



Evergreen Notes

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Ministers Council Retreat—April 19-21

Evergreen clergy are invited to the Ministers Council Retreat at Camp Burton Retreat Center on April 19–21, 2009. The retreat is free to current members and available to all clergy who become members. The cost of membership is \$55.00

Plan to arrive on Sunday afternoon - Devotions Monday morning
• Meals begin with lunch on Monday
• Festive dinner

Monday night with social time + Program at 10 am Tuesday
• Shared room, bath included for all participants

The Rev Dr. Don Mackenzie, former Lead Pastor of the University United Church of Christ, will serve as facilitator.

All clergy are invited to join in this vital time of renewal and engagement!

Remember, to register: email Clem at: clemeba@comcast.net or call (253-859-2226) by April 10th.

Cost? Members - No charge.
Others -Pay \$55 dues to the Council upon arrival

Catherine Fransson, Clinton McNair, and Tim Phillips— Ministers Council Leadership



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FYI:

- University Baptist Church has called Nancy Darnell as interim pastor
- ABSW Pastoral Leadership Conference, March 9-11, 2009, Berkeley, CA Register at www.absw.edu

Curtis Comments: Reflection on WRAP

On February 20, the Euro-Caucus sponsored a workshop entitled White Racial Awareness Process (WRAP) and I know many are curious about what that was

about. So my article this month is my personal reflection on the day and what was gained from it.

The workshop is designed to give white people a chance to

really dive into their own stuff and starkly recognize



Rev. Curtis Price
Chair EA-ABC

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Events & Happenings Around the Association



New Beginnings Christian Fellowship invites you to attend the Fifth Annual **Ministry Empowerment Conference, April 27—29, 2009**. Registration information on pages 8-9 of this publication.



The **Labyrinth Walk** continues to be open through June on the second Sunday of **each month from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.** in the

Fellowship Hall at **Seattle First Baptist Church**, 1111 Harvard, Seattle 98122.

Park on the street and enter the lower Seneca doors. Free. Contributions welcomed.



Seattle First Baptist Church invites you to **Jazz Vespers** each first Sunday of the month through June 2008, from 6—8 PM.

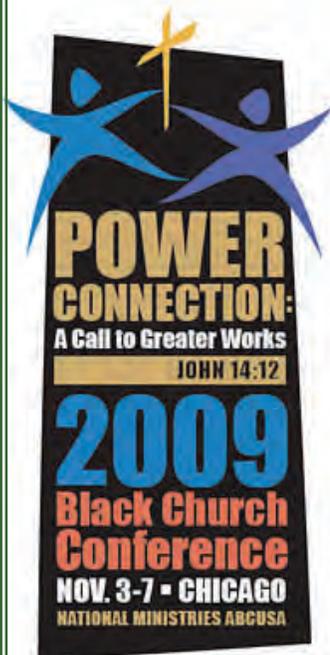
The Wautonga IBC was able to find a set of Baptist Hymnals (1991 ed.) that met their needs in Alabama (closer proximity), yet are very grateful for the Evergreen churches that offered sets.

EVERGREEN ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES COMMUNITY EASTER MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE ST. IGNATIUS CHAPEL, SEATTLE UNIVERSITY

APRIL 12, 2009

7:30 AM

PLAN TO ATTEND!!



2009 Black Church Conference November 3-7, 2009



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SPEAKERS INCLUDE
Dr. Brenda Little, Pastor
Bethany Baptist Church, Evanston, Ill.

Rev. Dr. Robert Scott, Pastor
Central Baptist Church, St. Louis, Mo.

Rev. Trevor Beauford, DeiVision Minister, Children, Youth and Singles
Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, Charlotte, N.C.

Rev. Dr. Alan Ragland, Pastor
Third Baptist Church of Chicago, Chicago, Ill.

SPECIAL FEATURES/LEARNING TRACKS

- The Doors of the Church are Open:
 - A Call to Intercultural Understanding and Ministry
 - Making Multi-Cultural /Racial Ministry Work
 - A Call to Greater Works: The Black Church at the Crossroads
 - A Special "Emerging Leaders" Track

CONFERENCE LOCATION

Holiday Inn Hotel and Conference Center, Matteson, Ill.
500 Holiday Plaza Drive
Matteson, IL 60443
703-747-3500

HOST CHURCH

Third Baptist Church of Chicago
1551 West 95th Street
(95th and Ashland)
Chicago, IL 60643
773-445-8500 773-445-2957 (fax)

CONFERENCE COORDINATOR

Rev. Dr. Brenda R. Halliburton
800-ABC-3USA, ext. 2443
Brenda.Halliburton@abc-usa.org

Registration material will be available soon. Watch for it!

