



Evergreen Notes

Evergreen Association of American Baptist Churches

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Happy New Year!

MLK Memorial Baptist Church Hosts MLK Day Service



Rev. Dr. Martin L. King, Jr.

Evergreen's annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Community Worship Service will be held at 6:00 PM Monday, January 18, 2010, at the MLK, Jr. Memorial Baptist Church, 13611 SE 116th Street, Renton WA 98056, where Rev. Herbert Carey is

pastor. Through this celebration of the life of Dr. King—an American Baptist preacher/pastor among other attributes—we are reminded of the faith and devotion which permeated his message of nonviolence and freedom for all people. That same message is as relevant today as in the 1960's.

The celebration this

year features the Rev. Dr. Paul Martin, the 21st and first Black president in the American Baptist Seminary of the West (ABSW)'s long history. The Seattle First Baptist Church Choir and the MLK Jr. Memorial Baptist Church's Amazing Grace Praise Dancers will share their gifts with us.

Join us! The celebration will not be the same without you!

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Shout out of Praise to God for

- Yosh Nakagawa's greatly improved health, though we should continue to pray for complete healing!

Constant Prayers for

- Ruth Hunter in week four of recovering from a craniotomy to repair arterio-venous malformation, and
- Pastor Amos Landry in the loss of his mother during December 2009.

THANK You! Thank YOU! THANK YOU!

A New Year brings resolutions and hopes for the year to come and it brings me to the place to be grateful for what has brought us this far!

Last year I was reminded several different ways and times that I live in community and that without others I could not have


achieved anything. That is certainly true for Evergreen Association. Without the help of several friends, inside and

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Events & Happenings Around the Association

 **Calvary Baptist Church, Spokane** has opened a soup kitchen in its parsonage adjacent to the church. See the article in the Fig Tree at <http://www.thefigtree.org/dec09/120109calvarysoup.html> or <http://www.spokesman.com/stories/2009/dec/12/calvary-baptist-kitchen-will-help-feed-the-hungry/>

 **Japanese Baptist Church** will celebrate with **Pastor Paul Aita the 40th anniversary of his ordination** during a special service on Sunday, January 24, 2010, at 4:00 p.m., with a reception to follow.



The Evergreen Kent office is soliciting pennies for the Penny Project. The

funds will be donated to a local charitable organization working with children in poverty. If you are interested in helping in this worthwhile project, drop your pennies (nickels, quarters, half-dollars or dollar bills even) in the jar. Start a collection at your church. Go to www.nationalministries.org/CIP/penny_project for details

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“outside” the direct Evergreen family we would have severe financial problems. With them, we have been able to reach the end of the year “balanced”, with additional thanks to our friends at Pullman who entrusted funds to our care with the proviso that we could prudently use funds as needed. So, thanks to our friends who give us a little bit and sometimes a significant bit more to help us do ministry and mission. We appreciate your generosity and commitment.

\$5—\$99

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Alice Woldt
Karen Kincaid
Bruce & Candace Sagor
Priscilla McCarty

Zola Reynolds
Aaron & Michelle Williams
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Gladys MacKenzie
Mary Clare Benson
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David & Anne Hall
George & Ann Lockman
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Tom & Marilee Nielsen
Yoshihisa Sawano
Lee Campbell
Lynora Reeves
Kathleen Hendrickson
Judie Clarridge
Darby Lockett
Cherie Vivolo
Alan & Margaret Anderson

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 Renna Pierce
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 Bobbie Patterson
 Chris & Connie Boyer

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 generosity and commitment."*

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 Mark & Maureen Pittenger
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 Frank Brouger
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 Ellis & Karen Keck
 Sylvia Luckie-Benefiel
 Len & Judy Gay

\$1,000 or above

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 Richard Ice
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 Timothy Phillips & Patrick Green
 Bill & Sally Patton
 Carol Tamparo
 John & CoraLea Doty
 Marcia Patton
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 Herb Tsuchiya

A New Heaven and A New Earth

Cultural Competency Training

*An ecumenical workshop that assists in building skills to effectively
 communicate with a diversity of people, to initiate and deepen
 relationships across cultural, ethnic and racial differences*

Saturday, January 23, 2010
 New Beginnings Christian Fellowship
 19300—180th Ave SE
 Renton WA 98055

Registration 8:30 a.m.— 9:00 a.m.
 Seminar 9:00 a.m.— 5:00 p.m.
 Cost: Advance \$25.00 includes lunch.
 Group discounts available.
 Registration at the door: \$35.00

To register, visit www.pnwumc.org and
 click "Training Events," then "A New
 Heaven and A New Earth"

Who should attend?

