

This is JELCW Newsletter Staff

Braille NL / Megumi Ando

As I wanted to respond to requests to read the Bible study in braille, I began transcribing the newsletter and the inserted Bible study in braille. Although I am a member of a cross-denominational group of blind Christians, I am not so good at braille. Because I understand the happiness of finding both prints and braille for your companion or family member, I hope to cherish the blessing of reading together and sharing. (Kengun)



Voice NL / Teruko Kurahara

I have been working to read aloud the newsletter for several years. The practice is called sound-translation, because the letters are changed into voice. What is important is to read names correctly; places' or person's names and proper nouns. Meanwhile photos and illustrations that have no words are difficult to handle. I use my personal computer for recording onto CDs. Normally I read four times, including preparation. I wish that JELCW's activities are known as a result of the voice recording. (Goshi)



English NL / Nobuko Akita

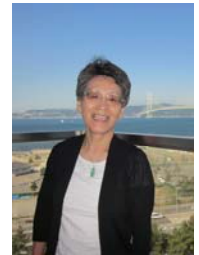
I have been involved in English NL since 2009. Making English NL is teamwork of the Communications officer, the translator, the proofreader, and the editor. When I first asked for a 'native check,' Rev. B took it on willingly saying, "I am not native, though." I assume he was born in Japan.



The former proofreader, Ms. C, helped me not only with proofreading but also with translation several times. Helping hands are always welcome. Thank you. (Hiyoshi)

English NL Layout editor / Masako Omaki

It has been 54 years since I was baptized at Yukigaya Church but I am not sure whether my faith has grown. I thank God that He uses someone like me. Now I am retired and I think I am ready to take part in the churchwomen's work using my past experiences and time. Everything is within the plan of the Lord. (Yukigaya)



JELCW Secretary / Yukiko Tomisato

I joined the secretariat in the midterm of the 17th Board. I appreciate the leadership of the past and present board members and the secretariat committee members, as well as the support of all JELCW members and fellow workers in the office. I thank all of you. (Musashino)



JELCW Secretary / Ayumi Nakahara

I now have worked for five years at JELCW office. When I don't come to the office, I am busy looking after my three children all day. At work, I am gradually learning my job thanks to the guidance of Ms. Tomisato. Looking ahead to the GM and Rally in June next year, I will strive to support the board members. (Den'en-chofu)



Obituary

+ Rev. Yutaka Toda

March 18, 2014 (at 81)

Pastor Toda served as pastor of Yaizu Church in the Tokai District (now Yaizu Chapel of JELC Eiko Church) from 1963 to 1977.

He also ministered in the Florida (1977 - 1980) and California (1980 - 1984) dioceses of the AELC.

He finally served as a pastor at Fukkatsu Church (1984 – 2012)

+ Ms. Hilda Ushimaru

June 6, 2014 (at 82)

Ms. Ushimaru served as a missionary at Ikebukuro (1962 – 1987) and Itabashi (1991 – 1995) congregations.

Please accept our sincere condolences. May the Lord comfort their bereaved families.

Announcement from JELCW

JLER Support

Price Changed for Woven Sandals

The sale of hanging dolls and woven sandals, goods made by the residents in the temporary housing, is well accepted and JELCW continue to take orders and reorders. Thank you for your cooperation.

The T-shirts you have donated is used to make the sole beneath the arch of foot. It is finished with colorful cloth. They feel nice to wear. Currently, it requires more than a month from order to shipment.

The hanging dolls are carefully hand-made. They are good to send as souvenirs overseas.

The makers of the woven sandals are asking to raise the price as follows (tax included);

Size M: 1,800 yen

Size L : 2,000 yen

The revised price is the original requested price. However, they were afraid if they priced them too high, they would not get any customers. The product quality is assured as they check every piece before shipment. The new price includes the shipping charges. We hope this may facilitate individual orders.

NCC World Day of Prayer Donation

Shuko-gakuen, a social welfare corporation, has received 300,000 yen out from the 2014 World Day of Prayer donation. We announce this with gratitude.

Next year, we will remember and pray for the Bahamas. As to the donation recipient, JELCW has nominated 'Only-One,' a facility in Tokai District, and the publication of the LWF/WICAS pamphlet on gender.

Postscript

The date and venue of the GM&R 2015 have at last been decided and the vision is coming together. Please pray that many of us can see one another in Tokyo and for its preparations.
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