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Justin Haruyama Ministerial Scholarship Fund for Japanese and Japanese-American Seminarians



**The late Rev. Justin Haruyama
(1932-1980)
The Japanese American United Church**

What is the Justin Haruyama Ministerial Scholarship?

This scholarship was founded in 1980 according to the wishes and will of the late Rev. Justin Haruyama (1933-1980) to inspire, encourage, and support Japanese-American and Japanese seminarians willing to do parish ministries in Japanese-American communities and/or Japanese speaking environments in the U.S, Japan, or elsewhere.

The first scholarship was granted in 1981. Since then, there have been over 120 seminarians who have received our scholarship. Many of them have served in churches, schools, and mission fields to glorify God.

Who was Justin Haruyama?

Justin Haruyama was the pastor of the Japanese American United Church from 1972 to his death in 1980. His ministry spanned two countries. In the early period of his ministry, he went to Japan as a missionary and ministered to the people in Kagoshima prefecture. While he served the local church, his spouse Sara taught English to church members and students in Kagoshima.

One of his fondest hopes was that more young people would accept Jesus Christ and prepare to go into ministries in Japanese-American churches. To commemorate his life and work in the ministry, his family, friends, and church members contributed towards establishing the Justin Haruyama Ministerial Scholarship Fund. Scholarship recipients are now serving as pastors, scholars,

teachers, chaplains, and missionaries both in the U.S., and abroad.

Who Grants the Scholarship?

Scholarships are awarded each year. Applications are considered and award decisions are made by the Justin Haruyama Ministerial Scholarship Fund Committee. The fund is administered by the Frontier Foundation of the United Methodist Church.

Why the Fund?

Ministering to the spiritual needs of ethnic churches, especially the Japanese-American Protestant churches in the U.S and the churches in Japan, is faced with many challenges. In the U.S., the Japanese-American church membership has declined tremendously, while in Japan, the Christian population has remained stagnant at one percent of the entire population for several decades. As a result, many churches are suffering spiritually and financially.

Aside from these challenges, Japanese – American churches have unique religious needs derived from their bicultural heritage and character. The search for men and women who can provide effective leadership for these congregations has become increasingly intensive.

Who Can Apply?

The scholarship is offered to

- persons of Japanese ancestry, including those born in Japan or having permanent residency status in Japan, who
- have been accepted or are enrolled fulltime in an accredited Protestant

seminary in the U.S in preparation for ministerial degrees, and

- who intend to serve Japanese or Japanese-American congregations or church related ministries.

How Can Students Apply?

You may go to the website of the Japanese American United Church at www.jauc.org Click to open the link of the Justin Haruyama Scholarship at the bottom of the page to download the application forms. You may also directly request application forms from the Japanese American United Church.

Can You Help Seminarians?

All persons who are interested in ministries to Japanese and Japanese-Americans can help in several ways:

1. Publicize the Justin Haruyama Ministerial Scholarship.
2. Inform other seminarians or those who are considering going to seminary to prepare for the ministry.
3. Support the fund by making a donation. Please make checks payable to the Japanese American United Church with a note “for the Justin Haruyama Ministerial Scholarship” and send to the address indicated in this brochure. Your contribution is tax deductible.

*You can also alert us of seminarians or schools that have not heard of the Justin Haruyama scholarship or who have not received our brochure and email notices.