



Evergreen Notes

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This Easter, Celebrate Christ's Resurrection!

Community Easter Sunrise Service—Sunday, March 31, 2013



Michael Reid Trice, Ph.D.
Assistant Dean of Ecumenical & Interreligious Dialogue

Evergreen Association of American Baptist Churches invites the community to join in a celebration of the resur-

rection of Jesus the Christ at Seattle University, St. Ignatius Chapel on Sunday morning, March 31, 2013 at 7:00 AM.

The worship service homily will be by Dr. Michael R. Trice, Assistant Dean for Ecu-

menical and Interreligious Dialogue, SU's School of Theology and Ministry.

Come, invite your neighbors and friends, and let's worship together!

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Black History Month Celebration: Artist Phillip Woods

Seattle First Baptist Church's celebration of Black History month included a presentation of the artwork and story of one her own members, Dr. Phillip Woods.

Dr. Woods is a periodontist in the US Health Service. He is also a musician/singer/songwriter, and in his spare time has created a series of pictures he titled, "My People".

On Sunday, February 3rd Woods made a presentation during the

Adult Learning Hour at Seattle First Baptist and on Wednesday night repeated the program. Seattle First Baptist had visitors from other Evergreen Churches on Sunday morning and on Wednesday night, too. In the picture above are some of those Wednesday evening visitors from New Beginnings Christian Fellowship along with Marcia Patton, Ever-



L-R: Darryl Johnson, Barbara Bryant, Phillip Woods, Priscilla Lowe and Marcia Patton in front of Phillip's painting, "Today!"

green Association's Executive Minister.

Thank you Seattle First for giving Phillip Woods an opportunity to share his talent and story! It touches the heart.

Prayer Concerns:

Churches Seeking Pastoral Leadership: Urban Grace—Tacoma, Filipino-American Christian Fellowship, Japanese Baptist Church and Panther Lake Community Church.

Rev. Chris Boyer, pastor of Good Shepherd Baptist Church had a heart attack, and the next week went to Louisville KY to preside over the funeral of his 6 month old grand nephew.

Events & Happenings Around the Association



Good Shepherd Baptist Church

Pastor Chris is being presented the *2013 Rev. S.G. Wilson Spiritual Leadership Award* from the NAACP of Snohomish County, March 2, 2013. (See details on page 4.)



Roger Williams Symposium

Rev. Michael-Ray Mathews preaching, WSU, March 17, 2013



NORTH PUGET SOUND ABW MINISTRIES SPRING

RALLY, Saturday, March 16, 2013, Peoples Institutional Baptist Church, 159 24th Ave., Seattle 98122 (206-323-5959), 9 AM Registration and Refreshments.



Community Easter Sunrise Service—

Sunday, March 31, 2013, 7:00 AM, St. Ignatius Chapel, Seattle University Campus, Dr. Michael Trice, Assistant Dean of the School of Theology and Ministry, preaching.



Japanese Baptist Church

invites you to the **Sukiyaki Dinner Fundraiser**, April 27th. Baked goods, ikebana, and crafts make this event special. Tickets: \$13 for Adults and \$8.00 for children under 10 years of age. Save the Date!



Take Your Pastor /Church Leader/

Friend/Family to the **Baseball Game**, Seattle Mariners vs. Chicago White Sox, Monday, June 3, 2013, 7:10 PM. Ticket information on page 11 of this newsletter.



Bar-B-Que Fundraiser

Sponsored by the Evergreen Black Caucus, July 13, 2013; returning to the Cedar River Trail Park in Renton. Tickets are \$20 each; and there will be an expanded auction of baked goods and other special items. Good Food; Great Fellowship!

Perla's Pearls: Spiritual Wellness



Rev. Perla Belo
Association Chair

The Leaders' Retreat focused on "Holy Currencies", by author Eric Law.

The "Six Currencies" Law explores are: time and place, gracious leadership, relationships, truth, wellness, and money. These six currencies are important for a sustainable missional ministry.

The currency of relationship was the first currency the leaders discussed. This currency relates to internal networking—our caucus relationship.

