



Evergreen Notes

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Take Your Pastor/Clergy/Lay Leader to the Ball Game!



Evergreen's Annual "Take Your Pastor, / Church Lay Leader, Family and/or friends to the Ball Game" event is scheduled for Monday, June 12, 2011 when the Seattle Mariners will face the Los Angeles Angels at Safeco Field in Seattle.

Okay, so the Mariners are experiencing some losses lately, as was the case last year when the Evergreen family showed our support...AND THEY

WON the evening we attended. Actually, we experienced a very exciting game!

So, what makes it all work? Just as with any family, when we are all together, we will have fun! The fellowship is worth the trek, drive, train ride etc.

To order your tickets call Clem at 253-859-2226 or email: clemeba@comcast.net

Tickets are \$10 each. So, 1) invite your pastor, church leader,

family member (s) or friend, 2) order the tickets, 3) send the payment made payable to: Evergreen Association-ABC, 409 Third Avenue S, Suite A, Kent WA 98032.

Order by May 15, 2011 to assure time for your tickets to be mailed to you.

Be sure you're a part of the fun on June 12, 2011! By the way, this editor looks forward to the garlic fries!! See you there!!

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Prayer Concerns:

Jodie Tooley, pastor of The United Church, Moscow ID, who is home now after having been hospitalized with a seriously fractured lumbar vertebra following an auto accident on April 28th

Barry and Anne Briscoe

Churches seeking or soon to be seeking pastoral leaders: Wedgwood Community Church, Confraternidad Eben-ezer, New Community of Faith, Burien Community Church, and Burton Community Church

Sacred Conversation over Potluck Dinner



Minister Ken Curl
Evergreen Chair

The Sacred Action Task Force invites

you to a potluck dinner at the West Seattle home of Rev. Tom and Marilee Nielsen on Saturday, May 21 at 5:30 p.m. The topic for conversation at this dinner will be an article by Boyce Watkins

(March 23, 2011) on a comment by Bill Maher : "Every black person scares you (GOP) unless they look like Urkel, talk like Colin Powell and wear Bill Cosby

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Events, Happenings & Celebrations Around the Association



Seattle First Baptist Church Choir concert to raise awareness about refugees from Burma raised over \$5,000. Thank you for your generous support!!



Community Church of Issaquah invites you to its Speaker Series—*Faith and Today's World* - Sunday, May

15, 2011, 3-5 PM – Issaquah Library. Topic: “Interfaith Relations – Christianity & Islam”

Speaker: Imam Jawad Khaki of the Iman Center, Kirkland
For more info, visit the church’s website at www.commchurchiss.org and click on “Coming Events”



Fairview Community Church extends congratulations to Pastor Sarah Halverson scheduled to receive the Doctorate of Ministry (D.Min.) in Preaching from the Chicago Theological Seminary on May 14, 2011.

Sacred Conversation

continued

Minister Ken Curl

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sweaters." There will be a specific design to the conversation. It is not expected that any specific conclusion will be drawn, but we believe that the conversation itself will bring us together in ways that we have not been together before. We expect that the evening will end no later than 8:30 p.m. Those register-

ing to attend will receive a copy of the article and process for discussion in advance of the dinner.

Space is very limited, so if you are interested, please let us know. And if we cannot accommodate you at the Nielsen’s we’ll invite you to the second discussion of the topic to be held at the Maple Valley home of Minister Ken and Gila Curl, in July.

For the initial discussion, please RSVP to Tom Nielsen at tnielsen7@aol.com or by phone at the Association office 253-859-2226.

We reserve the right to be sure that we have a wide representation of people at each event. We hope you might be able to join us in the conversation.

Ken

Conversations About the 2011 ABCUSA Biennial

Marcia Patton invites all those going to the 2011 Biennial to one of a series of meetings. At these meetings we will discuss the business to be voted on at the Biennial and any other questions you may have. Those not attending the Biennial but interested in the by-law changes being considered are also welcome to attend.

