

Obituary

+ Sadao Matsukuma, Pastor
March 23, 2016 (at 79)

+ Hatsue Ito, Wife of Pastor Genshi
Matsumoto
April 4, 2016 (at 90)

+ M. Laitinen, Missionary
April 29, 2016 (at 83)



Their life-long dedication to the Church is remembered with gratitude.

We want to hear from you!

“JELCW is always beside you”
Mie Haga (President)

As each CW learns the words of the Bible and grows in faith, the relationship among the Districts becomes stronger through the activities of JELCW. Without the works of individual CWs, there is no JELCW. I do not believe that JELCW is distant from you; it is always beside you. Since we are experiencing a 10% decrease in our membership every three years, it is now crucial that all CWs walk hand-in-hand. As the JELCW is a wonderful collection of the CWs, we want it to continue in the future and expand it to the world.

Once I heard a story from a wife of a missionary who was going back to her home country. In her twenties, she came to Japan with her three children and served in a

church. She created a CW in the church and started to communicate with other local churches. At the CW meetings, they learned the Gospel together and prayed for each other. She felt her faith was strengthened and empowered through this experience. She realized she was never alone and felt supported by the members of the CW.

At the joint officer meeting in June, a comment was made that this newsletter could also be used as a platform for JELCW members to exchange opinions. Because we only publish two issues per year, we are not certain whether the newsletter’s service is sufficient enough to reflect everyone’s opinion. Nevertheless, we would like to try to learn how each of the members feels about the JELCW and how we can better support each other’s faith.

We are now accepting opinions to be published in the vol. 154 of the newsletter. The topic can be about the JELCW or anything else. Your free and honest thoughts are appreciated. We would like to hear from as many members as possible. To submit, please see the following details.

1. Submission should be sent to: President of JELCW
2. Topic: The succession of Faith, newsletter, JELCW, Reformation 500th Anniversary, etc.
3. Word limit: 300 characters
4. The name of the writer, name of the church and contact information need to be included
*You will be contacted if your submission is accepted for publication.

Editor’s Note

It has been so hot lately, I have almost forgotten that fall is coming. In God’s mercy and with everyone’s assistance, the newsletter No. 153 is published. I would like to convey my thanks.

I hope we can continue to work on editing as we approach the renewal of the newsletter. We look forward to hearing from you. (Y)