The currency of wellness was also discussed. How are human resources flowing and regenerating in Evergreen? This question brought statements about Evergreen's social and spiritual wellness.

For lack of time we were not able to explore farther the issues of spiritual wellness of Evergreen churches.

For me, the currency of wellness is the most important. A pastor-participant said that "the wellness of each congregation is the question."

How well is your church spiritually?

Perla D. Belo

CONGRATULATIONS, Yosh Nakagawa, Co-Editor of Purple and White!

2012 ABCUSA Annual Report Time

Yes, it's time for churches in the American Baptist Churches USA and members of the Evergreen Association of American Baptist Churches to prepare and send in Annual Reports for 2012.

A copy of the short form (only one page) Annual Report has been mailed to your church addressed to the Moderator/Treasurer. Please be sure it gets to the correct leader(s)

for completion.

The person(s) completing the report may go online to annualreport.abcis.org and submit your church's Annual Report for 2012; fax it to 253-859-1537; or mail it to Evergreen Baptist Association, 409 Third Avenue S, Suite A, Kent WA 98032-5843.

Please provide as much of the requested information as pos-

sible because the Annual Reports keep the region and the denomination abreast of the ministries and health of member churches and is an important commitment to the health of the whole body of American Baptist Churches.

ABSW Acknowledges Annual Gift from Evergreen

We are in receipt of a letter from Dr. Paul M. Martin:

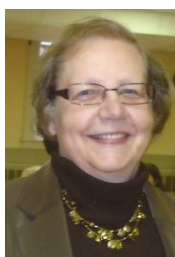
"...On behalf of the students, faculty and trustees of the [ABSW}, we gratefully acknowledge the donations [\$6,517.78] made during 2012 by Evergreen Baptist Association. Your...gift helps us to provide our students with ex-

cellent theological training to meet the growing challenges of ministering in today's world. In addition, your region's support serves as a source of encouragement as we continue to be faithful to our mission of training men and women for Christ's Church....

...We are humbled and grateful to have Evergreen Baptist Association as a partner in this critical mission of providing leadership for service to God's work on earth..."

Paul Martin

Gay Receives a Drum Major for Service Award



Rev. Dr. Judy Gay, pastor of Fremont Baptist Church was recently presented a 2013 Drum Major for Service Award.

While doing some research, Rev. Gay found that the term is "taken from a 1968 speech by Dr. Martin Luther King,

Junior; a speech based on Mark 10:35-45, a speech that expands upon a 1952 homily by J. Wallace Hamilton titled "Drum-Major Instincts"..."

She writes, "...In his conclusion, King speaks prophetically about his eulogy,...he wanted to be remembered for serving others, loving somebody, feeding the hungry,

etc... He would accept being called a drum major..for justice, ...for peace, ..for righteousness".

Congratulations, Rev. Gay, for your service on the mission trip to Haiti among the many acts of kindness that cause others to identify you as —A Drum Major for Service!

Thank You to Churches for United Mission Giving in 2012

A huge thank you to each of these churches for giving generously to United Mission and helping us receive the highest United Mission Return we have ever had! Although we still didn't meet budget, this kind of giving leads us to believe we can meet budget if we all see a value in supporting Evergreen Association. Thank you to these congregations for their United Mission Giving in 2012!

