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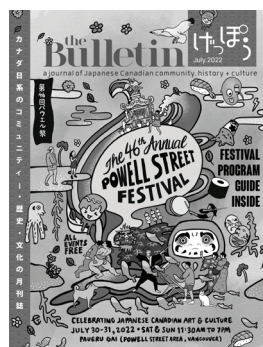


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The Anglican Healing Fund for Japanese Canadians

June 25, 2022 Online National Outreach Meeting

Meeting Summary

We'd like to extend a BIG thank-you to everyone who attended our online national outreach and information meeting on June 25th, 2022, and to those who have subsequently viewed the gathering online. A special thanks to our guest speaker Dr. Nic Harrison for sharing his story with us. The video can be found on Youtube by searching for the Healing Fund for Japanese Canadians, or by following the link below.

Video Link: <https://youtu.be/6N97fiDcfHg>

At the meeting Dr. Harrison spoke about his personal experiences with abuse from a young age at the hands of Catholic priests, nuns and teachers while attending a Church-run institution. His story is significant to our community because he is able to speak to the abuse from the perspective of a child. Too often, child survivors of clergy sexual abuse only find a way to speak out later in life. Dr. Harrison's disclosure was a powerful reminder of the intricate and nuanced levels of control placed on children by abusers. His stories provide a first-hand account of his experiences and allow the Japanese Canadian community to engage in conversations about the abuse our friends and family members suffered at the hands of Mr. Nakayama. Abusers share similarities in the ways they manipulate their victims. In the case of priests, be they Catholic or Anglican, in addition to being 'next to God' in power and authority, they wield additional power as community leaders and educators. Each position they occupy is used to manipulate children, parents, and colleagues alike.

Dr. Harrison's presentation reminded many of us about our own encounters with abuse and from the stories of our family members. Moving forward to address this history, the Healing Fund for Japanese Canadians will be working with survivors, survivor family members, and the community in their healing journeys. The eligibility for counselling support, education support, and community healing initiatives includes survivors of Mr. Nakayama's abuse, family members, and members of the community. Why such a wide range of eligibility? The answer is that Mr. Nakayama's widespread abuse over many decades has necessitated the need for both individual and community healing. Please see our website for more information (link below).

What is intergenerational trauma, and who is a member of a 'survivor family'?

At a previous meeting on June 26, 2021, Japanese American psychotherapist, Dr. Satsuki Ina, spoke about how community trauma requires community healing. The effects of abuse travel across generations, moving outward like the ripples produced when a stone is thrown into a pond. The Healing Fund Project Office is here to help anyone in the Japanese Canadian community suffering from Mr. Nakayama's abuse. Survivor family members include siblings and descendants of survivors of Mr. Nakayama's abuse.

FUTURE EVENTS BEING HELD BY THE HEALING FUND

Gathering of Old Friends, September 30, 2022 - October 2, 2022

Audience: Survivors and family members

An in-person gathering will be taking place in the Greater Vancouver area Friday, September 30th - Sunday, October 2nd, 2022. This weekend event is open to any survivors or family members of Mr. Nakayama's abuse, and will be a social event. The Healing Fund will cover the costs of travel, food and accommodation for each participant and their support person. The deadline to apply is August 31st, 2022. To apply, please fill in the community feedback form or follow the link on the Homepage of the Healing Fund's website, and a member of the Project Office will contact you with more details.

Training workshop on intergenerational trauma, October 15, 2022

Audience: Survivors, family members, community leaders, community members

Intergenerational (or generational) trauma can have far-reaching effects on families and communities. Mr. Nakayama's abuse was widespread in the community and he robbed some survivors of their childhoods, their innocence, and their ability to trust others. Some experienced difficulty maintaining relationships, and others may not have reached their full potential. Participants who attend the training workshop will gain a deeper understanding of methods to address this trauma and will return to their communities equipped to facilitate a local gathering after this training. The deadline to apply is September 15, 2022.

Sincerely,

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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Healing Fund website

www.anglicanhealingfundforjapanesecanadians.com
or <https://www.bit.ly/Healing-Anglican>

Healing Fund Application forms for present support

www.anglicanhealingfundforjapanesecanadians.com/apply-for-funding

Healing Fund Requests for future support

<https://bit.ly/Healing-Request>

Healing Fund Survivor's gathering of old friends

bit.ly/Healing-Request

Healing Fund Frequently Asked Questions

www.anglicanhealingfundforjapanesecanadians.com/faq

Mental Health Support in British Columbia:

counsellingbc.com

Mental Health Support in Ontario

www.ontario.ca/page/find-mental-health-support

Mental Health Support in Alberta

www.psychologytoday.com/ca/therapists/alberta

SNAP Network Links. Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests in Canada

www.snapnetwork.org/canada

www.snapnetwork.org/about



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IN PRAISE OF THE JCYL ONLINE BOOK CLUB

When I was finally out of school I thought I would have more time to read recreationally, rather than for studying or research. I would no longer have to spend evenings and weekends reviewing the Journal of Archaeological Science, or unpublished manuscripts, while my novels sat collecting dust. I have never been an avid reader but as many of you can probably relate I find myself wanting to be a reader and so my collection steadily grows.

This is where the JCYL online book club comes in. The young leaders' group started a book club in March, 2022, to read and review books by Japanese Canadian authors. I had several of the books that were first proposed and I was right in thinking it would be a great way to complete some much-needed recreational reading! At the first meeting we discussed Terry Watada's *The Three Pleasures*. The following month it was *Chiru Sakura* by Grace Thomson. And this past meeting was a double feature with the *Mr. X* series by Liz Nunoda and *Empire of the Son* by Tetsuro Shigematsu.

I have nothing but accolades and admiration for the book club. Participants come from across Canada and each person brings a new insight to the conversation, while the volumes explore relatable topics like creative outlets, identity dilemmas,

and family bonds. And the monthly meetings provide plenty of time to source and digest each novel (or pairing of short stories).

The next meeting of the book club is August 7, where we will have up a double feature: *Kimiko Does Cancer* by Kimiko Tobimatsu, and *This One Summer* by Mariko and Jillian Tamaki. Interested in participating? Contact the Young Leaders by email at jcyoungleaders@gmail.com.

— Peter Wallace, participant in the book club

