



# Evergreen Notes

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## *A Blessed New Year to You!*

### MLKing Day Worship Service—Monday, January 16, 6 PM

You are invited to attend and encouraged to bring a friend or family member(s) to The Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Community Worship Service which Evergreen sponsors each year; this year being held at New Beginnings Christian Fellowship, 19300—108th Avenue SE, Renton WA 98055.

The preacher will be the Rev. Cheryl Dudley, Senior Advisor to



the Executive Director & CEO of Church World Service. Rev. Dr. Dudley is an American Baptist and an excellent preacher; you will be blessed.

Choirs from New Beginnings Christian Fellowship will also aid us in our worship.



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### Perla's Pearls: God's Goodness 'N' Grace



Perla Belo, Chair Evergreen Association ABC

The Executive Committee at its year end dinner

meeting had a picture in the December

newsletter with a caption "celebrating God's goodness in 2011 and anticipating His grace in 2012" (reprinted on page 2) describes the Evergreen present and future. God's

goodness and God's grace are the reasons why the ministry of Evergreen Association of ABC continues to be a meaningful part of the churches and her members.

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#### Prayer Concerns:


*Churches seeking pastors: Burien Community Church and Japanese Baptist Church*

*Churches making decisions regarding the future: New Community of Faith and San Leandro Community Church*

## Happenings Around the Association

 **BURTON COMMUNITY CHURCH** - Vashon Island invites you to the *Installation Service for Rev. Bruce Chittick as pastor* of Burton Community Church, Sunday January 22nd, 3:00 PM.. The

preacher for this service will be the Rev. Eliana Maxim.

 **MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH**, Renton, WA, invites you to celebrate with them, their 35th

Church Anniversary, Sunday, February 26, 2012 3:00 PM MLK Youth will offer an anniversary celebration worship service on Friday night, February 24, 2012 at 7 PM. Please come.

## Perla's Pearls

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The Lord Jesus Christ's birth is celebrated in the twelfth month of the year – Christ is the Savior of the world, who brings hope, joy, peace, and light to humankind. Christ's birth ushers in the first month of the year, January, which should fill our lives and our new year with hope as we face new challenges.

As the new chairperson for the Evergreen Association, I will continue the insightful



Executive Committee at Bush Garden celebrating God's goodness in 2011 and anticipating His Grace in 2012.

and creative work of the past leaderships. For our work to be fruitful, we need to rely on God's Spirit and Word to guide and direct the Evergreen church family in their ministries. I also envision more church leaders to attend

and represent their churches at the Association Board meetings.

I will share more about myself at the first Association Board meeting, Saturday, January 21, 2012, 9 AM at Wedgwood Community Church, 8201 30th NE, Seattle 98115. Be sure your church is represented!

Let us continue to trust God for God alone is our strong foundation!

## Bruce and Ann Borquist, IM Missionaries in the Seattle Area Thru February



The Borquists are residing in Bremerton and are willing to speak

with your congregation as pulpit fill or to small groups during the week.

Please contact them by email

at [borquist4all@gmail.com](mailto:borquist4all@gmail.com) or via telephone: Ann 360-908-0174 or Bruce 360-908-0175. While the Borquists will not return to their Brazil assignment until May, much of March will be spent in Myanmar and April will be a time

of preparation for the return.

You may also contact Clem at [clemeba@comcast.net](mailto:clemeba@comcast.net) or 253-859-2226 for assistance in extending an invitation to one or both of the Borquists.

# The Influence of Long Term Missionaries—Nzunga & Kihomi Part 2

Dear Friends,

I have just returned from a week in Haiti seeing first-hand the ministry of Nzunga and Kihomi. I was with a group of 11 that experienced life in and around Cap-Haitian, the second largest city in Haiti.

The influence these two loving people have on the people they touch is amazing. We visited the university where Nzunga teaches and mentors the next generation of church leaders. It was a beautiful oasis of tranquility in a country that has few such places.

We saw the eye clinic overflowing with patients. They were having an eye glasses give-away because they received a shipment of glasses. Much of Haiti is chaotic, but here each was given a number and was waiting patiently for his/her turn. The movement thru the clinic was orderly and well managed as each was exam-

Having read Dennis' first-hand account of his experiences in **Haiti**, it is hoped that you are even more compelled to be a part of Evergreen's Mission Trip to Haiti.

How may you help??

1) Pray. Pray for the folks who've committed to par-

ined.

