



# EVERGREEN NOTES

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## LEADERS ON RETREAT

Your prayers are requested for the Evergreen Executive Committee, TEAM, and Caucus Leaders as we gather February 9-10 at Camp Bethel for a time of retreat. The Rev. Eric Law, author of *The Wolf Shall Dwell With the Lamb* and other books will be our retreat leader. The intent of the retreat is to do significant planning work for the Association for the coming year. We found that a retreat last year helped us a lot in our work throughout the

year. This year we are especially excited to have the leadership of Eric Law to direct our work. Your prayers will undergird us as we seek God's will for our work together in 2007.



Rev. Eric Law

Have I said recently what a joy and privilege it is to be the Executive Minister of

such an extraordinary body as Evergreen Association! It is! I am blessed by you and am proud of the work we have done, are doing and plan to do! Thank you for being courageous in taking the unique steps of organization by caucus and decision making by consensus; we are making a difference.

*Marcia*

Association Board Meeting  
**Date Changed**  
to Saturday  
March 24, 2007,  
Wedgwood, 9 AM

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### Lift in Prayer...

- Barry Briscoe and his health
- Becky Jurewicz and her health
- Mountlake Terrace, Bountiful, Panther Lake, Mount Zion, and Seattle First Baptist Churches in their searches for pastoral leadership

## PETER'S PERSPECTIVES

My journey from Shoreline to Viewpoint Retirement Community is nearly complete. What a "trip!" Simple? I thought it would be, but how wrong I was. Down-sizing has more than a physical/material dimen-

sion. "You can't take it with you," really begins to take on meaning.

Down-sizing means spiritual "up-sizing." I didn't realize how much I was attached to the "material": career, property, things (my



Rev. Peter Koshi, Chair, Evergreen Association

family calls it 'stuff'). For the first time after forty-five years or so, I am

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## EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*\*\*\*\***NEW HOPE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH** celebrates its 57th Church Anniversary, Sunday, February 11, at the 10:45 and 3:00 PM worship services—Bishop George A. Stallings, Pastor and founder of Imani Temple Capitol Hill, Washington DC, Guest Speaker.

\*\*\*\*\***SEATTLE FIRST BAPTIST** is offering a unique retreat opportunity—"What's Good About Good Friday?: A Reflective Exploration of the Death of Christ" the fourth weekend of Lent (March 16-18). Experienced pastors Tim Phillips and Catherine Fransson will be joined by pastoral educator and licensed psychologist Dr. Gretchen Gundrum to present different perspectives of the doctrine of the atonement. Through reflection, discussion, group sharing, silence, song, and time alone, women and men,

clergy and lay will have time to reflect on their understandings of atonement, and begin to find new language for the cross and its impact on their lives in faith. For further information please call Catherine Fransson at 206 325-6051, or email, <cfransson@sprynet.com>. To register call the same number at Seattle First Baptist Church and talk to Liz.

Rainbow Lodge is a completely modern facility less than an hour from Seattle in North Bend. The event begins Friday night and concludes with Sunday lunch. Cost including all meals is \$100 per person, double occupancy, and \$125 for a single.

\*\*\*\*\***UNIVERSITY BAPTIST** through its historic relationship with Haiti is willing to loan to interested churches a banner

(approximately 6 ft. long x 3 ft. high) depicting the poverty and violence in Haiti with its central figure being the crucified black Christ. It's amazing and might be good for Lent. Contact Tim Phillips at 206-632-8638 or email: tim@ubcseattle.org

\*\*\*\*\***AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES USA 2007 BIENNIAL MEETING / CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION** will be held at the Convention Center, Washington DC, June 29—July 2, 2007. The theme is "Arise and Shine". Begin to plan now to join the celebration. Information and registration online at: abc-usa.org

\*\*\*\*\***NEW BEGINNINGS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP** invites you to attend the annual Empowering the Church for the 21st Century Urban Ministry Regional Conference, April 30—May 2, 2007.

## TECHNOLOGY MATCHING FUNDS AVAILABLE

Once a year, the City\*s awards funds to Seattle organizations to support the growth of a technology-healthy community through the Bill Wright Technology Matching Fund. The fund supports projects that reach technology underserved communities to address one or more of the following goals 1) to increase technology literacy and access; 2) to provide residents\* with access to computers, the Internet and other information technology; and 3) to increase resi-

dents\* use of technology for civic engagement and democratic participation.