*Lay and clergy in leadership
 positions in their churches or
 denominational structures*

*Congregations whose communities
 are becoming more diverse, or are
 sharing or contemplating sharing
 facilities*

*Persons ministering cross-culturally
 Persons who are curious about their
 own blocks to embracing diversity.*

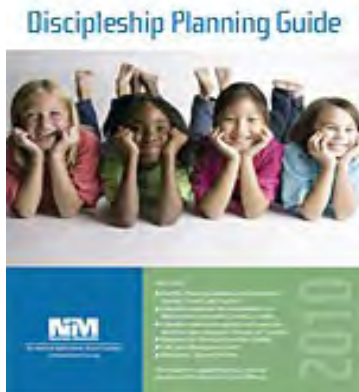


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2010 Discipleship Planning Guide

National Ministries' 2010 Discipleship Planning Guide

is the resource you need to help mission, worship and Christian education committees plan in the coming year. The guide includes a life span development chart, Christian Educa-



tion Sunday materials and devotions in English, Spanish and French.

Developed by National Ministries' staff--thanks to support from the America for Christ Offering--the guide has been sent in hard copy format to all ABCUSA churches and regions.

E-mail karen.drummond@abc-usa.org if you haven't received your copy.

More pictures from Rev. Dr. Van Ni's Visit from Dallas (see article on page 8)



Burma Refugees: God Calling Us



Dr. Paul Roby
Burma Refugee
Services Coordinator

“What do the Burma refugees need?” was my question as I began this work. Our congregations were already at work gathering and donating clothing and house wares when I began.

As I met people in and around the refugee communities, many other worthy needs appeared. Everyone mentioned “...and jobs.” I sort of rolled my eyes, thinking “yeah, everybody needs jobs nowadays.”

But self sufficiency through honest work is critical to these dear people avoiding the slavery of poverty. We Americans have recently

found ourselves uplifting the wealthy, while mostly ignoring the poor. Refugees come here with nothing but willingness to struggle, and a dream of “America” once dreamt around the world. Our missionaries shared that dream, right along with the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ. Refugees may be God’s gift of an opportunity to restore ourselves, by delivering them a decent life if they work and study hard.

Do you know a business operator who needs reliable, low-cost, legal workers, even with temporary language barriers? Will we pray that people would hire Burma refugees? Will we help drive an interpreter to a job site,

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edit a resume, or assure a nervous employer that we stand with him/her? Getting jobs for new Americans in today’s economy is impossible. But we follow Jesus, who said that we *can* do the impossible, if our faith is even as small as a mustard seed. Now is the time for us to move the mountain, and help our brothers and sisters find work.

Important Letter to Treasurers and Mission Support Coordinators

The following letter (or a similar one) and attachment (shown on next page) will be sent to each church treasurer and mission support coordinator during the first week of January. Thank you for helping your church treasurer and/or mission support person to help you support American Baptist Missions.

Dear Treasurer and/or Mission Support Coordinator:

Thank you for your faithfulness in serving your church and church members. We pray that you will have a Happy New Year.

This letter comes to remind you that 2010 brings a change in where American Baptist Churches Mission Receipts will be sent. Beginning with your January 2010 gifts, instead of

Sign Up for Haiti

Last month we shared an e-letter from Dr. Emmanuel Pierre, General Secretary of the Haitian Baptist Convention, inviting us to Haiti.