We visited Kihomi's sewing circles which is part of her small business development program to help mothers keep their children in school. And we were able to participate in a "Kids for Kids" goat-give-away ceremony that also improves a family's life. Many times it brings in the needed money to educate their children.

The installation of two more water purifiers was a highlight of our trip as the cholera epidemic is still going strong. Recently a school was struck with over 130 kids and the teacher coming down with the disease. Thanks to the Haitian Baptist Convention's hospital recently opened in the area not one person died. Now they have two more locations where they can be assured the water is clean.

All of this is possible only because you support Nzunga & Kihomi's minis-

tricate in the **Evergreen mission trip on April 20—29, 2012;**

- 2) Pray for the folks feeling the call to go on this mission trip.
- 3) Identify youth interested in participating in this mission trip, and

try. At this time of year individuals and churches are constructing budgets for 2012. We pray that you will continue to support them as you have in the past. Times are difficult and I know many churches have had to cut back. I can only say that your donations to Nzunga & Kihomi are reaping great rewards in a country that knows only tragedy and pain. They qualify easily as the "least of these".

We need to increase the monthly giving by about \$1200 a month to reach full support which is a requirement by 2013. Please prayerfully consider continuing your support and increase it if you are able. I can assure you your sacrifice is not in vain...

Thank you again for your past support and loving concern for this ministry.

In His Grace and Peace,

Dennis Shewell

- 4) Determine how to support the youth and/or others being called to short term mission in Haiti; and
- 5) Why not you? Get your \$100 deposit in to the Kent Office soon.

Other details on Evergreen's website at: [www.ea-abc.org](http://www.ea-abc.org) or call 253-859-2226.

## THANK YOU For Making A Difference in Our Work Together!

Every day I acknowledge that I am blessed. I am blessed to serve this Region as Executive Minister and as Executive Minister, I am particularly blessed by those who chose to give to Evergreen Association above and beyond their regular giving. Each January it is our privilege to recognize the generosity of those that make our ministry happen. Thank you are small words for giving that makes a difference; the work of Evergreen could not happen without your support.

While I am saying thanks, I'd also like to extend thanks to those who come and help us get the hard copy newsletters and other mailings out the door, and to Charlotte Scherer who did the good work of coordinating the volunteers this past year. We love having you come to the office. You not only do work, you add joy to our lives. Thank you to Barbara Sloan, Bill and Virginia Thompson, Bruce Sagor, Carol Sutton, Gay and Phyllis Hasselblad, Karyn Akishin, Lynn Pulliam, Lynora Reeves, Marilyn Pulliam and Terri Simpkins. Also to Betty Bates, Chelli Rowland, Cherie Vivolo, Cora Lea Doty, Roxanne Fowler and Ruth Hunter who maybe are not as "regular" as the first group, but who we know will step into the breach if at all possible. We are grateful for your willingness and support.



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### \$5 - \$99

Brooks & Corean Andrew  
James & Ain Barnett  
Belva Baxter  
David Bloom  
Leslie Braxton & Family  
Jane Cho  
Judie Clarridge  
Korean American Community Church  
Mike & Chrystal Cooper  
Keith Dahlberg  
Valerie Duecker  
Alvin & Mary Fischer  
Leonard & Judy Gay  
Georgene Haley  
Sarah Halverson  
Ingeborg Hart  
Lee Ann Hartley  
Glenda Hawley  
Yoshito & Yoshiko Ishimitsu  
Elba & Jesse Johnson  
Rubye L. Jones  
Woun Kim  
Peter Koshi  
Daryl & Tatyana Lavway  
Hattie Layton  
Jim & Marjorie Leggett  
Lynne Lohr  
Gladys MacKenzie  
Priscilla McCarty  
Clinton McNair  
Lynn Melby  
Rick Mitchell  
Paul Nagano  
Rupert Nelson  
Gina Patton  
Marilyn Potts  
Janet Roberts  
Leland & Paula Ross  
Chellie Rowland  
Bruce & Candace Sagor  
Charlotte Scherer  
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Nancy Smith  
Rivian Smith  
David & Beverly Spears  
Bonnie Sutton  
Dale Sutton  
Jim Telegenhoff  
Bill and Virginia Thompson-  
Patricia Walker  
Ethelmae Walter  
Wei-Chih & Sherri Wang  
Helen Watkins  
Michael & Martha Welch  
Metta Williams

