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Christ Church of Chicago



A Celebration of Faith

1948-1998

FOREWARD

On our fiftieth anniversary, let us take a moment to reflect on who we are and where we have been. When you look back over our years together you understand that we are truly a family of families whose lives have been tied to each other through the church. We have grown old together. We have been children together, we have raised our own children together and we have grown old together. We have lived together in the life of our church.

There has been much joy. There has been much sacrifice. There has been much sorrow. But through it all, the work of the church has continued by the steadfast commitment of those who have held it together with their loving concern. They are the rock upon which this church has been built. At this time it is only appropriate for us to say thank you, to those who have done, to those who do, and to those who will continue to carry on the work of our church, and the work of our family.

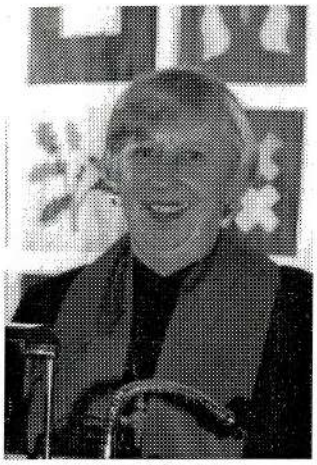
The church has been a blessing and a labor of love. It is a place for us to share our joys and concerns and to find guidance and strength. In our faith and in our support for each other we can take pleasure in the strength that derives from the love that we share. May our church continue to be a family of families and a place for us to find joy, good fellowship and trusting faith in God.

50 years

A Celebration of Faith

50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION SYMBOL

This symbol represents the 50 years of Christ Church of Chicago. The cross in the center represents the faith that binds our church members to each other and beyond, to the community and to the world. The circle itself shows no beginning and no end...it is life everlasting.



Reverend Bobbie Taylor

DEAR FRIENDS,

As I greet you on this most joyful occasion of the Fiftieth Anniversary of Christ Church of Chicago, I am reminded of the first verse of Psalm 100: "Make a joyful noise to the Lord all the lands! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into God's presence with singing!" For fifty years this congregation has been making a joyful noise to the Lord and serving the Lord with gladness.

We must give thanks to the Issei who through their determination and strong faith have rooted us in the traditional values of:

gaman - not self pity, but to carry on in the face of disaster
giri - the personal obligation to develop a social conscience
on - doing something for those you love

and thus have given us a heritage that is filled with love, compassion, and dignity. Through their commitment and hard work, their dream of having a vital church became a reality.

We must give thanks to the Nisei who not only carried on the dream of the Issei, but shaped and molded their own vision of what the church should be. Through their prayers, words and deeds, the church grew and became a shining light in the larger community as they witnessed God's love through their mission and their programing. Their joyful noise and their service to others manifested their deep faith in a gracious and merciful God.

We must give thanks to the Sansei, who like all of those who came before them hear God's call to serve others in the name of Christ. It is through their love of the church, their openness to God's spirit, and their diligent efforts that the church continues to grow and to be alive with the sounds of joyful praise and thanksgiving.

As we look ahead to the next 50 years, it is my hope and my prayer that as God's faithful people we will meet the challenges that lie ahead knowing that God is within us and among us to show us the way; that we give God thanks for all that has been and all that is yet to come; that we always make a joyful noise unto our God and serve the One who has brought us thus far with gladness.

Grace and Peace,
Bobbie Taylor

A TRIBUTE TO OUR VISIONARIES: THE ISSEI

"If we do not honor our past,
we lose our future.

If we destroy our roots,
we cannot grow." (By Werner Hofman Hundertwasser)

From the humble beginnings in an apartment in Chicago in 1946, after arriving from different concentration camps, euphemistically called relocation centers, our forerunners, the Issei, felt a strong need to get together to worship Jesus Christ. Their strength and dedication to the family and to their faith provided the roots and inspiration for not only their fellowship to grow but bore the seeds for the birth of an English speaking Nisei group of faithful followers of Jesus Christ. The Nisei group, inculcating the strong faith in family and Jesus Christ of the Issei, founded Christ Congregational Church in April of 1948.

Christ Church of Chicago, as the group is known today, has benefited greatly from all that went on before. Christ Church of Chicago is looking forward to the next 50 years with the same dedication, inspiration, joy and faith as our Issei and Nisei founders envisioned and experienced.

FOUNDERS OF NIHONGO-BU

Fukui, Sato
Kuramoto, Masayoshi & Aiko
Kushino, Tetsuzo & Shime
Ozawa, Kaname (Henry)
Suzuki, Yutaka
Kashima, Rinko
Kushino, Otokichi & Iwa
Nakayama, Hanbei & Yoshino
Suzuki, Michi
Matsumoto, Keisuke & Tomoko
Katsuno, Shingi & Chieko
Kushino, Riichi & Kikuno
Oyama, Toshiko
Suzuki, Takeshi & Aiko

EARLIEST PHOTOGRAPH OF NIHONGO-BU



Seated (Front Row):
Riichi Kushino, visitor, Kaname Ozawa, Masayoshi Kuramoto, Otokichi Kushino, Tokuhei Iijima, Keisuke Matsumoto, Tatsuro Ide, Sada Ide, Sadao Tanaka.
Seated (Second Row):
Torakichi Kashima, visitor, visitor, Dr. Toraji Makino, Rev. George Aki, Iwa Kushino, Chieko Katsuno, Tomoe Iijima.
Standing (Third Row):
Yutaka Suzuki, Takajiro Oyama, Haruye Kato, visitor, Hanako Miura, Hanbei Nakayama, Michi Suzuki, Aiko Kuramoto, Aiko Suzuki, visitor, Yoshino Nakayama, Shime Kushino, Sato Fukui, Hauko Aki, Takeshi Suzuki.
Standing (Back Row):
Clarence Miura, Morimoto, Rinko Kashima, Mieko Nasu, Chito Hashimoto, Kikuno Kushino, visitor, Toshiko Oyama, Tsune Kadonaga.

HISTORY OF CHRIST CHURCH

(As taken from Christ Church of Chicago's Celebration/25 brochure)

ISSEI CHURCH

The history of Christ Church actually started 52 years ago with the forming of the Issei Church.

