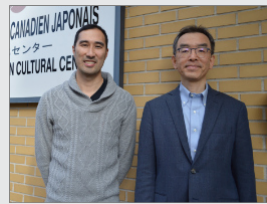


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## JCCCM's 2023 Mochi-tsuki event produces 1200 pounds of mochi!



The Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre of Montreal once again held its annual Mochi-tsuki event on Nov. 4, 2023. A large group of volunteers began working early in the morning and produced 1200 pounds of mochi. The JCCCM was honoured by the presence of the new Consul General of Japan in Montreal, Mr. Akihiko Uchikawa. Check out the photo gallery on pages 7-9. Photo: Junpei Kamada.

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The Montreal Bulletin is an independent publication established in 1946 to meet the needs of the time—the re-establishment of community life for Japanese Canadians after their World War II internment. Published in English and Japanese 10 times yearly by a volunteer staff, the Montreal Bulletin's goal is to serve all organizations and interested persons within the Greater Montreal area.

The Montreal Bulletin acknowledges that our work takes place on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded Indigenous lands of Tiohtià:ke/Montréal, a place of community, culture, creativity, and storytelling since time immemorial. We are grateful to be able to publish the news of our community upon this traditional territory. We respect the past, present and future of Indigenous peoples in the Greater Montreal Area and we stand in solidarity with them.

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## Review of the Archive Materials from the Anglican Church of Canada

### Healing Fund for Japanese Canadians

*The Healing Fund for Japanese Canadians is a 5-year collaborative project that began in September 2021, and that addresses clergy sexual abuse by Gordon Goichi Nakayama. The Healing Fund is supported by the National Association of Japanese Canadians and the Anglican Church of Canada. The Anglican Church of Canada has provided \$610,000 in funding towards this project and finances a Facilitator / Project Manager.*

*References to clergy sexual abuse are contained in this article.*

In August 2023, the Anglican Church Dioceses of New Westminster and Calgary provided the Healing Fund Project Office with archive material regarding Nakayama. This article responds to the Diocese of Calgary archive material. There were 107 pages in this pdf document. Of those, half were handwritten letters. These archive materials were provided in response to the requirements from community members, raised in 2017-2018, who wanted openness and truth. Our Anglican Church partners in the Healing Fund have provided materials from their private archives and the Project is now in a difficult position. How can we release this information responsibly? Most of the collected archival resources are posted on the project website, but this material will take more time to consider. For now, and for the sake of openness, here is a very brief summary of the Diocese of Calgary archive material.

#### **Painful Truths**

Nakayama was a sick man, who sexually abused children as young as eight years old. His abuse spanned the 1920s to the 1990s. He abused 300 children. He is known to have abused in four countries out of the 40 he visited: Canada (1920s-1990s), Japan (1952), Egypt (1972, p. 55) and USA (1991, p. 45). The effects of his actions have propagated and spread over the decades.

Many people failed to prevent and failed to put a stop to Nakayama's abuses. The Anglican Church of Canada discovered and forgave his abuses in 1952 (p. 55). The Church allowed him to continue working as a priest and over the next 40 years Nakayama preached around the world. He continued abusing.

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## Healing Support

With funding provided by the Anglican Church of Canada, the Healing Fund for Japanese Canadians is able to offer three programs to community members affected by Nakayama’s abuse. The Healing Fund is operational from September 2021 to September 2026. We offer support for survivors of abuse, for members of their families, and for the communities impacted. More information can be found on our website or by contacting the Healing Fund.

Category of Healing Support	Survivors*	Survivor Families**	Broader Community
<b>Counselling Support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Up to \$200/session</li> <li>● Eligibility covers in-person, telehealth, and other forms of counselling support</li> </ul>	✓	✓	
<b>Education Grants</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Up to \$10,000</li> <li>● Eligibility extends to university, college, and vocational studies</li> <li>● Retroactive to June 15, 2015</li> </ul>	✓	✓	
<b>Community Healing Initiatives</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Up to \$10,000 per project</li> <li>● Eligible projects can include conferences, workshops, media</li> </ul>	✓	✓	✓

\*Survivors are individuals who were sexually abused by Mr. Nakayama.

\*\*Survivor family members are the families of survivors including, but not limited to, siblings of survivors and their descendants.

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