1. Seattle First Baptist Church, Seattle WA	\$35,417.64
2. New Beginnings Christian Fellowship, Renton WA	\$31,900.00
3. Japanese Baptist Church, Seattle WA	\$12,334.45
4. Grace Baptist Church, Tacoma WA	\$11,465.69
5. Community Church of Issaquah, Issaquah WA	\$ 8,536.47
6. Wedgwood Community Church, Seattle WA	\$ 7,251.00
7. University Baptist Church, Seattle WA	\$ 5,500.00
8. Burien Community Church, Burien WA	\$ 4,441.96
9. First Baptist Church, Mountlake Terrace WA	\$ 4,267.00
10. First Baptist Church, Palo Alto CA	\$ 3,750.00
11. Fremont Baptist Church, Seattle WA	\$ 2,650.00
12. First Baptist Church, Chico CA	\$ 2,500.00
13. Grace Baptist Church, San Jose CA	\$ 2,242.65
14. Burton Community Church, Burton WA	\$ 2,200.00
15. First Baptist Church, Salt Lake City UT	\$ 1,826.00
16. Panther Lake Community Church, Kent WA	\$ 1,825.30
17. Greater New Bethel Baptist Church, Seattle WA	\$ 1,200.00
18. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Baptist Church, Renton WA	\$ 1,133.41
19. The United Church, Moscow ID	\$ 930.00
20. Fairview Community Church, Costa Mesa CA	\$ 673.13
21. Oak Lake Baptist Church, Seattle WA	\$ 600.00
22. New Walk Christian Church, Kent WA	\$ 350.00
23. Mount Zion Baptist Church, Seattle WA	\$ 303.73
24. Calvary Baptist Church, Spokane WA	\$ 240.00
25. Good Shepherd Baptist Church, Lynnwood WA	\$ 220.00
26. First Baptist Church, Berkeley CA	\$ 145.98

Boyer to Receive NAACP Spiritual Leadership Award



Rev. M. Christopher Boyer

Good Shepherd Baptist Church announces Pastor Chris Boyer is to be presented the 2013 *Rev S.G. Wilson Spiritual Lead-*

ership Award from the NAACP of Snohomish County.

The award ceremony will be part of the 4th Annual Freedom Fund Gala Dinner on Saturday, March 2nd, at Lynnwood's Embassy Suites.

Seats are \$75 each or \$650 for a table of 10. Contact Pastor Chris at mcboyer@gsbchurch.com or 425-774-1010, if you are interested in joining a table.

Congratulations, Pastor Boyer!

Thank You to Churches for Gifts to American Baptist Mission Support—2012

Thank you to these churches which gave generously to American Baptist Mission. These gifts were for United Mission, America For Christ, World Mission Offering, One Great Hour of Sharing, MMBB Thank You Offering and special gifts for Evergreen Association as well as other American Baptist ministries. These monies helped ministry happen here and around the world. Thank you for your generosity in 2012.

1. Seattle First Baptist Church, Seattle WA	\$47,016.72
2. Japanese Baptist Church, Seattle WA	\$36,524.79
3. New Beginnings Christian Fellowship, Renton WA	\$31,900.00
4. Grace Baptist Church, Tacoma WA	\$15,331.04
5. Community Church of Issaquah, Issaquah WA	\$13,318.16
6. University Baptist Church, Seattle WA	\$10,925.00
7. Wedgwood Community Church, Seattle WA	\$ 8,785.55
8. Burien Community Church, Burien WA	\$ 8,705.94
9. Shell Ridge Community Church, Walnut Creek CA	\$ 8,613.00
10. First Baptist Church, Mountlake Terrace WA	\$ 7,721.00
11. First Baptist Church, Palo Alto CA	\$ 7,612.00
12. Grace Baptist Church, San Jose CA	\$ 3,667.72
13. Fremont Baptist Church, Seattle WA	\$ 3,049.00
14. First Baptist Church, Chico CA	\$ 3,042.00
15. Panther Lake Community Church, Kent WA	\$ 2,817.30
16. First Baptist Church, Salt Lake City UT	\$ 2,586.00
17. Burton Community Church, Burton WA	\$ 2,200.00
18. The United Church, Moscow ID	\$ 2,192.50
19. Good Shepherd Baptist Church, Lynnwood WA	\$ 2,165.79
20. Oak Lake Baptist Church, Seattle WA	\$ 2,028.00
21. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Baptist Church, Renton WA	\$ 1,695.34
22. First Baptist Church, Berkeley CA	\$ 1,622.14
23. Fairview Community Church, Costa Mesa CA	\$ 1,385.13
24. Greater New Bethel Baptist Church, Seattle WA	\$ 1,200.00
25. Confraternidad Cristiana Ebenezer	\$ 1,000.00
26. New Walk Christian Church, Kent WA	\$ 700.00
27. Mount Zion Baptist Church, Seattle WA	\$ 303.73
28. New Community of Faith, San Jose CA	\$ 300.00
29. Calvary Baptist Church, Spokane WA	\$ 240.00
30. SKY Center for Spirituality, Renton WA	\$ 200.00
31. Urban Grace Church, Tacoma WA	\$ 95.00



March is America for Christ Offering Month!