With 16 members, the Issei held their first meeting on May 12, 1946 at the late Mr. O. Kushino's apartment building located at 856 Wilson Avenue and were known as the Chicago Union Church.
From November 10, 1946, Epworth Methodist Church became their place of worship for the next 7 years.

In the fall of 1947, the Issei met with a representative from the Chicago Congregational Union to initiate a meeting to discuss the possibility of starting a Nisei Church. Through their encouragement, a number of Nisei, mostly sons and daughters of the Issei, met and decided to meet the challenge.

One question that was thoroughly discussed in the ensuing meetings with the Congregational Union was whether there was an actual need for a Nisei, ethnic church within an area where many churches already existed. It was pointed out that there were many Japanese Christians and others who did not attend church regularly.

With the help of the Chicago Missionary Society, then known as the Congregational Union, its able General Director, the late Dr. Neil E. Hansen and the Rev. John Schwenke, a constitution was drafted describing the function and purpose of this unique "compound church."

BEGINNINGS OF NISEI CHURCH

On April 11, 1948, the first Nisei service with 29 members was held in the conference room of the Congregational Union offices located in the YMCA building at 19 South LaSalle Street, with Rev. Schwenke presiding.

Spring of 1948 found the church feeling its way, experimenting and learning. Services during the ensuing months were planned and conducted by the members with guest speakers provided by the Congregational Union. Mr. Harou Ishimaru, who had experience in youth work and in other churches, provided much of the guidance and leadership during this time.

In order to function as a church that was to realize its fullest potential, as a spiritual body and as a force within a community, Christ Congregational Church needed the spiritual and professional leadership of an ordained minister. A search culminated in calling the Rev. George Aki from Fresno, California, to become the first pastor and spiritual leader. From the time of his arrival in March 1949, the church flourished.

With steadily growing membership and a number of friends, we found 19 South LaSalle inadequate. A move was made to Olivet Institute, where a larger worship room was available with extra classrooms for the church school. Despite the rented quarters, where members were compelled to bring everything for the worship from their homes (church calendar, notices, programs, Bibles, linen for the altar, candles, the altar set and church school material every Sunday), Christ Congregational Church grew. Within the short span of 5 years, membership increased from 29 to 139 plus 23 non-resident members. Enrollment of the church school increased to about 90 children.

It soon became apparent that our facilities were again inadequate and the building committee made a renewed effort to find a permanent home. A building that would fit our needs was found and was presented to and was approved by the Chicago Missionary Society on November 8, 1953.

On March 16, 1954, the Temple Emanuel was purchased for $50,000. The first service, a joint Issei-Nisei service was held on March 28, 1954.

The dedication service was held on May 2, 1954, and was the beginning of tremendous growth, not only in members but, in Christian service dedicated to the principle of serving the needs of the heavily populated Issei-Nisei residence in the neighborhood.

In 1958, Christ Congregational Church became completely financially independent. Up to 1958, it had received yearly assistance from Congregational Christian Conference of Illinois, Board of Home Missions and Winnetka Congregational Church.

On April 23, 1961, Christ Congregational Church voted and approved the proposed merger of the Illinois Congregational Conference with the Evangelical & Reformed Church and its constitution. The actual merger of the two groups took place February 4-5, 1964, at a consolidated meeting held at the Oak Park Congregational Church.

May 24, 1970, a constitutional amendment was approved to change the corporate name to Christ Church of Chicago, United Church of Christ.

Due to the cost of maintaining the church coupled with reduction in membership, the church was sold and the last service held at Buckingham was on Easter Sunday, April 19, 1987.

JASC became the home for Christ Church of Chicago with the opening service held on April 26, 1987.

In September of 1988, Christ Church of Chicago signed an agreement with Bethany United Church of Christ located at 4250 Paulina Street, Chicago, Illinois.. Christ Church of Chicago's new address became 1713 W. Cullom, Chicago, Illinois. Christ Church has its own chapel, a church office, the pastor's study, a multi-purpose room, a classroom and space for storage. All the facilities of Bethany Church are available for use to Christ Church upon request.

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO OUR NISEI FOUNDERS

Recognizing the need for themselves and friends, the Nisei Founders came together to form Christ Congregational Church in April of 1948. From humble beginnings as previously noted, this group of dedicated Christians forged ahead to create a climate of worship open to all who believed in Jesus.

In the beginning with most members having families with young children, the church life consisted of worship, Sunday School, confirmation classes and family oriented activities including luncheons, picnics, and sports, i.e., baseball and basketball.

The Nisei Founders from the inception created a family commitment to each other that is still going strong. We thank them for their courage and their steadfast faith which has culminated in this 50th Anniversary!



Active members of Christ Church of Chicago as of April 5, 1998.
Seated - Cherie Nakayama, June Kushino Betty Ezaki.
Standing - Henry Suzuki, Joe Nakayama, George Ozawa.
Not pictured–Betty Kushino and Henry Fukui.

The following are the Nisei Founders as reported to us. We apologize if there are others who have been omitted in this recognition.

David Arakawa
Eva E. Arakawa
Betty Ezaki
Jim Ezaki
Gene Doi
Mike Doi
Henry Fukui
Dorothy Ikeda
Harry Ishida
Joy Kashima
Betty T. Kitsuse
Betty Kushino
June Kushino
Kenji Kushino
Yuki Kushino
Chiyo Kusumoto
Edward Maehara
Ruth K. Maehara
Kazuo Matsuda
Ellen Matsumoto
Shigeki Matsumoto
Shinro Matsumoto
Mary Miyasaki
Kazuma Nagai
Cherie Nakayama
Frances Nakayama
Joe Nakayama
Barbara Oda
Dick Ogino
George Ozawa
James Ozawa
Mary Ozawa
Thomas Ozawa
Nancy Shimotsu
Shiote Shimotsu
Henry Suzuki
Hide Tokumasu
Fusa Tsumagari
Dorthy Umezawa

THE NIHONGO-BU CHURCH

Ever since the inception of the Nihongo-Bu Church in 1946, the church carried on a very active church life with Sunday services, outings and retreats. The Nihongo-Bu Church during the years up to most recentl were an integral part of Christ Church of Chicago. For many occasions, both groups held joint services as well as celebrations and banquets.