### \$100 - 499

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Terie Akada  
Wally Bartlow & Family  
Gus & Perla Belo  
Mary Clare Benson  
Chris & Connie Boyer  
Barry & Anne Briscoe  
Mabel Brockhoff  
Barbara Bryant  
Robert Burchell  
Lee Campbell  
Ray & Karen Carter  
Ken & Gila Curl  
Craig & John Darling  
Alan & Judith Gage  
Mona Han  
Mary Ellen Harris  
Gay & Phyllis Hasselblad  
Kathleen Hendrickson  
Samara Hoag  
Sam Hochstatter  
Doug & Micky Holmes  
Lynn & Marilyn Hunwick  
Richard Ice  
Dean Ishiki  
Akira & Yo Ishimaru  
Diana James  
Wiley & Nancy Kehrli

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# THANK YOU

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## **\$100 - 499 continued**

George A. Lawson  
Darby Lockett  
Eugene & Frances Lott  
Sylvia Luckie-Benefiel  
Dawn MacNab  
Jeananne Oliphant  
Bobbie Patterson  
Renna Pierce  
Brooke & Mary Rolston  
Yukio & Maki Sakiyama  
Manny Santiago  
Yoshihisa Sawano  
Charles & Pamela Scalise  
Eldora Sloan  
Charles Z. Smith  
Carol Sutton

Marian Voge  
Dean & Gloria Wakayama  
Sarah Welton  
Ken and Kathy Weston

## **\$500 – \$999**

Frank Brougher  
John & Coralea Doty  
Roxanne Fowler  
Keith & Bonnie Harding  
Ellis Keck  
Ronald Kirstein  
Marilyn Pulliam  
Rodney Romney  
Dave & Terri Simpkins  
Willie C. Stewart  
Millie Zediker

## **\$1,000 and above**

Harriett Harrington  
Roy & Carol Johnson  
Yosh & Sue Nakagawa  
Marcia Patton  
William & Sally Patton  
John Sondericker  
Carol Tamparo  
Herb Tsuchiya

And again, Thank You!

## America For Christ Offering

As we enter the season of the America for Christ Offering, know that your gifts between January and March enable the good news of the Gospel to bring hope and peace to our neighborhoods in the United States and Puerto Rico.

Your church should have received a 2012 kit to help your team or leader responsible for informing and encouraging mission giving as goals are set and plans made for reaching those financial goals.

We should begin now to pray that God will “Open Eyes,

Hearts and Hands” (Mark 10:46-52), including our own, to give generously..



Visit the America for Christ Offering website at

<http://www.abhms.org/afc/index.cfm>

Or call 1-800-222-3872, x2028 for more information

## Transformed by the Spirit

Have you heard of this initiative by ABC/USA? Did you know that Evergreen is a part and every local church which chooses to may be a part? Evergreen is in the process of developing an “Adaptive Challenge Team” (ACT) to work on our Ministry Challenge: *“Creating Community Across Geography/Cultures that Makes a Difference: We need deeper relationships, more diverse relationships that result in the inclusion of all people/persons. We have been working on this and making progress, but we need to stay concerned and continue to work on this. We remember that one*



of those “cultures” we need to deepen is the youth culture.” Minister Ken Curl has agreed to be the facilitator of the ACT. Do you have an interest in being a part of the team?

Churches are in the process of signing up. Has yours? Talk with your pastor today, or if you are a pastor, contact Marcia today.

## Note of Thanks from Jimmy Carter

We are in receipt of a note of thanks addressed to Dr. Patton which reads in part...” On behalf of Dr. William Shaw, Dr. Jimmy Allen, and thousands of Baptists who assembled in nine different cities, plus countless others who joined with us through television and internet connections, I want to thank you for playing a key role in helping to make New Baptist Covenant II a gratifying success.

It was obvious that we felt the presence of the Holy Spirit while enjoying the music, prayers, sermons and fellowship. The interracial harmony and cooperation was extended and expanded since our first meeting early in 2008, and we hope and pray that progress will continue in building unity among Baptists and other Christians.

Some key issues were raised that everyone recognized as important, including

what we can do to address the excessive prison population, rapidly increasing poverty among the poor, ministering to those suffering from mental illness, and expanding the outreach and forming closer relationships among Baptist congregations in local communities.

After receiving definitive reports and suggestions from the many forums, we plan to assess what we have done and make plans for the future...”

## Save the Date! InterFaith Advocacy Day February 14, 2012

United Churches of Olympia  
110 11th Ave. SE, Olympia, WA

*Uniting Hearts & Minds:  
Raising Revenue  
for the Common Good*



All faith communities are welcome to participate in an interfaith gathering, attend workshops, and advocate in Olympia. Let's unite our hearts and minds, and call on our legislators to raise revenue for the common good.