For more information, please visit
ABCPowerConnections.org

What Moves You ? Retreat with Gary & Mylinda Baits

TOO BUSY TO HEAR GOD?

- What controls *your time*?
- What grabs *your attention*?
- What captures *your heart*?

Join ABC Missionaries to Costa Rica, Gary and Myl-

inda Baits as they help you uncover your call and your vocation, to find the passion and purpose of your walk with God.

When: May 1 & 2, 2009

Where: Camp Bethel on

Vashon Island

Cost: \$39.00 (includes over night stay and meals)

Register: call 360-357-3881 or email: olyfbc@aol.com

Curtis Comments: Reflections on WRAP

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that intercultural dialogue begins with us. We had close to 20 people from several different churches made up of mostly lay persons but a few clergy as well. Our presenter was Lucky Lynch who has worked with Evergreen through Eric Law's Kaleidoscope Institute. In truth, Lucky is a key player in that organization and has been working with Eric Law since the beginning. As with most Evergreen events, the discussion began with an agreement around the *Respect Guidelines* and *Mutual Invitation*. And that agreement was followed by theological reflection on text from Gary Commins book, *Becoming Bridges* that compares the efforts of well-meaning white people to the parable of the seeds that fell on shallow ground and sprung up with great enthusiasm but failed to take root. The challenge that came from the text is to

do the hard work of really digging into the "hard soil of reality" to really get to the roots of white privilege and plant the seeds of real inclusion.

There were many "aha" moments for people throughout the day. Moments of realizing that we have a long way to go; that the real work is to look deep into ourselves to discover the roots of our own prejudices and bias; that white guilt shame and blame does not get us very far; that we also have valuable contributions to make to the dream of inclusion and that we must find ways to be supportive to each other as we struggle to change. This point was particularly helpful. The reality is that for the most part, white people have had the luxury of not being a group. The Pan-Asian people in our midst had to reconcile their many different cultures because unless they did, their voice would have been left out. The same can be said of

continued

African Americans in the ABC. When they spoke with one voice, people listened. European Americans have been able to function and thrive without the benefit of each other.

So I am grateful for Evergreen who has valued unity so much, she was willing to allow opportunity for white people to get together and talk about being white. The irony of it all is that through our desire to include people of color, we have found each other. Likewise as we find each other, we are better equipped for relationships with people of color.

Grace and Peace,



Curtis

Building Bridges Educational Event A Success

A gathering of about 80 people met at the Community Church of Issaquah for the annual Building Bridges Event. This year the focus was mission—Our call, Involvement, and reaching out.

Churches represented included Burien, Community Church of Issaquah, Fremont, Good Shepherd, Grace—Tacoma, Japanese Baptist Church, Martin Luther King, Mountlake Terrace, New Beginnings, New Walk, Seattle First Baptist and Wedgwood. The largest contingent was from New Beginnings, with strong showings by Fremont and Japanese Baptist.

A big thanks to all who participated—attendees, workshop leaders, etc. We are especially grateful to the folks at Community Church of Issaquah for welcoming us and setting before us a wonderful lunch.

It is hoped that we are all better prepared to go and be the hands and feet of Jesus.



Local Schools and Churches Working Together

Strong relationships between schools, families, church groups and the community at large are necessary if schools that serve low-income children are to help young people graduate ready to succeed in life. The First Baptist Church of Mountlake Terrace is building just that type of strong relationship with the schools in their community.

Under the direction of Diane Plourde, M.Ed., with strong support and involvement of the church membership, Wings To Reading opened its doors the first of November

2008 and is already seeing improved reading skills in those children attending. With good things being said by the school principals and district personnel.

Here's a picture of some of the children showing many of the audio books and materials recently donated through a grant from Seattle Baptist Union (SBU). Diane Plourde,



Director, the rest of the staff at Wings and the children (including the 4 who were sick on the day this picture was taken) are all excited with these new tools for learning!

Anyone wishing to donate to this very worthy program is welcome to contact them through e-mail at wings_to_reading@earthlink.net or by phone 425-788-2046 ext. 3. Even though it is still under construction, check out their website at wingstoreading.org **ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTABLE.**

BIENNIAL CORNER



The Biennial Corner is finally back! I really did not intend to take a two month break, but between travel and surgery, it happened.