An early Nihongo-Bu Church Photograph

Identification of members by row:

Row #1 (bottom row) Yuko Nasu, Sato Fukui, Yaye Katayama, Haruko Aki, Shime Kushino

Row#2 Hanbei Nakayama, visitor, Otokichi Kushino, Rev. Hanabusa, Hoshiga, Andy Takaya Kaname Ozawa, Yukio Hashiguchi

Row#3 (Top Row) visitor, Mieko Nasu, Rinko Kashima, Yoshino Nakayama, Ko Nakagi, Kikuno Kushino, Hatsuyo Kita, Masuko Tanaka, Chieko Katsuno, visitor.

CHRIST CHURCH MINISTERS

Each one of our ministers has played an important role in shaping who we are as a church and how we live out God's dream in the world. Each name evokes fond memories of former days and different stages in our lives and in the life of our church. *Blessed are the ministers!*

1949 - 60 George Aki
1961 - 63 George Nishimoto
1964 - 67 Tsuneo Miyashiro
1967 - 71 Keith Torney
1972 - 78 Neal McPherson
1980 - 81 William Hirshfeld
1981 - 86 Edward Biegert (part time)
1987 - 90 David Hirano
1990 - 95 Sharon Thornton
1995 - 96 Joseph Liang
10/96 - present Barbara Taylor

INTERIM MINISTERS

1960 Dr. Edgar Ross
1960 - 61 Melvin Soltau
1963 - 64 Quentin Leisher
1967 Quentin Leisher
1971 - 72 Richard Chrisman
1979 Frank Minton
1981 David Swartz
1986 - 87 George Sanders
1987 Jack Robinson
1990 - 91 Sharon Thornton

ISSEI MINISTERS

Kiyoshi Ishikawa
Mitsutaka Ueno
Toraji Makino
Hayato Yamamura
Chukichi Yasuda
Yu Sugise
Masaru Takahashi
Yasuke Hidaka
George Hanabusa
Giichi Yonekura
Sozo Koike
Kazuo Andy Takaya
Yoshitaka Goh
Hirohide Koshikawa
Ichiro Sato

MODERATOR

The moderator is the chairperson of the Church Council and presides at the annual and special church meetings. The moderator coordinates the work of all the Church Boards and assists the minister with his/her work.
Thank you to those who have graciously served as our moderators.

1948 - Henry Suzuki
1949 - Kaz Nagai
1950 - June Kushino
1951 - June Kushino
1952 - Unknown
1952 - Joe Nakayama
1953 - Yuri Tajima
1954 - Tay Nagai
1955 - Henry Suzuki
1956 - Tosh Hirabayashi
1957 - Hide Tokumatsu
1958 - Kiyo Ikenaga
1959 - Jack Okawara
1960-63 - Kiyo Ikenaga
1964-66 - Richard Hikawa
1967-69 - Joe Nakayama
1970-72 - Roy Hanaoka
1973 - Ken Katahira
1974-77 - Unknown
1978-79 - Jim Shikami
1979 - Frank Shimizu
1980-81 - Mary Terada
1982-83 - Ben Yamagiwa
1984-87 - Unknown
1988-89 - Ben Yamagiwa
1989-91 - Julie Nakamura Buto
1992-95 - Henry Suzuki
1996-97 - Ben Yamagiwa



MESSAGE FROM THE MODERATOR, BEN YAMAGIWA

(My heartfelt thanks to our Vice-Moderator, Minoru Saito, for his able leadership of the Church Council during my hospital stay and recovery due to a stroke in November, 1997.)

How time flies! Here it is, 50 years since Christ Church was organized and conducted its first service at the YMCA building on LaSalle Street. It seems like a dream and I feel fortunate that I am able to participate in this celebration.

The Nisei are truly indebted to the Issei who had the foresight to start this church and to later help us Nisei guide it's growth. Taking a line from one of our past ministers, the scripture from the book of Exodus tells us that the Jews were brought out of the bondage in Egypt to freedom in Israel. The Issei and Nisei, too, were held in bondage in the interment camps and came here to seek freedom and a new life for their families. For the Issei, this may have been their second Exodus, the first when they left Japan at an early age, with little money, and no ability to speak English.

And upon, coming to the shores of the U.S., and for many years afterwards, they were confronted with only racism and discrimination.

The core group of Issei who began our church came from Christian churches on the West Coast: the San Diego Congregational Church, the Pasadena Christian Church, and from the Santa Barbara Church, to name a few. They started out as a simple bible class in the basement of Otto Kushino's apartment building located on Hazel and Wilson Avenues, in the Uptown neighborhood. Their first bible teacher was the Rev. Kiyoshi Ishikawa. Within a short period of time the bible class grew and they had to find a larger place to meet. Eventually they met at the Epworth Methodist Church, at 5200 Kenmore Avenue, where they began Sunday worship services. In the meantime, Mr. Kushino was working with Neil Hanson, Executive Director of the Chicago Missionary Society, now called the Chicago Renewal Society, to aid us in starting a Nisei congregation. This came to realization in 1948, and the first Nisei service was held at 19 S, LaSalle St. at the YMCA building.

1948 has now become 1998. And as I think upon our 50th anniversary, I am reminded our basement beginnings, the faith of our Issei which has brought us here, and am thankful for God's grace and blessings on us and our church. To everyone - young and old, new members and old members, Issei through Gosei, - Harry Anniversary!

Ben Yamagiwa
Moderator



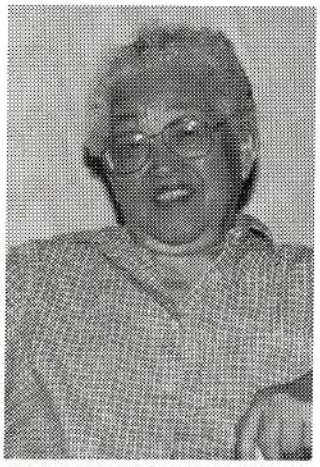
REVEREND BARBARA TAYLOR

The Reverend "Bobbie" Taylor has been at Christ Church since October, 1996. She received her Masters of Divinity from Chicago Theological Seminary in 1991, and held previous positions as Associate Pastor at St. Peter's UCC in Elmhurst and at First Congregational Church in Wilmette.

