



EVERGREEN SUPPORT—BUILDING BRIDGES ANNUAL FUND

Some Newsletter articles come quickly out of the fingers as I encourage you to attend an exciting program or praise some part of the family for a job well done. The harder article by far to write is this one, where I ask for your monetary support. The problem is that I'm not very good at asking. I was one of those folks that was told that it was rude to ask for what you needed/wanted. Mind you that means I learned some less

straight forward ways of getting what I wanted/needed...but that's another story and another sermon.

It is however, important to ask and to tell you that we need your special support. If those of us who know about Evergreen, are engaged in its work and ministry and care that it continue, do not support it, others will not be there to support it in our stead.

We have a goal of \$40,000 in

individual gifts and have already received from friends, Executive Committee, Board members, staff and pastors gifts of just under \$13,000. And we have additional monies pledged but not yet received. We still have a long way to go to reach our goal.

These monies mean that we can fund things like our Caucus development workshops, our Building Bridges

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Peter's Perspectives

Rev. Peter Koshi

There are still some lingering questions regarding "consensus."

I've been giving the matter some thought since one of my

responsibilities is to chair the meetings of the Association using the consensus method of making decisions. I'm becoming more and more aware that consensus is much

more than a process in decision making. A statement we are following is:



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A CALL FOR PRAYER

The Community Church of Issaquah is seeking to host Tent City 4.

Now the permit and community forums processes begin.

Please pray for the successful completion of this act of faith.

Events In Our Churches

*******Seattle First Baptist Church** ordained Marti Garrison on Sunday, June 2, 2006. Marti will enter the Chaplaincy program at Harborview Medical Center this fall.

*******New Beginnings Christian Fellowship** began celebrating its first Anniversary on July 30th. Rev. Dr. J. Alfred Smith and the Allen Temple male chorus, under the direction of Alvin McClean, were guests at the opening Anniversary service.

The celebration continues on Sunday, August 6th with special guest preacher, Rev. Marlin Harris, New

Life Baptist Church, Atlanta GA. NBCF currently meets at Lindbergh High School Auditorium, 16426 128 Ave. SE, Renton WA.

***** **Community Church of Issaquah** hosts the Mazatlan Salvation Army Children's Home Dance Troup for two weeks beginning August 18, 2006.

All are invited to enjoy a full performance Sunday August 20, 3:00 PM in the Cascade Auditorium at Trinity Lutheran College, 4221 228th Ave SE, Issaquah.

*******Japanese Baptist Church** invites all to the Ordination Service

for Brooks Andrews, September 10, 2006 at 2:00 PM. The Rev. Dr. Paul M. Nagano, guest minister. A lite reception will follow the service.

*****Looking way ahead—Our preacher has been confirmed for our **Community MLK Day Worship Service**, January 15, 2007. Rev. Dr. Wallace Charles Smith, Pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church, Washington, DC and President of Palmer Theological Seminary. Plan now to attend.

Peace Camp

We had a transformative and joyful experience in Atlanta for the Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America's annual conference, aka "Peace Camp." Nineteen members of five Evergreen churches were in attendance: First Baptist-Chico, Pullman Baptist, Seattle First Baptist, Shell Ridge Community, and University Baptist. (See photos on page 6 -Heidi and John Malcomson are missing.) Jessica Badgeley and Valerie Foster, two delightful young women from University Baptist Church, were the youth representatives for Evergreen.

Being held in Atlanta, we enjoyed tours to see Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s boyhood home, Ebenezer Baptist Church (both the historical and the new sanctuaries), and exhibits at the ML King Center. Children, youth, and adults got the

benefit of learning about conflict resolution and peacemaking through dramatic arts taught by the Artists-in-Residence, Hector Arizobal and Rabbi Lynn Gottlieb. J. Alfred Smith preached powerfully about biblical peace and justice in a world at war. Dr. Peter Paris lectured on four forms of violence: war, poverty, racism, and sexism; lectures which spurred lively discussion and thoughtful questions. It was poignant to us all that the bombing between Israel and Lebanon began during our week dedicated to peace between peoples.

John Malcomson of SFBC led daily morning breath meditation. Our own Rev. Greg Ledbetter, Pastor, Shell Ridge Community Church,

Rev. Angela Farrar

facilitated two open-mic nights, which enjoyed high participation and big fun! The youth contingent also saw the APEX (African-American Panoramic Experience) Museum and Centennial Park, one of the sites where the 1996 Summer Olympics were held.

The fellowship, the worship, and the learning were so dynamic and so uplifting, that we didn't let the Atlanta heat and humidity get us down. Thanks to all the supporters and contributors who made this trip possible.

