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November 27th, 1947

December 1st 1947

Rev. W. F. Scott,  
207 Dominion Bank Bldg.,  
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Mr. Scott:

Japanese

Rev. George Dorsey, D.D.,  
299 Queen Street  
Toronto, 2B, Ont

Dear Dr. Dorsey:

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*Oct 1948*

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Rev. W. E. Scott,  
307 Dominion Bank Bldg.,  
Vancouver, B.C.

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VIA AIR MAIL

Dear Mr. Scott: Toronto Japanese

Rev. George Dorey, D.D.,  
299 Queen Street W.,  
Toronto, 2B, Ont.

Dear Dr. Dorey:  
I just had a phone call from Lavell Smith, Chairman, to say that he has a number of articles stored in the old Powell St. building which he needs and which Mr. Shimizu tells me that he wrote to Roy McWilliams some time ago, giving him information as to where these things were, which should be sent forward and which should be disposed of in Vancouver.

Re Toronto Japanese

Replying to your letter of the 27th ult., I may report that Mr. McWilliams and I visited the Community House last week, along with Dr. Roddan, and the tentative arrangements are that when Mac comes home early in January, he will supervise the segregating of the articles to be shipped and give directions for getting them away. We had hoped to have done it this Fall, but it has been quite out of the question owing to pressure of other apparently more necessary work.

3. Shimizu I might add for your information, that Mas has lost the letter which Mr. Shimizu wrote him, but by now will have written asking for a copy of it to be sent him.

Owing to the fact that these Japanese effects are labelled mostly in Japanese characters, it means that Mr. McWilliams is the only man who can supervise getting rid of them. It is his intention to find, in so far as he can, the various articles requested by some fifteen or twenty different people and then having sorted them into separate files to make arrangements for packing and shipping.

In conclusion, I might add that the attic of the Community House, in which all these things were put, is an indescribable mess.

Yours most sincerely,

*George Dorey*

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November 27th, 1947

Rev. W. P. Bunt,  
807 Dominion Bank Bldg.,  
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Mr. Bunt: Toronto: Japanese

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Will you therefore:

1. Write to Mr. McWilliams and get from him the letter which Mr. Shimizu wrote, and then
2. Do what is necessary to ship these goods down here, and
3. Shimizu suggests that you pay for the cost of these out of the money which you have belonging to Powell St.; if you have no such money, advance it out of some of the accounts and send us a statement so that we can send you a cheque.

Mr. Shimizu might not be readily available and there might be no one to take delivery here so it is better to prepay the charges. Mr. Shimizu's address is 131 Ivy Avenue, Toronto 8.

I hope this can be done without too much delay. Frankly, I do not understand why Mr. Shimizu has not approached us long ago about this. I promised him we would pay the cost of his freight quite a while ago.

Yours sincerely,

*Geo Dorey*

GD:HC

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October 15, 1947

**The New Canadian**  
WEEKLY NEWSPAPER

A MEDIUM OF EXPRESSION FOR JAPANESE CANADIANS

Rev. W.R. McWilliams,  
Groscent, B.C.

501 Taylor Avenue  
WINNIPEG, MAN.

Dear Mac.-

Re: Japanese Effects

Dr. Roddan will be out of the City until the first of November, and I am doubtful if anything can be done with his welfare department prior to his return.

Rev. W. R. McWilliams,  
Box 104, I presume that goods which are ready to be shipped, might be sent forward, altho' I am inclined to think it better to wait until he gets back. Possibly you could arrange when down in November to spend sufficient time to finalize the whole matter. You will really be needed to oversee the whole project. Apart from that, I am going to be out of the City most of the time between now and Christmas, - not, of course, continuously.

Sept 6 47 Regarding expenses incurred, that is, apart from freight charges, I think they might be paid from some funds belonging to Powell St. congregation which I have in my possession. When you are here next week I think you had better drop in and go thru' the letters which have arrived in response to the notice in "The New Canadian".

I leave in the morning for the Island, and will not be back until the 23rd.

Most sincerely,

NOTICE  
It is proposed to remove and dispose of at an early date the remaining packages, trunks and suitcases (contents unknown) stored in the old Powell Street United Church and in the New Westminster Japanese United Church.  
Persons responsible for them should state by writing whether they wish their possessions kept where they are at present stored or forwarded to them.  
Communicate in writing to Rev. W. P. Bunt 397 Dominion Bank Bldg. Vancouver, not later than the end of September.

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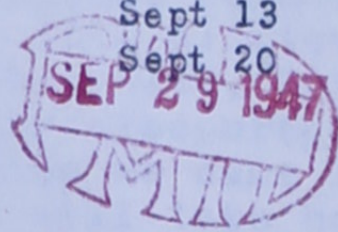
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New Denver, B.C.,  
January 20, 1946.

Mr. W.P. Bunt,  
808 Dominion Bank Building,  
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Mr. Bunt:

I have here in my keeping a parcel of choir gowns which belonged originally to Powell Street Japanese Church. I have not opened the parcel for some time, but, if I remember correctly, I think there is about a dozen. They are like university gowns, with flat white starched collars. No one here has any use for them, and I should like to know what you think I should do with them.

The Japanese community is scheduled for another exit in the near future. It's difficult to say what number will be left as a permanent group here, but I think not many. The situation in the church is very discouraging. The local church group seemed to be more alive when we came in five years ago than it is now, but perhaps they will take hold of things again after we have finally withdrawn. At present, I am holding one service a month in the United Church, and on the other Sundays the members are supposed to attend one or other of the Protestant churches still holding services. Mr. Dovey will come if he is called, but it is not at all satisfactory for him to try to get over here on a Sunday, and no one can blame him for not wanting to come.

Yours sincerely,

Gwen Suttie



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January 24th 1947

Miss Gwen Suttie,  
New Denver, B.C.

Dear Miss Suttie:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 21st to Mr. Bunt. I regret he is away on his northern trip and will not be back until about the middle of February.

