

**A  
Centennial  
Pilgrimage**



**Japanese Canadians  
and the  
United Church of Canada**



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The circle signifies "Eternity", and the cross signifies "Jesus Christ's Victory". The Maple Leaf embodies all the Japanese churches serving under the United Church of Canada.

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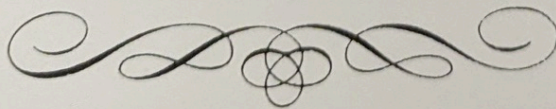
## FOREWORD

This Centennial Pictorial Book, a project of the Japanese Association of the United Church of Canada, is a compilation of eleven pastoral charge celebrating the Japanese Christian mission in Canada.

We commend each pastoral charge for the production of this commemorative book. There are "saints" dear to us and many more unnamed, all precious in God's sight. Since the saints are encouraging us, we rededicate ourselves and our all, for God's service.

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PRE WAR 1892 - 1941

The Fraser Valley, Steveston, Vancouver and Okanagan churches have included historical sketches. What has been omitted is Vancouver Island and Ocean Falls.

Missionary work was begun in Cumberland, Skeena and Victoria. In 1897 the Japanese Methodist Post was established in Victoria. In 1908 the Women's Missionary Society began Christian Education work in Victoria. A kindergarten was also started at the Oriental Home. In 1918 Rev. Sadao Nakanishi, minister of the Victoria church for six years, began publication of the church newspaper "Michikusa". In 1923 Rev. Yutaka Ogura moved from New Westminster to Victoria where he served for nineteen years. Missionary work was initiated among the fishermen in Nanaimo. In 1938 at the fisheries in Ucluelet the Women's Missionary Society held Leadership Training sessions in the summer. In 1941 Miss Ryan settled in Chemainus to undertake missionary work.

In 1918 the Ocean Falls church was established and Rev. Takunari Mizuno was inducted. In 1924 Rev. Kosaburo Shimizu did mission work in Ocean Falls for two years and taught English at night school. In 1928 Rev. and Mrs. Jun Kabayama arrived from Japan to work in Ocean Falls and served the church for thirteen years.

During this centennial one thing we can do is to celebrate and give thanks to God for ministers, missionaries, teachers and our pioneer lay leaders. Although many of the saints are no longer with us, we pay tribute to them for their dedication and friendship.



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