The fund is currently seeking applications for the 2007 grant round. The deadline is Wednesday, March 7, 2007 at 5:00pm. The application and guidelines are available at [www.seattle.gov/tech/tmf](http://www.seattle.gov/tech/tmf) or at your Neighborhood Service Centers. The fund will award grants up to \$20,000 from a total fund of \$150,000.

Questions? Attend a TMF Grant Information Session. Program staff and current grantees will be there to answer any questions. Learn more about the application process and grant requirements, how projects get funded and the experiences of successful applicants.

*TMF Grant Information Session 1*  
Wednesday, January 31st at

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## GIVING TO UNITED MISSION BASICS UP in 2006! THANKS!

Evergreen Association Churches and friends gave over \$44,000 more to United Mission Basics in 2006 over 2005! That is amazing! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! We need to increase our giving for 2007 over 2005 by 10%, that's only \$17,000, and we can do it if everyone does their part. Thanks for giving to your local church and encouraging your local church to give to United Mission!

### UNITED MISSION BASICS

#### 2006 GIVING BY CHURCHES IN DESCENDING AMOUNTS

1	Seattle, First Baptist Church	Euro-American	61,655.92
2	New Beginnings Christian Fellowship	Black-American	24,000.00
3	Seattle, Wedgwood Community Church	Euro-American	16,845.27
4	Seattle, Japanese Baptist Church	Asian-American	13,876.42
5	Issaquah, Community Church of Issaquah	Euro-American	10,520.75
6	Chico, First Baptist Church	Euro-American	9,354.22
7	Seattle, Burien Community Church	Euro-American	6,107.88
8	Mountlake Terrace, First Baptist Church	Euro-American	4,934.50
9	Seattle, University Baptist Church	Euro-American	4,116.55
10	Seattle, Fremont Baptist Church	Euro-American	3,538.00
11	Salt Lake City, First Baptist Church	Euro-American	3,500.00
12	Kent, Panther Lake Community Ch	Euro-American	2,325.03
13	Bountiful, First Baptist Church	Euro-American	1,215.72
14	Costa Mesa, Fairview Community Church	Euro-American	1,214.98
15	Palo Alto, First Baptist Church	Euro-American	800.00
16	Walnut Creek, Shell Ridge Community Ch	Euro-American	752.00
17	Seattle, Oak Lake Baptist Church	Euro-American	600.00
18	Moscow, The United Church	Euro-American	568.75
19	Renton, M L King Jr Mem Bapt Ch	Black-American	537.00
20	Seattle, Mount Zion Baptist Church	Black-American	495.63
21	Lynnwood, Filipino-Am Christian Fell	Asian-American	100.00
22	Pullman, Pullman Baptist Church	Euro-American	50.00
23	Lynnwood, Good Shepherd Baptist Ch	Euro-American	47.95

**TOTAL FOR EVERGREEN: \$167,156.57**

**GRAND TOTAL: \$174,270.51**

**THANK YOU!**

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN THE REGION OFFICE

If you're willing to give a few hours, a day, or an occasional gift of your time, it will be appreciated. Call Clem at 253-859-2226 or Betty at 206-363-3689.

## NEXT ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING DATE CHANGED TO MARCH 24, 2007

It has become necessary to change the date of the next Association Board meeting to Saturday, March 24, 2007.

Please be sure to change the date on the "Daily Bible Reading Calendar" many of you received at Christmas to reflect the March 24th meeting date. Remember, should you look at an earlier Evergreen Notes, that the New

date for the next Association Board Meeting is Saturday, March 24th, 9 AM, at Wedgwood Community Church.

Additionally, please continue to lift in prayer Barry Briscoe and Becky Jurewicz as each struggles toward healing and health.

## MARCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 <small>Association Board Meeting</small>
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

## PETER'S PERSPECTIVES

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without real estate - a piece of ground I can call mine. This gave me and my family a great deal of freedom and independence. I'm already beginning to miss it. And, having to limit what I could bring has been a real struggle. I am still sorting to make what I want to keep fit

into my one bedroom apartment. (Moving from a three-small-bedroom house with a garage is a challenging task.)