Online registration begins December 10, 2011, at [fanwa.org](http://fanwa.org). Mail-in registration forms are also available.

### Registration Rates:

\$20 by 5pm on January 13, 2012

\$25 by 5pm on February 13, 2012

\$30 on-site registration on February 14, 2012

Questions? Email [fan@fanwa.org](mailto:fan@fanwa.org) or call 206-625-9790.

## AB Women's Ministries Seeks "Shine the Light" Award Nominations

Excerpted from VALLEY FORGE,  
PA (ABNS 12/9/11)—

The "Shine the Light" award, established in 2011 by American Baptist Women's Ministries, recognizes and honors exemplary women from local American Baptist churches for how they shine Christ's light in the world. The award may be given to an individual American Baptist woman or to a group of women from an American Baptist church. The award highlights a specific ministry project that best demonstrates how the individual or group is Christ's light-bearer, taking into consideration four criteria: *creativity*, *commission* (following the "Great Commission" of Matthew 28), *collaboration*, and *communication*.

"We want to recognize and celebrate American Baptist

women doing significant and creative ministries with women and girls in their [local] churches and communities. The Shine the Light Award honors them as light-bearers, reflecting the light of Jesus Christ to a world in need," said Virginia Holmstrom, Executive Director of American Baptist Women's Ministries.

...The 2012 award presentation will be made at the National Women's Conference sponsored by American Baptist Women's Ministries, July 21-26, 2012, in Nashville, Tennessee. In addition to the presentation, information about the recipient will be included in the event materials, a letter of announcement will be sent to the pastor of the recipient's church, and a letter of announcement will be sent to the executive minister

of the region.

...The deadline for nominations for the 2012 award is March 30.

"...recognize and celebrate American Baptist women doing significant and creative ministries with women and girls in their [local] churches and communities"

For more information about the Shine the Light Award and to download a nomination form, visit the American Baptist Women's Ministries website at [www.abwministries.org](http://www.abwministries.org)

Editor's Note: You may also call Clem at 253-859-2226 for a nomination form/ information.

## IM Announces New Board Officers - Terms Begin January 1, 2012

The Rev. Hopeton A. Scott and the Rev. Reginald Sewell Mills were elected President and Vice President respectively of the Board of Directors for American Baptist International Ministries (IM) at its meeting on November 16, 2011, in Atlanta, Georgia.

Rev. Scott is Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Bridgeport, CT. He served on the General Board of the American Baptist Churches USA representing the American Baptist Churches of Connecticut and on IM's Board since 2007.

Rev. Mills is Senior Pastor of the Central Baptist Church of Springfield and New Berlin, IL. He served on the General Board of the American Baptist Churches USA representing the American Baptist Churches of the Great Rivers Region and on IM's Board since 2007.

# IMMERSE: Dive IN—A National Gathering of ABCUSA Youth



**Immerse**, the national gathering of American Baptist youth, is a five-day

\$100/person or you may pay the registration cost in full. All registrations must be paid in full by May 15, 2012.

*“So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.”*

(Romans 12:1-2 MSG)

event (**July 24-28, 2012**) for high school and college-age youth that will feature high-energy and transformative worship coupled with hands-on mission experiences. Our location, in Washington, D.C. will provide youth with unique opportunities to do mission work in an urban environment and to experience the pulse and energy of our nation's capital.

Immerse is for youth, ages 14-19, who are entering at least freshman year of high school.

The cost for attending Immerse is \$399 per participant (including adult leaders). This includes housing, food and program. In order to register your group for Immerse, you may provide a deposit of

Begin planning for your church youth group's participation in Immerse by thinking creatively about fundraising for travel and registration costs and by praying for the



Spirit to be made real to the youth and their chaperones during this event.

For more details or to register, go online to [www.abhms-immense2012.org](http://www.abhms-immense2012.org)

Support the fundraising or bring your youth to participate in this exciting and spirit-filled event. Participants, prepare to be Immersed!

Have you encouraged someone to attend?

## Baptists Lunching Together

**Wednesday, January 18, 2012**—*Women's Role in Ministry in 2012*, Katie Choy-Wong, Micky Holmes, Liliana DaValle and Barbara Bowman

**Monday, February 6,**

**2012**—Interaction with Roy Medley, General Secretary, ABCUSA (Note the date change)

**Saturday, May 12, 2012**—Spring Conference. Place TBA.

(Meetings are at 12:15 PM, Grand Lake Gardens *unless otherwise noted*)

For reservations contact Joan Thatcher at 510-350-7008.