It is quite a problem to know what to do with all the equipment belonging to the Japanese congregations. I suppose if there were any Japanese congregations in any of the eastern cities these gowns might be used by their choir. On the other hand, if the Japanese come back to Vancouver and were to again use the Powell St. Church, I suppose that is the logical place for the gowns to be. Meantime you are saddled with them, and this is not very much of a solution to your problem. I wonder if it would be worth while writing to Mr. Shimizu or Mr. Komiya to see if they could make use of them in the meantime in any of their congregations? What do you think?

With kind regards,

I remain, Yours most sincerely,

Office Secretary.

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July 18th, 1946.

Reverend Andrew Rodden, D. D.,  
First United Church,  
424 Gore Avenue,  
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Dr. Rodden:

Enclosed is the letter which Mr. Komiyama wrote me regarding the personal efforts of the Japanese which have been stored in the community house since the time of the evacuation.

I have intended to give you this letter on a number of occasions but have always forgotten to do so. After you have read it we might have an opportunity to talk over the situation with a view to discovering what might be the best course to follow.

Yours most sincerely,

WPB:c  
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Rev. Chow Ling,  
528 Piquard St.,  
Victoria, B.C.

Dear Mr. Chow Ling:

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Extract from letter of Basil Hartley, Greenwood, sent to Mr. Forbes of Nelson, B.C.

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January 19th 1946

Rev. Chow Ling,  
523 Piquard St.,  
Victoria, B.C.

Dear Mr. Chow Ling:

Regarding the furniture of the former Japanese Mission, which is in your gymnasium, I have had a letter from Mr. Ogura, and he is in favour of selling the desks and other articles of furniture, according to the recommendation which I told you I would make.

He would be very glad to have the Chinese Mission use the Hall Stand, and the dining room table, and anything else which would be helpful to your work. Will you try and sell what you will not be using, but before concluding the sale, will you confer with me, letting me know how much is being offered for the things to be sold.

Mr. Ogura asks that, if the pulpit bible and several copies of the hymn book with music can be found, he would like to have them sent to him. If they are not amongst the stuff you have, would you be good enough to call at the former Japanese Mission building, to see if by any chance they are still around there, and if they are secure them for Mr. Ogura.

Thanking you,  
I am, yours very sincerely,

WFB/AM

P.S. Make a careful list of anything that is sold as well as what is kept in the Chinese Mission, and let me have a copy of it.



1120 Pembroke St.,  
Victoria, B.C.  
Mar 26/46.

Dear Mr. Bunt:-

There was action of our meeting of the Board of the Chinese United Church held February 20th - that perhaps I should have made you acquainted with.

Discussion followed re - Rev. W. P. Bunt's letter and it was decided that the Japanese furniture be looked over and whatever was found useful to the church should be taken over and that Rev. Bunt be consulted when in the city regarding this and the remaining pieces being purchased by the church members.

I had expected that Rev. Howding would take this up with you when you were in the city and I was hoping that you would get time to look over the various pieces. I presume there is a list possibly in your hands.

Re - one cupboard which I felt would be most useful for our C. G. I. P. supplies I phoned Rev. Jackson and he felt that it was quite all right for us to use it.

You are rather expecting the possibility of us getting Rev. Lo. there with us this fall are you?

My visit with Dr. Sylling during Branch didn't show much possibility of my getting to West China this fall. - Sincerely

Walter McRae  
(over)



P.S.

Would you phone Mr. Ralph E. Spencer  
Radio Director United Church & ask him to  
have his address <sup>sent us</sup> so that we might get over to  
him news of a special meeting we are holding  
on Friday night this week & he might give report  
of it in Saturday broadcast.

— Thanks, L.H.

Box 2676

2-30  
2830 Herald St.  
St. 31 Waverly



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March 28th 1946

Miss Lottie McRae,  
1120 Pembroke St.,  
Victoria, B.C.

Dear Miss McRae,

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 26th to Mr. Bunt. I regret he is at present in Toronto attending the meetings of the Board of Home Missions, and will not return until the middle of April. Vancouver, B.C.

Regarding the furniture belonging to the Japanese Mission, I think you have the authority to sell anything that is stored in the Gymnasium, in Mr. Bunt's letter of January 19th to Mr. Chow Ling. The only thing he asks is that you refer the matter of price being offered for the various pieces before concluding the sale, and also that a careful list be kept of what was sold and what price was obtained. This is because according to the list we have, some of the stuff belongs to Mr. Ogura personally, some to the Japanese Language School, and some to the Board of Home Missions, so that we would have to know what was obtained for the various pieces so as to divide the proceeds between the several owners. In the list we have on file, there is no mention of a "cupboard" such as you speak of, unless it is one of the two bookcases mentioned. One is listed as "bookcase with books" and the other as "Bookcase-Glass". These are both listed as Mr. Ogura's personal property, and if the cupboard you refer to is one of these, I am sure you would be at liberty to use it for the C.G.I.T. If it is neither of these then it is not listed with us, and it might as well be in use as lying idle.

Regarding Mr. Spencer's address, I 'phoned him and he said if I was writing you, I might as well include his address in my letter. It is Ste. 31 - 2830 Hemlock Street, Vancouver. His 'phone number is Bay 2676Y. If he gets the report in time, he says he will be very pleased to put it on Saturday, but if not, then you will understand it will have to wait till the next Saturday.

Re Rev. George Lowe - You had better not look forward too eagerly to having him, there are a lot of things to be cleared away before any decision of that kind can be reached, and apart from that Mr. Lowe has not yet definitely said he will come back to Canada, though he is considering it.

With kind regards,  
I remain, Yours Sincerely,

Office Secretary.

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Rev. W.P. Bunt, B.A., B.D.,  
807 Dominion Bank Building,  
Vancouver, B.C.

November 9th,  
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Dear Mr. Bunt: Re: Japanese Effects

I have your letter and am glad  
that any difficulties with the Custodian seem to  
have been ironed out.