Bobbie was born in Watertown, Wisconsin and grew up here in the Midwest. She and her husband, Bob, reside in Wilmette, Illinois. They have three children...Ann Kathryn, married to Manfred Steiner, Jennifer, married to Jim Snyder, and Peter.

THE CHURCH STAFF

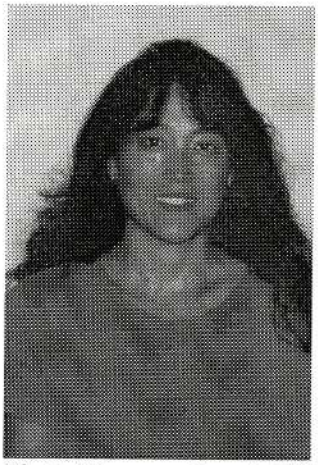
How fortunate we have been to have a dedicated, conscientious staff who often go beyond the call of duty to make sure the work of the church is done. They, themselves, may not always be highly visible, but it is because of their work that the church functions so well week after week and year after year. We thank these people for the time they have given and the talents they have shared.



Secretary - Chiz Yamagiwa



Treasurer - Fay Kadowaki



Choir Director - Sunnie Hikawa



Pianist - Craig Parsons



Sexton - John Takemoto



Church Council

Seated - Peggy Mita, Dahlia Toyama, Rev. Bobbie Taylor, Ben Yamagiwa (Moderator), Elaine Kaneshiro, Jackie Nitahara.

Standing - Gary Fujiwara, Aya Fukuda, James Mita, Toshi Oda, Kiyo Takemoto, Minoru Saito (Vice-Moderator), Fay Kadowaki.



Diaconate

Seated - Lois Shikami, Mary Terada (Chairwoman), Rev. Bobbie Taylor, Tomi Shimojima, Miyeko Nakao.

Standing - Tom Okawara, Sandy Parsons, Minoru Saito, Kiyo Takemoto.
Not pictured–Kent Ijichi



Christian Education

Seated - Nancy Takagi, Janette Koga, Rev. Bobbie Taylor, Suzanne Ogawa, Elaine Kaneshiro.

Standing - Jackie Nitahara, Susan Yamanaka, Robin Hirano.

Not pictured–Donna Fujiwara and Sharon Hidaka



Trustees

Seated - Kim Watanabe, Fay Kadowaki, Chieko Kimura.

Standing - John Takemoto, Ron Morimoto, Gary Fujiwara, Scott Nitahara.

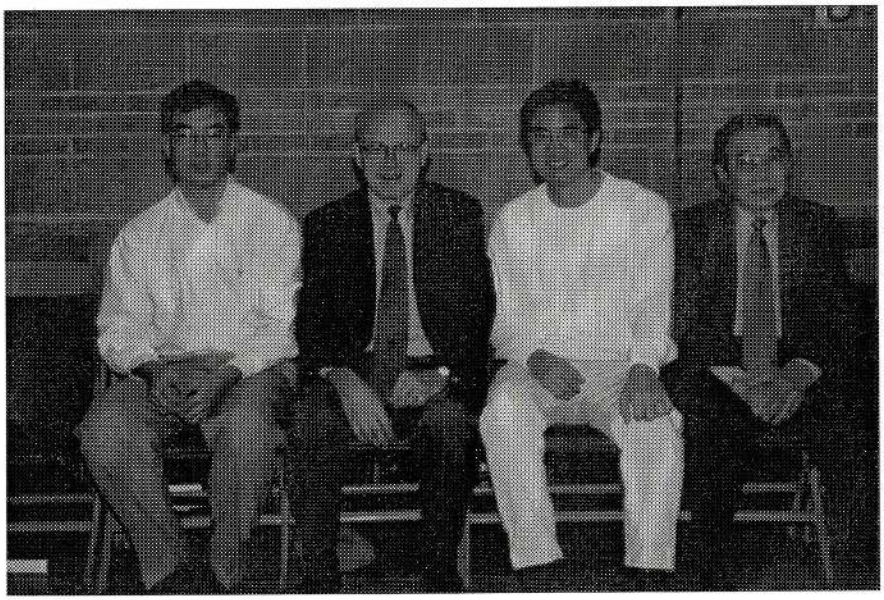
Not pictured–Mo Nakamura



Woman's Fellowship

Seated - Dahlia Toyama, Kim Watanabe, Fay Kadowaki, Miyeko Nakao, Toshi Oda.

Standing - Aya Sato, June Kushino, Rosie Kawakami, Jean Kawako, Harriet Ito, Frances Sugai, Peggy Mita.



Investment Group

Gary Fujiwara, Robert Taylor, Scott Nitahara, Henry Fukui.