We need to find the interest out there for putting together a team from Evergreen to go to Haiti. We are looking at next fall, anticipating the cost to be around \$1,000 for a week, more if you want to stay for a bit

sending mission dollars to a PO Box in Philadelphia Pennsylvania, send them to the Evergreen Association of American Baptist Churches office. What that means is that we will be depositing the money and once-a-month dispersing it to the various entities as agreed in our Budget Covenant with the various partners in our American Baptist Mission.

Enclosed (page 6) you will find a "Report of American Baptist Mission Support" which should accompany your check. You will also find an envelope for your use. We have included a form with all the information complete in the upper left hand corner. You will receive a copy of this same form when

longer and put in some work.

Please let me know that you have an interest. What I am hoping for is a team of one or two people from 5 or 6 of our churches. Is God putting it on your heart to go?

Contact Marcia (253-859-2226 or marcia@ea-abc.org).

we receive your mission gifts. If you have any questions about completion of this form, please do not hesitate to be in touch.

Grace and peace,



Marcia J. Patton

PCBA NEWS

Next BLT will be on Wednesday, February 3 at 12:00 Noon at Grand Lake Gardens. Speaker will be Paul Hardwick on "My journey with PCBA and Baptist Principles."

Please make lunch reservations with Joan Thatcher at 510-350-7008. There will be a Board meeting following at Grand Lake Gardens.

Calendar of upcoming events include:

- March 3 TBA;
 - April 7 BLT at Grand Lake;
 - May 8 Spring Conference;
 - June 2 BLT at Grand Lake;
 - July 7 BLT at Grand Lake.
- Of course, all these are subject to change as need arises!

Also mark on your calendars the Alliance of Baptist meeting, July 27-31 at Asilomar.

Woun Kim Called as JBC's Minister of Outreach



At a congregational business meeting on December 6th, Japanese Baptist Church called Woun

Kim as its Minister of Outreach, effective January 1st. Along with other members of his family, Woun became a member of JBC in December 2003. He received his bachelor's degree from Seattle Pacific University in 2005 and his Master of Divinity degree from American Baptist Seminary

of the West in 2008.

In January 2008, JBC granted Woun a pre-ordination license. From September 2008 through August 2009, he was engaged in a full-time program of Clinical Pastoral Education at the Alta Bates Hospital in the Bay Area. Since returning to Seattle in September of this year, Woun has been active at JBC on the praise team, with a new fellowship of young men, and in working with refugees.

As Minister of Outreach, Woun will be responsible for identifying groups and individuals to whom JBC can reach out, establishing relationships with these individuals, and developing and leading appropriate programs for them. Such ministries may include residents of the community surrounding the church, refugees (especially from Burma) and students at Seattle university and other area colleges. Welcome Woun!

Prepare for the Craft Sale to Benefit Evergreen

The Asian Caucus invites members of all of our churches to help them raise funds for Evergreen in 2010 through the sale of handmade items and works of art.

One of the settings at which the items will be sold is the Evergreen Annual Meeting October 8-9, 2010, but additional settings are also being considered.

The Asian caucus feels confident that there are many talented people among our churches and hopes that a goodly number of you will choose to donate some of your items for sale.

Details about contributing donations will follow, but this announcement is to encourage our members to plan to make some special items

"...items will be sold is the Evergreen Annual Meeting October 8-9, 2010"

specifically for this fundraising purpose.

ABSW Appreciates Evergreen's On-going Support

In a note of thanks, Dr. Paul Martin, president of ABSW "acknowledges ...receipt of your very generous gift (donation) of \$551.63 to be applied to the Annual fund of the ABSW. Your Region's gift will serve to enhance the

ministries..provided to the students who have invested their preparation for ministry in the seminary....In behalf of the students, faculty and staff, thank you so much for this generous gift in support of our school."



Editor's note: Monthly 4% of your United Mission giving is sent to ABSW in support of students receiving theological educations.

Clergy Prayer Summit with Roy Medley

On Monday, January 25 from 10 to Noon followed by a complimentary lunch, all clergy and seminarians are invited to a prayer summit with the Rev. Dr. A. Roy Medley, ABC USA General Secretary at Japanese Baptist Church, 160 Broadway, Seattle. Please RSVP to Marcia Patton (253-859-2226 or marcia@ea-abc.org) so we will have enough for

lunch. Prayer summit mostly means that there will be opportunity to converse and pray together. All pastors are particularly encouraged to attend. Although I know that many of you have Monday as a day off, I would encourage you to put this event on your calendar, it will refresh your soul.