In the Bay Area two meetings are offered: Friday, May 13, 7:00 pm in the San Jose Area and Sunday, May 15, 3:00

pm in the Berkeley area. Exact places will be announced. If you let Marcia know you will attend, we can plan exact meeting places most convenient to all.

In the Seattle Area, she is willing to have meetings at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday, May 18-20, or Monday or Tuesday, May 23-24. Tentatively meetings will be held at the Association Office, but if a church gets together a number of people and wants to change the meeting place on a

particular night, Marcia is more than happy to change locations. Meetings should last about an hour, no more than two.

Please RSVP your intent to participate to Marcia at marciaeba@comcast.net or 253-859-2226. If you want to participate and do not live near any one of these meetings, let Marcia know the date that works for you, and we’ll set up a phone or SKYPE connection.

Ministers' Council Retreat 2011—Camp Burton

The Evergreen Ministers' Council retreat held May 1-3 focused on the topic, *Borderlands*. *Facilitator*, Dr. Leticia Guardiola-Saenz, Professor of Christian Scripture, Seattle University School of Theology led the time of renewal and engagement.

There is still time to pay the \$75 membership fee to the Council and join a (TIM) group of your colleagues for support.

Contact a member of the leadership team for more information:

Rev. Dr. Judy Gay, Fremont Baptist Church, (206) 632-7994
pastor@fremontbaptistchurch.org

Rev. Clinton McNair, Seattle University School of Theology & Ministry, (206) 296-6968
email Rev. McNair

Rev. Bruce Chittick, Seattle First Baptist Church, (206) 353-5758,
brucechittick@yahoo.com

Evergreen Mission Trip to Haiti

Dr. Keith Madsen met with and charged the planning team to begin preparation for the Evergreen Mission Trip to Haiti.

There is still opportunity for you to join the planning team in its infancy by emailing your interest to

drkmad2006@yahoo.com

Mission Opportunity at Bacone College

Voluntary service provides much needed assistance in the development of Bacone College's growing campus. It has been a record-breaking year for Bacone. There are over 1,000 students attending the school this year and that number is projected to grow each semester.

It has become necessary to utilize all the space available to accommodate such a large number of students. So, the need is great to refurbish some of the buildings to

house the growing student population.

Both skilled and unskilled workers are invited to help us with this endeavor. There is need for painters, tile layers, landscapers, carpenters, plumbers, welders, electricians etc.

Through the Volunteers In Mission (VIM) group's hard work and devotion to the ministry the school is truly blessed.

The American Baptist Churches have been one of the biggest supporters to Bacone, and you are extended an invitation for your mission group to help, to join this cause.

If you decide to do so, Mallory Largent, Volunteer in Mission Coordinator for Bacone College, will be happy to provide information about work projects and make necessary arrangements. You may contact Mallory at (918) 781-7226 or largentm@bacone.edu

ABPNWM Conference—Yakima

The American Baptist Pacific Northwest Women's Ministry Conference 2011 was held April 15 – 17 in Yakima, Washington. Missionary, Rev. Adalia Guitierrez-Lee shared her ministry at Deborah's House, a shelter for women victims of domes-

tic violence and their children.

A mission offering designated for Deborah's House totaled \$5124.02. Of the 33 churches represented, Japanese Baptist Church and Mt. Zion Baptist Church had the highest and second highest



number of members in attendance (respectively).

And for your planning: the AB PNWM 2012 Conference will be held at Ross Point Camp and Conference Center, May 4-6, 2012. The theme will be "In the Potter's Hands."

ANNUAL REPORTS NOW LATE—STILL NEEDED!!

Attention Pastors, Treasurers, Moderators, Church Clerks

If you have not returned your church's completed Annual Report Form, please contact Clem at 253-859-2226 or clem@ea-abc.org

Or just go online to annualreport.abcis.org and submit your church's annual report information for 2010.