Not pictured–Sat Takemoto

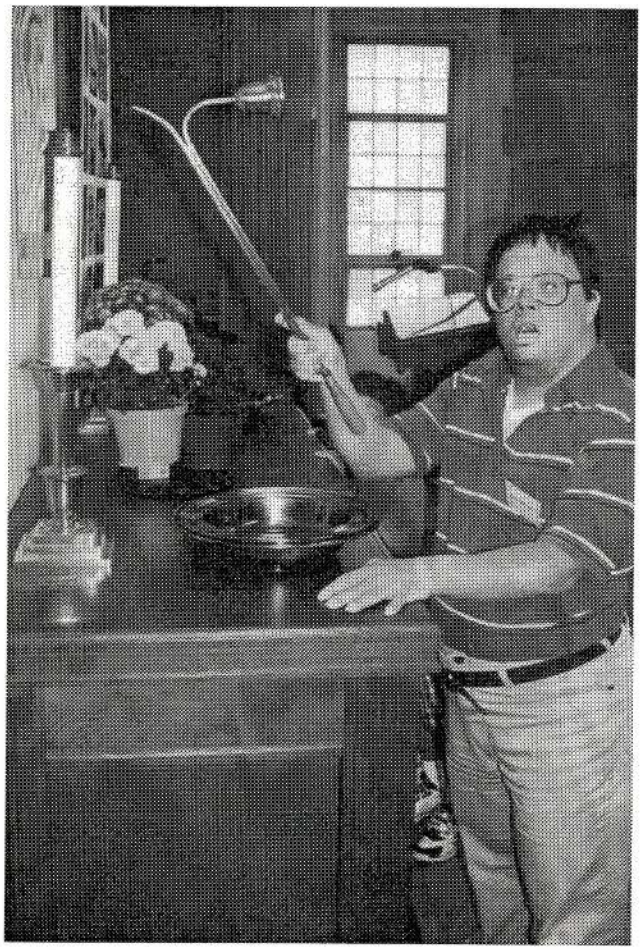

Fusa Matsuoka

THE PASSAGE

The Passage got its start in 1950, with Henry Suzuki as its first editor. Thereafter followed a long series of editors who took the position for a year: Sachi Morita, Don Ikeda, Jack Okawara, Aiko Suzuki, George Hirata and George Nakamura, Kiyo Ikenaga, Flora Tanaka, Martha Hikawa, Aya and Mak Fukuda, Aya Fukuda, Marian Osakada, Fay Kadowaki, Dorothy Ito, Seesue Shintani, Alyce Yamanaka, Rose Kaihatsu, Susan Ozawa, and Jim Shikami. We also had a series of members and their families who volunteered to do the collating and mailing for all the past 48 years.

But if anyone deserves a ***Baby Pulitzer***, it is our current ***Passage*** editor, Fusa Matsuoka. A more conscientious and dedicated writer , you will not find. Except for a hiatus of 3 years, Fusa has been putting out an edition 10 - 11 times a year since 1979! Through personal good times and bad, she has spent countless hours shaping up our often pretty rough copy into polished articles. "It's all for the Church", says Fusa.

(Just after these words of praise were written, Fusa was faced with serious health problems in November. Fortunately, if not miraculously, Tom Okawara quickly and thoughtfully offered to help out. He has been hard at work since December, bringing us not only his creative talents but his computer expertise as well. May God shine his blessing on both Fusa and Tom.)


David Tamanaha

WORSHIP SERVICE

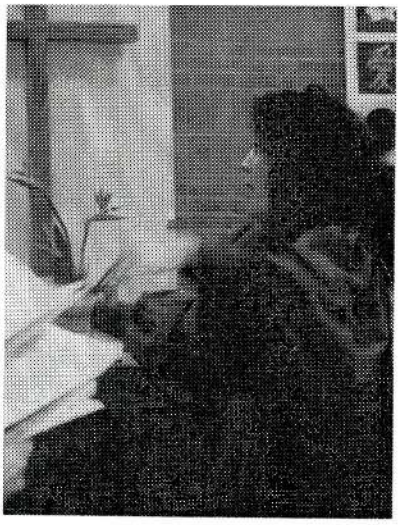
"Dependable"..."dedicated"..."reliable"...and "fun"... are just a few words that come to mind when we think of ***David Tamanaha*** and his participation and importance to our worship service. David, who is thirty-three years old, has served as an usher almost every Sunday for the past ten years. He "enjoys the responsibilities and takes pride in being an usher as well as being a part of the Tri-C church family!"

CHOIR

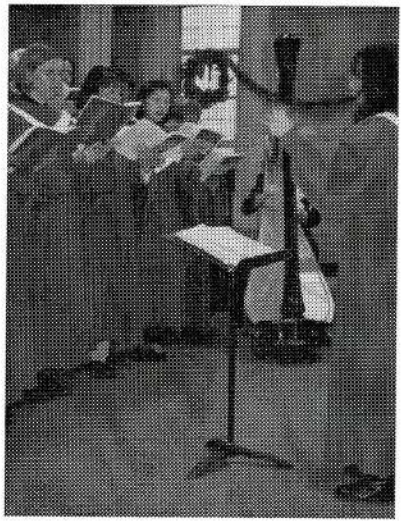


Seated - Mary Terada, Frances Sugai, Sandy Parsons, Dorothy Ito, Sachi Suzuki, Janette Koga, Cherie Nakayama, Mae Watanabe.

Standing - Elaine Kaneshiro, Chieko Kimura, Tay Nagai, Kent Ijichi, Henry Suzuki, Bob Taylor, Darrell Kaneshiro, Sunnie Hikawa. Not pictured – Makoto Ibusuki, Mak Fukuda, Randy Tressler







Throughout the past 50 years Christ Church has been blessed with the sounds of beautiful music. Week after week our faithful choirs have filled our sanctuary with spirit and song!

As we think back through the years, we remember those who directed and accompanied the choirs...Louise Lar...Emmanuel Eckert...Carol Bacon...Thomas Cooney...Art Trebian...George Estevez...Cecelia Raske... David Mayer...Mary Fukui... Judy Torney...Mary Terada...so many talented musicians!

But since the 1970's, we have been blessed with the special musical gifts of Sunnie Hikawa and Craig Parsons. They are an extraordinary team who teach and prod and push the choir members to lofty heights...with grace and patience and humor! Special honors also go to Cherie Nakayama and Henry Suzuki who sang in the first Church Choir and continue to do so today!!!