Yours sincerely,

*Geo. Dorey*

GD:MLT

WFB/AM

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October 12th 1945

Rev. T. Koriyama,  
New Denver, B.C.

Dear Mr. Koriyama:

Since writing the other letter in this envelope I have interviewed the Custodian and find that the situation is not as serious as I had expected.

The law requires that all personal effects of Japanese who lived here at the coast have to be listed with, and vested in, the Custodian, and further there is quite a penalty provided for anyone who has in his care such effects, and who does not report the same to him. He has no intention of forcing any sales or taking any action which would make the situation more difficult or embarrassing for the owners of these goods. Furthermore, the Custodian is responsible for the safe-keeping of any chattels belonging to the Japanese, and as he said if a fire should break out in the Powell Street building and all these things which are stored in the attic were to be destroyed, it would put both him and the United Church on the spot. I think you will see the reasonableness of his arguments.

What he has asked me to do is to provide him with a list of the names, and where possible, the registration numbers, of those who have stuff up in the Powell St attic. Then he will communicate with the respective owners to find out what they want done with their belongings. If they want them shipped to where they now are, or disposed of in any other way, their requests will be granted. Furthermore, if after he has been provided with the information he requires, he is satisfied that the goods are safely stored where they now are, they will be left there, although it may be that he will place fire insurance coverage on them.

If there are any of the folks in New Denver who have stuff stored there you might explain what I have written to them. Did you make a list of those who left some of their belongings for safe-keeping in either Powell Street or Fairview buildings? If so it would help matters considerably if you were to send me a copy of such lists. In the meantime, I am going to ask Mr. Mc Williams if he will assist in tabulating what is stored in the Powell Street attic so that the custodian may have that information just as soon as possible.

Yours most sincerely,

WFB/AM

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October 12th 1945

Rev. George Dorey, D.D.,  
299 Queen Street W.,  
Toronto, 2B, Ont.

Dear Dr. Dorey:

Re Japanese Effects

In replying to your letter of October 5th I wish to report on an interview I had with the Custodian today.

The situation is not as serious as I thought when I wrote you recently. Under Orders in Council passed over three years ago, the Japanese should have listed with the Custodian all of their personal effects, and furthermore any one storing these and refusing to report same is liable to a penalty. He showed me a copy of these Orders in Council, and I am confident he has legal grounds for the claims which he makes. At the same time, it is not his intention to force the sale of these chattels, but as he is responsible for their safe-keeping, he requires to know what, and where they are. He has asked me to provide him with a list, in so far as it can be made up of the names of those who have goods stored in the Powell Street building, and then he will write them to ascertain what their wishes are in respect of the disposal of the same. If he is satisfied that they are safely provided for in our buildings he will leave them there, after probably covering them with fire insurance, and if any of them want their belongings shipped to them, their requests will be granted. He says that as things are now, if these buildings should be destroyed by fire, it would put both us and the Custodian on the spot.

I found him quite reasonable in his attitude, and all I regret now is that right from the start these belongings were not properly listed with the Custodian's Office, as it would have been much easier then to get a correct listing, than it will be now.

With kindest regards,

I remain,

Yours most sincerely,

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Air Mail

Rev. W.P. Bunt, B.A., B.D.,  
807 Dominion Bank Building,  
Vancouver, B.C.

October 5th,  
1945.

Dear Mr. Bunt:

Re: Japanese Effects

I have your letter. I hardly know what to say. I was so mad I felt like writing immediately to Mr. St. Laurent, the Minister of Justice, asking him by what authority the Custodian, or anyone else, goes into Fairview Church or Powell Street to take things out. This is United Church property.

I wish you would write me immediately - or at least as soon as you have had time to go into things a little - and tell me whether I ought to write to Mr. St. Laurent and enter a vigorous protest against the action of the Custodian. I do not want to do this if it would embarrass the relations that we have had with this officer; but I am only withholding so as not to make things more difficult for you.

I hope you have had a chance to get rested a little after your very strenuous trip.

Yours sincerely,

GD.MLT

*G. Dorey*

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December 29th 1943

Rev. George Dorey, D.D.,  
299 Queen Street W.,  
Toronto, 2, Ont.

Dear Dr. Dorey:

Re Japanese

In reply to your letter of the 22nd touching upon the proposal to sell the personal effects of the Japanese stored in our mission buildings, I may say that the Custodian is deferring action. Personally, I don't think the issue will likely be raised again. A copy of the Custodian's letter, written in reply to the one which I wrote him in behalf of our Committee, is attached hereto for your information. I might say that he telephoned me before he wrote the letter telling me that for the time being they were not going to press the matter, and then added this rather significant statement, that they had taken the same position in respect of a protest on the part of the Catholic Church, and that therefore we should receive similar consideration. Evidently, "your Government at Ottawa" (here I quote the General Secretary) does heed the voice of one of the great churches in Canada at any rate.

Regarding the Minutes of the Kaslo Conference, Miss Murray gave them to Mr. Rae about two months ago, and he was asked to send them on to you by air mail as soon as he had checked them over as to their accuracy. I have just tried to get him on the telephone, but he is out at a funeral and I left word for him to 'phone the office. I shall try and get them sent forward to you without further delay.

Yours most sincerely,

WPB/AM

P.S. Since dictating the above I have got Mr. Rae on the 'phone and he tells me that the copy of the Minutes of the Kaslo Conference are somewhere in your office, for he says quite definitely that he mailed them to you. If you cannot locate them let me know, and from our office copy we could have a duplicate made.



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Dec. 22, 1943.

Rev. W. P. Bunt, B.A., B.D.,  
807 Dominion Bank Bldg.,  
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Mr. Bunt:

Re: Japanese

Some time ago I received your letter containing the report of the Special Committee on the Japanese Work. I should very much like to have the minutes of the Kaslo meeting which have not arrived as yet.