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Peace Camp and Me

Roy Johnson

"If you want peace, work for justice."
Pope Paul VI

About twenty of us from five Evergreen churches attended the 21st annual Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America summer conference in Atlanta July 10-15. I felt stretched by the week's experiences. For example, we had some opportunities to express feelings and abstract concepts through body posture, without the use of words. Though this does not come easy for me, body language can be more immediate and engaging than just using words to tell one's story.

Some highlights were (1) Rep. Barbara Lee's continuing call for a Department of Peace (e.g., peace acad-

emy, domestic violence issues), (2) the panel organized by the Rev. Dr. C.T. Vivian on the slowness in rebuilding the Lower Ninth Ward in New Orleans, (3) lectures by Dr. Peter J. Paris on the violence of war, violence of poverty, violence of sexism, and violence of racism, and (4) sermons by the Rev. Dr. J. Alfred Smith, who had preached at Evergreen's Martin Luther King, Jr. Day service this year.

It was good to hear from the exuberant Rabbi Michael Lerner, who has the ability to pack a great deal of information into a short speech, while giving his listeners a feeling of hope. Rabbi Lerner, incidentally, will be the keynote speaker at the Washington Association of

Churches annual celebration banquet October 4, 2006 at Seattle University.

It was also a blessing to meet and talk with Rev. Tony Santana of La Fraternidad de Iglesias Bautistas de Cuba (Fraternity of Cuban Baptist Churches). There were supposed to be two Cuban pastors present, but the other individual could not get the required visitor's visa.

One can hear more about "Peace Camp 2006" during a workshop at the Building Bridges Educational Event on September 16 at Japanese Baptist Church. Next year's summer conference will be held July 23-28, 2007 at Berea College in Berea, Kentucky.

Volunteer Opportunities

Teach English!!

In Cambodia..

Five Korean children in Cambodia need a TESL certified English teacher to teach them English, then home school them using an English language curriculum. The children have been without an education for some time, and need YOU now! The ideal situation would be a commitment for at least three months, longer is even better.

At the Thai/Burma Border..

English teachers, and teachers of other subjects are needed for Karen students aged 12 – 25 at a Christian boarding school of 180 students. TEFL recommended, but not required. At least two people required, more are great! Teachers are needed now to serve through March 2007 (the end of the school year)

In Brazil..

JAMI Missionary Training Center, Belo Horizonte, Brazil, English for

Missions course, needs volunteers would serve as conversational partners for Brazilian missionaries in training. Occasionally design/lead fun activities to practice speaking English (games, simulations, cooking or craft demonstrations, etc.). Maximum of 2 volunteers during the intensive course mid February to mid March 2007 course, or during some 2 week periods between April and August.

In Nicaragua..

Instructor needed to teach English as a second language in the tourism department of the Polytechnic University in Managua. The continuing education department is also in need of English instructors. The academic year is from February to November.

Also teach in Thailand, China, Myanmar, Bangladesh, Poland,

The children ... need YOU now!

Bulgaria, and more!

For more details about these and other opportunities, contact Jonathan or Angela at BIMvolunteers@abc-usa.org

Angela

Angela Sudermann
Associate Coordinator,
Volunteers in Global Mission

REMINDERS to MINISTERS

MAKE
**DINNER CRUISE
RESERVATIONS**



BY AUGUST 15, 2006

Contact:

Clem at clemeba@comcast.net
or 253-859-2226.

MAKE
**CLERGY RETREAT
RESERVATIONS**



**BY
AUGUST 16, 2006**

Contact: Clem at
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253-859-2226.

*Annual
Reports
are DUE in
the Association
Office.*

REMINDER to ALL: Children in Poverty Training Opportunity

National Ministries is leading American Baptist Churches in an initiative to end Children in Poverty. As part of this initiative, they are seeking to train a number of American Baptists in a planning process familiar to some of us - Future Search. This planning process brings together people of the community, governance, industry, and education as well as the religious commu-

nity to address issues.

National Ministries will train three people in our Association if we will pay for the training of a fourth person. The training will take place sometime in 2007. We would look to recruit from all over our Association (a

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trainee from Utah, California, maybe Alaska as well as Washington).

Are you interested? Do you want more information?

Please contact Marcia at
marciaeba@comcast.net or 253-859-2226 or 206-778-2226

An Evening with the DUWAMISH

A Dramatic Saga of the First People of
Seattle in Song, Story, and Dance

Starring Gene Tagaban, Tlingit Actor

Friday, August 18, 7 PM

Museum of History & Industry
(MOHAI), 2700 -24th Avenue East,
Seattle WA 98112

Admission: \$15 Under 12: \$5

Tickets available at the Door. Free Parking.

