

Feb. 26th 1963

The Rt. Rev. G.R. Calvert D.D.,  
Bishop of Calgary,  
348-15th Ave., S.W.,  
Calgary, Alberta.

My dear Bishop:-

Due to the fact that our Japanese Congregation pleaded me not to leave this Mission so earnestly so that they almost signed petition, I reconsidered my decision to go to Vancouver and decided to stay on if you kindly permit me.

As you see our local congregation is too small and can not justify to ask a priest, and our Japanese Congregation is too small to support themselves. I felt if we want to carry on the work we have to depend on each other, and the present arrangement is only the way.

I am afraid if I go away our Japanese Anglicans will be lost and drift into United Church and Gospel Church as they both have Japanese pastors, and beside the Mormons are so aggressive in proselytizing in this area. In the past, because we could not supply Japanese priest we lost many of our Japanese Anglicans to Roman Catholic or Unite Church, such as in Montreal. I do not want this happen again to this Mission which I started and built up with so much difficulties and trials.

I hope you understand my points and allow me to stay on.

With sincere thanks for your kindness,

Yours very faithfully,

Gordon G. Nakayama .

G.G. Nakayama  
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G. Nakayama Funds Church and Family

Feb 16 1963

Dear David & Joy:-

How are you all? Hope you are all well.  
We are both well.

Since we announced <sup>of our</sup> ~~the~~ transfer to  
Vanceboro, our Japanese Anglican congregation  
strongly protests the move. They say  
"If you go away, our Japanese Mission  
will not be able to exist."

They passed a resolution to send petitions  
to Bp Colvett and Bp Gousser, at the  
special congregational meeting last night.  
I do not know how to deal with this  
situation. I think it is up to the Bishops, but  
I feel sorry for these people here.

at any rate, it seems that the  
~~major~~ personage has almost everything except  
washing machine. So if you have chance to  
sell your furnitures, please do so. After  
all we may have to stay here.

Did Asao leave for USA?  
Take good care of your selves.  
With love & prayers  
Your Daddy.

Feb. 21st 1963.

Dear David and Joy :-

How are you all ? As for us we are both well.

To day I have to inform you that after all we decided to stay in Coaldale, You may think it is strange as I already told the Bishops that we will go to Vancouver, and it is very hard to explain every thing in a letter.

As you know from the beginning I did not know for sure whether we should move to Vancouver or not, though in a way we thought we could do better job down there. So I left the matter to the Bishops to decide for us. It took so long and finally I got Bishop Gower's letter on January 30th. I took it granted that the Bishops made a decision for me, so I told them I would accept the position.

However since I announced the transfer, our Japanese people were greatly shocked and became heart broken. They felt that this Mission would come to an end if we move out. So they gathered signs for a petition to our Bishop. However our Bishop told them that it was I that made decision, so told them to make petition to me and if I change my mind and stay here he would be happy.

I thought that the Bishops made a decision for me, but after all it was I. Now I feel that I can not leave here without anybody who can carry on the work which we started. I do not want to leave this Mission without a pastor, and it seems to be impossible to have a priest who understands both Japanese and English, and meet the particular situation here.

So I wrote a letter to Bishop Gower and Mr. Murakami, explaining the new situation here and my decision, not to go to Vancouver. I am sure they will be angry. But can not help it. May be we serve God in a quiet way here.

I thought you should know this in order that you may sell your furniture without thinking of our need of any of them.

Thank you for all you did for us. I hope I did not disappoint you too much.

Take good care of yourselves,

Your father

G-G. Nakagawa Family Correspondence

G.I. Nakayama's Family Church and Family Correspondence  
Coaldale to Vancouver

Feb. 22nd 1963

February 22nd 1963

Dear Jim:-

Dear Tim and Keiko;- How is your study?

How are you both? Hope you are well. As for us we are both well and busy. To morrow we will have our Chow Mein Supper at St. Augustines Lethbridge.

To day I must inform you that after all we decided to stay here in Coaldale. You may think it is strange as I already told Lishops thw we would go to Vancouver. From the bibining I was not sure whwtber we should go to Vancouver or not so I left the matter to the Bishops to decide.