I note the questions that you raise, particularly in regard to the sale of the contents of the New Westminster Japanese Mission. I must say, however, that I am not very sure of what is proposed. So far as New Westminster is concerned, I don't know what standing we have, nor do I know under what circumstances the property was stored. As far as Steveston is concerned the matter is perfectly clear. We have no right to interfere with what the Commission is doing as we have practically leased the building for the storage of the effects of the Japanese and I am quite sure that we cannot object to what the Government is doing on the score that we are the custodians of Japanese property. So far as the contents of the building which belong to the United Church of Canada you are on sound ground and I shall be very glad to hear what the Custodian has to say in regard to the letter addressed to him. Property of the United Church is not enemy alien property even if it were held by trustees for the Japanese congregation. I think we shall have to "go to the mat" with the Government about this.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

*Geo. Dorey*

GD:MB

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PHONE PACIFIC 6131

PLEASE REFER TO

FILE No. G/182

506 ROYAL BANK BLDG.,  
HASTINGS AND GRANVILLE  
VANCOUVER, B.C.

December 8th, 1943

Rev. W. P. Bunt,  
Superintendent of Home Missions,  
The United Church of Canada,  
807 Dominion Bank Bldg.,  
207 West Hastings Street,  
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:-

Re: Auctioning of Japanese Effects

Thank you for your letter of December 3rd on the above subject. As pointed out over the telephone, all Japanese property vests in this office and is to be disposed of in accordance with the relevant Orders in Council. We do not, however, wish to embarrass your Church in any way and have agreed upon the following course of action.

- (1) New Westminster - <sup>325 Ewan Ave.</sup> ~~318 Boyne St.~~ The contents of this building consist of:
- (a) Effects placed there by the Japanese themselves.
  - (b) Effects placed there by us with your permission.

We will get in touch with the Rev. McWilliams as to which effects were placed in the safekeeping of your Church and which you are, therefore, anxious should not be sold without reference to the owners.

- (2) United Church property at Steveston. The contents of this consist almost entirely of Japanese effects placed there by this office with your consent and here again we are issuing instructions that anything left by the Rev. Nomoto should not be sold without his consent.

We should like to emphasize that we cannot commit ourselves to hold off final disposition of all Japanese effects but at least for the present we will not sell anything which

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Rev. W. P. Bunt

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Dec. 8th, 1943

you would regard as having been left in your care.

Yours truly,



H. F. Green  
Protection Department

HFG:IF

OFFICE OF THE SUPERVISOR  
DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

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CANADA  
DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN  
JAPANESE EVACUATION SECTION

PHONE PACIFIC 6131  
PLEASE REFER TO  
FILE NO. G/182

506 ROYAL BANK BLDG.,  
HASTINGS AND GRANVILLE  
VANCOUVER, B.C.

December 8th, 1943

COPY FOR REV. BUNT

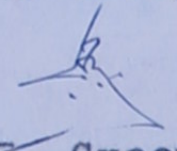
Rev. W. R. McWilliams,  
1716 West 19th Ave.,  
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:-

We have been in touch with Rev. W. P. Bunt about Japanese effects stored in your building at 318 Boyne Street, New Westminster. Mr. Bunt has pointed out that some of these effects were placed there by the Japanese themselves with your permission in order to be safely kept and that if these are sold by us, the Japanese would feel that their trust in your Church had been betrayed. We have agreed at least for the time being not to sell anything so stored.

There are, however, at 318 Boyne Street, a number of effects stored by this office with the consent of your Church which we should like to dispose of at forthcoming auctions. We do not know if it will be possible to distinguish between the two classes of effects stored here and wonder if you can give us any assistance. Perhaps you would give the writer a telephone call about this when you are next in town.

Yours truly,

  
H. F. Green  
Protection Department

HFG:IF  
c/cs sent to Rev. Bunt and  
Mr. Iverson

HOME MISSIONS  
SUPERINTENDENT (BUNT)

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December 3rd 1943

The Custodian of Enemy Alien Property,  
506 Royal Bank Building,  
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Attention Mr. H.F. Green: File No. G/182

Acknowledging your letter of November 6th, as well as your recent telephone message, I beg to advise that the Special Committee of the British Columbia Conference of the United Church of Canada, which has oversight of our Japanese work, met on the 29th ult., and carefully considered the proposed sale of the contents of the buildings used by United Church Japanese Congregations. The position we take may be stated as follows:

1. As these buildings, as well as much of the contents, are owned by the United Church of Canada, entry into them should not be made without our consent.
2. Whatever personal effects of the Japanese are stored in them were entrusted to us for safe-keeping, and therefore we are in honour bound to care for them. We consider it would be a betrayal of trust if we were to agree to the selling of those goods without the owner's consent.
3. Reports have come to us, which as yet we have not been able to verify, that a sale of certain contents of our building at Steveston was held. This is to advise you, that, if any United Church properties were thus disposed of, we shall look to you to have them restored to us in as good condition as when we leased the building to you. I might add that we are not interested in the cash proceeds from the sale of such articles.

Yours very truly,

Superintendent of Home Missions.

WFB/AM



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506 ROYAL BANK BLDG.,

GRANVILLE

C.

Monday Nov. 1st Mr. Walkenshaw reported  
having met Mr. Kennedy of the Westminster  
Trust Co, who told him that the contents  
of the Japanese Mission were to be up for  
sale next week. On Tuesday morning  
I phoned Miss Lait to see if she knew what  
belonged to the Church in that bldg. She  
said there is an organ, chairs + kindergarten  
chairs. - The organ was a gift from the Canadian  
church at Whonnock.  
Miss Lait phoned Mr. Green of the Custodian's Office  
+ he said there was to be an auction sale at  
the Buddhist temple on this coming Friday (5<sup>th</sup>)  
+ he suggested that anything belonging to us  
shd. be removed from the New Westminster church  
before then!! (Why shd. we remove our stuff from our  
building?)  
I phoned Mr. Wallace - He suggested three things  
- that Mr. Horton be phoned to look into it at that  
end. - that a letter be written to the Custodian's  
Office here protesting - + that Mr. Beut be notified.  
I suggested to him that a personal visit might  
be better + suggested he contact Mr. Rae. He  
phoned back that Rae thought a letter be sent  
first asking that the matter be postponed, but  
if necessary a delegation would meet the Custodian.  
The attached letter was eventually sent after  
consultation with Dr. Wilson + Mr. Horton who called  
at the office in the afternoon + was read over the  
phone to Wallace.