By now all local churches have received information on the Biennial, so delegates can be named, people can register, sign up for hotels and decide which meal functions they will attend. You can also do all that through the ABC web site: www.abc-usa.org. Some hotels may fill early, so I encourage you to register soon.

Churches will also soon be receiving copies of the by-law changes and some interpretive materials. If any church has questions, please contact me, I'll be happy to find an

answer if I don't have one for you.

The rationale for our by-law changes, although prompted by financial reasons, was further spurred by the general board members having to wear more than one hat during meetings. At any meeting a member might at one moment be a "general board member" making decisions for the general good of ABC; then a "member of the International Ministries Board"; then at the next moment, a "member of National Ministries"; then back to being a "General Board Member."

Sounds confusing? Try living it out. Usually after a meeting or two, people figured it all out, but it didn't make maneuvering the meetings any easier. It also meant that National and International

Ministries in selecting their board members, had only the "General Board" (now under 100 members) from which to choose and they were "competing" for those members.

In the new structure these two boards will no longer be "interlocking" but will be interrelated. Neither board can make a decision about their ABC relationship without the consent of the ABC Board of General Ministries weighing in on the decision. The two boards are looking forward to being able to glean from a wider bank of ABC leadership for membership on their respective boards.

More next newsletter.

Marcia

Trip to the Holy Land—September 6–17, 2009

Join Cathy Fransson and colleague Suzanne Seaton on a once in a lifetime trip to the Holy Land September 6-17. We will fly from Seattle via British Airlines directly to London and then Tel Aviv. Then we go north to Caesarea Maritima, Mount Carmel, Megiddo, Nazareth and Galilee. We'll spend three days in the Galilee including a visit north to the headwaters of the Jordan, and then travel south to

Jerusalem through the Decapolis city, Beit She'an. Day 7 is in Jerusalem, Day 8 at the Dead Sea and Masada, Day 9 and 10 in Jerusalem, before a return to Tel Aviv and a late night trip home. Not only will we see the Western Wall, but also go underground to the original wall of the Temple Mount. We will walk through the old market on the Via Dolorosa, see the Holy Sepulcher, and the City of David.

There will be an orientation meeting to answer your questions on Sunday afternoon, April 19, at 12:30 pm following worship at Wallingford United Methodist Church. (Suzanne's church). You do not need to be there to sign up for the trip; but it is a good place to ask specific questions.

Further information? Cathy at cfransson@sprynet.com, or 206 325-6051.

Baptist Joint Committee Announces Fourth Annual Essay Contest for High School Students



The Baptist Joint Committee (BJC) 's fourth annual religious liberty essay contest, open to all high school students in the 2009 and 2010 graduating classes, offers a grand prize of **\$1,000** and airfare and lodging for two to Washington, D.C. Second prize is **\$500**, and third prize is **\$100**.

All of the requirements and

necessary forms are available from the BJC Web site, www.BJConline.org/contest.

All entries must be post-marked by **March 2, 2009**. Completed essays and required forms should be mailed to: Baptist Joint Committee Essay Contest, 200 Maryland Avenue, N.E., Washington, D.C., 20002.

Winners will be announced in the summer of 2009 and will be featured in the BJC's flag-

ship publication, *Report from the Capital*. The grand prize winner will also be recognized at the BJC board meeting in Washington, D.C., on Oct. 5, 2009.

Visit

www.BJConline.org/contest for more information. If you have questions, contact Jeff Huett at (202) 544-4226 or by e-mail at jhuett@BJConline.org.

Pastoral Leadership Conference—March 9-11; ABSW, Berkeley CA

"Preaching from Generation to Generation: Mantle, Ministry, and Mission"

March 9-11, 2009

American Baptist Seminary of the West

Plenary Speakers include:

The Rev. Dr. Henry H. Mitchell

The Rev. Dr. Mary A. Hulst

The Rev. Dr. James A. Forbes and

The Rev. Elias Castillo

Conference program begins:

Monday, March 9, 1:00 pm

Registration Table opens at 10:30 am

Conference concludes:

Wednesday, March 11, 1:00 pm

Register online

www.absw.edu

or Phone: 510-841-1905 x246

A Workshop: Deepening Recession—Ready or Not

Saturday March 14, 2009

9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Trinity Lutheran Church

6215 196th Street SW

Lynnwood WA 98036

The global recession is deepening by the day. The problem is that most churches aren't ready!