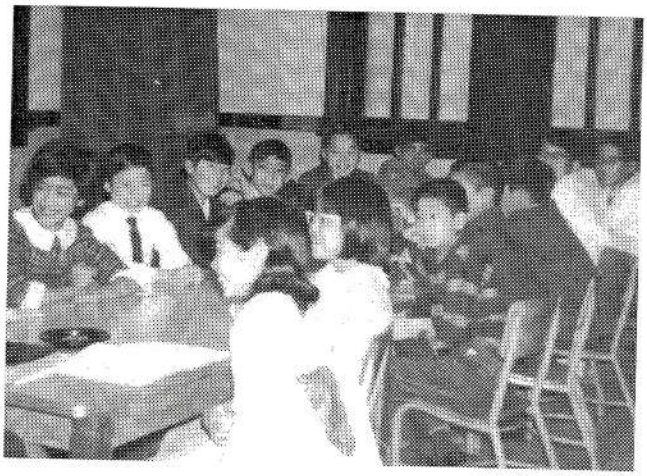
We give thanks for the time, talent and dedication of all the people who have inspired us through song!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

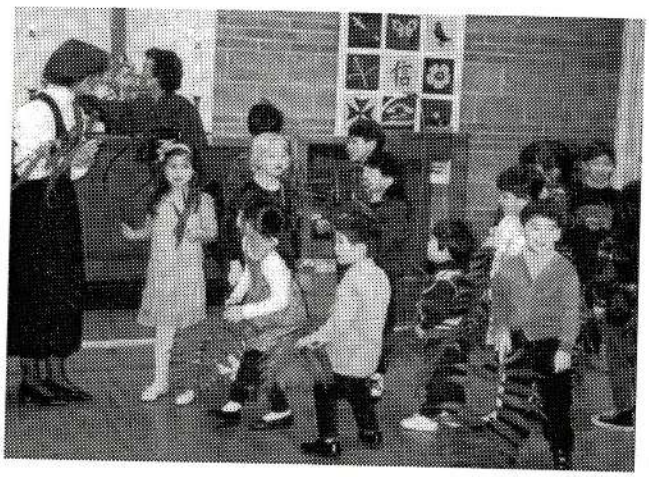
The presence of a Sunday School at Christ Church at any given time in our 50 year history, has generally been a reflection of the church membership and the number of active members.

In August of 1949, our first Church school opened its doors to three children. Over the next two decades the church nursery school steadily expanded, and at its peak in the 1960's, the Sunday School had 300 children enrolled in 14 classes! In later years our church experienced "lean" years and our active membership declined, and as a result the Sunday School eventually dissolved. However in the late 1980's-early 1990's our church experienced a "rebirth" as young adults began to come back to Tri-C with children of their own. The youngsters numbered only a few at first and they varied in age, but it was a beginning and a ray of hope for the future of our church.

As this new generation of children began to come to church it became apparent that the church needed to provide some children's programming. Rev. Hirano encouraged the church members to start a Sunday School even if for only a few. The feeling was . . . "start a Sunday School and they will come"... And come they did! Our current Sunday school has over 60 children enrolled in four classes and a nursery. The children bring youthful energy and enthusiasm into our church family. They are an integral part of our collective faith journey as they participate and often lead us in our worship services. As new families join our church and more youngsters come to Sunday School we may very well be on our way to having history repeat itself with a large active membership and a church school "bursting at the seams!"