## Ministry Renewal Conference for All Ministerial Leaders



Doubletree Resort – Orlando, Florida  
January 23 – 26, 2012

Are you ready to be transformed by the Spirit?  
Explore stimulating workshops geared to the needs of American Baptist ministers!  
Visit the website: [www.a-new-land.com](http://www.a-new-land.com)  
Register now: Yes! I'm coming to Orlando

The Ministry Renewal Conference will give attendees a chance to explore together what ministry in

a new day, new place, new time and new culture will need to look like and be while still remaining true to the Gospel of Christ Jesus!  
a ministry renewal conference offered by ABCUSA and the Ministers Council to be held in Orlando in January of 2012. Like our 2010 Ministry Renewal Conference, "Go to a New Land" is being integrated with the Orientation

conference that will bring seminarians and new ministers together with us at the same place. Your presence will allow you to not only spend time with other colleagues, but to interact with new pastors and with future pastors in meaningful dialogue and mutual learning and worship.

Are you ready to be surprised by God? Register today and make it a priority for you continuing growth as a ministry leader. Register Now!

## Break the Chains and Stop the Pain 2012 Grants Available

**VALLEY FORGE, PA (ABNS 12/15/11)**—American Baptist Women's Ministries announces the availability of grants for projects addressing gender-based violence through its *Break the Chains and Stop the Pain* national mission initiative. The 2012 grants will provide encouragement and seed money for ministries by individuals or organizations that seek to end violence against women and girls.

The criteria for selecting projects for *Break the Chains and Stop the Pain* grants are as follows:

- The purpose of the proposed project shall address violence against women and girls. The project may serve at-risk women and/or girls; it may serve women and/or girls who are survivors of violence; it may educate and empower communities to minister to survivors of violence, or empower communities to engage in anti-violence efforts. The proposed project must be related to an

American Baptist 501(c)(3) organization (i.e., an ABC church, an ABC region).

- The proposed project must be new. The Break the Chains grants are intended to be "start-up" funds that encourage new ministries that address violence against women and girls.
- The proposed project must have plans for continued funding from other sources.

AB Women's Ministries began its new *Break the Chains and Stop the Pain* initiative in 2011 to address oppression of women and girls worldwide. Virginia Holmstrom, executive director of American Baptist Women's Ministries, said, "Oppression of women and girls comes in many forms. Some girls never get to go to school. Maternal healthcare is substandard in many parts of the world. Patriarchal systems in government and society exclude women. Rape is increasingly used as a weapon of war. Domestic violence happens behind

closed doors in our communities and congregations. Because of the immensity of the oppression issue, we're focusing in 2011-2014 on violence."

Holmstrom noted that *Break the Chains and Stop the Pain* follows AB Women's Ministries earlier focus on sex trafficking. "...We had raised over \$480,000 for *Break the Chains: Slavery in the 21st Century*, and had awarded grants to twenty ministries, half in the U.S. or Puerto Rico, and half overseas... Our board asked, 'Why stop now?' Out of that momentum, *Break the Chains and Stop the Pain* was born".

Submission guidelines and grant application forms for *Break the Chains and Stop the Pain* are available from AB Women's Ministries Break the Chains website at [www.abwmbreakthechains.org](http://www.abwmbreakthechains.org). The application deadline for the 2012 grant cycle is April 30, 2012. Grants will be awarded in December 2012.

# Please be sure all mission giving for 2011 is sent early enough to reach the Kent offices by January 9, 2012. Thank You.

## Reflections from Rev. Dr. Michael Kinnamon on Why Christians Should Be Particularly Aware of Poverty and Justice Issues at Christmastime

From the National Council of Churches E-News Release dated 12/14/2011: *(Delivered at the Faithful Budget Prayer Vigil on Capitol Hill - December 13, 2011)*

I realize that we are an inter-faith campaign, but I thought it might be appropriate if I said a brief word about the Christian holiday of Christmas, and why I believe it compels Christians to be here for this vigil.