Though your church's report is now past due, it is still needed! So far only 26% of Evergreen churches have filed their report. **Help us at least double that number by getting yours in today!**

Remember, the annual report keeps the region and the national denomination, ABCUSA, abreast of the ministries and health of member churches and is an important commitment.

Thank you for your diligence and attention to this task.

To-date, the following churches have returned the hard copy or completed the annual report online:

1. Bountiful First Baptist Church
2. Good Shepherd Baptist Church
3. Grace Baptist Church—Tacoma
4. Japanese Baptist Church
5. Oak Lake Baptist Church

6. Panther Lake Community
7. Salt Lake City First Baptist Church
8. San Leandro Community Church
9. Seattle First Baptist Church
10. University Baptist Church
11. Wedgwood Community Church

If you need another copy of your Annual Report Form, please call, email or fax Clem at:

253-859-2226

clemeba@comcast.net

253-859-1537, respectively.

THANK YOU!

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME... BUY ME A HOT DOG AND CRACKER JACKS



Tickets Available (\$10 Each)

Mariners vs. Angels

Monday, June 13, 2011

Take Your Pastor/Church leader/Family/Friends to the Ball Game...



Place your order by May 15, 2011! limited # of tickets available

Email: eba@ea-abc.org or Telephone: 253-859-2226

ABC CHURCH RECEIVES THREATS

The Rev. Dr. Wallace Charles Smith spoke at our MLK Day service a few years ago. He is the pastor (20 years this year) of Shiloh Baptist Church in Washington DC. President Barack Obama and his family worshipped with the Shiloh family on Easter Sunday this year. According to the Washington Post, http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/shiloh-baptist-church-receives-threats-after-comments-from-sean-hannity/2011/04/27/AFLSKi5E_story.html after Fox News Channel's Sean Hannity on April 26, 2011 ran a video tape of Dr. Smith,

the church has received several threatening emails and vulgar phone calls. Hannity was taking exception that Obama was attending churches led by pastors who teach such things as Dr. Smith was saying in the clip shown. In the clip, Dr. Smith says, "It may not be Jim Crow anymore, ... Now, Jim Crow wears blue pinstripes, goes to law school and carries fancy briefs in cases. And now, Jim Crow has become James Crow, esquire. And he doesn't have to wear white robes anymore because now he can wear the protective cover of talk radio or can get a regular

news program on Fox..."

The Washington Post indicated that Dr. Smith said this in an address at Palmer Theological Seminary in January 2010, when Dr. Smith had been asked to speak on racism today. The clip can be found at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2fKfTieWYCs>. Please keep the Shiloh Baptist Church and Dr. Smith in your prayers, as well as our President, Barack Obama.



Good Shepherd Baptist Church Celebrates 50 Years

On Sunday, May 1, 2011, members, friends, and past pastors gathered to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Good Shepherd Baptist Church, Lynnwood WA.

Pastors pictured L-R: (front row): William Painter, Judy Gay, Richard Birdsall, Bernie

Turner, Emily Campbell, Peter Koshi; (back row): Curt Smith, Charles Elven, Jerold Sutton and Current Pastor. M. Christopher Boyer.

CONGRATULATIONS,
GOOD SHEPHERD!



Japanese Baptist Church Accepts "Gift of 1,000 Cranes for the People of Japan"



These Origami cranes were a gift to JBC from Evergreen Manor Detox, a local agency treating chemical dependency and providing domestic violence treatment.

In Japanese culture, 1,000 cranes are given to someone who is suffering from illness or injury. So JBC is honored to accept the "heartfelt condolences to the people of Japan and to those of the local community...by the gifting of these cranes" from Evergreen Manor.

By Vicki Takemoto

THE EVERGREEN JIGSAW PUZZLE and TWO INVITATIONS

The diagram that appears on page 7 is a visual representation of what I've been writing about in the last two newsletters and on the blog. Two months ago I shared my blogs about the "corners" of the jigsaw puzzle, our core values: unity, cultural diversity, acceptance and shifting perspectives. Last month I shared my blogs about our "edges", our mission priorities: Building Bridges, Equipping Congregations, Reaching Beyond our Borders and Sharing the Evergreen Way.