Supported by Social Justice Fund NW and the
Potlatch Fund

Sponsored by MOHAI, the Descendants Com-
mittee of Seattle and the Duwamish Tribe

Evergreen Support

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Educational Day, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Worship. It means that Clem can continue to get the newsletter out to us and keep us informed. It means staff time and work.

You will find in the printed newsletter an envelope to return your gift and/or pledge to us. If you receive this newsletter electronically, please send your pledge and/or gift to us at 409 Third Avenue South Suite A, Kent WA 98032.

Peter's Perspectives

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"The consensus process for Evergreen provides an opportunity for all participants to work together as equals to realize acceptable actions or outcomes without imposing the views or authority of one group over another (I would add "one person over another").

Evergreen sees the following results of the consensus process:

- *Improved working relationship between all participating in the process.
- * Helps build respect for and better understanding of different viewpoints among participants.
- * Leads to better informed, more creative, balanced and enduring decisions.

I am challenged by "consensus"

Thank you for responding to this awkward asker.

Thank you for your support and prayers for Evergreen Association.

Marcia

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but I am more in gratitude for the Evergreen family who in such a short time, not only see the value, but also recognize in consensus, who we are as Evergreen. It is the Evergreen "Way."

Early on, I took the view point of "consensus building". In retrospect, how wrong I was. Evergreen is founded on the concept of "consensus." Our very existence rests on consensus. Think back over the values and principles we believe in and practice as an Association/Region of American Baptist Churches. We may not all agree on the specifics but certainly agree on the basics.

I am excited and grateful to be your Chair because I witness the presence of willingness to work cooperatively with one another

First Asian Baptist Convention 8/17—19/06

Doubletree Suites, 16500 Southcenter Parkway, Tukwila WA

Thursday, August 17

7:30-8:30 PM Evening Worship

Speaker: Rev. Don Ng

Friday, August 18

9:00 –9:30 AM Bible Study led by

Rev. Zau Ya Lahpai

9:30-10:15 AM Plenary Session with

Dr. A. Roy Medley, Dr. Aidsand Wright-Riggins III, & Dr. Charles Jones

7:30-8:30 PM Evening Worship,

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Samuel Chetti

Saturday, August 19

9:00-9:30 AM Bible Study led by Young Adults

7:30—9:00 PM Multi-Asian Cultural Celebrations

in the midst of our diversity; in a spirit of trust, openness, respect and equality.

Some exciting things are happening in preparation for the ABC/USA Asian Caucus Retreat/Convention, August 17-19. If you see something in the schedule of interest, feel free to slip in and observe or take part. (I will be giving my impressions in next month's issue.)

To our friends in Christ who will be here for the above event, we extend our warmest spiritual welcome. We hope the weather will be a bit cooler. To all of Evergreen Fellowship, have a great summer!

Peter

Terri Simpkins Elected National President of AB Women's Ministries

During the American Baptist Women Ministries Annual Conference 2006, at Greenlake WI, Terri Simpkins was elected President. Prior to the election, on July 9, Burien Community Church held a commissioning service to undergird Terri's leadership.



Terri Simpkins



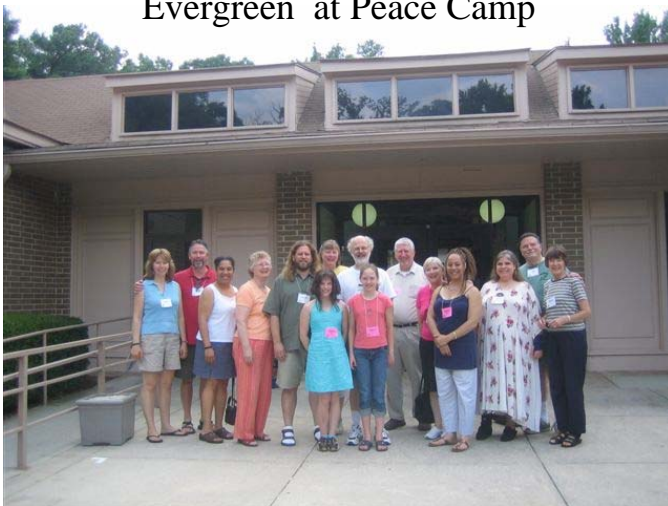
Peter Koshi, Chair Evergreen Association, offers encouragement.



Betty Bates (SFBC) shares in Terri's joy.

