

Workshop on effects upon survivors and families of Clergy Sexual Abuse on Feb18 Sat, 2017 from 10 am to 2pm

The above community workshop is open to the community and friends of the community. It will take place at Tonari Gumi, 42 West 8th in Vancouver from 10 am to 2pm on Saturday, February 18, 2017. It will be a panel presentation followed by dialogue with participants.

I am part of a community working group who have been engaged in community work in addressing the sexual abuse of late Goichi Gordon Nakayama, who was an Anglican minister and Canon before his passing in 1996. He had been sexually abusing boys and youth in the Japanese Canadian community from the 1930's to the 1980's. On June 15, 2015 the Anglican Diocese of New Westminster and Calgary apologized to survivors, families, friends and the Japanese Canadian community for the abuse perpetrated by Mr. Nakayama. Since that time, they have been engaged in a process to outreach to Japanese Canadians and offer their participation in a healing and reconciliation process. Our intent in presenting this workshop is to offer community education. American psychotherapist and Professor Satsuki Ina has been working with various institutions and churches regarding education about clergy sexual abuse and its effects upon survivors and families. In addition to survivors, families and community members, we are inviting the various churches and temples serving Japanese Canadian communities to attend this workshop. Here are some details:

The workshop will start at 10AM with welcome and introductions. . After the welcome and introductions and announcement of program for the day, we can begin the panel presentation.

The order of the Panel presenters will be:

1. Bishop Melissa Skelton of the Diocese of New Westminster, and Archdeacon Lynne McNaughton will talk about Diocese program to prevent and address sexual abuse and provide education and training. Their presentation will be 15 minutes.
2. Teal Maedel, Clinical Psychotherapist, will present about the profile, treatment and legal consequences for sexual offenders who are in positions of trust within the community. Her presentation will be 20 minutes.
3. Satsuki Ina will present about her experience working with and providing therapeutic guidance for a Chinese American Presbyterian community group who addressed sexual abuse of their boys by a longtime minister. She will also give her information about the profile of the clergy offender, the effects of clergy sexual abuse at the individual, family and community levels, working within Asian communities and

addressing sexual abuse between community and religious institutions. Her presentation will be 40 minutes. (Satsuki is a Japanese American psychotherapist and Professor Emeritus in the School of Education, California State University who has worked extensively in trauma related therapy and clinical training regarding Japanese American internees and other communities addressing racism, abuse, natural disasters and mass incarceration. She was incarcerated at Tule Lake. Satsuki worked with us previously during our 2009 Honouring Our People conference when participants gathered and shared their internment stories.

Each presentation will conclude with a 10 minute period for taking questions from the audience.

Discussion after the Panel Presentations:

The panel presentations with time for questions in between should take the program to lunch. We will have a working lunch and go into further questions and dialogue between audience and panel presenters.

Will also pose the question about what to do next:

- Welcome Bishop Melissa to participate in addressing this.
- Working group would like direction from the families and community about what they would like working group to continue working on
- What are priorities now for survivors and families?
- What can the community do to support survivors and families?
- What are steps toward healing and reconciliation?

This is a community education event. The subject matter is very difficult but we are addressing the reality that in 1994, Mr. Nakayama confessed to abusing many many boys and young men. Many have passed or are reaching their 80's and 90's now. There are decades of formal silence yet his abuse was always talked about between community members. Now with the Church's apology, it is officially open. Our working group has had contact with a few survivors and their families. We are providing this education being aware the effects of Mr. Nakayama's abuse may continue to pose emotional challenges upon survivors and their intergenerational families. We are encouraging the community to gain more understanding and offer compassionate support. Hope you can recommend this event to Vancouver Buddhist Temple members and they can attend. The workshop should end by 2PM.