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April 27th, 1942.

G. W. McPherson, Esq.,
c/o P.S. Ross & Sons,
Authorized Representative of
the Custodian of Enemy Property,
Royal Bank Building,
VANCOUVER, B. C.

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Dear Sir:

Attention Mr. Frederick Field

The United Church of Canada are interested in a Church property at Mission, B.C. which is registered in the names of "The Trustees of the Mission City Japanese Congregation of The United Church of Canada." The legal description of the property is Lots 7 and 8, Block 6, of Section 21, Township 17, Map 664, and the title is registered in the Land Registry Office at New Westminster under Certificate of Indefeasible Title No. 138884-E.

This property is held by the Trustees under the provisions of The United Church of Canada Act, being chapter 50 of the Statutes of British Columbia, 1924. We understand that the three Trustees are all Japanese aliens.

We understand that in the case of property held by alien trustees it is the practice of the Custodian to take over and administer the trust property according to the terms of the Trust Deed under which the property is held.

We have received an inquiry from the Associate Secretary of the Board of Home Missions of The United Church of Canada at Toronto as to whether or not you

G.W. McPherson, Esq., - 2 -

April 27th, 1942.

would consent to a transfer from the Trustees of the Japanese Congregation to The United Church of Canada. This would not only carry out the trust involved under The United Church of Canada Act, but would make it a great deal easier to deal with the property. We are instructed that all other Church property held for the benefit of Japanese Congregations in the Province is held by The United Church of Canada.

We should appreciate very much if you would take this matter under consideration and let us have your decision in due course.

Yours very truly,

LAWSON, CLARK & LUNDELL

OFL/MS.

PER:

C. A. Russell

The United Church of Canada

British Columbia Conference

REV. W. P. BUNT, B.A., B.D.
SUPERINTENDENT OF MISSIONS

807 DOMINION BANK BLDG. 207 WEST HASTINGS ST.
VANCOUVER, B.C.

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The Authorised Representative,
of the Custodian of Enemy Properties,
c/o P.S. Ross and Sons,
Royal Bank Building,
675 West Hastings Street,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Re LOTS 7 & 8 BLOCK 6 SECTION 21,
TOWNSHIP 17, MISSION CITY, B.C.

The above is the description of the property of the Mission City Japanese Congregation of the United Church of Canada, about which Mr. Oscar Lundell has written you, with a view to having it transferred to the United Church of Canada. As Mr. Lundell has explained, we desire this transfer in order that the property may be administered along the same lines as all our other Japanese property.

In the meantime, I have had a request from the A.R.P and Civilian Protection Committee of the Village of Mission, for the use of the basement of this church as a First Aid Station, in the event of an air raid. The Mission branch of the A.R.P. will be responsible for any damage done to the property during the period of its occupancy, and will also take care of the boarding up of the basement windows. As there are a number of details to arrange in order that the First Aid Station may be put into working order soon, the Committee is anxious to have permission to proceed with the setting up of a First Aid Station in the basement of this church.

I might say that the Japanese congregation has given its consent to the above use of the property, and I, as Superintendent of Missions for the United Church of Canada, have also agreed. Might I by return of mail have your permission to this arrangement and then I can advise the Committee in Mission City that they are free to proceed in the establishing of their First Aid Station.

May I also say, that I hope that the transfer of the property to the United Church of Canada may be consummated at an early date, as it is the desire of the Trustees of the congregation to have it turned over to the United Church of Canada, and such action would I think lessen the responsibilities which you are carrying in respect of enemy properties.

Thanking you in anticipation of an early reply,

I am,

Yours very truly,

W. P. Bunt

WFB/AM

501 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B. C.,
April 30, 1942.

Messrs. Lawson, Clark & Landell,
Barristers and Solicitors,
Standard Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sirs:

Re: Trustees of the Mission City
Japanese Congregation of the
United Church of Canada

I have your letter of April 27th.

The Custodian will not interfere with the trustees
of this property, regardless of their nationality, taking all
steps necessary to transfer the property from the trustees to
the United Church of Canada.

I have today received a letter from the United Church
of Canada dealing with this matter and I am forwarding them a copy
of this letter.

Yours truly,

(G. W. McPherson)
Authorized Deputy of the Secretary
of State and/or Custodian.

GWMcP/TC.

12190

August 8, 1942.