First Baptist Church—Palo Alto Youth Give to “Pigs For Kids”— Haiti

First Baptist Church- Palo Alto, California’s January 2013 monthly mission offering was sponsored by the children and youth, with a goal to raise \$1,200 (20 pigs) for the “Pigs for Kids” project in Haiti. To date the offering has raised \$1,600 for 26+ pigs.

The “Pigs for Kids” project grew out of the “Kids for Kids” project that ABC Mis-

sionary Wayne Niles started in the early 1990s. Missionary Nzunga Mbudiga took over the project when Niles was reassigned to the Congo .

Nzunga added pigs to the project when it was discovered that pigs do better than goats (kids) in some areas. This ongoing program follows the Haitian Proverb: *Piti a piti zwazo fè nich li.* (Little by little the bird makes its

nest). That is to say that as Nzunga receives funds, he is able to distribute healthy and viable animals into the community which will provide income for children to attend and pay for school.

So, to the children, youth and their leaders at FBC- Palo Alto: Thank you for caring and giving to the building of other young lives in Haiti.

Entertaining Angels: Peacemaking through Radical Hospitality Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America Summer Conference July 15-20, 2013 - Gonzaga U, Spokane, WA



Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.

Hebrews 13:2 English Standard Version (©2001)

The Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America

(BPFNA) will hold its 2013 summer conference “Entertaining Angels: Peacemaking through Radical Hospitality” at Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington. It will begin with dinner Monday July 15, 2013 and end Saturday morning July 20, 2013.

The idea that angels can be found among those from other ethnicities fits in beautifully with Evergreen's caucus system and our eagerness that everybody be heard as the Association makes decisions.

We are pleased that our own Rev. Manny Santiago will be preaching at the conference.

The keynote speaker is the Rev. Robin R. Meyers, author of “With Ears to Hear: Preaching as Self-Persuasion”, “The Virtue in the Vice: Finding Seven Lively Virtues in the Seven Deadly Sins”, and his recent “The Underground Church: Reclaiming the Subversive Way of Jesus”.

Interpreting will be provided for Spanish-speaking participants!

To get more information please visit the website at: <http://www.bpfna.org/gather/summer-conference>

You can also email Summer Conference Director, Thea L.

Mateu, at thea@bpfna.org.

You are invited to save the dates and plan to participate.

This year a donor is providing the option of free registration and half-price meals and room for people of color (self-defined, but including people identifying their racial/ethnic identity as Black, Asian & Pacific Islander, Native American, Latina/o). This offer is good for the first 100 attendees who request it, so please register as early as you can if you'd like to choose this option.

Roy Johnson

Clem Winbush

ABHMS Affirms Burma Refugee Ministry

VALLEY FORGE, PA (ABNS 2/13/13)—Dating to Adoniram Judson’s 1813 mission to Burma (now known as Myanmar), American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS) has maintained strong ties to the peoples of that region.

Since an influx began in 2006, ABHMS has been working vigorously with the thousands of refugees of Karen, Chin, Kachin, Karenni, Mon, Shan, Lisu and other ethnicities settled in 30 American Baptist Churches USA (ABCUSA) regions.

Since 2007, ABHMS has taken a leading role in shaping and guiding the Burma Refugees Task Force, working alongside the Office of the General Secretary, ABCUSA; American Baptist Women’s Ministries; International Ministries; ABCUSA regions; and Burma pastoral leaders

from around the nation. Recognizing the need to undergird the vision of the task force, ABHMS has assumed the costs for staff to serve as liaisons and to facilitate leadership development efforts, local church and regional ministries with refugees, and advocacy efforts around the nation.