In this puzzle "representation", I've put the narratives created by the Leader group at retreat for each of the four mission priorities. The bottom line though, is that each of our churches as well as "all of us together" will paint the picture in the center, hopefully around these priorities.

So, two invitations: First, we will "do something" (probably more than one thing) at our Annual Meeting around these mis-

sion priorities and jigsaw puzzle. At the moment one of our plans is to develop a large jigsaw puzzle and to give every church a piece of the puzzle to design according to what your church is/does. The current plan is to have these pieces ready no later than our Association Board meeting on August 27. The pieces will be approximately 4" x 6" maybe larger. Begin to think now about how your church might design your piece. I assume these will be on wood! The more creative, the "better" our finished product!

Second invitation: At the early April General Executive Council (GEC) meetings, regions were invited to participate in a new American Baptist Church venture which is a journey of discernment/discovery. During this mutual journey we will articulate the adaptive challenges we face as we seek to live out the mission priorities and core values we've articulated above. I don't know exactly what all this will mean, but I anticipate a first step of some sort will be taken at the

Annual Meeting. I see this journey as building on this work we have already done/begun. Part of the journey will ask the question "where is God already at work"—among us, in our churches, in the world. In addition to par-

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ticipating in this as an Association, an invitation will be launched in Puerto Rico for churches to join the journey and I hope that a number of Evergreen churches will sign on. We will certainly include the invitation to do so at the Annual Meeting.

If you have any questions about the "Evergreen Puzzle" or the invitations, do not hesitate to be in touch. Email: Marcia@ea-abc.org, phone 253-859-2226. May God continue to bless you and your ministries.



Sukiyaki Dinner & Cultural Fest A Success—Thank You!!



**Core Value:
UNITY**

**Mission Priority
REACHING BEYOND OUR BORDERS**

**Core Value:
CULTURAL
DIVERSITY**

The Building Bridges Narrative
Evergreen churches build bridges that carry the message of who we are and accept the message of who others are. These bridges open the door for the creation of relationships. Relationships begin through participation in Evergreen that lead to an increased number of people being involved, and intentional intergenerational connections. Those relationships result in support of one another through acceptance, understanding and sensitivity to our cultural differences. So that more people now live and tell the Evergreen story.

Equipping Congregations Narrative
As Evergreen we will enable our churches to do "needs analysis and gift inventory".
Evergreen will sponsor seminars or webinars on helpful topics by supplying information or persons.
Evergreen will offer webinars on American Baptist Polity and Baptist History.
"Building Bridges" seminars will be offered as webinars in the future.

**Mission Priority:
BUILDING BRIDGES**

Sharing the Evergreen Way Narrative
The Evergreen Story and current events are on the internet, in the newspaper, on facebook and twitter and whatever new thing is coming along. A good quality production video of Evergreen is on YouTube and available on DVD.
People in Evergreen have conversations with tabs of people whenever they are about Evergreen.
There are young adults and teenagers involved in the life of Evergreen, they are at all events and meetings.
More church organization are using consensus in their decision making process. Creative ways of power sharing (such as consensus) are being developed and used. More churches are using Kaleidoscope Bible Study, Respect Communication Guidelines, Mutual Invitation in the life of their churches.
Annually congregations are added to the Evergreen family because we are planting church—especially Hispanic/Latino and Native American churches. More congregations are joining Evergreen because they are embracing the benefits of associating with American Baptist Churches and Evergreen.
Every church has an Evergreen Storyteller who keeps the Evergreen story before the congregation with the result that more people are attending events and understanding the relationship between the local church and Evergreen Association.*

