, Puerto Rico, June 24 - 26, 2011, go to [www.abcusa.org](http://www.abcusa.org)

to find the information to apply.

In the main worship celebrations, we will be seeking to achieve a balance of worship/music styles and cul-

tures. That means we need you, your choir, musicians, and dance and/or drama teams!

## American Baptist Foundation Workshop at Building Bridges Event

Evergreen's ABF representative, Rick Barlow will present "The ABCs of Estate Planning" at the February 27th training event aimed at helping "workmen show themselves approved...". The workshop will focus on utilizing planned giving to enhance ministry in your church today and how to connect people who care to ministries that matter. Come learn how to



connect the right things, the right people, at the right time, for the right cost, with the right management.

Helping to connect people who care with ministries that matter is at the heart of the American Baptist Foundation.

In the workshop session, you will gain an understanding of

the Foundation as a center through which planned gifts-the result of estate planning-may be made for all American Baptist ministry and mission, from congregational efforts and regional camping experiences to outreach across our nation and around the world. (Haiti)

## VISIT TO REFUGEE CAMPS IN THAILAND

Paul Aita, Senior Minister of Japanese Baptist Church, traveled to Thailand just after Christmas to visit the Mae Ra Moe and Mae La Refugee Camps near the Burma (Myanmar) border. A highlight of the trip was a celebration jointly sponsored by the two camps during which 456 new believers were



baptized in the river flowing through the camp. One of 41 pastors representing countries around the world who



are receiving refugees from Burma, Dr. Aita baptized 11 candidates that day—January 2<sup>nd</sup>, the actual day of the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination to the Christian ministry. On Sunday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, he joined other pastors in serving communion to the gathered 3,000 or 4,000 worshipers—and on the morning of January 4<sup>th</sup>, he spoke at one of the two weddings in the Bible School of the camp.

Paul Aita

After visiting the two refugee camps, Paul visited with three missionary couples in Chiang Mai Rev. Eiji and Emi Osato, missionaries of



Eiji Osato with Dr. Aita at baptisms

the Japan Baptist Union teaching at the Karen Baptist Siloam Bible Institute and missionary couples serving with Wycliffe Bible Translators: Roman and Janice Stefaniw and Bill and Paula Hanna.

# BUILDING BRIDGES EVENT\*

\*Like "Tools for the Trade"

## FEBRUARY 27, 2010

### REGISTRATION FORM

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

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

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

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

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

Child Care is needed (please list child's name and age)

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Please register me for the following workshops (one each series or preference 1, 2, 3):

Series I

Series II

Reinventing Vision of Worship

Reaching Today's Kids

Know Your Neighborhood

Next Big Thing

Typology

Intercultural Conflict Styles Inventory **Fee \$10**

ABC's of Estate Planning

Reinventing the Act of Worship

Refugee Resettlement

Quilt Squares

Intercultural Conflict Styles Inventory: \_\_\_\_\_

FEE: \$15.00 if registered February 20 or before. \$20.00 at the door. Registration: \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL FEES enclosed:** \_\_\_\_\_

EVERGREEN ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN BAPTIST

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## SCHEDULE

8:00—8:30 Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:30—8:45 MINI-WORSHIP

8:45—10:15 SERIES I WORKSHOPS

1. **"Reinventing your Vision of Worship"** Rev. Brad Berglund
2. **"Know Your Neighborhood"** Doing demographics to help you reach your mission field.  
Rev. Curtis Price
3. **"ABCs of Estate Planning"** Connecting people who care to ministries that matter.  
Rev. Rick Barlow
4. **"Typology"** What type of church is yours? What difference does that make in your ministry?  
Rev. Dr. Jeff Woods
5. **"Refugee Resettlement"** Looking at considerations in doing this ministry outreach.  
Dr. Paul Roby

10:30—12 NOON **"Practice Makes Perfect"** Plenary Session with Rev. Brad Berglund