HOME MISSIONS SUPERINTENDENT (BUNT)

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Office Secretary.



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Miss Tait also reported that there is a room in the Steveston Mission rented + that when she went to the Custodian at Steveston to get the key he informed her he did not have it; + gave her the name of the people who now hold the key. whether ~~these~~ people <sup>who hold the keys</sup> are the caretakers, or this other party to whom the room has been rented, I could not get quite clear over the 'phone.

Miss Tait wondered if you knew about this further development, + if you had been consulted re the renting + who gets the rent?

Miss Tait's phone number is Baz 9891 L

Miss Tait would be willing to go with some one + list what she knows belongs to the Church at New Westminster.

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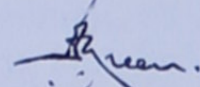
The United Church of Canada,  
807 Dominion Bank Bldg.,  
207 West Hastings Street,  
Vancouver, B. C.

Attention Miss Agnes Murray

Dear Madam:

This is just to acknowledge your letter of November 2nd and confirm a telephone conversation the writer had with you yesterday. As then advised we are not proposing to include the contents of 325 Ewen Avenue in our New Westminster auction sale for the next few weeks. We think, however, you should, as promptly as possible, establish your claim to any equipment belonging to your mission.

Yours truly,



H. F. Green,  
Protection Department.

HFG/HMS

HOME MISSIONS SUPERINTENDENT (BUNT)

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ATTENTION: Mr. Green

November 2nd 1943

The Custodian of Enemy Property,  
 Royal Bank Building,  
 675 West Hastings Street,  
 Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

It has been brought to our notice that there is to be a sale of Japanese Property in New Westminster on Friday next, and we are led to understand that this is to include the contents of our Japanese Church Property at 325 Ewen Ave., New Westminster. If our information in this regard is correct, we are wondering why we have not been officially notified of such sale, as some of the contents of this building belong to the United Church of Canada, and therefore should not be sold, nor should they be removed from our church building.

I have consulted with the Convener of our Provincial Committee on Japanese Work, and have been requested to write at this time to ask that any action in regard to the contents of the above building be left in abeyance meantime, as the Custodian for our United Church Properties, Rev. W.P. Bunt, is at present out of the city, and will not return until next week.

Trusting that you will be good enough to take into consideration that the property at 325 Ewen Avenue belongs to the United Church of Canada, and therefore the contents of the building should not be sold without consultation with the Church Authorities regarding what pieces of furniture etc., therein belong to the United Church. You will readily understand that in a mission church all the furnishings are not the property of the congregation, therefore some of the contents of this building are not the property of the Japanese.

As the time is now very short before this proposed sale goes into effect, and as our custodian will not be back in the city at that time, we herewith request that you will not enter our building, nor proceed with the sale of the contents, on Friday, but will give our custodian a chance to take the matter up with you when he returns to the city next week.

Should you consider it absolutely necessary, a delegation from our Church Committee on Japanese Work, would wait on you before Friday, and go into the matter more fully with you. You can contact them through the United Church Office, 'phone Marine 0938.

It would be appreciated if we could have a reply to this letter by return mail.

Thanking you,

I remain, Yours sincerely,

For W.P. Bunt,

Supt. of Missions,

Office Secretary.

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## INVENTORY OF THE FAIRVIEW UNITED JAPANESE

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INVENTORY OF THE FAIRVIEW UNITED JAPANESE  
MISSION.  
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The following property belonging to the Japanese Fairview Mission Congregation have been left in the Church for the use of whoever uses the building in the future.

1. One Pulpit
2. Two chairs for the Chancel
3. Twenty pews ,each 13 feet in length
4. One Gooseneck lamp
5. One Communion Table
6. Two Organs-----a)Nelson                      b)Bell and Company
7. One small Table
8. Six Drawing Curtains
9. One table with case for Hymn books on top
10. One umbrella stand
11. Eight screens
12. Three Pictures (Framed)
13. One Blackboard
14. Fifty-two Kitchen chairs
15. One clock on wall
16. One wall hymn case numbers case.
17. One stand for hanging up hymns written on large sheets.



Lemon Creek, B.C., September 12, 1945.

Dear Mr. Bunt,

Mr. Spair of the Custodian's Office Pac. 6131 called to see you - will you 'phone him as soon as you get back + have an interview with him, re the chattels in the Columbia St Mission. He is feeling very disgruntled because he has been referred from one to another + couldn't get anywhere. I told him he ought to have come here in the first place as all correspondence regarding our buildings has been done through you + this office. Later: Dr. Roddan 'phoned Mr. Spair had been at Powell St to get some stuff out in connection with an estate in mortgage + is very much annoyed at the amount of stuff stored there

to the ship. Do you think something might be arranged?

At all events I have written Olive Shaw to get in touch with you. I rather suspect all custodians, after what has happened to the homes of many of the people I know, so I am wondering just what the custodian's business with those church-stored goods is. It seemed to me right that you should know what is a-foot.

Yours sincerely,  
Helen R. Ward. (over)



Lemon Creek, B.C., September 12, 1945.

Dear Mr. Bunt,

This is to be only a short business note growing out of the enclosed letter from Olive Shaw. So perhaps you should <sup>read</sup> hers first.

I cannot answer her question as to what belongs to the church. But I think there was little if anything. The cups and saucers perhaps were church things. But as you will remember the people, thinking that even a Canadian would respect church property, put their goods up in the attic, and into that one closed class-room for "safe keeping." (oh, forgive the 'even', but I have had a good deal of excuse to feel that there is a great deal of "poor white trash" about.)

Would it be possible for the people to have their stuff sent to them--even at this late date? Many of them will be returning to Japan, so it would either be right for them to have them here, or to be given time to collect whatever of their little household goods that have been left to them on their way to the ship. Do you think something might be arranged?