Come join us and learn from churches that have created practical ways to be God's compassion to those losing jobs, homes and resources. Help create ways your congregation, in collaboration with others, can make a difference too.

Register by sending the following information to Judy at mail@msainfo.org:

1. Names and contact for leaders attending-including email addresses and phone numbers
2. Describe any strategies your church has already created to help those being hammered by the recession.
3. Describe what you want to take away from ***Deepening Recession Ready or Not!***

Helping Newcomers from Burma

[This is an update] related to newcomers from Burma settling in our area.

(Incidentally, there has been some discussion about the use of the word “refugees,” which for many doesn’t feel particularly welcoming. Some prefer to use the word “newcomers” for this reason. [

First, [Japanese Baptist Church has] now delivered five *Replanting Lives kits* (four Kitchen kits and one Bathroom kit) to World Relief along with many blankets.

At least two more Kitchen kits and two Household kits are nearing completion.

We’ve received word from a World Relief staff member that the greatest need at this time seems to be for Bathroom kits—and ongoing bathroom supplies. So those interested in starting new kits are encouraged to work on

the bathroom kit:

- 4 rolls of toilet paper,
- 2 bottles of shampoo, 8 bars of soap,
- 4 toothbrushes,
- 2 tubes of toothpaste,
- a box a feminine products
- deodorant/anti-perspirant [men’s and women’s],
- disposable razors,
- nail clippers,
- hand/body lotion,
- band-aids,
- cotton balls,
- shaving cream,
- hairbrush and comb,
- box of tissues,
- toilet brush, and
- shower curtain with hooks.)

Finally, please be aware that American Baptist Churches/USA has established a Burma Refugees Task Force, whose members represent the Office of General Secretary, National Min-

Rev. Dr. Paul Aita

istries, International Ministries, and American Baptist Women. The Task Force will be awarding a number of grants of up to \$3,000 each for ABC churches and regions involved in providing assistance to newcomers from Burma. Japanese Baptist

“...the greatest need at this time seems to be for Bathroom kits—and ongoing bathroom supplies...”

Church and Evergreen have each submitted grant requests as we are actively involved in engaging in ministry to, with, and for these individuals and families.

Thanks again for your interest and your work for and with newcomers from Burma.

Seattle First Baptist Church to Install Tim Phillips as Lead Pastor

The congregation of Seattle First Baptist Church, along with friends from our Evergreen American Baptist region and the wider community, will celebrate the Installation for our new Lead Pastor, the Rev. Tim Phillips, on Sunday, March 22, at 2:00 p.m.

The preacher for this ser-

vice will be the Rev. Dr. Flora Wilson Bridges of Seattle University. A reception will follow.

Clergy are invited to arrive by 1:30 p.m. and gather in the Hintz Chapel just off the foyer to form a robed procession into the sanctuary as the service begins.

For more information, please call (206) 325-6051.

Take Your Pastor, Lay Leaders, Family, Friends to the Ball Game!!!



Evergreen Family Night at the **Mariners baseball game** is **Monday night, May 18, 2009**.

This is the fifth year that Evergreen will have gone to the ball game. So you pur-

chase tickets at 2 for \$20 and give them to others in your church or family or among your friends for the Los Angeles Angels vs. Seattle Mariners game.

To order tickets just send your check or money order

and the number of tickets you wish to purchase to the Evergreen office and the tickets will be mailed to you at your return address.

Hope to see you at the game!

Millard Fuller—Founder—Habitat for Humanity International, Remembered

"I see life as both a gift and a responsibility. My responsibility is to use what God has given me to help his people in need."—Millard Fuller

We remember Millard Fuller who passed away recently, apparently due to heart congestion. He was 74 years old and an inspiration for the more than 300,000 homes built by Habitat volunteers since Habitat for Humanity was founded in 1976 in Americus GA.

Millard Fuller founded Habitat for Humanity International in 1976 and served in executive roles until 2005. His leadership helped forge Habitat into a worldwide Christian housing ministry.

In 1996, former U.S. President Bill Clinton awarded Fuller the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor, calling Habitat "...the most successful continuous community service project in the history of the United States."