2006 Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America (BPFNA) PEACE CAMP, Atlanta GA

Evergreen at Peace Camp



L-R: Jan Ledbetter, Greg Ledbetter, Angela Farrar, Lura Bublitz, Daniel Valerie Foster, Nancy Smith, Brook Rolston, Jessica Badgeley, Roy Johnson, Carol Eklund, Phyllis Gooden-Young, Sarah Courtney, Rick Mitchell and Sandy Mitchell

Not pictured, but also in attendance: John Malcomson, Heidi Malcomson, and Rick Mixon, pastor of First Baptist Church Palo Alto.



Valerie and Jessica at Dr. King's tomb



Valerie, Angela, Brooke and Jessica

Register for the Building Bridges Educational Workshop!

**Like Tools for the Trade*

Free with pre-registration; \$20.00 for walk-ins

Saturday, September 16, 2006

Japanese Baptist Church , 160 Broadway, Seattle

SCHEDULE

8:15—8:45 Continental Breakfast

8:45—10:15 Workshop Selection 1

10:15—11:00 Worship

11:00—12:30 Workshop Selection 2

8:45 WORKSHOPS & LEADERS

Mediation Paul Aita & Linda Smith

Strategies & Approaches to Church Stewardship Marcia Patton

Evangelism Angela Farrar, Tim Phillips, Clem Winbush and Bev Spears

Contemplative Prayer (Labyrinth) Cathy Fransson and Carolyn Shimabukuro

11:00 WORKSHOPS & LEADERS

Drama in Worship Chris Boyer

Pastoral Compensation & Financial Planning (for Pastors, Treasurers/Financial committees) Patricia Hunter

Consensus Building Marcia Patton

Discipleship Project (How to Develop a Christian Education Program for your church) Curtis Price

Atlanta Learnings (Peace Camp) Angela Farrar, Brooke Rolston & Youth

Register with Clem at 253-859-2226 or email at clemeba@comcast.net

ACT ACADEMY OF CONGREGATIONAL TRANSFORMATION—2006

Transformation and change will happen to congregations regardless of what kind of training your leadership has. ACT will give you the tools and growth experiences to grasp a bit of control over the direction and struggles of change. Chrystal



Cooper, Lay Leader, First Baptist Church, Mountlake Terrace

DATES

The ten “weekend” dates

(Training program for Pastors and Congregational Leaders)

are all day Friday and Saturday:

September 29-30, 2006

November 17-18, 2006

January 19-20, 2007

February 23-24, 2007

April 20-21, 2007

September 28-29, 2007

November 16-17, 2007

January 11-12, 2008

February 22-23, 2008

April 18-19, 2008

COST- All ABC participant fees are \$100 per weekend (\$500 per

year, \$1,000 for the total program) and transportation costs to all meetings. Costs for non-ABC participants are \$120 per weekend (\$600 a year, \$1,200 for the total program) and transportation costs to all meetings.

SCHOLARSHIPS—ABC pastors could receive \$300 per year for this program, and are encouraged to apply with National Ministries for transformational church programs.

Contact: Marcia Patton at 253-859-2226 or email marciaeba@comcast.net

Sign Up Today!!!



EVERGREEN ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES

FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING

Theme: OUT OF MANY—ONE...Do Justice, Love Kindness and Keep Pace with Our God

Friday, October 13—Saturday, October 14, 2006

Host Church: Community Church of Issaquah, 205 Mountain Park Blvd. SW, Issaquah WA

REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete a **separate form for each individual**. Mail completed form (and applicable fees) to: Evergreen Association of ABC, 409 Third Avenue S., Suite A, Kent WA 98032-5843. Checks and/or money orders should be made payable to Evergreen Association-ABC.

Name _____ Church Name _____

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail (optional) _____ Telephone _____

	Cost	Total
I am a DELEGATE (Representative Voice for my Church) Registration Fee	\$10.00	\$_____
Signature of Church Clerk or Pastor (required for Delegates only) _____		
Title: (Circle one): Pastor or Church Clerk		

	Cost	Total
I /we will participate in the CHOIR WORKSHOP	\$15 per person	\$_____
(Saturday, October 7, 9am—2pm; Tuesday, October 10 & Thursday, October 11, 7 pm—9pm; and worship service on Saturday October 14)	Or \$10 ea. For 10 or more persons per church.	

MEAL REGISTRATION	Cost	Total
<u>Friday, October 13, 2006</u>		
Ministers Council Lunch/Meeting	MMBB Invitation Only	
Dinner	\$12.00	\$_____
<u>Saturday, October 14, 2006</u>		
Lunch served at 12 Noon	\$ 7.00	\$_____
Dinner	\$12.00	\$_____
Total Meals		\$_____

TOTAL DELEGATE, CHOIR AND MEAL FEES ENCLOSED \$_____

Due by September 30, 2006

OGHS Relief Assistance for Yogyakarta Earthquake Victims

The World Relief Office of the American Baptist Churches USA has released a grant of \$25,000 for immediate relief to victims of the recent Yogyakarta earthquake which measured at 6.3 in magnitude on the Indonesian island of Java.

