



Job Openings: Japanese Canadian Survivors Health & Wellness Fund - Join Our Team!

The Japanese Canadian Survivors Health & Wellness Fund (JCSHWF) is under new operations leadership. We are looking for energetic and committed team members to mobilize the program, connect with seniors, and disburse individual health support grants to all our survivors. Under this new leadership, the JCSHWF is working as quickly as possible to build an outreach team comprised of an Outreach Team Leader, at least ten Outreach Workers, and three Administrative Assistant positions. The outreach team will be responsible for front-line assistance to survivors during the application process for individual health and wellness grants. All positions will be full-time, working remotely. Hours worked will be flexible with the positions requiring the working of non-traditional hours according to the needs of the JCSHWF.

If you are interested in joining a dynamic team doing important, meaningful work with our vulnerable seniors across the country, consider applying today!

Job Posting #1 | Outreach Team Leader

Term: Two-year term with possible extension

Reporting to: Executive Director

Reporting to the Executive Director, the Outreach Team Leader (OTL) will coordinate the work of an outreach team comprised of at least ten Outreach Workers located across Canada and provide guidance and instruction. The position will be full-time, working remotely.

Job Posting #2 | Outreach Worker(s)

Term: One year with possible extension

Reporting to: Outreach team Leader

The JCSHWF is building an outreach team comprised of at least ten Outreach Workers reporting to the Outreach Team Leader. The outreach team will be responsible for front-line assistance to survivors during the application process of health and wellness grants. Additionally, data entry, validation, and assessment of health and wellness grants will be required. The positions will be full-time, working remotely.

Job Posting #3 | Administrative Assistant

Term: One-year Term with possible extension

Reporting to: Outreach Team Leader

Location: Within the Lower Mainland of B.C.

Reporting to the Outreach Team Leader, the Administrative Assistant is the central hub for the outreach team by triaging all communications that come into the Fund. The Administrative Assistant is responsible for smooth and efficient operations by assisting the Outreach Team Leader with the distribution of communication and workload to the outreach workers. The position will be full-time, working mostly remotely.

Job Posting #4 | Administrative Assistant – Data Management

Term: One-year term with possible extension

Reporting to: Outreach Team Leader

Reporting to the Outreach Team Leader, the Administrative Assistant for Outreach Data Management will be the central hub for the management of data for the outreach team and the grant application process. The Administrative Assistant is responsible for smooth and efficient operations by assisting the outreach team with data entry and checking and managing the data system.

Job Posting #5 | Administrative Assistant to the Executive Director

Term: One-year term with possible extension

Reporting to: Executive Director

Reporting to the Executive Director, the Administrative Assistant to the Executive Director will coordinate the JCSHWF project office operations. The Administrative Assistant is responsible for smooth and efficient operations by assisting the Executive Director with daily tasks. The position will be full-time, working remotely.



If any of these job positions are of interest to you, we'd love to hear from you. Visit <https://jclegracies.com/job-postings-japanese-canadian-survivors-health-wellness-fund-society> to read the full job postings and apply.

Scan the QR code for more information.

Update on the Healing Fund for Japanese Canadians



Reviewing the Healing Fund's progress after two years

Peter Wallace

Healing Fund for Japanese Canadians

Dear Community Partners,

As Summer 2023 comes to a close, the Healing Fund, too, is closing a chapter. In September, the steering committee held a midterm meeting to review the progress from September 2021 to September 2023. The Healing Fund is active from September 2021 to September 2026.

To date, the Healing Fund has spent \$200,000 of the original \$610,000 from the Anglican Church of Canada. Our expenses include all costs for counselling support, education grants, and community healing and education projects. The expenditures to date cover programming that includes individuals and family members of approximately 30 survivors. Many more survivors are out there who may want or

need to know about the Healing Fund. An estimated 300 boys were abused by Nakayama between the 1930s and 1990s. Survivors are known to include Japanese Canadians, Caucasian Canadians, and Japanese Nationals in Japan. Nakayama travelled widely and may have abused children in 35 other countries around the world. Share this article or the contact information for the Healing Fund with anyone you might know who could have been affected.

Beyond 2026

While the Healing Fund is projected to close in 2026, that does not mean healing support will necessarily end at that time. The Healing Fund is addressing the limited 2021-2026 time period by measuring the need for the Healing Fund's programming through our community feedback form. The Steering Committee will be presented with community responses up to September 2023. Currently, the declared need in the community for those individuals we have contacted amounts to \$300,000 above our current funding amount of \$610,000. The reported need is partially reflected in the uptake we have seen for healing resources.

Additional funding may be provided by the Anglican Church in the future.

Archives

The Healing Fund was given the task of accessing archival records from the Anglican Church of Canada, specifically the Diocese of Calgary, where Nakayama had worked for most of his career. This material will help answer questions surrounding how Nakayama was able to continue his abuse for so long. What did the Anglican Church know all those years ago, and why did it take so long to come forward with this information?

In August 2023, the Dioceses of New Westminster and Calgary provided archive material

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to the Project Office from their respective Diocese archives. Crucial information is missing from these documents for unknown reasons (misplaced/overlooked/destroyed), including records of correspondence and an internal investigation report into Nakayama. Taken together, 125 pages of records were provided that, in part, confirm that the sexual abuse of Nakayama was known by members of the Anglican Church of Canada in the 1950s. Known to lay workers and clergy, including the Bishop of Calgary George Calvert, who wrote to Nakayama in September

1952, a month after he was sent home from Okinawa having been caught abusing a child. Bishop Calvert wrote and emphasized,

"...I want you to know that I am going to do my utmost to help you, and hope you will be very frank with me when I start to talk to you. Be assured that the matter I refer to is known to me alone."

These words, while cryptic to most, suggest the Bishop knew about Nakayama's abuses in Japan and the reason he was sent home early. This correspondence also supports the known Bishop-to-Bishop communication channels that exist for priest loans.

As Nakayama was allowed to continue wearing his priest robes, the reader can feel confident in knowing the help Bishop Calvert offered was help to cover up the abuse and turn a blind eye. George Calvert was Bishop of Calgary for another 15 years.

Church Policy on Clergy Sexual Abuse

Community members asked the Healing Fund to ensure the Anglican Church of Canada was working towards preventing clergy sexual abuse. Every three months, we access every Diocesan website and search for sexual abuse policies, anti-harassment training, and general resources across the 30 Canadian Anglican Dioceses to answer the question,

"If a community member was looking for help, what would they find?"

The first review was on May 10, 2022, and, at that time, 16 of 30 websites had accessible resources. The sixth review was on Aug. 10, 2023, and 16 of 30 websites had accessible resources. While dioceses such as Edmonton, Algoma, and NB and PEI have new policies online, others such as Central Newfoundland, Islands and Inlets (Victoria, B.C.), and Saskatoon have become inaccessible. Bishop Stephens of New Westminster and Kerr-Wilson of Calgary offered in March 2023 to bring this item to the attention of all Canadian Anglican Diocese at the House of Bishop's meetings. The House of Bishops meet twice a year.

The Healing Fund will continue to offer our support programming, collect and share information, and listen to survivors of Nakayama's abuse and their families. We will be here to support survivors until at least September 2026.

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