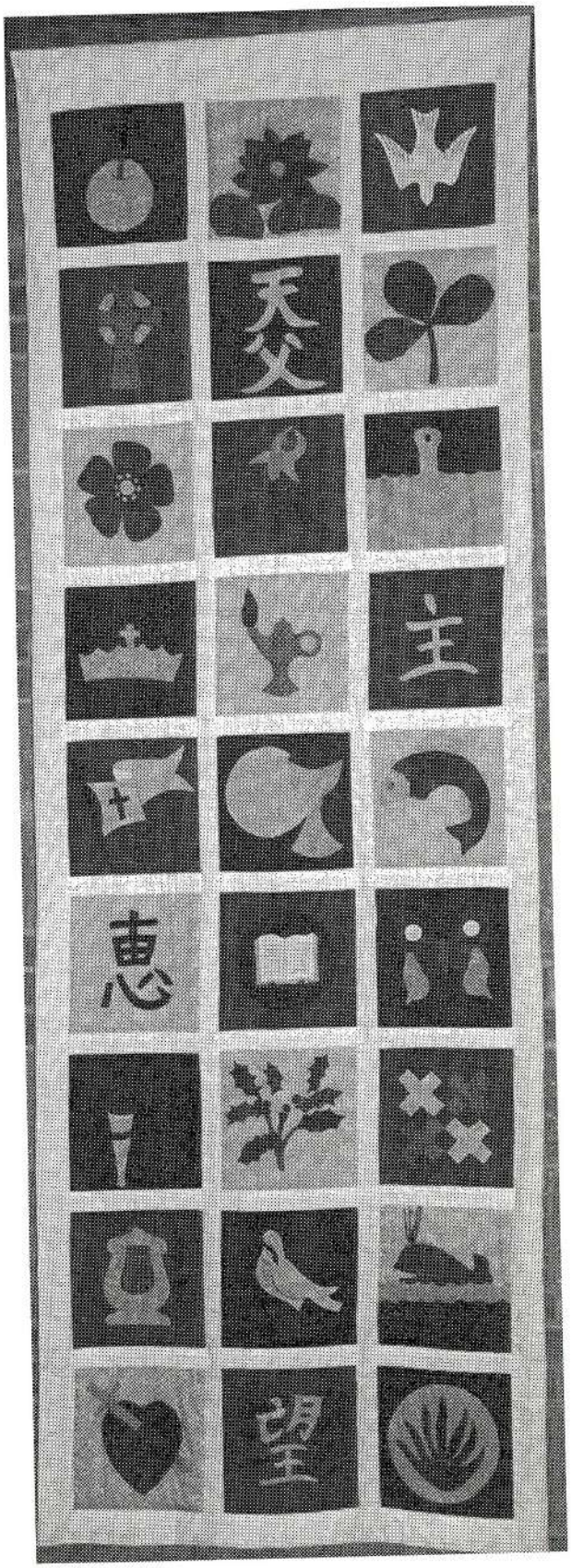




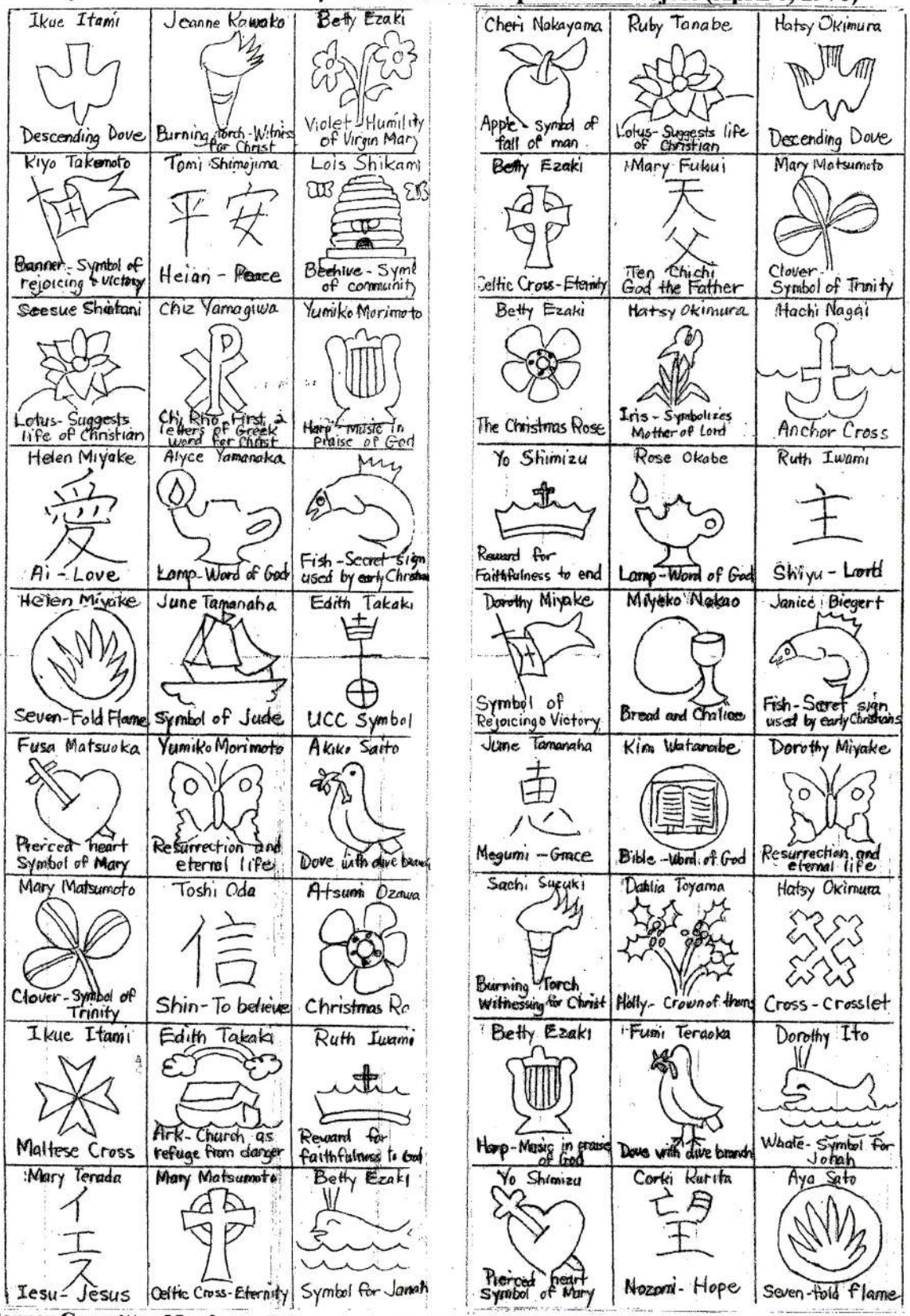
CHRIST CHURCH OF CHICAGO BANNERS

Wall Banners





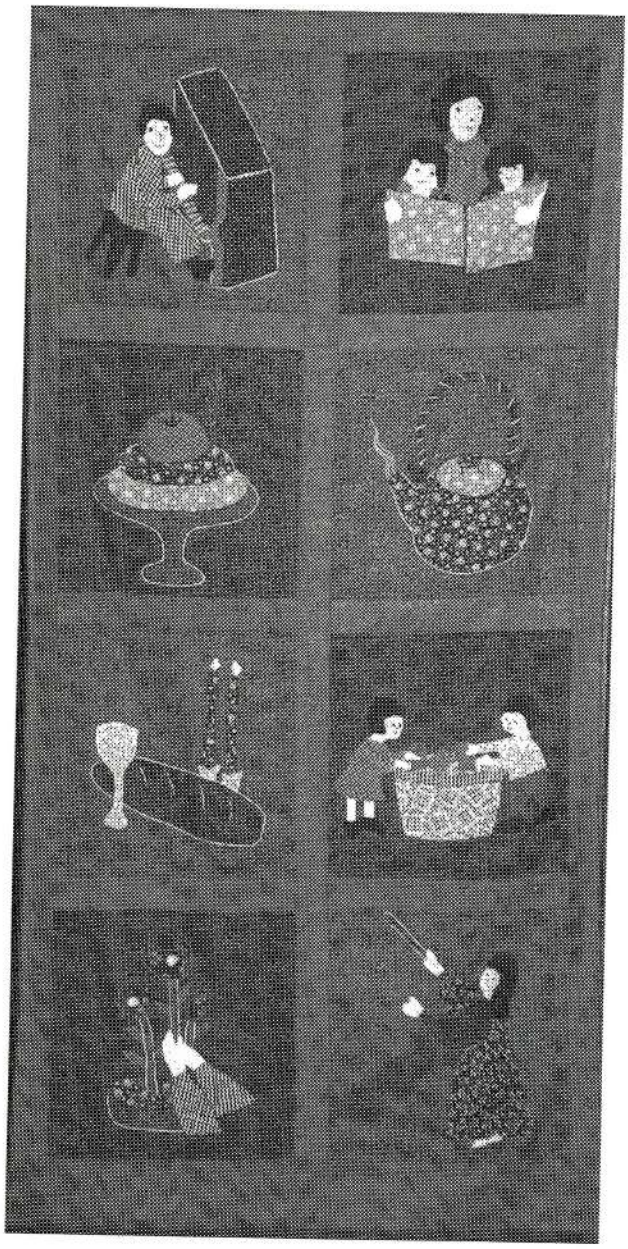
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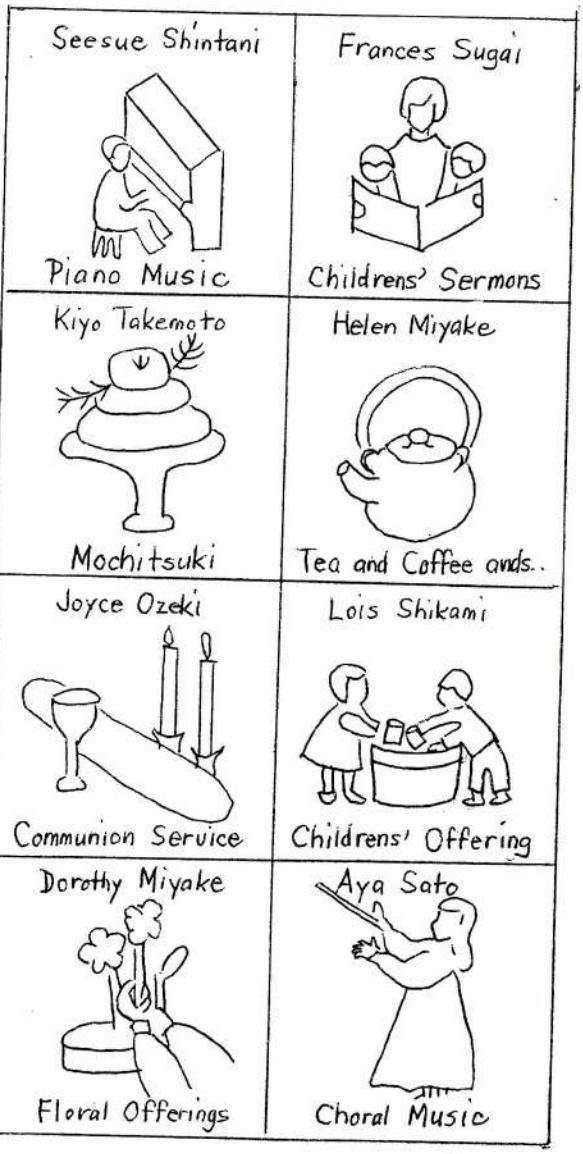