12 NOON LUNCH

12:45—2:15 SERIES II WORKSHOPS

1. **"Reaching Today's Kids"** Consideration of methods of touching lives of children in today's society.
2. **"The Next Big Thing"** Getting into your neighborhood.  
Rev. Curtis Price and Rev. Dr. Judy Gay
3. **"Intercultural Conflict Styles Inventory"** How to learn more about yourself and how you work with others. Must register in advance, \$10 fee.  
Rev. Marcia Patton
4. **"Reinventing the Act of Worship"** Rev. Brad Berglund
5. **"Quilt Squares"** A hands-on experience of producing quilt squares to send overseas. Bring rotary cutters if you have them; will roll bandages, too.  
Mabel Brockhoff

2:30—3:00 CLOSING WORSHIP

## JBC Celebrates 40<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary of Pastor Paul Aita's Ordination



ABC General Secretary,  
Roy Medley



Brooks Andrews



Paul and Gail Aita



Woun Kim, Minister of Outreach; Marcia, Roy, Stan and Paul



Yuki Sakiyama



Rev. Stan Murray, Area Director for Japan and Southeast Asia for ABC



Yosh Nakagawa; Walter Heyman



The Laying on of hands



Fellowshipping

## MLK Day Worship Celebration in Snapshots



Rev. Dr. Marcia Patton



Rev. Dr. Paul Martin



Rev. Nancy Darnell



Miss Pharez Keys



Rev. Tim Phillips



Vicky Thomas and the Seattle First Baptist Choir



You're invited to the next **Seattle Jazz Vespers** in downtown Seattle featuring **A BENEFIT CONCERT FOR HAITI RELIEF - THE STEPHANIE PORTER QUARTET WITH GUEST LANCE BULLER** on Sunday, February 7, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. in the historic gothic sanctuary of Seattle First Baptist Church on First Hill at the corner of Seneca and Harvard streets.

This venue is offered to the best jazz groups in the city to perform 100-minutes of their own popular music. **The Vespers are f-r-e-e and open to the public on the first Sunday night of each month at 6:00 p.m., from October through June. No tickets or reservations are needed.**

## Haiti/Haitian Solidarity Day At the AB Mission Center

ABCUSA has designated Monday, February 1, as Haiti/Haitian Solidarity Day for those working at the Mission Center in American Baptist-related ministries. The day calls staff to reflect on the plight of our Haitian brothers and sisters in Christ and consider tangible ways to help.

Mission Center participants will place their shoes outside their office doors or cubicles on Monday and work in their bare or stocking/slipper/flip flop-clad feet. While we cannot possibly—truly—“walk” in our Haitian neighbors’ shoes, we can imagine what it means for the hundreds of thousands of people impacted by the earthquake to have no shoes during this calamitous time. We will walk throughout the

building that day without our shoes also as a sign of grief, identifying with our Haitian sisters and brothers in the United States who have lost loved ones and are lost in the heavy burden of deep grief. Finally, we shed our shoes on Monday because we realize that this time in history is holy ground.

We stand before God, believing that nothing can separate us from God’s love or thwart God’s ultimate purpose for us. We await God’s voice to us in the midst of this tragedy.

For those who are able, there will be an opportunity for making personal donations to One Great Hour of Sharing on February 1—specifically designated to direct



funds where they are needed most among our Haitian mission partners. The first \$20,000 collected will be used for a delegation of Haitian Americans from our 67 American Baptist Haitian congregations to make the journey to Haiti to “walk” with their families and friends thereby participating in the rebuilding that comes next.

Understandably, some will not be able to make a monetary contribution right now, but can support our neighbors with prayers and acts of solidarity.

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## A Day of Remembrance: Minidoka Pilgrimage Taiko Fundraiser

A concert to benefit the Minidoka Pilgrimage Committee and the Friends of Minidoka will take place at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, February 21, 2010 at Pigott Hall at Seattle University, Broadway and E. Madison St.

Seattle University’s Day of Remembrance will feature performances by several taiko groups: Inochi Taiko, Kaze Daiko, Ringtaro Tateishi School of Taiko, Northwest Taiko, Seattle Kokon Taiko, One World Taiko, and Seattle Matsuri.

