

# Aldersgate United Methodist Church

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## Roger's Greeting

### "Unfinished Business of Justice..."

Written on Monday, August 10, 2020



As we live in to a new emerging era seeking racial justice and equality, a "local" story emerged last week in the Japanese American community - The "Inter-American Commission on Human Rights" (IACHR) hearing on the Shibayama's case against the United State government. This is a case and a story that is untold not only in American society but is under-told in the Japanese American community itself. I encourage you to watch this 30-minute video on the Art Shibayama story. [CLICK HERE!](#)

From within our congregation, Leslie Katsura, and her mother, Blanca Katsura, watched the proceedings virtually. She shared with me her experience: Hi Roger,

I hope you are doing well and staying healthy.

Art Shibayama, 86, was in Washington, DC and stood by the "Unfinished Business" display at the National Museum of American History. He was there with his friend, Blanca Katsura, also 86.



I am sharing some information about something I did this week. My mom and I spent many years volunteering with The Japanese Peruvian Oral History Project (JPOHP). We were friends with Art and Betty Shibayama and their family.

My mother, Blanca, and I were able to participate in a virtual press conference this week, August 5th regarding the case of 'Shibayama versus United States' in which the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights determined that the US Govt. Owes Redress to Japanese Latin American Internees.

The lawsuit was filed in 2003. My mother accompanied Art and others when he testified at a hearing in Washinton DC in 2017. (A photo is attached) My mom's family was also in Crystal City Camp. There is a video titled "Hidden Internment: The Art Shibayama Story" that gives insight to this case.

The following is part of the press release:

In a major victory for the rule of law in an increasingly lawless age, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) at the Organization of American States (OAS) published a stunning verdict in the case of Isamu Carlos "Art" Shibayama versus United States, holding that the US government owes redress to brothers Art, Tak and Ken Shibayama who did not receive the redress they deserved for

human rights violations perpetrated on them as children during World War II.

The Shibayama brothers, along with over 2200 other children, women and men of Japanese ancestry from 13 Latin American countries, were subjected to kidnapping, family separation, indefinite internment, hostage exchange, and forced deportation under a broader program of extraordinary rendition from Latin America carried out by U.S. government officials. This hidden program unfolded simultaneously with the more widely known roundup, expulsion and forced incarceration of 120,000 Japanese Americans, which was explored in the Korematsu versus the United States and other cases.

"While I am happy that the rights of my father and the other Japanese Latin Americans have been vindicated," said Art's daughter Bekki, "it is bittersweet since my father did not live to see this important victory."

"This victory is great news for Japanese Latin Americans, but also for immigrants, refugees, and those fighting extraordinary renditions and violations of civil liberties and human rights," said Karen Parker, lead attorney for Shibayamas and the JLAs. "We had to take this case to an international human rights forum because the Shibayamas could not get justice after five lawsuits and two failed pieces of legislation in Congress. I hope that representatives of the U.S. government will now do the right thing and give the JLAs the redress they deserve."

The IACHR, as an international tribunal that reviews government actions that may have violated the rights of its own citizens and residents, held a hearing on the Shibayama case that the United States government refused to attend. The large body of evidence that supported the Shibayama claims was irrefutable, leading the IA-CHR decision to read:

"The Inter-American Commission on Human Rights concludes that the [USA] is responsible for the violation of Articles II (equality before the law) and XVIII (fair trial and effective remedy) of the American Declaration [of the Rights and Duties of Man]....

And reiterates its recommendations to the USA to

(1) provide integral reparation for the human rights violations...including both the material and moral dimensions, and adopt measures for economic compensation and measures of satisfaction....[and]

(2) ensure full disclosure of government information relating to the program of deportation and internment of JLA's during WWII, as well as relating to the fates of the individuals subject to this program.”

A virtual press conference will be held to focus on this ground-breaking decision, its ramifications for the petitioners and other communities who have endured government violations, and the next steps forward in the JLA struggle for justice.

For more information, please contact:

Campaign For Justice: Redress NOW For Japanese Latin Americans!

Be safe, stay healthy, and be kind.

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**It is with deep sadness that we inform you that our sister, Noreen Marx, spouse of Rev. William “Bill” Marx, died on Wednesday, August 5, 2020.**

Noreen was a faithful companion as her husband served the many United Methodist churches in the state of California. In retirement, the Marx's served Aldersgate UMC 2000-2001 during the church's time of need

Noreen was very active with various women's groups including the United Methodist Women through which she was a strong advocate for expressing one's faith through missions. She was an avid reader, and especially enjoyed reading mysteries.

She is survived by her husband, Rev. Bill Marx of Windsor CA, and by her children, Elizabeth Aiken of Kelseyville CA, Katharine Marx Stein of Oakland CA, and Stephanie Hobbs of Windsor CA, by 4 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. Condolences may be sent to Rev. Bill Marx at 9525 Camelot Drive, Windsor, CA 95492.

A memorial service will be held at Santa Rosa United Methodist Church, at a time to be determined.