**What Christians confess and celebrate in this season is that “God [the Word] became flesh and lived among us” (John 1:14). The implications of this are so staggering that I fear we, Christians, often miss them.** If we look for God only in spiritual things, if we speak about God’s presence as something that is only in our hearts, if we teach that God’s promise has only to do with heaven, then we may overlook God altogether. Because the God we know and worship was born in a cave where animals were kept—the child of poor, Jewish peasants—threatened by a king who saw in him the seed of political revolution (Luke 2:1-20;

Matthew 2:1-18). “Christmas,” writes theologian Shirley Guthrie, “is the story of the radical invasion of God into the kind of real world where we live all year long—a world where there is political unrest and injustice, poverty, hatred, jealousy, and both the fear and longing that things could be different.”

Let me say it another way. **The Christian doctrine of incarnation—that God became flesh—affirms that life in this world, though distorted by sin, is supremely precious to the Creator.** In the Christ child, Christians see the purpose of God who has drawn near that humanity (all creation!) may have abundant life (John 10:10)—not just in another realm, but here and now.

**That’s why a religion that celebrates incarnation cannot remain aloof from political oppression or economic injustice or environmental destruction.** God, Christians believe, became flesh, the ultimate act of solidarity with this world in all its political, economic, and ecological messiness. And that’s why the church, as

the primary instrument of God’s purpose for Christians, is called to promote social transformation toward the day when God’s will for abundant life is realized on earth as it is in heaven.

Theologically speaking, re-enactments of the Nativity should not take place inside our sanctuaries, but outside the doors of the church, in the midst of the everyday world where “the fullness of God was pleased to dwell” (Colossians 1:19). **To put it simply and bluntly: A church that is indifferent to worldly struggles, indifferent to the plight of the poor, is following its own agenda, not God’s.**



*The Rev. Dr. Michael Kinnamon, a Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) clergyman and long-time educator and ecumenical*

*leader, is the ninth General Secretary of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA.*

## Ecumenical News: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Observance— January 24, 2012

Please plan to come and spread the word for the **County-wide Observance for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** on Tuesday evening, January 24, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. at First African Methodist Episcopal Church, 1522 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Seattle. Fr. Mike Ryan, Pastor at St. James Cathedral, will be the preacher, and the First A.M.E. Church choir will sing as part of the worship. A reception will follow.

**Q:** What is the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity?

**A:** ...Since 1908, over 100 years ago, the eight days between January 18-25 have been set aside for Christians to remember who they are—a unified group with the same foundation in Jesus Christ. During this week Christians from around the world join together in the same prayers (in 2012 these prayers have been prepared by Christians in Poland—including representatives of Protestant Churches, the Roman Catholic Church, the Or-

thodox Church and Old Catholic Church).

This annual event is sponsored by Seattle University's School of Theology and Ministry, the Church Council of Greater Seattle and the Archdiocese of Seattle.

For more information generally on the Seattle area Week of Prayer, go to [www.weekofprayer.us](http://www.weekofprayer.us) or for information on the theme from the World Council of Churches, go to <http://bit.ly/weekofprayer2012>.

## Volunteers Needed at the Evergreen Office

You are needed as a volunteer in the Evergreen Association offices. Whatever your skill, we need you. Scrapbooking? Research? Plants? Stuffing Envelopes?...

There's a place for you at Evergreen!



## Donate to Evergreen

You may have noticed our thank you (on pages 4 & 5) for gifts to Evergreen. If you did not make a contribution in 2011, remember that a decision to send \$10, \$25, \$50 or any amount per month will

help us do ministry together in 2012. Every gift is appreciated.

And if you remember Evergreen in your will, your giving will extend well into the

future. If this way of donating interests you, please contact Rick Barlow at [RBarlow@msn.com](mailto:RBarlow@msn.com), and he will be able to assist you with planned giving.



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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

### HAPPY NEW YEAR!

#### JANUARY

**16** —**MLK Day Service**, New Beginnings Christian Fellowship, 6 PM, Cheryl Dudley preaching

**21**—Association Board Meeting, 9 AM at Wedgwood Community Church, 8201 30th NE, Seattle 98115.

#### FEBRUARY

**10—11** Evergreen Leaders' Retreat, Camp Burton

**March 10, 2012**—Building Bridges Day, Location TBD

#### APRIL

**April 8, 2012**—Easter Sunrise Service, St. Ignatius Chapel, Seattle University Campus, **April 15-17** Ministers' Council Retreat, Camp Burton

**April 20—29, 2012** Mission Trip to Haiti

**May 4—6** ABW-NW Conference, Ross Point Camp

**July 24—28, 2012** Immerse; ABC Youth Gathering

**October 11-13, 2012** - ANNUAL MEETING

### 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.