Baptist World Aid (BWAid), the Union of Indonesian Baptist Churches, and Church World Service responded immediately to the needs of the hundreds of thousands of victims of this most recent tragedy. One Great Hour of Sharing funds will assist the

efforts of these three relief agencies.

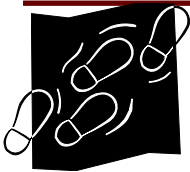
With local staff throughout Indonesia, Church World Service responded almost immediately following the earthquake, sending an initial supply of nearly 3,000 bottles of water and blankets to Bethesda Hospital, in Yogyakarta, which is receiving many of the injured. Church World Service has distributed water and food rations to 500 households in four sub-districts of Bantul: Kretek, Parangtritis, Tambang Dipuro, and Pundong. Two tons

of family tents, Health Kits, and CWS Blankets were sent [initially], and 11 more tons of emergency supplies will follow later.

Church World Service is projecting that their relief work will continue in this area for at least one year.

Even as we pray for the victims of this earthquake, please also pray for the relief workers, as many have worked tirelessly on relief and rehabilitation activities since the tsunami of December

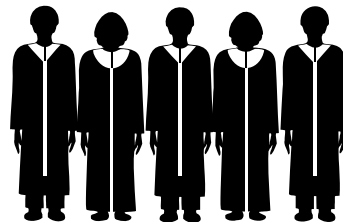
Annual Meeting & Choir Workshop Registration



The Fourth Annual Meeting of Evergreen Association will be held at the Community Church of Issaquah, October 13-14, 2006. Rev. Cheryl Dudley will be our keynote speaker (and she will be doing a special workshop on the labyrinth, you won't want to miss). Dinner on Friday and Saturday evenings will be \$12.00, Lunch on Saturday will be \$7.00. Minister's Council Lunch on Friday will be at the invitation of MMBB. Plan now to attend. Details and

registration forms will be in the mail this month.

A special, get ready to sing of Justice, Love and Keeping Pace with Rev. Kathy



Carver We are looking for 140 voices to sing for our Annual Day Celebration. Rev. Dr. Carver will lead a Choir Workshop on Saturday, October 7th 9:00 AM-2:00 PM and Tuesday and Thursday, October 10th and 12th from 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM to prepare to sing on

Friday evening at the Annual Meeting and to be a better choir member in your own church choir. Cost for this workshop is \$15.00; if a church sends 10 or more members the cost is \$10 each.

Sign up today by telephoning Clem Winbush at 253-859-2226; email her at clemeba@comcast.net or completing the Registration form included on page 8 of this publication.

ABPS Director, Harris Available for Pulpit Supply

Rick Harris, Director of American Baptist Personnel Services (ABPS), will be in the Seattle area attending the Asian Caucus Convention and

will be available for pulpit supply on Sunday, August 20, 2006.

To invite Rev. Harris preach or

speaking to your congregation, please call or email Clem at the Evergreen Office: 253-859-2226 or clemeba@comcast.net



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25th 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

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST

- 14—Evergreen Sounds Rehearsal, JBC, 6 PM
- 17-19 Asian Caucus Convention, Tukwila
- 22—Minister & Spouse Dinner Cruise w/guest, General Secretary of ABCUSA, Rev. Dr. Roy Medley. (Reservation required)
- 23-24 Clergy Retreat sponsored by Ministers' Council, Camp Bethel. (Reservation required)
- 26—**Association Board Meeting, Wedgwood, 9 AM**
- 28—Evergreen Sounds Rehearsal, JBC, 6 PM

SEPTEMBER

- 10—Brooks Andrews Ordination, Japanese Baptist Church, 2 PM

- 16—**Building Bridges Educational Event (Like Tools for the Trade), Japanese Baptist Church, 8:AM to 12 Noon**
- 29-30 ACT Weekend

OCTOBER

- 7—Annual Meeting Choir Workshop, JBC, 9 AM—2 PM
- 10 & 12—Annual Meeting Choir Workshop, evenings, JBC, 7-9 PM
- 13– 14 **Evergreen 4th ANNUAL MEETING, Community Church of Issaquah**
- 28—Evergreen Sounds Rehearsal, JBC, 6 PM

NOVEMBER

- 11—**Association Board Meeting, Wedgwood, 9 AM**
- 23-24—Thanksgiving holiday—Office closed

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.