

## **Activity Reports & Announcements**

### **ACWCJ (Asian Church Women's Conference)**

- ① 2015. 10.30 One-day seminar "Connected to Christ: Living as a Follower of the Lord" at The United Church of Church in Japan Fujimicho Church (59 Lutherans attended.)
- ② 2015. 11.6 One-day seminar at The United Church of Church in Japan Kobe Eiko Church, hosted by the Kansai Chapter (Yasuko Yamakawa and Hisako Echigoya are members of the group.)

### **Itsukushimi**

#### Kansai Committee

- 2015. 10. 17 15<sup>th</sup> Itsukushimi Seminar was held at JELC Osaka Church. "Court on earth and Court in heaven: Jesus's trial from an attorney's perspective" by Mr. Akihiro Mochida (Attendees: 70 people)

- ① Report from the seminar can be purchased. 1 report / 500yen
- ② Please support ACWC by participating in the "Signature Campaign" and the International Committee of the Fellowship of Least Coin.

### **NCCJ/Women Committee**

- ① 2016.2.13 Forum "Reading the Bible from Women's Perspective" by Hisako Kinugawa at JELC Tokyo Church
- ② 2016. 3.4 World Day of Prayer Remembering the women of Cuba.
- ③ January Committee Meeting
  - Anniversary celebration of NCC Educational Division & support for NCC Foreigner's Rights Committee (2/5 at Tokyo Church, 3/11 "Female immigrants and their children in Sukagawa")
  - Declared support for resolution of Japanese Army's "Comfort Women" problem. Independently created and sent a letter of protest to Prime Minister Abe.

- ① 2017 World Day of Prayer's writer country is the Philippines. The Anglican- Episcopal Church of Japan is responsible for the translation.
- ② Please see "With One Voice" along with the World Day of Prayer liturgy. Report from the seminar can be purchased. 1 report/500 yen.

### **LWF/WICAS**

To celebrate the Lutheran Reformation 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we are working on a project to create a book by collecting "Herstories" that contributed to the history of the Lutheran Church. Last year, we called for submissions of stories of women who were pioneer Christian activists/evangelists in Japan. Upon receiving no submissions, we decided to collect stories from newsletter archives and submitted these to the LWF. Now they are in a selection process and if chosen, they will be published along with other stories of women from around the world.

The Lutheran World Federation's *Gender Justice Policy* is now sold for 300 yen per copy. The goal of this document is to encourage gender-equal societies based upon Christian dignity. Appropriate for churches and homes. Please send an email or fax with the number of booklets and the address. The booklets will be sent with a payment slip.  
Email: [yuasa.masae@gmail.com](mailto:yuasa.masae@gmail.com)  
Fax: 082-848-3710 Attn: Masae Nishida

## **Requests Regarding Our Long-Time Agenda "The Succession of Faith" -The fundraising drive for the "TNG Campaign"**

Please remember TNG and give offering in May every year! We are planning a free format discussion on the topic of "The Succession of Faith for the Next Generation" at the next JELCW General Meeting. We are now soliciting participants

## Obituary

- Rev. Lloyd Neve, Missionary  
May. 24, 2015 (at 91)
- Rev. Yoshiro Ishida, Pastor  
Nov. 5, 2015 (at 87)
- Rev. Taisuke Noguchi, Pastor  
Nov. 14, 2015 (at 79)
- Rev. Akio Sugiyama, Pastor  
Jan. 30, 2016 (at 86)

Their life-long dedication to the church is remembered with gratitude. Please accept our sincere condolences. May the Lord comfort their bereaved families.

## Tsunagu

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### *Editor's Note*

Happy Easter! We are pleased to deliver the 152nd issue of the newsletter to you. Five years have passed since the Great East Japan Earthquake & Tsunami now. I live my new life in Christ everyday.

In Christ, Editor-in-Chief