MEMO TO: MR. IAN McPHERSON
FROM: MR. ALEXANDER

✓ Would you please be good enough to search title to Section 21, Twp. 17, Sub-Division or Block 6, Lots 7 and 8, consisting of two acres in the Corporation of the District of Mission, believed to be registered in the name of the Trustees of Mission Japanese Congregation of the United Church of Canada.

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August 12, 1942.

Mr. Minoru Kudo,
c/o John Kowalski,
Kipp, Alta.

Dear Sir:

We have received a statement of taxes for 1942 from the Corporation of the Village of Mission calling for payment of \$22.85 taxes for 1942 on the property of the Japanese United Church, described as Section 21, Twp 17, Block 6, Lot 7/8, and we note that this tax notice is directed to the Japanese United Church in your care.

We would appreciate your giving this matter your attention. If the Japanese United Church has funds for the payment of these taxes, we would appreciate your arranging to have sufficient funds forwarded to us; alternatively, do you wish to authorize our paying this tax from funds belonging to you and coming under our control if any surplus is available after utilizing your funds for the payment of carrying charges on your own personal property. In order that our files may be complete, would you perhaps be good enough to favor us with the full names of the Japanese trustees of the Japanese United Church in Mission or advise us who is responsible for the payment of carrying charges on the property of the Japanese United Church.

Yours truly,

R. P. Alexander,
Manager.

RPA:MA

#6618 out to Alexander.

Alexander

A. B. CATHERWOOD

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HATZIG, B. C.

J. S. HAIGH

CLERK AND COLLECTOR

MISSION CITY, B. C.

Corporation of the District of
Mission

PHONE 20 P.O. BOX 20

MISSION CITY, B. C.

August, 12th. 1942.

Mr. R. P. Alexander,
Mgr. Japanese Evacuation Section,
Hastings and Granville,
Vancouver, B. C.

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
JAPANESE SECTION

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Dear Sir:-

RE: Trustees of Mission Japanese
Congregation of United Church,
Your File No. 12190.

In answer to your letter of 8th. inst. re above,
may say the tax notice you received was for School tax purposes
only, as the property lies within the boundaries of the VILLAGE
of Mission, you should receive from them tax notice for the land
on this property, with regard to the name of the Trustees,
M. Kudo, is the Secretary, whom the mail goes to.

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Trusting this is the information required.

Yours truly,

J. S. Haigh,
Clerk.

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August 21st, 1942

Mrs. Bourke,
505 7th Street,
Mission, B. C.

Dear Madam:-

Re: JAPANESE UNITED CHURCH
MISSION, B.C.

We understand from Mr. Taylor, Mission,
that Mr. Minoru Kudo, acting Secretary to the above,
and you have made a verbal agreement to the effect
of renting the house located on this property for
\$8.00 per month. Please be advised that as per the
31st of July we would ask you to kindly make your
monthly payments to the Custodian instead of Mr. Tay-
lor. Thanking you for your compliance with our
request, we are

Yours truly,

R. D. Richardson
Manager Farm Dept.

HRC:IF

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1st September, 1942.

Reverend Mr. Redman,
United Church of Canada,
Chilliwack, B.C.

Dear Sir:-

Re: Japanese United Church Mission

Reference is made to the property described as Section 21, Township 17, Block 6, Lots 2 & 3, Municipality of Mission, said to be the property of the Japanese United Church at Mission City, B.C.

We have received a notice from the Corporation of the District of Mission calling for payment before August 31st of the sum of \$14.50 taxes on the property in question and we have also received a tax notice from the Corporation of the Village of Mission calling for payment before July 1st of the sum of \$20.65.

Having referred this matter to Mr. Minoru Kudo who is said to be the Secretary of the Trustees of the Mission Japanese congregation of the Japanese United Church, he advises us that it was his understanding that this property and the Church building thereon was turned over to the United Church of Canada for the duration and that taxes should be looked after by that body.

In conclusion, Mr. Kudo stated that "Mr. Redman, reverent of the Chilliwack United Church was the Secretary of the Presbitery and Rev. Mr. Dunt of the Home Mission Board, Vancouver, the Japanese United Church Superintendent or something will tell you all about the arrangements, so please get in touch with those gentlemen will be the proper steps I think."

We are therefore sending you this letter and are sending a carbon copy to the Rev. Mr. Dunt. We would appreciate your confirming the correctness or otherwise of the statements made by Mr. Kudo and if it has been arranged that the taxes on the property in question are to be paid by the United Church of Canada and you so inform us, we shall be glad to send you relative tax notices for your attention.

