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The Anglican Healing Fund for Japanese Canadians

Review of the Archive Materials from the Anglican Church of Canada

The Healing Fund for Japanese Canadians is a five-year collaborative project, beginning in September 2021, that addresses the clergy sexual abuse of 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.

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

*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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With preparations starting at 6 AM, our dedicated team of volunteers, students and teachers worked tirelessly to pack our fan favorite dishes like Chicken Teriyaki, Inari and Chirashi Sushi.



Then our Hall was transformed into a bustling food market with over one hundred guests lining up outside. The doors opened at noon and the piping hot udon noodles, freshly made takoyaki and colorful array of Japanese desserts brought back the missed sight of our mini festival. With the kid's corner for games and traditional authentic Japanese dishes, the guests were able to experience the warmth and joy of Japanese culture despite the start of the rainy season.

Thank You For Your Support!

Thanks to the generous sponsors from our community, including restaurants, local businesses and parent-guardians. Every donation of food items, prizes and monetary support helped make this Fall Bazaar every bit better. We are overjoyed at the precious memories that our guests and volunteers were able to create.

We concluded the Fall Bazaar with our hearts looking forward to its return next year. And with that, we would like to extend our greatest gratitude to each and every person who contributed to the success of the 2023 Fall Bazaar of VJLS!

Up Next!

Vancouver Japanese Language School will hold winter camp and school on December 27th, 28th, 29th and January 3rd, 4th, and 5th. This time, due to the schedule, we are accepting applications on a per day basis. Join us to experience a fun Japanese event during the year-end and New Year holidays at this winter camp!

Registration will start shortly.

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