The point I want to share is "how much" of my life has been dependent on the visible. "Sure," I said, "I trust in the Lord." BUT, that was not so true!

Two "stuffs" that I find still very

important to me and who I am are books and tools. I have always been a student and a fixer-upper, so in my apt. I am surrounded by books with tools scattered in drawers and in buckets in corners.

I remember well, Jesus saying, "But seek God's kingdom,

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## TECHNOLOGY MATCHING FUNDS continued

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6:00pm, Bitter Lake Community Center, 13035 Linden Ave N, 98133

### TMF Grant Information Session II

Thursday, February 1st at 3:00pm, Delridge Community Center, 4501 Delridge Way SW Seattle 98106

For more information on the Technology Matching Fund, visit [www.seattle.gov/tech](http://www.seattle.gov/tech) or contact Delia Burke at 206-233-2751 or [delia.burke@seattle.gov](mailto:delia.burke@seattle.gov).

## TOTAL AMERICAN BAPTIST MISSION SUPPORT GIVING FOR 2006

Our churches did give a little less in total American Baptist Mission Support in 2006 over 2005. Remember that in 2005 extraordinary gifts were given in response to the Tsunami and Katrina and Rita disasters in the gulf coast. Work is still being done in those areas, so our giving in 2005 continues to make a difference. However, giving in 2006 was excellent. Let us continue to be faithful to all God has given to us in 2007!

### TOTAL AMERICAN BAPTIST MISSION SUPPORT GIVING 2006

#### EVERGREEN CHURCHES IN DESCENDING ORDER

1	Seattle, First Baptist Church	Euro-American Caucus	81,385.58
2	Seattle, Japanese Baptist Church	Asian-American Caucus	27,579.39
3	New Beginnings Christian Fellowship	Black Caucus	24,000.00
4	Seattle, Wedgwood Community Church	Euro-American Caucus	21,981.38
5	Issaquah, Community Church of Issaquah	Euro-American Caucus	14,300.70
6	Chico, First Baptist Church	Euro-American Caucus	14,292.16
7	Seattle, Burien Community Church	Euro-American Caucus	9,054.48
8	Seattle, University Baptist Church	Euro-American Caucus	8,317.05
9	Mountlake Terrace, First Baptist Church	Euro-American Caucus	7,292.21
10	Walnut Creek, Shell Ridge Community Ch	Euro-American Caucus	6,331.29
11	Seattle, Fremont Baptist Church	Euro-American Caucus	5,207.00
12	Palo Alto, First Baptist Church	Euro-American Caucus	4,903.14
13	Salt Lake City, First Baptist Church	Euro-American Caucus	4,671.50
14	Kent, Panther Lake Community Ch	Euro-American Caucus	3,935.33
15	Costa Mesa, Fairview Community Church	Euro-American Caucus	3,391.98
16	Lynnwood, Good Shepherd Baptist Ch	Euro-American Caucus	2,367.75
17	Bountiful, First Baptist Church	Euro-American Caucus	1,968.32
18	Renton, M L King Jr Mem Bapt Ch	Black Caucus	1,447.02
19	Seattle, Oak Lake Baptist Church	Euro-American Caucus	779.00
20	Wasilla, Church of the Covenant	Euro-American Caucus	656.00
21	Seattle, Greater New Bethel Bapt Ch	Black Caucus	600.00
22	Moscow, The United Church	Euro-American Caucus	568.75
23	Seattle, Mount Zion Baptist Church	Black Caucus	495.63
24	Lynnwood, Filipino-Am Christian Fell	Asian-American Caucus	100.00
25	Pullman, Pullman Baptist Church	Euro-American Caucus	50.00
<b>TOTAL FOR EVERGREEN</b>		<b>\$245,675.66</b>	
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>\$255,141.10</b>	

## Habitat Seeks American Baptists For Hurricane Recovery 'Blitz Build'

VALLEY FORGE, PA (ABNS 01/16/07)—American Baptist volunteers are being recruited to participate in a “blitz build” of 12 homes in Baton Rouge, La., that will provide permanent housing for those affected by hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

The effort, set for April 22 to May 5, 2007, will be part of the ongoing work of Habitat for Humanity, the ecumenical Christian housing ministry that has produced more than 150,000 homes worldwide since its founding 30 years ago.