“...formally commissioning both the Rev. Saw Ler Htoo and Pastor Ronald Charles Nunuk as American Baptist Home Missionaries during the upcoming Mission Summit this summer.”

Today, ABHMS once again affirms the ministry’s importance with the appointment of two home missionaries to serve refugee immigrants from Burma—the Rev. Saw Ler Htoo of Laurel, Md., and Pastor Ronald Charles Nunuk of West Allis, Wis. These appointments mark the first time that Burma pastoral leaders will serve as staff at the national level.

“These historic appointments confirm the Home Mission Societies’ longstanding commitment to refugee resettlement and advocacy on behalf of immigrant peoples in general and to the peoples of Myanmar in particular,” says ABHMS Executive Director Dr. Aidsand F. Wright-Riggins III. “We look forward to formally commissioning both the Rev. Saw Ler Htoo and Pastor Ronald Charles Nunuk as American Baptist Home Missionaries during the upcoming Mission Summit this summer.”

For more information, visit www.abhms.org > Ministries & Programs > Justice Ministries > Immigration and Refugee Services > [Burma Refugee Ministry](#) .



Evergreen: From May 2002 “New Region” to 2013 Celebrating 10 Years!

Evergreen Association 2013 Annual Meeting Planning Team has begun preparation for a celebration of 10 years as an American Baptist Region!

From its inception meeting as

the “New Region” without a name, 2013 finds Evergreen Association ready to celebrate God’s goodness and having served American Baptist Churches in and around Seattle, and eventually in Idaho,

Alaska, California, and Utah! What a blessing!

Plan to be with us as we praise God during October 10—13, 2013 at the Japanese Baptist Church, 160 Broadway, Seattle WA!

Wings to Reading Seeks Gently Used Items

Wings To Reading , a free after school reading intervention program for disadvantaged children held at 1st Baptist Church in Mountlake Terrace, Washington has need of surplus, gently used, sturdy items that you might have sitting in a corner or closet and are not using any more.

We would like -

2 or 4 small comfy children's chairs for our Reading/

Library Corner

2 to 4 laptop computers for our already donated Reading/Math/Writing DVD Games and Center Activities

1 or 2 sturdy small shelving units

1 coffee table for our puzzle activity center

1 document camera (like AverVision or Elmo)

1 multi-media projector

2 comfy desk chairs with arms for adult volunteers

If you have any of these items you are willing to donate, contact Diane Plourde at orcadiane@earthlink.net

Leaders' Retreat

Evergreen's Leaders met on Saturday, February 9th at Shepherd's Garden Community Room. The leaders shared in Bible study and were introduced to Eric Law's Holy Currencies. Lucky Lynch of Kaleidoscope Institute staff facilitated the retreat. We looked closer at the currencies of Relationship and Wellness. Our work in relationship building was re-affirmed at



L- R:Guadalupe Vasquez, Ken Curl, Chris Boyer, Perla Belo, Bob Sittig, Dennis Plourde, Walter Heyman, Colin Fukano, Jackie Williams, Clem Winbush, Lucky Lynch, Yosh Nakagawa and Marcia Patton

the retreat, and we discussed ways to keep the Evergreen

family well and able to serve with others to bring about the inclusive work to which we believe God has called us.

Shepherd's Garden is a low-income housing facility for seniors, the dream of Good Shepherd Baptist Church, made possible by a partnership with ABHOW and local, state and national government agencies.

BLT: Baptists Lunching Together

Wednesday Luncheons at 12:15 PM, Grand Lake Gardens, 401 Santa Clara Ave., Oakland

March 20 - J. Alfred Smith, Jr., Sr. Pastor, Allen Temple Baptist, "Expanding Minis-

tries"

April 17 - Kay Kallender Senior V-P, Strategic Planning American Baptist Homes "Understanding Dementia Care"

Reservations should be made by the Monday of the luncheon week.

Call Joan Thatcher at 510-350-7008.