Chin Pastor from Dallas Visits Seattle

With the assistance of two of our member churches, the Evergreen Association arranged for the Rev. Dr. Van Ni of the Chin Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas, to visit Chin people who have settled in the Seattle area as refugees. The Chins are one of the minority ethnic groups from Burma. In addition to being on the staff of the Dallas congregation, Dr. Van Ni is also Associate Executive Minister of the Chin Baptist Fellowship of North America.

Dr. Van Ni arrived in Seattle on Friday afternoon, December 11th, and immediately began calling on the homes of Chin people. That evening, he led a worship service in the home of one Chin



family, with over 50 in attendance. On Saturday morning, he led an informal meeting for a small group of adults. Saturday evening, he led another worship service in the Chin language at the Panther Lake Community Church.

On Sunday morning the 13th, Dr. Van Ni met with the JBC English Language Learners adult Sunday School, and brought greetings at the morning worship service. In the evening, Dr. Van Ni was hosted at the home of another Chin family for a closing worship service—probably the best attended one, with people squeezed into a large living room—and a sumptuous fellowship meal.

Dr. Van Ni's trip to Seattle was arranged in re-

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.

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

sponse to numerous requests from local Chins for opportunities to worship in their own dialect and in keeping with their strong Baptist back-



ground in Burma. Though Dr. Van Ni has been in the US for about ten years, he maintains strong ties with his people in Burma, and is well known there. As a result, many of the Chin people who attended meetings were already familiar with him, at least by reputation.

In all, Dr. Van Ni probably made contact with over 70 different Chin people during his brief time in the Seattle area. His visit was a significant expression of ministry by the Evergreen Association.

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BUILDING BRIDGES EVENT*

*Like "Tools for the Trade"

PLACE: SEATTLE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2010

8:00 am—3:00 pm

8:30-8:45—Mini Worship

8:45-10:15—Workshops

10:30-12:00—"Practice Makes Permanent" Rev. Brad Berglund

12:00-12:45—Lunch

12:45-2:15—Workshops



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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. **"Reaching Today's Kids"** Consideration of methods of touching lives of children in today's society. Diane Plourde
4. **"Typology"** What type of church is yours? What difference does that make in your ministry? Rev. Dr. Jeff Woods
4. **"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. **"Intention Intergenerational Experiences"** A conversation on how to develop programs to reach a wide age group. Rev. Mark Rambo, Facilitator
2. **"The Next Big Thing"** Getting into your neighborhood.
Rev. Curtis Price and Rev. Dr. Judy Gay

BUILDING BRIDGES EVENT*

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FEBRUARY 27, 2010

REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Church: _____

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

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

Series I

- Reinventing Vision of Worship
- Know Your Neighborhood
- Typology
- Reaching Today's Kids

Series II

- Intergenerational Experiences Roundtable
- Next Big Thing
- Intercultural Conflict Styles Inventory Fee \$10
- Reinventing the Act of Worship



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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 25th of the month prior to expected publication.

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

Happy New Year!



Rev. Dr. Marcia J. Patton
Executive Minister

Building bridges, resourcing churches & translating our unity.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

JANUARY



4—7 Together in the Lord: Ministry Renewal Conference, Orlando FL

18—**MLK Worship Service, Dr. Paul Martin, preaching, MLK Baptist Church, Renton 6 PM**

23—New Heaven & New Earth - Cultural Competency Training, New Beginnings Christian Fellowship, 9 AM

25—Greater Seattle Area Clergy Gathering with Roy Medley, 10 AM—12 Noon fol-

lowed by complimentary lunch, JBC, **RSVP** (see article on page 8)

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

FEBRUARY

12—13 Leaders Retreat, Camp Burton

16—Faith Advocacy Day, Olympia WA (pg. 3)

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

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.