**Mission Priority:
EQUIPPING CONGREGATIONS**

Reaching Beyond our Borders Narrative
We will
Successfully interface with community partners in a variety of projects, learning from their strengths and impacting the community
Form closer bonds with ecumenical and interfaith partners, learning to better understand their viewpoints in order to enrich our own
Be more intentionally active in social justice issues, including ongoing work on the Call to Sacred Action which will be a foundational part of our identity.
Increase our understanding of our denominational milieu and individual differences/sterilities in Regions
Action Items
Continued present on Church Council of Greater Seattle and other ecumenical councils as appropriate
Encourage churches engaged in the Missional Church Learning Experience
Annual Mission focus, possibly including trip/offering
Annual local one-day project for all churches to be involved, example "Christmas in April"

**Core Value:
SHIFTING
PERSPECTIVES**

**Mission Priority
SHARING THE EVERGREEN WAY**

**Core Value:
ACCEPTANCE**

From Nzunga and Kihomi's Newsletter

Kihomi partners with Doctors without Borders—Doctors without Borders are famous for going where no one else wants to go. They were in Haiti following the earthquake and heard about Kihomi's Community Health Evangelism program. They requested her help in reaching the rural areas with their health programs. She was able to quickly set up meetings at three churches that were well attended. They realized that through her church based program they could reach many at one time and place.

Kihomi has also been recognized as a strong women's advocate by being nominated to be a board member of two institutions: Medical Ambassadors of Haiti, an international organization working in support of medical institutions and supervising health education and prevention programs and Cooperative Baptist Fellowship in its Self Help Group of women's program.



Kids for Kids receives Christmas funds—Many Sunday school classes and individuals were inspired to give to Nzunga's Kids for Kids program this Christmas. Over \$8000 was received. In some areas of Haiti pigs do better than goats, so the program has been expanded to include pigs also. This program has been instrumental in raising family income, adding protein to their diet and teaching the Christian principle of sharing with others. The children must take care of the animals and then give one of the offspring back. Also many times parents have started coming to church amazed that they would do this act of kindness for them.

Two Artists rescued—Upon hearing the story of two artists who'd lost everything, Danise gave them \$10. The next day she returned to help them find housing and get on their feet again. Danise, one of Kihomi's trainees, has stood by these two ladies day after day helping them to get their lives on track again. She was empowered by Kihomi and now empowers others while reaching out with God's love.



Nzunga & Kihomi Honored



Dr Nzunga's assistant professor, Pastor Henri Claude Telusma, and a delegation of theology students surprised the Nzungas by showing up at their home one evening recently. There were so many they could hardly all squeeze in. The delegation came to pray for them on their upcoming trip (explained below) and to present a plaque for their contribution to the promotion of the school of theology at the university. Nzunga and Kihomi were deeply touched and appreciative for the expression of love.

Mother's Day Trip Home

Nzunga and Kihomi's MPT committee felt that 13 years without seeing mothers and the rest of their family was long enough. Thanks to many loving supporters, the money was raised to send them home to the Congo for Mother's Day. They left Haiti on April 26th for a vacation to their homeland. Please pray for their safety as the DRC is always in some state of turmoil.

Pray for the new president of Haiti to bring stability and peace; for the funds to buy a good vehicle for the Nzungas, which is their greatest need now. (Over \$25000 have been given, and an additional \$19,000 are needed).

March To Olympia for Our Future

Thursday morning, April 14th, I joined a dozen people, walking from Seattle to Olympia to protest the cuts of billions of dollars that the Legislature intends to take away from health care, disability lifeline, housing, and education—while leaving untouched numerous unproductive tax loopholes that benefit wealthy interests, including corporations. We called it *The People's Walk for Our Future*.

We were a group of working people, disabled people, and labor and faith allies from several communities. We came from diverse faith traditions. Truly the heart and soul of our journey were those people that walked because their lives are directly and catastrophically affected by these cuts.