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*and you*

P.S. Tak mentioned that you had written for his re-action to a mission get-to-gether this fall. At first I thought that we should not be here long enough to warrant the expense of getting to-gether. Now, however, it looks as though we should be here for most of the year. It really would be grand, if all the missionary crowd could be assembled ---the associate workers (these young men might be able to carry on, with the other help available while we were ab-sent from our stations at such a conference.

H.R.H.



September 17th 1945

Miss Helen H. Bunt  
Lemon Creek,

Dear Miss H.

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3979 W. 19<sup>th</sup>  
Vancouver B.C.  
Sept 6<sup>th</sup> - 1945

Dear Helen,

The Custodian was  
around to-day getting  
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the other night. Margaret and Fred are home. Fred has been in the hospital since he was with his blood. He doesn't have enough points for the exchange. They were in going back to school. I had 33 at the day. I hope that you and your friend had some more things and the more the things that were of the things we are in the by the point does belonged to the Church. If that is let me know what they are or the Custodian will take them. I am sure that Mr. Shaffer's

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September 17th 1945

Miss Helen H. Hurd,  
Lemon Creek, B. C.

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family.  
It certainly is a shame  
that none of the  
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the Mission.  
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P.S. Please answer soon as  
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over in & hear from you  
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September 17th 1945

Miss Helen H. Hurd,  
Lemon Creek, B. C.

Dear Miss Hurd:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 12th inst., regarding the goods stored by the Japanese in Columbia St. building.

Mr. Bunt is at present in the north, and will not return until early in October. We have no list of what is stored in that building at this office, and unless it is all packed and has the names of the owners clearly marked on it, it would be a difficult thing for anyone to send it to them, even if this is permissible. Do you know if the stuff is registered with the Custodian?

I am sorry Miss Shaw did not get in touch immediately with the members of the Japanese Committee here. In Mr Bunt's absence, Rev. H. M. Rae, Chairman of the Committee could probably have acted and stalled the Custodian off for a time, until we got a chance to discover what was there. We did this a couple of years ago when they held an auction sale at New Westminster, and got their promise then that they would not enter our building without first consulting us.

I will pass your letter on to Mr. Rae and hope that it will not be too late for something to be done about it.

Yours sincerely,

Office Secretary

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September 17th 1945

Rev. Hugh W. Rao, M.A., B.D.,  
3524 West 24th Avenue,  
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Mr. Rao:

I am enclosing copies of a couple of letters which have come from Miss Hurd, and have to do with the Columbia St. Japanese Mission. Maybe when you get over the spate of meetings in connection with the Moderator's visit, and before you get too busy with Stanley Jones, you could wedge in a meeting of the Japanese Committee if you think it necessary after reading these letters.

There is no list of what is stored in that building, or whether the Japanese stuff is registered with the custodian, although it sounds as though it must be when he came there looking for it.

Miss Shaw has not been in touch with Mr. Bunt about this so far as I know. She may have 'phoned since he went out of the city, and been told he was away, and did not state who she was or what she wanted him for.

I have acknowledged Miss Hurd's letter, telling her that Mr. Bunt is out of town and that I am passing her letter on to you, as Chairman of the Japanese Committee, in the hope that it may not yet be too late for us to do something about it. I do not know Miss Shaw's phone number, but probably W.R. Brown knows it, (if you want to get in touch with her to find out what further conversations she has had with Mr. Spain the custodian, if any.) There are some keys in the office here, marked "Fairview keys" so probably some of them are the keys of those closed rooms.

I leave this in your capable hands,

Sincerely yours,

Office Secretary.

Enc.

P.T.B.

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Rev. Hugh M. Roe

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P.S. Just as I had this ready for mailing, Miss Shaw 'phoned. I'm afraid it is too late for us to <sup>do</sup> anything about it, she says the custodian has already taken a lot of the stuff away - months ago. It evidently all stems from the fact that the building was broken into some time ago, and when Miss Shaw 'phoned Mr. Bunt he told her to report it to the Custodian - so I expect the only way they can tell what has been stolen is to find out what is left! This of course may not be the motive of getting the stuff out, but I don't suppose we can do much about it. We have no way of telling if any of the goods belong to the church or the W.M.S., as we have no list of what is what.

HOME MISSIONS SUPERINTENDENT (BUNT)

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HOME MISSIONS SUPERINTENDENT (BUNT)

October 3rd 1945

Rev. George Dorey, D.D.,  
299 Queen Street W.,  
Toronto, 2B, Ont.

Dear Dr. Dorey:

Re Japanese Effects

While I have not, as yet, got back to the office, I have been in communication with Miss Murray and with Dr. Roddan, and find that during my absence from the city, the Custodian went into the Fairview Japanese Church and as far as I can ascertain took about everything which he thought belonged to the Japanese. He had started to do the same thing in the Powell Street building, when Dr. Roddan was advised, and immediately went over to see what was going on. He told Dr. Roddan that he had the authority to clear out everything, but after considerable entreaty on the part of the President he agreed to let it stand until I returned.

The effects which were stored in Powell Street and in the Fairview buildings were placed there with my permission, but with the understanding that we would not be in any way responsible for them. I feel that we should not too hastily let the Custodian walk off with these things, because in a sense we hold them in trust. However, I would like to have your opinion as to what attitude I should take in the matter.

I believe that most of what is in the Powell Street building was not listed with the Custodian, but simply left there in our care. Among the effects, are quite a few things belonging to both Mr. Shimizu and Mr. Komiyama, and I think also, that there are some cases belonging to Mr. Yoshioka of Kelowna, who left them there when he concluded his pastorate several years ago. Most certainly, the Custodian has no right to any effects left so long ago, and by one who has, not since the beginning of the war, been a resident of the protected area.

If you could drop me a line by return air mail, it would be appreciated, and in the meantime I am seeking information as to what has been done with personal effects similarly stored in the Anglican and Roman Catholic Japanese buildings.