More than 100 American Baptist volunteers will be needed each day

of the two-week work period. Those aged 16 and older, either skilled or unskilled, are welcome. Volunteers aged 16-18 must provide a parent-signed release form, must be accompanied by an adult at all times on site, and are limited in work activities.

The project will be another opportunity for American Baptists to show their compassion and concern for victims of the devastating storms that hit in late summer 2005, according to Victoria J. Goff, National Ministries' national coordinator of Volunteer Ministries. The registration deadline for participants in the

“blitz build” has been set for March 1, 2007. Costs will range from \$50 to \$100, plus transportation to and from Baton Rouge and to and from the work sites.

A volunteer packet containing all forms and information on schedules, meals, attire, transportation, safety guidelines and other particulars may be accessed either at [www.nationalministries.org](http://www.nationalministries.org) or mailed to applicants. For additional information, contact: Victoria Goff, National Ministries, P.O. Box 851, Valley Forge, PA 19482-0851; e-mail: [victoria.goff@abc-usa.org](mailto:victoria.goff@abc-usa.org); phone: 800-ABC-3USA x2449.

## AB Youth Return To Rocky Mountains For 2008 National Event

VALLEY FORGE, PA (ABNS 01/17/07)—National Ministries announces the 2008 National Gathering of American Baptist Youth, “MtW,” at YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park, CO., July 5-11.

The text-message-like theme, which means “More Than a Week,” lifts up the gathering’s focus—that youth will carry the mountain-top experience back home where they’ll live out their lives as disciples of Jesus Christ, making a difference in their communities and relationships, thereby extending the experience far beyond the week they’re in Colo-

rado.

Two thousand youth and adults are expected to attend the gathering, sponsored once every four years by National Ministries. Youth will travel from every region, including Puerto Rico, to create a community inclusive of all American Baptist backgrounds, cultures, ethnicities, and worship and learning styles.

Planned for youth from ages 15 (or those who have completed grade nine) through 20, along with those who work with youth, the gathering will include speakers who connect

*MtW—“More Than a Week,” lifts up the gathering’s focus—that youth will carry the mountain-top experience back home...*

with youth, small group Bible study, dynamic worship and music, and recreation. Youth events will correlate with National Ministries’

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## Peter’s Perspectives

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all the other things you need will be given to you." Luke 12:31 (NCV). How easily we forget.

As Evergreen, may we remember to "seek first God's kingdom", then all the things we

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need will be added. May your Chair remember from his experience, to keep his eyes "upon Jesus and seek God's Kingdom first."

May we in this new year learn to down-size our dependence on the visible and "up-size" our dependence on

the "Invisible". GOD BLESS!

*Peter*

## AB YOUTH RETURN TO ROCKIES

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“Children in Poverty” initiative, and attendees will have opportunities to connect with American Baptist colleges and seminaries.

An Adult Trek track will provide high-quality training for youth ministers and workers, and “MtW” planners will follow up faith and vocational decisions made by both youth and adults at the gathering to underscore the “more than a week” emphasis.

The initial planning team for the gathering included the Rev. Y. Trevor Beauford, DeiVision Minister of Children and Youth, Friend-

ship Missionary Baptist Church, Charlotte, N.C.; Kimberly Budd, assistant professor of youth ministries, Judson College, Elgin, Ill.; the Rev. Sarah Culp, ABC of the Rochester/Genesee Region; the Rev. Rob Ely, Director of Discipleship Ministries, West Virginia Baptist Convention; Nancy Peto, ABGIRLS; Layman Pierce, AB Boys & Young Men; the Rev. John Polite III, Senior Pastor, Panorama Baptist Church, Arleta, Calif.; the Rev. Jackie Saxon, Admissions, Austin Presbyterian Seminary, Austin, Tex.; and the Rev. Wallace Smith, Associate Minister, First Baptist Church, Indianapolis, Ind. Also on the planning team are National

Ministries’ staff members David Chandler, online managing editor; Lynne Eckman, financial aid/ABPS coordinator; Dr. David Laubach, associate executive director, Program Ministries; and the Rev. Marilyn Turner, associate executive director, Program Ministries. Each left the planning session with a pine cone as a visible reminder to pray for this conference that will be remembered for a lifetime.

Youth at the 2004 gathering praised the event as “awesome.”

In the coming months, watch for more details about the 2008 event, guaranteed to be just as awesome as the last one.