Cap Haitien Eye Clinic Expands to Include Ear, Nose and Throat Specialty

International Ministries (IM) medical missionary, Kristy Engel, after serving for 12 years as a pediatric health practitioner and coordinator of medical and volunteer teams at the Good Samaritan Hospital in La Romana, Dominican Republic, will be employing her medical skills and experience in a wider field of service.

Kristy's new role will include assisting three IM ministries: the **Cap Haitien Eye Clinic in Haiti**, House of Hope in Cochabamba, Bolivia; and Deborah's House in Tijuana, Mexico.

In Haiti, Kristy will be working with IM missionary Nzunga Mabudiga as the Cap Haitien Eye Clinic expands its work to include an ear,

nose and throat specialty. Kristy will be helping to find partners for construction, medical supplies, and sponsors so that the clinic can continue to provide free medical care.



Kristy Engel

American Baptist Women's Ministries—Pacific NW Scholarships

American Baptist Women's Ministries of the Pacific NW is offering three \$500 scholarships for the academic year 2013-2014, to students who are preparing for full time Christian Service.

Applications must be post-marked no later than March 16, 2013.

Scholarship recipients *may* also be eligible to receive matching funds from National Ministries (to be used for tuition and books only), if certain criteria is met. Check with your Seminary's Financial Aid Office for details about the Seminary Support Program (SSP).

Application information may be obtained from Phyllis Barnes, Chair, Scholarship Committee, ABWM/PNW, P O Box 201, Osburn ID 83849; Phone: 208-556-2491

IN THE POTTER'S HANDS
En las Manos del Alfarero

200th ANNIVERSARY OF
Adoniram & Ann
Judson's
Mission to Burma

**American Baptist
Women's Conference**
April 19-21, 2013
Clarion Hotel | Yakima, WA

Bible Study Leader
Rev. Carol Sutton

Mission Speaker
Rev. Dr. Angela Pun

Mission Projects:
Hostel for Lahu Girls
In Insein, Myanmar
Medical Supplies for Karen Hospital
Karen Baptist Theological Seminary Compound
Silent Auction & Crafts from Myanmar

Contact: Gail Ann gailann@pacnw.org 509.223.4034 for more information.

International Ministries (IM) Celebrates 200 Years: Embrace the Cause

News by *Catherine Nold*, February 5, 2013

In 2013, American Baptist International Ministries (IM) will honor what God has done internationally through American Baptists over the last 200 years by renewing its commitment to Christ's mission in the future. Under the theme, "EMBRACE THE CAUSE," IM will both celebrate 200 years of God's blessing and guidance, and seek God's renewal and guidance in mission service for a third century.

IM's educational materials, events, trips, and activities throughout the year will be grounded in the mission contained in God's promise to Abraham, "All the families on earth will be blessed through you." (Genesis 12:3 NLT). "We hear God's invitation to

new life in Christ as a gift," comments Stan Slade, IM's Associate Executive Director for Program. "We hear it also as a calling: to glorify God in all the earth by crossing cultural boundaries to make disciples for Jesus Christ. IM joins with churches and partners throughout the U.S. and Puerto Rico, and with partners around the globe to embrace this cause. We reaffirm our desire to be used by God to bless all the families of the earth."

American Baptists -- with Baptists everywhere -- are currently celebrating the bicentennial of Ann and Adoniram Judson's entry into mission service. After 200 years, they are still outstanding examples of what it means to embrace the cause. The Judsons sailed from Salem, MA

in 1812 and began their work in Burma in 1813. These courageous servants of God endured great hardships to bring Christ to the peoples of Burma. God used them not only to produce great fruit in Burma, but to inspire many Americans to pray, give and go, as they embraced the cause to which the Judsons dedicated their lives.

The cause to which the Judsons so sacrificially gave themselves continues today. As American Baptists celebrate our rich heritage in mission, we are called to embrace that cause in new ways in our own time. Throughout 2013, IM will be seeking in a variety of ways to help American Baptists "Embrace the Cause..."

Congratulations to Louis Barbarin—Named MMBB Executive Director



NEW YORK, NY--- MMBB Financial Services Board of Managers unanimously appointed Louis Barbarin as executive director effective March 1,

2013. At the time of this appointment, Barbarin was serving MMBB as Deputy Executive Director, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer.