A Life Changed by God

From humble beginnings in Alabama, Millard Fuller rose to become a young, self-made millionaire. A graduate of Auburn University in Auburn, Ala., and the University of Alabama Law School at Tuscaloosa, he and a college friend began a marketing firm

while still in school. Fuller's business expertise and entrepreneurial drive made him a millionaire at age 29. But as the business prospered, his health, integrity and marriage suffered.



These crises prompted Fuller to re-evaluate his values and direction. His soul-searching led to reconciliation with his wife and to a renewal of his Christian commitment.

The Seed Is Planted

With Koinonia founder Clarence Jordan and a few others, the Fullers initiated several partnership enterprises, including a ministry in housing. They built modest houses on a no-profit, no-interest basis, thus making homes affordable to families with low incomes. Homeowner families were expected to invest their own labor into the building of their home and the houses of other families. This reduced the cost of the house, increased the pride of ownership and fostered the development of positive relationships. Money for building was placed into a revolving

fund, enabling the building of even more homes.

Testing the Model

In 1973, Fuller moved to Africa with his wife and four children to test their housing model. The housing project, which they began in Zaire (now the Democratic Republic of the Congo), was a success in that developing nation. Fuller became convinced that this model could be expanded and applied all over the world.

"...an inspiration for the more than 300,000 homes built by Habitat volunteers..."

Upon his return to the United States in 1976, he met with a group of close associates. They decided to create a new independent organization: Habitat for Humanity International

News From ABC- Dakotas



After a visit with Roy Medley to the Naga people in North East India, Riley Walker, my Dakotas Executive

Minister colleague recently wrote: "...The Naga leaders we met told us of the need for the church to take the lead in reconciliation and peace making. The church is the only stable institution in the system. It is recognized that the church needs to find its voice in this effort. There is need to pray for protection and well being of believers....

...In the village of Somdal where we were celebrating the 100th anniversary of the church [of Somdal, Manipur], no one had seen an ABC person since the last missionary left about 1955. They were extremely encouraged by our presence and the support we expressed.

Roy and I ... encourage you to *write a note of encouragement, pledging your continued prayer support*. I believe it would also strengthen the Naga to receive letters from individual churches.

Following are the contacts for the groups with which we

met:

Nagaland Baptist Church Council, - Rev. Zhabu Terhuja, General Secretary
Email: zhabut@gmail.com
Web: <http://www.eacinet.org/nbcc.php>

Manipuri Baptist Convention—Rev. Vumthang Sitlhou, General Secretary
Email: vumthang2@yahoo.com
Web: <http://www.eacinet.org/mbc.php>

Tangkhal Baptist Association—Rev. Sayao Kapai, Executive Secretary; Naokahao Shithung, Youth Secretary
Address: TBL Mission Compound, Ukhrul District, Manipur 795142, India.
Email address for Naokahao Shithung:
ahaoshi@yahoo.com

American Baptist Special Interest Missionary (SIM) Program

The Special Interest Missionary (SIM) program was begun in 1952 with the support of American Baptist Women (ABW). This program

- Personalizes American Baptist mission
- Acquaints congregations

with missionaries and their ministries

- Cultivates prayer and financial support for mission work in the US and other countries.

Because not every church has an active ABW group, in recent years the program was expanded so that all Baptist Churches now receive information. If you want to learn how to support SIMs assigned to the PNW contact Clem in the Evergreen office They are:

International Ministries
Rev. Gary and Rev Mylinda BAITS

Rev. Glen and Mrs. Rita CHAPMAN

Mr. Gordon and Mrs. Lee Ann HWANG

Rev. Ruth E. MOONEY

Mrs. Marie KETLY and Rev. Vital PIERRE

Miss Roberta L. STEPHENS

Rev. Walter WHITE

National Ministries

Rev. Jack CORDELL

Rev. John & Piper HARDING

Yvette KENNER

Empowering The Ministry Of The Local Church

2009 Conference Schedule

Kick-Off Sunday Worship Service, April 26, 2009

8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

New Beginnings Christian Fellowship

J. Alfred Smith, Jr.

Monday, April 27, 2009

Morning Workshops 9:00 AM

“Theological Education for 21st Century Church Leadership” ~ Raymond J. Bakke

“Managing Conflict” ~ Mickey Fearn

“Expository Preaching” ~ J. Alfred Smith, Sr.