Yours truly,

R.P. Alexander,
Manager

HPA:PM

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1st September, 1942.

Mr. Minoru Kudo,
Registration No. 13546,
c/o John Kowalski,
Kipp, Alberta.

Dear Sir:-

Reference is made to that portion of your letter dated August 21st in connection with taxes on the property in Mission of the Japanese United Church.

In accordance with your suggestion we have today dispatched letters to Mr. Redman and Mr. Bunt.

We are replying separately to the last portion of your letter in connection with taxes on your own personal property in Mission.

Yours truly,

R.P. Alexander,
Manager

RPA:FM

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18th September, 1942.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: Japanese United Church, Mission

Further to our letter dated September 17th please now find attached in duplicate tax notice from the Corporation of the District of Mission for \$14.50, addressed to the Trustees of the Mission Japanese Congregation of the United Church of Canada.

It is our understanding that the notice for tax payment of \$14.50 is for school tax purposes only and that the tax notice sent to you for \$20.85 is for taxes on the land assessed by the Village of Mission.

Yours truly,

R. P. Alexander
Manager

RPA:LF

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Chilliwack United Church

(United Church of Canada)

REV. R. A. REDMAN, B. TH.
MINISTER

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
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P. O. Box 254,
Chilliwack, B. C.
Sept. 30th. 1942

R.P. Alexander Esq.,
Manager,
Japanese Evacuation Section,
Office of the Custodian,
Dept. of Sec. of State,
Vancouver B.C.

Dear Sir: Re: Japanese United Church, Mission

Your letter in connection with taxes outstanding on the above property reached me some time ago. I apologize for delaying my answer for so long. I have been away from home for several weeks, and have just returned.

The reason Mr. Kudo referred you to me was that I was Chairman of the Westminster Presbytery for the United Church when the above building was erected and dedicated. I am no longer serving the Church in that capacity.

However, I would refer you to the office of Rev. W.P. Bunt, Dominion Bank Building, Vancouver, for information which you seek. My understanding is that all church property formerly used by the Japanese people is now in the hands of our Home Mission Board in Toronto. Mr. Bunt is our B.C. representative of that Board.

Faithfully yours,

R. A. Redman

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File #110

January 12th, 1943.

MEMORANDUM

TO: MR. RUSSELL

FROM: MR. K. V. WRIGHT

Re: Trustees of the Mission City Japanese
Congregation of the United Church of Canada.

Some days ago you spoke to me about vesting lands be-
longing to the Japanese Congregation of the United Church of
Canada.

The case of the Mission City Japanese Congregation
of the United Church of Canada came to my attention by reason of
a memo addressed to Miss Carroll by Mr. Ian MacPherson under
date of 1st ult. - our file 110. I addressed a memo to Mr.
G. W. MacPherson suggesting withdrawal of the vesting certificate
and on the 8th ult. we sent a cancellation of registration to
the Registrar.

There may be some helpful information on our file
which is attached, and I would refer you to a letter from
Messrs. Lawson, Clark and Lundell dated April 27th, 1942 to
Mr. G. W. MacPherson and letter from the Superintendent of Missions,
dated April 29th, 1942, addressed to Custodian of Enemy Property.

K. V. WRIGHT

KVW/v
Attach.

July 29, 1943.

MEMORANDUM - MR. GOOD

There is a debit balance of \$1.00 in the ledger covering Enemy File No. 110, being the cost of the Certificate of Encumbrance on the property of the Trustees of the Mission City Congregation of the United Church of Canada".

Please clear the account, charging the \$1.00 in question to administration expenses. The property is not Japanese owned but belongs to the United Church of Canada for whom it was held in trust by the Trustees of the Mission City Japanese Congregation of the United Church of Canada.

RPA:MA

Int. 110

July 29, 1943.

Messrs. Lawson, Clark & Lundell,
Barristers and Solicitors,
Standard Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sirs:

Re: Trustees of the Mission City
Congregation of the United Church of Canada

Since receiving your letter dated December 10th, 1942, we do not appear to have received any further word from you regarding the matter of transfer of title of property known as Lots 7 and 8 of Block 6 of Section 21, Township 17, District of New Westminster, from the name of "The Trustees of the Mission City Japanese Congregation of the United Church of Canada" to "The United Church of Canada" in connection with which Mr. G. W. McPherson wrote you originally on April 30, 1942.