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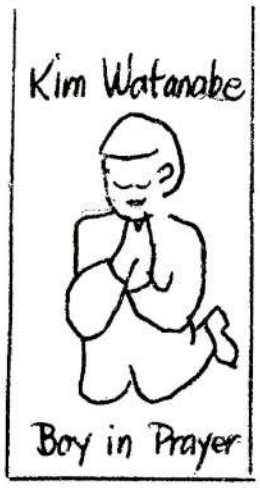
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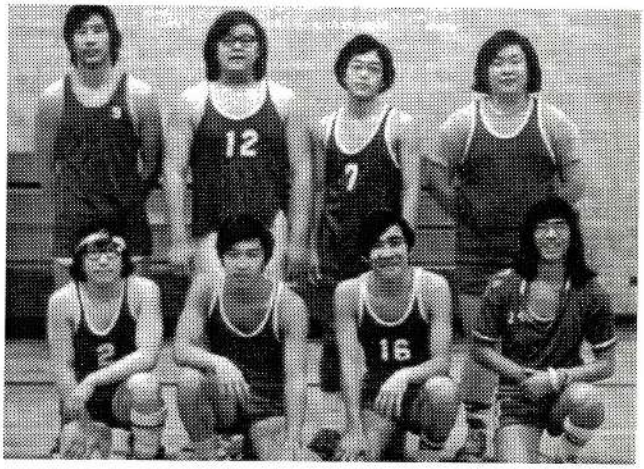


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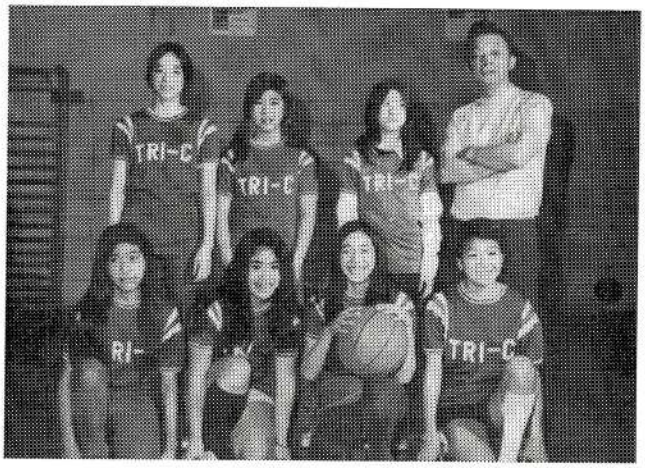
The Tri-C sports program was in full bloom in the 1960's and 1970's fielding teams in basketball, softball, volleyball, annual swim meets, and annual track and field competitions that were hosted by the Chicago Nisei Athletic Association (C.N.A.A.). Sporting events successfully brought Christians and non-Christians, boys and girls, men and women, young and old together in the spirit of teamwork and friendly competition.

In recent years our youngsters have participated in an annual basketball clinic sponsored by the Sansei -Yonsei Athletic Association (S.Y.A.A.), the successor to the CNAA.

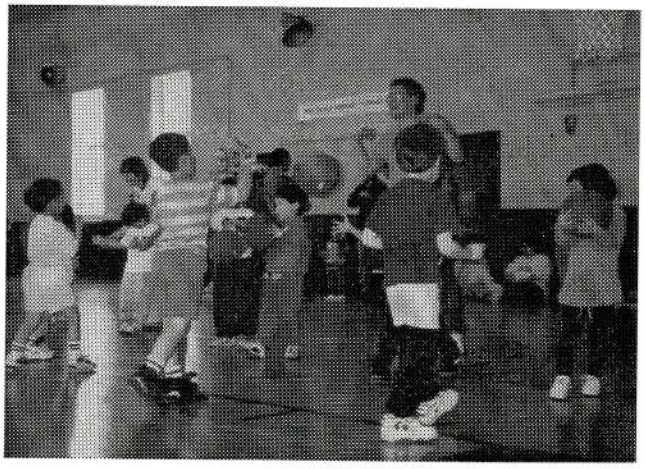
















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