The Day of Remembrance recognizes the date, February 19, 1942, when President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066, which forced 120,000 Japanese American citizens and legal residents into internment camps during World War II solely based upon their Japanese descent.

Tickets are \$20. They can be purchased at the Japanese Cultural and Community Center (JCCC) main office at 511 16<sup>th</sup> Ave. So. and via

Pay Pal. Information is posted on the Minidoka Pilgrimage website; [www.Minidokapilgrimage.org](http://www.Minidokapilgrimage.org). Tickets purchased on-line will be available at will-call on the day of the concert.

Questions? Please call or leave a message at (206) 568-7114. Office hours are 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday to Friday.

## University Baptist’s Haiti Fundraiser is in the Planning Stages

University Baptist Church is planning a Benefit Haiti fundraising event. UBC welcomes other churches to assist with planning and carry-

ing out the event.

The tentative plan is to hold a dance and dessert auction on February 27th with games available for children and

youth and childcare provided. Volunteer help, ticket sales, and desserts for auction will be needed. Contact Lin Carlson at 206-940-7155.

## Jodie Tooley Installed as Pastor of Moscow



Jodie & Marcia Patton



Bonnie Nelson; Jodie, Marcia; Iris Manning



Jodie and the children

## PCBA NEWS

BLT Meets this Wednesday (February 3) at Grand Lake Gardens. Paul Hardwick will be the speaker reflecting on his ministry with PCBA and Baptist Principles. The PCBA Board will meet immediately following BLT. Please RSVP with Joan Thatcher at 510-350-7008.

Next month BLT will meet on March 3rd. Tentative plans have the meeting happening at San Leandro Community Church, but nothing is set for certain at this writing. However, plans are for it to be an evening experience. Watch your mail and email for specifics. There are also plans for Spring Conference on Saturday, May 8. More details to come.

## Journey to the Holy Land—Tickets Still Available!

Your hosts, Rev. Amos and Sister Diann Landry invite you to join them on a spiritual retreat which enriches individual lives, increases Biblical knowledge, and develops Christian fellowship.

You will learn more and recall more about Scriptures because you will have experi-



enced walking where Jesus walked, and you will explore the excitement of the Bible coming alive.

As the Word of God is revealed to you physically and Spiritually, your prayer life and personal understanding of Christ will be enriched.

Register today.

Call Noseworthy Travel 1-800-929-4684 ext, or register on line at [www.noseworthytravel.com](http://www.noseworthytravel.com) fill in the "I know My Tour Information" Tour=NH10 Code=051710D ID#=52344.

See you in the Holy Land.

## Faith Advocacy Day

**Join Us to Lift Every Voice on Tuesday, February 16, 2010 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. At the State Capitol in Olympia**

Begin the day at United Churches in Olympia. Move to the State Capitol for lunch and legislative meetings. Meet your legislators and voice your concerns.

Transportation is available.

For more information, contact: Washington Association of Churches, (206) 625-9790, the Lutheran Public Policy Office, (206) 464-4133 or Church Council of Greater Seattle (206) 525-1213

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



**Rev. Dr. Marcia J. Patton**  
Executive Minister

**Building bridges, resourcing churches & translating our unity**

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

### FEBRUARY

12—13 Leaders Retreat,  
Camp Burton

16—Faith Advocacy Day,  
Olympia WA (pg. 9)

27—**Building Bridges Educational Event,**  
**Brad Berglund—**  
**Special Guest,**  
**Seattle First Baptist Church, 9 AM**



### MARCH

15—Executive Committee  
Meeting, JBC, 5:30 PM

27—**Association Board**  
**Meeting, Wedgwood, 9 AM**

### APRIL

2—Good Friday; Office Closed

4—**Easter Sunrise Service,**  
**St. Ignatius Chapel, Seat-**  
**tle University Campus,**  
**7:30 AM**

11—13 Ministers Council Re-  
treat, Camp Burton.

## MISSION STATEMENT

Being a culturally diverse  
people who are one in  
Christ and who value the  
liberties of our American  
Baptist Heritage, the Ever-  
green 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.