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P.O. Box 633  
Cumberland, B.C.

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

Dear Mr. Bunt,

We received an official order to leave this district on 15th(Wed.) by S.S. Prince George from Union Bay. But I am intending to remain behind for 2,3 days to finish up everything and clear the place after people left.

In regard the Mission building, there will be five high school students live in Mission House until they finish their course of this term. B.C.Security Commission would let those students finish their course with special permission. I think it is quite adequate for these boys to live in the Mission house, and also very convenient to the person who will look after these students. Rev. Anderson has already agreed to look after these boys for next two and half months. And I have another two or three prominent men offered to help these boys. Boys are all our member and very steady boys, I am very sure. They are eagerly stay to finish their course, while other thirty students are going with their family.

When the time of they will leave, Rev.Anderson will help them to board up all windows of the building and will instruct them to nail up in proper way.

Please comply what I report in above, with permitting me not letting you know earlier. Because these have come so sudden and I could not have time to report you till today.

Hoping to see you at Vancouver soon,

with my best wishes,

I remain,

Yours truly,

Signed Yoshio Ono.



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January 14th 1942

Rev. Yoshio Ono, B.A.,  
P.O. Box 533,  
Cumberland, B.C.

Dear Mr. Ono,

The noon edition of the papers indicate that fairly drastic action is going to be taken in respect of all enemy aliens in British Columbia, and unfortunately your relationship to this country is such that officially they have to classify you as an enemy alien. I am leaving tomorrow for Toronto to attend a special meeting of the Executive of the Board of Home Missions and if there is anything about which you want to write me, will you send it to Toronto, in care of Dr. George Dorey, 299 Queen Street W., Toronto, 2, Ont.

In the meantime do not waste a minute in the matter of registering as an enemy alien, for it would weaken any defence we might want to put up in your behalf, if you had failed to register.

good,

Trusting that all these things may in the end work together for

I remain,

With kindest regards,

Yours most sincerely,

WTB/AM



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# Cumberland Japanese Mission

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Jan. 20th, 1942.

Rev. W. P. Bunt, B.A. B.D.,  
Superintendent of mission,  
299 Queen Street West,  
Toronto 2, Ont.

Dear Mr. Bunt:-

As you learned in the papers in these days, Federal Government going to move all the Japanese nationals away from the Protected Area, although they have not define that area and have not state the detail yet. I have no doubt it will soon be acted as the war time regulation. I would like to go along with them whenever they remove as I am Japanese national, even if R. C. M. P. could make the exemption in some way for me. I can see a heap of missionary work among my countrymen after they removed more than ever. Furthermore, I could assist Government officials to getting touch with my countrymen in their own language and with their own heart, I mean I would like to act as go-between and make government business smooth with no trouble.

At the same time I should like to get permission of free travell between the point where Japanese will be and their home, so that I could encourage them in this respect and could act as a messenger between them as well as a messenger of Good News of our Lord.

Kindly take immediate consideration regarding this matter with church officials and make a plan for me to ready for Government going to act.

Trusting your Christian spirit,

Truly yours

*Yoshio Ono*



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Feb. 18th, 1942.

Rev. W. P. Bunt,

3861 W. 14th Ave.,  
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Mr. Bunt:

As you learned that the <sup>official</sup> proclamation ordering  
Enemy Ships to leave the protected area by April 1st,  
I am affected as Japanese national. Now I want  
your advice what shall I do, and also I want  
to know how the Church Authority would do on me  
as well as others — as far as I know Mr. Nowoto  
will be affected too —.

As I understand that Dr. Cochrane is  
coming to meet all Japanese ministers on March 16th,  
which I heard from Mr. McWilliams, so it is wise  
to me to wait till then. Am I right?

I still hope that if Home mission could make  
arrangement for me to take up the missionary work  
among swallows as something like chaplaincy.

I will leave everything up to you, and  
will wait for your advice.

Yours very truly  
Yoshio Ono



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February 20th 1942

Rev. Y. Ono, B.A.,  
Cumberland, B.C.

Dear Mr. Ono,

Answering your letter of the 18th, it is not possible as yet to say what will be done regarding our Japanese Pastors, but I would think that where the families of our Christian congregations remain undisturbed, that application for the pastors to remain might possibly be made. As you suggest when Dr. Cochrane is here on the 16th of March, all such matters will be discussed and by that time we should know just how much our Christian people are going to be affected by the military regulations. In the meantime nothing can be done.

I do not think it likely that the Home Mission Board will appoint any chaplains to the camps to which Japanese men may be sent, but of course that should not prevent you doing Christian work among your people in the event of your going with them. At the same time, that can be discussed with Dr. Cochrane.

Yours very sincerely,

JFB/AM