These included a woman with a walker, and another with serious chronic back pain; an out-of-work woman who struggles with mental illness, a young man who lost his job and is homeless, and another young man who has earned his Associate Degree and wants to continue his education at a four-year state college, but cannot afford the continually soaring cost of

tuition. All of these courageous and committed people made the entire 50-mile trek! I am honored and blessed to have walked side by side with them.

The number of people marching doubled along the way. All of us walked in solidarity, witnessing as we journeyed to the devastating consequences of this budget, hearing each other's stories and the stories of the people we met all along our path.

Four days, 50 miles, and 100 thousand steps later, we arrived in Olympia—our feet blistered, our legs weary, our backs aching— but in the words of the song, *...no ways tired!*

It seems altogether appropriate that our rag-tag band reached our destination on Palm Sunday. Like Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem on the back of a donkey, we arrived humbly to the triumphant cheers of our sisters and brothers from faith-based organizations and churches, all in the fight for justice. In the gospel of Luke, the Pharisees order Jesus to silence the adulating people. Jesus says

Rev. Beverly Spears

to them, *I tell you even if they were to keep silent, the very stones would cry out.*

The state budget isn't about numbers and dollar signs, and other abstractions. It is a document with moral content. It must be evaluated on how it supports the welfare and dignity of life, and how it promotes the common good.



Photo by Brooke Rolston from *The Beacon*, UBC

Unfortunately this year's budget makes the immoral choice of favoring corporate special interests, and the desires of the very wealthy over the basic needs of the most vulnerable people-- . It jeopardizes our future by making a college education unaffordable.

Brothers and sisters in faith, we cannot be silent. We cannot be complicit. The very stones in the buildings of the state capitol are crying out for justice.

Remember, Pastor Manny Santiago will be our guide for a special **Post Biennial time together**, beginning in the city of Ponce on Sunday evening, June 26th, as the Biennial draws to a close. Those staying a few extra days, should plan to leave from San Juan on Wednesday afternoon, June 29th. However, even if you need to leave earlier, plan to join us in Ponce.

Please notify the Evergreen office of your intent to join us, so we may plan effectively.

Easter Sunrise Service Held April 24, 2011



brought remembrance and closure to the Christian Ministry at the Minidoka Internment Camp.

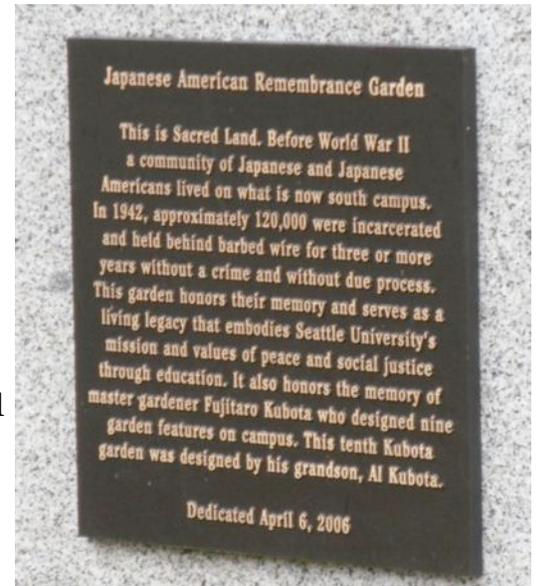
We are grateful to the combined Japanese Baptist Church and



Sixty-six years after the last Easter message delivered to the interned Japanese at Minidoka, in Utah, on April 1, 1945, by the then Japanese Baptist Church Pastor Rev. Emery E. Andrews, his son, the Rev. Brooks Andrews shared with the gathered community at Seattle University's St. Ignatius Chapel the Easter message entitled, "The Two Tombs: Reflection on Minidoka". We learned, among other things, that the flyers which had been posted around Seattle ordering the Japanese to report for internment had been dated April 24, 1942. So this service

Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church choir under the direction of Jeremiah Cawley for the anthem; to Carolyn Shimabukuro, Herb Tsuchiya, and Marcia Patton for their leadership roles; and to Sue Nakagawa and Linda Nakagawa our gracious ushers.