I announce the transfer after I recieved Bishop Gower's letter on January 30th our people ( Japanese ) were greatly shocked and protested. The contents of a petition were something, I enclosed.

Our Bishop told them that it was I and not the Bishop who made the decision and so present the petition to me and if I change my mind and stay on he would be happy.

Now I feel I can not leave this Mission without any one to look after, and it seems to be impossible fo find some one like me.

So I wrote a letter to Bishop Gower. I am very sorry for people in Vancouver but there seems to be no other way. Perhaps I may serve God in a quiet way here.

Hoping you understand our situation and pray about us with love and prayers, for your information I am enclosing some of the things they mentioned in the petitions.

Thaking you for all Your Daddy  
disappoiat you too much.

Take good care of your self.

With affectionate regards

February 15th 1963

We under signed, the members of the Japanese Anglican Congregation of the Church of the Ascension, Coaldale, Alberta, earnestly request the Rt. Rev. G.R. Calvert A.M.D.D., the Bishop of the Diocese of Calgary, and the Rt. Rev. G.P. Gower, the Bishop of the Diocese of New Westminster to reconsider the transfer of our pastor, the Rev. G.G. Nakayama to Vancouver B.C., for the following reasons;

- 1 This Church was started as an Anglican Japanese Mission in Southern Alberta 18 years ago by Mr. Nakayama, and except one family and a few individual members who were already his members from B.C., all of us were brought into the Church, Baptized by him, and prepared for Confirmation, and due to the fact of the post war time condition and language difficulties our relationship with him has been much deeper than the ordinary Parish priest and its members.
- 2 Although the Canadian Born Japanese Anglicans are able to understand English, the older Japanese find it difficult English Services and unless we have a priest who is able to speak Japanese language, we will be like orphans spiritually speaking.
- 3 According to the census of 1961, there are 3721 Japanese Canadians in the province of Alberta. There is a great need for a Japanese priest here not only just religious work but also social and welfare of these people, and Mr. Nakayama has proved himself to be a leader and well respected and trusted by Japanese Canadians in general.
- 4 We feel we should have an Anglican priest who is able to understand Japanese language, as the United Church and the Gospel Church here in Southern Alberta have their Japanese ministers, in order that our Mission to be continue.
- 5 Under the present set up we need a priest who can speak and understand English here in this Church, while the Mission in Vancouver is only Japanese speaking congregation, that is to say that we feel, Mr. Nakayama is indispensable here in this Mission.

We respectfully submit this petition.

G.G. Nakayama  
Pastor  
Church and Family

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The Rev. Gordon G. Wakayama R.T., Vicar

Feb. 6th 1963.

Dear Joy and David;-

How are you and children? I hope you are all well. As for us we are both well and extremely busy. I got a letter from Bishop Calvert yesterday saying that he would like us to stay here until April 30th. So I wrote to Bishop Gower this morning. Right now we are preparing for moving. We have to many things. We are wondering what you are going to do when you may move to Saskatchewan. Are you going to take all of your furnitures with you. or would you like to exchange some of the things with us? For instance, Fridge, Washing Machine, Piano, Chesterfield, Dining room Syite, Beds etc. If you like to give yours to us, we could give ours to you, and re valueate things. On the otherhand if you take all of your things with you in a Moving Truck directly, & we take ours it may ~~take~~ be less trouble, I wonder. Please let me know what you think. I have asked Motoki, and Mrs. Murakami what the Personage containd and the Typewriter and Memeograph Michine of the Mission. If they have well furnished I like to sell all our furnitures here.

Tim and Keiko came here yesterday morning. They will go back to morrow morning. They will take lots of things belonging to them. There are number of things belonging to you too. I am asserting them gradually. Would you like to have 20 volume of Book of Knowledge for you children? You can have them if you want.

I had a funeral service for an old lady of this parish Mrs/ Robinson 81 years of age yesterday. It keeps me very busy I hope you will keep us in your prayers as we have to face to many problems.

Take good care of yourselves,

With love and prayers,

Your Daddy

G.G. Wakayama  
Parish  
Church and Family  
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