## A NOTE FROM ROBERTA STEPHENS, OUR MISSIONARY AT HOME

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year to you all. I pray that there were glimmers of light in your Christmas celebrations, in spite of the problems with weather and electricity. I have had a busy fall and am looking forward to a busy winter and spring, telling the story of ministry in Japan. If you

would like me to speak to your church, a large group, a small group, an individual, a breakfast, a women’s group, a retreat, please let Clem know at the office or contact me personally to discuss possibilities.

Yours in Christ,  
Roberta Stephens,

International Ministries’ Missionary to Japan.



### Seattle Jazz Vespers

Next featured artists performing on Sunday, February 4, 2007 at 6:00 PM, will be a *Memorial Tribute Concert to Floyd Standifer – The Floyd Standifer Group & Garfield HS Jazz Students.*

A secular concert of professional jazz music, for those who love jazz, with an inspi-

ration message. Join us for our monthly Sunday evening “*Seattle Jazz Vespers*” in the historic gothic sanctuary of Seattle First Baptist on First Hill at the corner of Harvard and Seneca streets.

The Vespers are free and open to the public on the **first Sunday** night of each month (October through June) at **6:00**

**p.m.** No tickets or reservations are needed.

This is a family-friendly event. The dress is casual and informal. Plenty of free parking at the rear of the church. Light food and refreshments will be served in the church’s Fellowship Hall after the vespers concert—meet the artists.

## CAMP BETHEL SCHEDULE 2007

**Spring Youth Camp**—April 13,14, and 15  
– Rob Senn/Aaron Brandt

**Junior Camp**—July 15 thru July 21

(entering grades 5 - 6) Rob Johnson

**Junior High Camp**—July 22 thru July 28

(entering grades 7 thru 9) Aaron Brandt

**Senior High Camp** – July 29 thru August 4

(entering grade 9 thru graduates) Tim Clemensen

**Middler Camp**—August 5 thru August 9

(entering grades 3 - 4) Chris & Jeff Scott

**Family Camp**- September 1 thru September 4

John and Judy Lyttle

**Men's Fellowship/Fishing Wkd** –

October 26, 27, & 28 Adair Krack

**Keen Agers Camp** (50ish plus)—(Tentatively):  
September 10 - 14 Floyd and Jan Luurs

**Young Adults** – October 19, 20, & 21

**Turkey Day** - Nov 24, 25 & 26

### 2007 Youth & Children's Camps

Early Bird Discount Deadline, May 1, 2007

All camps begin on Sunday with registration between 2:00 and 4:00 pm. Junior, Junior High and Senior High Camps end on Saturday between 10:00 AM and 11:AM on the closing date of each camp. Middler Camp ends on Thursday.

For more information—including registration forms—contact Anita Pitman at Camp Bethel.

Email: pitwmn@msn.com or call: 360-289-3444

## VOLUNTEER UPDATES

***The Future is as Bright as the Promises of God*** Adoniram Judson

**House Parents Needed in Nicaragua!** Bethel Baptist Church in Bluefields, Nicaragua plans to open Safe Harbor on January 22, 2007. The Safe Harbor ministry will provide a safe home for 24 children whose parents are out of the country working. It will also provide a place where they can grow spiritually, while attending their school during the daytime. Children living at Safe Harbor will also attend the after school program at Bethel Baptist Church and will participate in the other activities and ministries of the church. Contact Ketly and Vital Pierre for more information about the ministry and Volunteers in Global Mission to apply!

**Theological Seminary, Lebanon**  
The Arab Baptist Theological Seminary [ABTS] is currently developing a range of courses that will meet the needs of lay leaders of a range of Christian ministries in the significant area of the Arabic speaking world (Middle East and North Africa). The Certificate of Training in Ministry (CTM) is a creative course that provides both core elements of ministry training, with specialist tracks in a range of ministries of the Church. An Education Consultant is needed to support the development of the Certificate of Training in Ministry. An extensive description of this position is available from International Ministries.

**English Teachers needed at Mahachai Christian School, Thailand**

Mahachai Christian School, near Bangkok, has 800 students and is recognized as one of the top schools in the province. They are in need of individuals to teach English. The school is able to provide apartments and pay for air transportation between the US and Thailand depending on length of service. Applicants must have at least a Bachelor's degree in Education, teaching accreditation, and have some experience in teaching English as a second language.