I am dictating this letter by 'phone, so it will not have my personal signature.

With kindest regards,

I remain, Yours most sincerely,

WPB/AM

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*Mrs. Johnansen*  
MISS M. MOSSOP SECRETARY  
732 CORMORANT STREET  
PHONE GARDEN 2321

REV. CHOW LING, PASTOR  
PHONE EMPIRE 3164

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**Chinese United Church**

OF UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA  
528 FISGUARD STREET  
Victoria, B. C.

Dec. 26 /42

Rev. W. P. Bunt  
807 Dominion Bank Bldg.  
Vancouver B. C.

Dear Mr. Bunt:

Last week we received your letter, sorry you  
hav'nt time to come our Christmas Concert this year.  
Dr. Sipprell be our Chairman, that evening we have nearly  
\$24.00 Collections will send to Madame Chiang Kai-shek's  
War Orphans in China.

The Chinese of Duncan will open a Chinese School,  
they like buy some Children's tables, they ask me about the  
Japanese Mission school tables. Their have 19 tables, Do  
you know how much cost for its? Kindly you write to me how  
much for its, then I will answer the Chinese of Duncan.

Hoping you let me know as soon as possible,  
because they need its in January.

Wishing you and family A Happy New Year.

Sincerely yours

*Chow Ling*

HOME MISSIONS SUPERINTENDENT (BUNT)

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HOME MISSIONS SUPERINTENDENT (BUNT)

January 8th 1942

Rev. Chow Ling,  
528 Fisguard St.,  
Victoria, B.C.

Dear Mr. Chow,

I do not think that the children's tables belonging to the former Japanese Language School are for sale. However, it may be that they might be loaned to the Chinese at Duncan for their school, if an undertaking were given that they would be kept in first class repair and replaced if lost.

I think that I shall have to come over to Victoria within the next two weeks, and we might talk the matter over at that time.

With best wishes to Mrs. Chow and yourself,

I remain,

Yours most sincerely,

WPB/AM

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HOME MISSIONS SUPERINTENDENT (BUNT)

Jan. 3, 1944

Miss Sadie Tait,  
1306 West 12th. Ave. City.

Dear Miss Tait:

Once again I am going to presume upon your willing spirit and kindness in asking you to look into the points raised in a letter, dated Dec. 30th., which I have just received from Miss Lindsay.

Will you do what can be done to grant her requests, and if you would be good enough to answer her letter, I am sure she would get a much more satisfactory reply than if I did. Apart from that, I am very busy getting things in order to leave on my rounds of the Presbyteries.

Thanking you, I remain, with best wishes for a Happy New Year,

Yours most sincerely,

W.P.B.  
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Returned by  
Miss LarkLillooet, B.C.,  
Dec. 30, 43.

Rev. W. P. Bunt,  
Supt. Home Missions, B.C.,  
807 Dominion Bank Bldg., Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Mr. Bunt, -

A very happy New Year to you!

Now to business, when I was at Nint's this week Mr. G. Otsu, formerly a member of the U.C. Board at Steveston, expressed his hope that the equipment of the church would not be sold by the custodian or other authorities. He was quite satisfied that we use the church organ at East Lillooet. It arrived safely <sup>Christmas</sup> before.

Mr. Otsu said the church had bought a lot of Bibles and hymn books, in Japanese of course, and he wondered what had become of them. He was quite in favor of my writing you to request the use of both for the church services of this district. So if the Bibles and hymn books are available and Mr. Otsu approves, will you kindly have sent to me:

25 Japanese Bibles and 25 Hymn Books with notes, also some of the smaller Hymn Books and the very thin ones (a group of hymns).

It is true that the majority of the Steveston church



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Treasurer in Toronto. By adding 98 cts. we shall make it \$46.<sup>00</sup> which together with the \$4.00, already remitted, will make a total for the year of \$50.00. The reason our allocation is \$100.00 is, according to Mrs. Young, that Rev. C. H. Shaly paid it all himself. I am suggesting that for next year the allocation for our Lillooet Church be \$25.<sup>00</sup> and district centres \$25.<sup>00</sup>. That at present seems to be quite within our ability without any one person shouldering the responsibility. It is hard to develop a missionary spirit here.

If you have any advice to give or suggestions to make I shall be pleased to receive them.

With best wishes,

Very sincerely,

Olivia C. Lindsay.



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members went to Kaslo, but Mr. Shinnick took the Powell St. Church books with him. At New Denver the church group could not possibly use all the Stevenson supplies.

It is really quite a drawback here not to have a supply of Japanese Bibles and hymn books and I know you will do what you can to get the remainder or at least the amount needed for here.

You will be glad to know Mr. Stobie has been duly introduced at Minto and on Tuesday evening, Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>, showed lantern views at our Christmas meeting in the Minto Hotel. After the big meeting of children and adults there, some 15 church people went to Uclucas where we had Communion Service and Christian Fellowship till the small hours of Wednesday morning. Mr. Stobie will during the winter months hold services twice a month at Minto - young people's group at 3.00 pm. and adults at 7.30 pm. He will also show pictures occasionally. The arrangements I think will be quite satisfactory. We are hoping Mrs. Stobie will lead the girls' group while Mr. Stobie has charge of the boys' group.

We are sending our Christmas collections (Lillooet \$18.39; E. Lillooet \$9.53; Bridge River & Shalalth \$11.80 + Minto \$5.30) to the U. C.



Kindergarten Equipment.

Borrowed this 10th day of January, 1945, from the Japanese Church, Steveston, the following articles for use in the Kindergarten Classes held in the United Church Hall, Steveston:

1 Low table, 5'	1 Vase.
2 Square tables, 2'	1 tin kettle.
4 Low benches, 4'	2 Black boards.
1 Square stool	Sunday School booklets & cards.
1 Filing Cabinet.	

