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JAPANESE CANADIAN WORKING GROUP

■ UPDATE ■



ANNOUNCEMENT

As of July 9, 2020 the Japanese Canadian Working Group (JCWG) became an Ad Hoc Committee of the National Association of Japanese Canadians (NAJC). It will be referred to as the Ad Hoc NAJC Working Group Committee.

The Japanese Canadian Working Group (JCWG) was initially composed of concerned Japanese Canadian community members who offered advocacy for survivors and their families and to address community healing needs regarding the child sexual abuse perpetrated by Anglican minister GG Nakayama. Mr. Nakayama sexually abused approximately 300 Japanese Canadian youth, mostly boys, throughout his career as an Anglican minister which began in 1934 and ended with his enforced resignation in 1994.

Upon collaborative work between the Japanese Canadian Working Group and the Anglican Diocese of New Westminster and the Diocese of Calgary, and with the endorsement of the Anglican Church of Canada, an apology was issued by the Diocese of New Westminster and the Diocese of Calgary to Japanese Canadians on June 15, 2015 for the sexual crimes of Mr. Nakayama while an Anglican minister.

THE NEED TO BECOME A LEGAL ENTITY REPRESENTING JAPANESE CANADIANS

On July 21, 2018, for the purpose of having legal national status and with acknowledgement the National Association of Japanese Canadians (NAJC) Constitution upholds social justice and human rights issues, the Japanese Canadian Working Group formally requested the National Association of Japanese Canadians to accept the Japanese Canadian Working Group as a committee of the NAJC and to be the legal entity representing the Japanese Canadian community in healing fund negotiation meetings with the Anglican Church.

On November 15, 2018 the last in-person meeting between the Japanese Canadian Working Group and the Anglican Church took place. Attending members included, Wendy Matsubuchi-Bremner, Emiko Lashin, Larry Okada and Judy Hanazawa. Anglican Church representatives included Archbishop Melissa Skelton, and Chancellor George Cadman of the Diocese of New Westminster. Chancellor George Cadman informed those present the Anglican Church would be unable to further address and negotiate any substantive healing funding for the Japanese Canadian community unless the Japanese Canadian representation was a legal entity.

SCHEDULING ANGLICAN HEALING FUND NEGOTIATION MEETINGS IN 2020 BETWEEN THE AD HOC NAJC WORKING GROUP AND THE ANGLICAN CHURCH

The Ad Hoc NAJC Working Group Committee through the Executive Board of the NAJC, is preparing now to communicate with the Anglican Church to announce the establishment of the Ad Hoc NAJC Working Group Committee and request a meeting within 2020 to resume discussions regarding the establishment of an Anglican Church Healing Fund for Japanese Canadians as meaningful resolution to their Apology of June 15, 2015.

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP

The Ad Hoc NAJC Working Group Committee is now joined by NAJC representatives Executive Director Kevin Okabe and the NAJC Vice President and Chair of the NAJC Human Rights Committee, (who currently is Keiko Miki). Other members are Judy Hanazawa, Constance Kadota, Emiko Lashin, Wendy Matsubuchi-Bremner, Liz Nunoda, Larry Okada, Naomi Shikaze, Lily Shinde, and Peter Wallace.

HISTORY 2017 TO 2020

Chronology

- Following the 2015 Apology, a community education event was presented on February 18, 2017 by the JCWG about the profile of a clergy sexual abuser, and effects, treatment and healing process for survivors, their families and community.
- During October, 2017 to June, 2018, with sponsorship from the Diocese of New Westminster and Diocese of Calgary, JCWG members Wendy Matsubuchi and Judy Hanazawa delivered community education and outreach events in Lethbridge, Calgary, Winnipeg, Toronto, Hamilton, and Montreal. Participants were provided information about GG Nakayama, educational information about clergy sexual abuse and survivor and community support. Community members also gave their recommendations about appropriate purposes for an Anglican Church survivor and community healing fund as a meaningful resolution for the 2015 Apology. Healing funding from the Anglican Church based on community recommendations, would generally be applied to:

- Scholarship funding
- Counselling support for survivors, families and other community members harmed by GG Nakayama
- Community education and healing support funding for providing events, educational materials and other resources

- A status report and funding proposal dated June 29, 2018, entitled "Report and Recommendations of the Japanese Canadian Working Group upon Completion of National Japanese Canadian Outreach and Education Meetings" was drafted following the national outreach community meetings. A community version was forwarded to all individuals and communities who had participated in the national outreach, and a full report was forwarded to Anglican Church representatives.
- The Report, developed out of the feedback received from our national outreach, was the basis for discussion for the first Healing Fund negotiation meeting with the Anglican Church which took place July 15, 2018. Attending the July 15 meeting were members of the Japanese Canadian working group, invited community members and the following representatives of the Anglican Church:
 - Archbishop Melissa Skelton of the Diocese of New Westminster
 - Archbishop Gregory Kerr-Wilson of the Diocese of Calgary
 - Primate Fred Hiltz of the Anglican Church of Canada
 - Chancellor George Cadman of the Diocese of New Westminster
- The meeting ended with assurance from Archbishop Gregory Kerr-Wilson that funding for counselling service for survivors, families and others harmed by GG Nakayama would be provided by the Diocese of Calgary. Other proposed funding purposes such as scholarship funding or funding for national educational and healing gatherings would need further discussion between parties, and any approval would require referral to the national structure composed of all representative Diocese of the Anglican Church.

BECOMING AN AD HOC COMMITTEE OF THE NAJC

The JCWG initially wrote to the NAJC seeking formal approval to become a committee of the NAJC on July 21, 2018. Over 2018 to 2020, after further correspondence, joint meetings, and JCWG reports to the NAJC on matters such as:

- proposed committee roles and responsibilities
- administrative procedure
- decision making authority
- preparation steps in meetings with the Anglican Church

the JCWG received information on July 9, 2020, that the National Executive Board of the NAJC approved the Japanese Canadian Working Group as an Ad Hoc Committee of the NAJC.

THANK YOU TO THE NAJC

We thank the Board of the NAJC and the work of Executive Director Kevin Okabe for guiding and collaborating with the JCWG to establish the Ad Hoc NAJC Working Group Committee, and achieve this positive outcome. As a national legal entity and organization representing Japanese Canadians across Canada, the NAJC is recognized as the appropriate representative organization to address the outstanding steps which need to take place with the Anglican Church of Canada to successfully negotiate appropriate healing community funding and achieve just closure for Japanese Canadian survivors, families and community.

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By the time of this reading, we will also have applied for a NAJC community development grant to support racism education zoom programming over 2020 and 2021 to present the resiliency stories of other racialized communities and examine racism's impact within our community as well. A foremost goal of these antiracism activities is to reach out, work together with all stakeholders to eliminate systemic racism.

Lastly, we will be participating with Tonari Gumi in the Tonari Gumi and Greater Vancouver JCCA Charity Golf classic which takes place on Sunday, August 23, a day after the AGM. This fundraiser helps the GVJCCA do our part in maintaining our joint property with Tonari Gumi at 42 West 8th Avenue. Please sign up and go out and have a good time at Meadows Gardens Golf Course. It's a special event being the 55th anniversary of the first GVJCCA tournament!

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