Go to

[http://www.internationalministries.org/opportunities/Volunteers/Volunteer%20Website/missionstories\\_000.htm](http://www.internationalministries.org/opportunities/Volunteers/Volunteer%20Website/missionstories_000.htm) and you'll find mission stories, blogs, and websites, too. If you have something to contribute, please email it to us.



# Revive Us Again!

*Revival of our Spirit, Revival of  
our Baptist Principles*

*February 16-17, 2007 Andover  
Newton Theological School, Newton, Mass.*

**This is a gathering of progressive Baptists from around the country, ready to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.**

**We are gathering to say that we are Christian, we are Baptist, and we believe our Baptist Principles are foundational to our understanding and sharing of the Gospel.**

**We are gathering to say that we can be both progressive and evangelical!**

**Speakers and discussion group leaders include:**

Rev. Nick Carter, President, Andover Newton Theological School

Rev. Cynthia Maybeck, Pastor, Trinity Church, Northborough, MA

Rev. Nancy Hitt, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Natick, MA

Rev. Dr. Liliana Da Valle, Executive Minister, ABC of Rhode Island

Dr. Bill Herzog, Academic Dean, Andover Newton Theological School

Rev. Dr. Jeff Jones, Adjunct Faculty, ANTS and Pastor, First Baptist Church, Plymouth, MA

Rev. Dr. S. Mark Heim, Professor of Theology, ANTS

Rev. Dr. Gregory Mobley, Professor of Hebrew Bible, ANTS

Rev. Alan Newton, Executive Minister, ABC of Rochester-Genesee

Rev. June Cooper, Minister of Outreach, First Baptist Church in Framingham, MA and Executive Director, City Mission Society, Boston, MA

For more information go to the Andover Newton Theological School website at [www.ants.edu](http://www.ants.edu)

## SEEKING REGIONAL YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES FOR 2007 BIENNIAL MEETING

Evergreen is seeking two youth to represent the Association at the American Baptist Churches Biennial Meeting to be held June 29—July 2, 2007 in Washington DC.

Travel and lodging expenses are paid for the two youth selected to represent the Evergreen region. They will participate in activities with other ABC youth from across the nation.

If an interested young person has demonstrated leadership gifts and faith maturity at the local Evergreen member church or regional level, and will complete her/his junior or senior year of high school or freshman year of college in 2007 he/she should:

- Submit a one page, typed essay on why he/she would like to be a youth representative.
- Include a letter of reference and endorsement from his/her pastor.
- If under 18, include a letter of endorsement signed by parent(s)/guardian(s).

The deadline for submissions is February 28, 2007.

Please send requested information to Rev. Dr. Marcia Patton, Executive Minister, Evergreen Association, 409 Third Avenue S Suite A, Kent WA 98032-5843.

## JOIN THE EVERGREEN SOUNDS: REGIONWIDE CHOIR

Your voice and/or musical talent is needed to be a part of the Evergreen Sounds. If you play an instrument, there is opportunity for you to include your skill and enhance the “sounds” made to

God’s glory through this group.

Come join in rehearsals at Japanese Baptist Church, 6 PM on second and fourth Mondays of each month.

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Web at [www.ea-abc.org](http://www.ea-abc.org)**

Evergreen Notes, the newsletter for the member Churches, ecumenical partners, national affiliates, and friends of the Evergreen Association of American Baptist Churches is published monthly.

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

### FEBRUARY

- 9-10 TEAM, Executive Committee & Caucus Leadership Retreat w/ Eric Law
- 11—Labyrinth Walk, Seattle First Baptist Church, 6—8 PM
- 23—24 ACT Weekend

### MARCH

- 24 [NOTE DATE CHANGE] - Association Board Meeting, Wedgwood, 9 AM

### APRIL

- 20—21 ACT Weekend
- 30—May 2 Empowering the Church for the 21st Century Regional Conference

### MAY

- 19—Association Board Meeting, Wedgwood, 9 AM
- 19—Musical Festival (Time/Place—TBD)

**J**UNE 29—July 2  
Biennial Meeting/  
Centennial Celebration,  
Convention Center, Washington  
DC

### AUGUST

- 25—Association Board Meeting, Wedgwood, 9 AM

## 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.