A. L. Carr

A. L. Carr.

Dear Miss Tait-

Am giving to you, Custodian, a copy of the above. We are very happy to get these things. With an increase in attendance we may have to get more, but we are very crowded in our present quarters in one of the rooms, as the main hall of the church is in use every night or afternoon.

Very kind regards

Yours gratefully  
A. L. Carr



624-Second Ave,  
Steveston, B. C.  
June 8, 1944,

Rev. W. P. Bunt, B. A., B. D.,  
807 Dominion Bank Building,  
207 West Hastings St.  
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Mr Bunt:

Re Japanese Church Organ.

The organ in the Japanese Mission at Queensboro, Lulu Island, has been taken over to South Arm United Church, with the permission of Miss Sadie Tait, for storage and use until further needed. We have had it tuned and put in good shape and are using it at the Sunday services.

Miss Tait asked me, that when we got it, to notify you so that you might know it is in safe hands.

Kindest regards,

Yours very sincerely,

*A. L. Carr*  
A. L. Carr.



May 30th 1944

Rev. A.L. Carr, D.D.,  
Steveston, B.C.

Dear Dr. Carr:

Re Japanese Church Organ

I have a memorandum, advising me that you have taken charge of the organ belonging to the former Steveston Japanese Mission. Would you be good enough to commit that to writing so that it will be on file with other records regarding this congregation. In that way the situation will be well taken care of.

With kindest regards,

I remain,

Yours most sincerely,

WFB/AM



Miss Tait phoned - The Church at Maple Ridge has been broken into & windows broken. Mr Connal & Miss Tait took the stuff up to the Church at Hancey - except one lot of stuff belonging to Mrs Watanabe they did not know what to do with it - whether it is registered with the custodian or not, Miss Tait thinks not. Mr Yamaga wrote & asked Miss Tait to send the Japanese library to Tacoma - it is now at Hancey & she is going up Saturday to pack them - Mr William will call for them. She is sending the Communion Set to Mr Akagawa - she thinks all the other ministers have sets, but she knows he hasn't. The pulpit Bible she is sending to Shimizu as he wanted one.

November 21<sup>st</sup> 1943.



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA  
KASLO JAPANESE MISSION  
REV. K. SHIMIZU, MINISTER

Sandon, B. C.,  
July 16, 1943.

Kaslo, B. C.,  
July 12, 1943

Rev. W.P. Bunt, B.A., B.D.,  
807 Dominion Bank Bldg.,  
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Mr. Bunt:

I enclose herewith, Money Order for Five Dollars. Will you, therefore, send me my trunk left in the attic of Powell Church. If the Money Order is not sufficient to cover the cost of express I will be very glad to send the money. As I have received notice to be repatriated to Japan soon and I am in great need of the trunk so will you please send me the good as soon as you are in receipt of this letter.

Enclosed also, the letter from Rev. Shimizu to you.

Trusting you will give this matter your prompt attention, I remain

Yours very truly,

Yours sincerely,

Hisakichi Suzuki

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Please find it-trunk is covered canvas



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Kaslo, B.C.,  
July 12, 1943

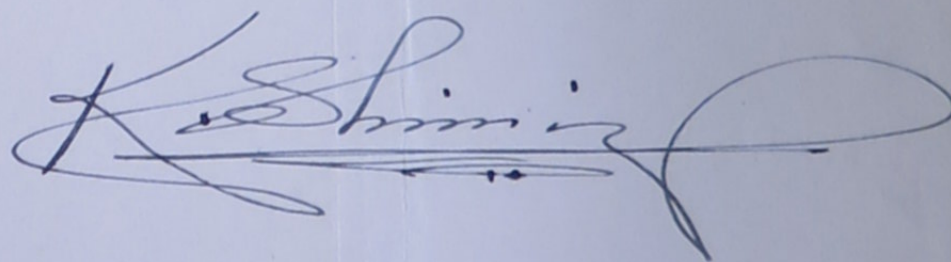
Rev. W. P. Bunt, B.A., B.D.,  
807 Dominion Bank Building,  
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Mr. Bunt:

The bearer of this note, Mr. Hisakichi Suzuki, has been well known to me. He used to stay in the Powell Church dormitory for years, before he went to work at Ocean Falls. Wherever he went, he regarded Powell Church as his own home.

Mr. Suzuki left his belongings in the attic of the Church. He wishes to take some of these with him. Will you let him have an access to his things?

Yours sincerely,



K. Shimizu

HOME MISSIONS SUPERINTENDENT (BUNT)

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HOME MISSIONS SUPERINTENDENT (BUNT)

July 22nd 1943

Mr. Hisakichi Suzuki,  
Sandon, B.C.

Dear Mr. Suzuki:

In the absence of Mr. Bunt from the city, I am acknowledging receipt of your letter of the 16th inst regarding your trunk. I have been in touch with the caretaker of the Powell Street Church, and he is looking after the shipping of your trunk today. I have given him the \$5.00 and as soon as he lets me know how much it cost to ship the trunk, I will write you again.

Trusting the trunk will arrive in good condition.

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

Office Secretary.

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July 23rd 1943

Mr. H. Suzuki,  
Sandon, B.C.

Dear Mr. Suzuki:

I am enclosing receipt for your trunk. The total cost of sending it express was \$7.75. We paid the \$5.00 on account, and the Company said they would collect the balance of \$2.75 from you at Sandon.

I trust this is satisfactory to you, and that your trunk has reached you safely by this time.

Yours sincerely,

Office Secretary.

AM  
Enc.1



July 13th 1943

Mr. Edwards,  
First Church Community House,  
500 Powell Street,  
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Mr. Edwards:

Mr. B. Uyeda, formerly an official of the Powell Street congregation, has my authority to gain admission to the rooms in which the personal effects of the Japanese are stored, in order that he may ship some of the belongings of Mr. Takemitsu Ohora to Kaslo. He also wishes to secure some of the Japanese Bibles, Church Curtains etc., to take with him for use in their church at Kaslo. I am sure you will give him whatever assistance you can in finding these articles.

Yours very sincerely,

Superintendent of Missions.

WPB/AM