"Louis has served MMBB with distinction for the past 14 years," said George H. Tooze, Jr., president, MMBB Board of Managers. "He

knows the organization and the people. He is dedicated to our ministry. The decision to appoint Louis was not a hard one for the Board--we are confident that he will continue to lead MMBB forward as a financial services organization dedicated to real planning and real solutions."

"It's an honor to have been selected for this role," said Mr. Barbarin. "I have worked closely with Sumner over the years and have appreciated his steadfast commitment to providing benefits and protections to clergy and lay church workers

who are without. I am looking forward to working with MMBB's dedicated staff to expand our ministry to new faith-based organizations and to serve our members with generosity and justice."

Mr. Barbarin holds a BS in Accounting and a Masters in Finance from Pennsylvania State University, has completed the Harvard Business School Advanced Management Program, and is a licensed Certified Public Accountant in New York and Pennsylvania.

Biennial— First Churches Register; Then Church Members Register



Register for Mission Summit 2013

A) Churches encouraged to register.

B) After a church has registered, an unlimited number of individual members may

register at a significantly reduced \$35 fee.

C) Registration and additional details may be found at www.americanbaptists2013.com

Lee Campbell's Evergreen's Story



The dominant reasons that I celebrate the 10th anniversary of Evergreen Baptist Association are purely selfish. I have been involved with Evergreen since its inception, and I treasure the experiences and friendships that have been a part of my life's journey. I have loving relationships with people I might never have met if it weren't for the caucus structure of

Evergreen. These friendships are ethnically and racially diverse. My life has been immeasurably enriched by the enduring, loving friendships created through the Evergreen Board, committees, appointments and activities. In addition, I have learned so much from the governing technique of using only consensus for the decision making process.

Evergreen began out of some very painful and poor commu-

InterFaith Advocacy Day

A record 400 advocates from around Washington State, representing more than a dozen faith groups, participated in 100 scheduled visits with legislators, covering 43 of the state's 49 districts on February 20, 2013. Continue to email, write and/or call legislators!

nications between people of faith. The birthing process was not only painful, but arduous, requiring diligent effort on the part of many people; but as with many births the results are magnificent.

I gratefully celebrate the current anniversary, and pray for many more to come.

Love and Laughter,

Lee

Take Your Pastor/Church Leader/Family out to the Ball Game



Seattle Mariners vs. Chicago White Sox
At Safeco Field

Monday, June 3, 2013 7:10 PM



Send your name, address and number of tickets (\$15 each) with your check or money order to:
Evergreen Association of ABC, 409 Third Avenue S, Suite A, Kent WA 98032.

You may also phone, fax or email your request; and when payment is received, the ticket (s) will be mailed to you.

Deadline: Orders must be received by Friday, May 24, 2013



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Please submit articles by the **24th** of the month prior to expected publication.

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

Building Bridges, Resourcing Churches & Translating Our Unity

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Rev. Dr. Marcia J. Patton
Executive Minister

Calendar of Upcoming Events

March 17-18, 2013—Roger Williams Symposium, Rev. Michael--Ray Mathews, Speaker; Sponsored by Common Ministry Washington State University, Pullman, WA (509-332-2611)

March 31, 2013 Community Easter Sunrise Service, St. Ignatius Chapel, Seattle University, 7 AM



June 3, 2013—Evergreen Goes to the Ball Game; Seattle Mariners vs Chicago White Sox, Century Link Field, 7:00 PM



June 21-23, 2013 – Mission Summit, AB-CUSA Biennial, Overland Park, Kansas

July 13, 2013—**Bar-Be-Que Fundraiser**, Cedar River Trail Park, Renton, WA , 12 Noon (Save the Date!)



July 15-20, 2013—Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America (BPFNA) 2013 Summer Conference "Peace Camp", Gonzaga University, Spokane, Washington

October 10 –12, 2013 *Evergreen Annual Meeting, Japanese Baptist Church*

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.