Would you please let us know if the transfer has now been made, failing which, how the matter now stands. The Custodian's Certificate of Vesting on the property was cancelled more than six months ago and we are anxious to close our file in this connection.

Yours truly,

R. P. Alexander,
Manager.

RPA:MA

File No: Int. 110

July 29, 1943.

MEMORANDUM -- MR. GREEN

Attached is Enemy File No. 110.

In view of the ownership of the church situated on Lots 7 and 8 of Block 6 of Section 21, Township 17, District of New Westminster, standing in the name of the Trustees of the Mission City Japanese Congregation of the United Church of Canada, please note that the property should not be used by the Custodian for storage purposes.

Noted
[Signature]

RPA:MA

Lawson, Clark & Lundell

Barristers, Solicitors, Etc.

James H. Lawson, Mr. George S. Clark

Oscar F. Lundell

TELEPHONE MARINE 6338

CABLE ADDRESS "LAWCLA"

Standard Bank Bldg.

Vancouver, B. C.

August 10, 1943.

Department of the Secretary
Office of the Custodian,
Japanese Evacuation Section,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

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Dear Sirs:

Re: Trustees of the Mission City
Congregation of the United Church
of Canada.

We have your letter of the 29th July.

We have finally received instructions to
arrange for the conveyance of the property from the Trustees
to The United Church of Canada and the requisite resolution
has been passed by the Executive Committee of the British
Columbia Conference.

We shall let you know when this matter
is finally disposed of.

Yours very truly,

LAWSON, CLARK & LUNDELL,

PER:

[Signature]

OFL/MS.

Emergency File No 110

Lawson, Clark & Lundell
Barristers, Solicitors, Etc.

James H. Lawson, M.A. George S. Clark
Chas. F. Lundell

TELEPHONE MARINE 5335

CABLE ADDRESS "LAWSON"

EVACUATION SECTION

Rec'd OCT 1 1943

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Standard Bank Bldg.

Vancouver B.C.

September 30, 1943

Dept. of the Secretary of State,
Office of the Custodian,
Japanese Evacuation Section,
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B.C.

Rec'd OCT 4 1943

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MR. Peers

Dear Sirs:

Re: Trustees of the Mission City
Congregation of the United Church
of Canada.

Referring to your letter of the 12th
August in this matter, we have today received Certificate
of Title No. 163212E in the name of The United Church of
Canada covering the property herein.

Yours very truly,

LAWSON, CLARK & LUNDELL,

PER:

Bill Mac

OFL/MS.

October 18th, 1945

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

Dear Sir:

With reference to our telephone conversation of the 16th instant we enclose our cheque for \$4.60 in favour of the United Church of Canada. This amount represents the refund of the B. C. Electric Railway Company Limited security deposit for light, deposit number 83138-10/34, Japanese United Church, River Road, Port Haney, account number 5310/4078.

Yours very truly,



B. Good
Comptroller

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Encl.

REAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

File No. Int. 110

TRUSTEES OF THE MISSION CITY JAPANESE CONGREGATION
OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

The above were the registered owners holding Certificate of Title 134884-E of Lots 7 and 8, Block 6 of Section 21, Township 17, Map 664, Village of Mission, D.N.W. Title was clear of encumbrances registered, and of any unregistered so far as file shows.

Japanese interest in the property was vested by filing 24958 vacated 10th December, 1942.

In a letter dated 27th April, 1942, Lawson, Clark & Lundell, on behalf of the Home Missions of the United Church of Canada, inquired if the Custodian would consent to a transfer of the property from the Trustees to the United Church, the property being held, it was stated, by the Trustees for the Church. The Custodian replied on the 30th April that such transfer would not be opposed. On the 30th September, 1943, the Custodian was advised that transfer had been completed and that Certificate of Title 163212-E had been issued to the United Church of Canada.

It was reported that the house on the church land had been rented by the Mission Secretary, Minoru KUDO, to a Mrs. Rourke at \$8.00 per month. Mr. KUDO was asked for particulars of this occupation on the 21st August, 1942. No reply is on file, and no rent was paid in to the Custodian. The sole ledger entry is a charge of \$1.00 for Certificate of Encumbrance, which charge was transferred to Administration account.

Accruing taxes and insurance were dealt with by the United Church.

The above summary is certified
to be in accordance with the
information on file.

DATED: 10th Oct. 1947.
IM:HA

I. Macpherson
I. MACPHERSON.