Lunch and Table Reflections Noon

Mid-Day Symposium 1:30 PM

“CHRISTIAN ZIONISM: & The Israeli / Palestinian Conflict Part I ~ Stephen Sizer, PhD

Evening Workshops 6:00 PM

“Road Map to Abundant Life, Part I” (HS Youth) ~ Dewayne Hawkins (This Workshop Is Free for Youth)

“Developing Effective Worship Leaders, Part I” ~ Michelle Lang

Evening Worship 7:30 PM

Guest Preacher ~ Leonard Sweet

Tuesday, April 28, 2009

Morning Workshops 9:00 AM

“21st Century Evangelism Strategies” ~ Leonard Sweet

“Developing Effective Community Outreach Programs” ~ Jason Barr

“Developing Youth and Young Adult Leaders” ~ James Hampton

Lunch and Table Reflections Noon

Mid-Day Symposium 1:30 PM

“CHRISTIAN ZIONISM: & The Israeli / Palestinian Conflict Part II ~ Stephen Sizer, PhD

Evening Workshops 6:00 PM



Rev. Dr. Leslie D.
Braxton



J. Alfred Smith, Sr. / Raymond J. Bakke
2009 Ministry Empowerment Conference
 Empowering The Ministry of The Local Church April 27 - 29, 2009

Registration Form

Please Print or Type

- Minister/Clergy Church Staff/Administrator Lay Minister/Lay Person
 Music Ministry Other _____

FIRST NAME: _____ MI _____ LAST NAME _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

PHONE: (____) _____ E-MAIL: _____

CHURCH _____

CHURCH ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: (____) _____ WEBSITE: _____

I would like continuing education credit information.

*Please provide details of any special needs or accommodations _____

SELECT THE SEMINARS YOU WILL ATTEND:

Morning Workshops 9:00 AM (Select one workshop for each day)

Monday

- "Theological Education for 21st Century Church Leadership" ~ Raymond J. Bakke
 "Managing Conflict" ~ Mickey Fearn
 "Expository Preaching" ~ J. Alfred Smith, Sr.

Tuesday

- "21st Century Evangelism Strategies" ~ Leonard Sweet
 "Developing Effective Community Outreach Programs" ~ Jason Barr
 "Developing Youth and Young Adult Leaders" ~ James Hampton

Wednesday

- "Accountable Leadership in Accountable Systems" ~ Martha Taylor
 "Ministry to the Chemically Addicted" ~ Greg Alex
 "Developing Effective Small Groups" ~ TBD

Workshops & Evening Worship
 Located At
City View Church
 255 Hardie Ave SW
 Renton, WA 98057

Mid-Day Symposium Monday & Tuesday 1:30 PM (This is a 2-day series)

- "CHRISTIAN ZIONISM: & The Israeli / Palestinian Conflict I & II" ~ Stephen Sizer, Phd

Evening Workshops Monday & Tuesday 6:00 PM (Select one 2-Evening workshop)

- "Road Map to Abundant Life, I & II" (HS Youth) ~ Dewayne Hawkins (This Workshop Is Free for Youth)
 "Developing Effective Worship Leaders, I & II" ~ Michelle Lang

REGISTRATION FEES:

Includes all symposiums, workshops, evening worship services and all conference materials

\$75.00 Special Early-Bird Registration. Register By April 1, 2009

\$100.00 FULL Registration after April 1, 2009

CE Credit available. Call for more information and fees.

Cancellation Requests must be received in writing on or before April 20, 2009 for full refund, less a \$25.00 administration fee.

Cancellation requests received after April 20, 2009 will not be refunded.

METHOD OF PAYMENT:

Check /Credit Card (Visa and MC Only) / Cash

Amount Paid: _____

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

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



Building Bridges Between Communities

Rev. Dr. Marcia J. Patton, Executive Minister

Calendar of Upcoming Events

MARCH

- 13—Executive Committee Meeting, JBC

APRIL

- 12—Community Easter Service, St. Ignatius Chapel, Seattle University, 7:30 AM
- 19—21 Ministers Council Retreat, Camp Bethel.
- 25—Association Board Meeting, Wedgwood Community Church, 9 AM
- 27—29 Empowerment Conference, see pgs. 10-11

MAY

- 18—Take Your Pastor...to the Ball Game. Mariners vs. Angels, SAFECO FIELD, 7:10 PM

JUNE

- 26-28—ABCUSA Biennial, Pasadena CA



JULY

- Bar-B-Q Cook Off—Date to be determined.

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.