And after three years, we were finally able to hold the benediction in the Japanese American Remembrance Garden.



American Baptist Seminary of the West (ABSW) Sends Thanks



Excerpt from a letter dated March 31, 2011:

There has been a flurry of activity on our campus the last few weeks. The Board of Trustees recently met ...and then we hosted a visit from the accreditation team of the Association of Theological Schools. Amid all of this the teaching, learning and ministry continued...

The Evergreen Association's donation of \$498.89 ...helps

us continue our 140 year tradition of training men and women to fulfill their calling to ministry. ...[Our next] commencement ceremony/service will be on [Saturday] May 21, 2:00 PM at Lakeshore Avenue Baptist Church in Oakland. Before the ceremony/service, on Friday, May 20, at 7:00 PM, we will be holding the Keaton Lecture. The lecture speaker, who will

also be our commencement speaker, is Dr. William Herzog II. His topic on that night will be "Sowing Seeds of Discontent" based on the parable of the sower.

Again, thank you for your gift, and please plan to join us in our upcoming celebrations....

Sincerely,

Michelle M. Holmes

Clean Greens Volunteer Weekly Work Party



Clean Greens is seeking volunteers for its third harvest season. The weekly work party hours are 9:00am – 3:00pm every Friday and Saturday, May 6 thru May 28.

Volunteers may meet at the Clean Greens office for rides to the farm, or arrange their own transportation. Please call or email in advance to make the necessary preparations, and so

the farm manager will know how many to expect.

Clean Greens will provide work supplies. You are welcome to bring your own supplies along with your favorite gardening gloves, if you desire. Please keep in mind weather conditions with regard to dress. You are asked to bring your lunch. Clean Greens will provide water.

Volunteers will assist the Clean Greens farmer with planting,

seeding, weeding and harvesting. Volunteers must also be able to lift at least ten pounds and have the ability to walk or bend.

Questions

Contact: Lottie Cross, Volunteer Coordinator

phone: (206) 324-3114

email: lcross2781@aol.com

or the Clean Greens office at (206) 323-0534 or fax (206) 323-4701

Thank you for your support.

Baptists Lunching Together (BLT) News

BLT Luncheons are held at Grand Lake Gardens, 401 Santa Clara Avenue, Oakland CA, unless otherwise noted.

Lunch Time -12 Noon

Lunch Cost: \$8.00

Program Time -1:15 PM

**** May 7: PCBA Spring Conference**, featured speaker: Brent Walker, Director of the Baptist Joint Committee. Hosted by Shell Ridge Community Church, Walnut Creek CA

****June 1:** Mr. Frank Christine, President ABCUSA, "Update on ABC Concerns"

****July 13:** A Panel Reporting on Puerto Rico—including Rev. Donald Ng, candidate for Vice President, ABCUSA



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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.



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

Building Bridges, Resourcing Churches & Translating Our Unity

Calendar of Upcoming Events

MAY

9—Executive Committee Meeting, Japanese Baptist Church, 5:30 PM

14—Black Caucus Planning Meeting, Kent Office, 9 AM

JUNE

3—Executive Committee Meeting, Japanese Baptist Church, 5:30 PM

10-11—Black Caucus visits Calvary Baptist Church, Spokane, WA

13—Take your Pastor/Church Leader to the Ball Game, Mariners vs. Angels, 7:10 PM

24-26—American Baptist Biennial, San Juan Puerto Rico

JULY

4-9—Baptist Peace Fellowship of NA Summer Conference, Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg VA.

16—Black Caucus Bar-Be-Q Details Later

AUGUST

15-19 Kaleidoscope Institute NW—“Process for Planned Change”, Rainbow Lodge North Bend WA

27—Association Board Meeting, Wedgwood, 9 AM

OCTOBER

14-15 - Evergreen Annual Meeting 2011, Seattle First 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.