Gifts in memory of Noreen may be sent to the United Methodist Committee on Relief, UMCOR, by going to <https://www.umcor.org/> or mailing your contribution to:

UMCOR  
458 Ponce De Leon Ave, NE  
Atlanta, GA 30308

Let us continue to give God thanks for Noreen's life and witness and hold her family close in prayer. In our living and in our dying, we belong to God! (Romans 14:8)

### **Tabemashou Teriyaki Fundraiser**

Tabemashou is making and selling teriyaki sauce to support Black and Indigenous communities working with land and food in the Bay Area. Normally, part of preparing for Spring Bazaar is making several gallons of teriyaki sauce; but this year, we have an opportunity to do something different, to feed our community and benefit others as well. This summer's uprisings for Black lives and Black liberation are calling us all to dismantle white



supremacy, to realize justice that centers Black people. To this end, I invite you to join me and Tabemashou in pursuing one form of reparations: supporting Black and Indigenous land stewardship and food sovereignty.

Genocides against Black and Indigenous people in this country have always targeted both traditional foodways and access to land. Reclaiming stolen land, growing fresh and healthy food, and providing communities with greater food security and cultural engagement is a way of healing the wounds of genocide, of resisting white supremacy and imperialism. With this in mind, all the money we raise will go to:

An organic farm in Bayview-Hunters Point in San Francisco; in their own words, “The mission is to rehabilitate land and spirit in the community and use healthy food to forge strong bonds between the people of Bayview/HP.”

Black Earth Farms, a Black- and Indigenous-led farming collective in Oakland

Sogorea Te’ Land Trust, an Indigenous women-led land trust in the East Bay, whose work includes farming and gardening for sustenance and medicine.

To Order Teriyaki Sauce and to Donate [CLICK HERE!](#) or click on the Tabemashou Teriyaki Fundraiser poster above

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**From Marice Shiozaki... Supporting JCYC and Black Lives Matters**

Marice shares with us the upcoming JCYC Aloha Run (Saturday, September 26th). (Jon Osaki is the executive director of JCYC.) This year they are going virtual and supporting BLM! For more info, [CLICK HERE](#)

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**NEW/CHANGE --- BIRTHDAYS!** On August 30th, we’ll celebrate August Birthdays. Please send me the names (and month) of your and other friends and family members’ birthday (no years please). (NOTE: If you or your family member’s birthday was in Jan-July but you missed sending it, please still send it and we’ll include on the August 30th.)

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**Our Prayer List:**

Haruye Ng, Paul Osaki, Sue Nakamura, Tak Nishiura, Kiyo Shizuru, Lea Haratani, Kamila Young, Hitoshi Tachibana, Chloe Gong, Ginger Powell, Jieun Lee, Jamie Campbell, Mel Imai, Harry Hatasaka, Sue Lemba, Martha Tanji, Bonnie Pennebaker, Tim Ome, Angel Baquiran, Gracie Yamaguchi, Chris Takimoto, Carolyn Tenn, and Makoto Ueda.

Prayers for those who lost loved ones:

1. Prayers for Janis’ family in the passing of her cousin, John Towata, Jr, (he is known as Junior). He passed from liver cancer.
2. Prayers for Rev. Bill Marx and family in the passing of Noreen. The ministry of the Marx family at Aldersgate was short but timely.

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# Upcoming Zoom Meeting and Online Gatherings:

**Choir Practice, August 12th at 6:25 PM**  
New Log-in Info for this week only!

Choir Practice, August 12th at 6:25 PM  
Join Zoom Meeting:  
<https://pausd.zoom.us/j/94177366620>

Meeting ID: 941 7736 6620

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**Aldersgate UMC Admin and Program Council Mtg**  
**August 12th - Wednesday - 7:30 PM**

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7269788166>

Meeting ID: 726 978 8166  
One tap mobile

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+16699006833,,7269788166# US (San Jose)

Dial by your location  
+1 408 638 0968 US (San Jose)  
+1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)  
Meeting ID: 726 978 8166

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kbzqjvbXsc>

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**Time and the Enneagram**  
**Tuesday, August 18 / 7:30 PM 9:00 PM**

How does each Enneagram type understand and relate to time? Which types focus on the past, which on the future, and which on the here and now? Which types act with urgency, as if there were too little time? Which types think there's all the time in the world? In this interactive session, we will explore the relationship between Enneagram types and time.

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86053855189>

Meeting ID: 860 5385 5189  
One tap mobile phone for audio and video:  
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Dial by your location for audio only:  
+1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)  
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### **What's Baking with the Koyukai!**

Baking Demo with Patty Sakuma and Wendy Ng  
Saturday, August 22nd - 2:00 PM

What's the latest sourdough starter craze? Are you curious about how it's done? Check-out Wendy and Patty's KYK Zoom demo on Saturday, August 22nd at 2:00 PM. They will be presenting their baking acumen about English muffins, bread, pretzels!

JOIN ZOOM: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85404321051>  
Meeting ID: 854 0432 1051

Dial by your location for audio only: +1 669 900 6833 (San Jose)

Guest Speaker: Wendy Ng and Patty Sakuma  
Moderator: Judy Wong  
Zoom tech assistant: Paul Sakuma

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### **Healing Arts: Equanimity and Peace** **August 24, 2020** **7:00 PM to 8:30 PM**

This summer Joann Shieh introduced us to Gayathri Narayanan, founder of Myndtree. We have been attending Gayathri's mindfulness meditation sessions. "WOW!" was our response to the session on Equanimity and Peace. We wanted to share this with you all and are so excited that Gayathri will be our guest speaker.

Gayathri will lead us in an exploration of the topic 'Equanimity and Peace' in the context of mindfulness meditation practice. Gayathri will present some food for thought, share some stories and poems, and engage the group in a discussion/Q&A. She will also guide the group in a 20-minute meditation practice that is designed to cultivate a sense of equanimity and peace.

Please RSVP to Ben Hashiba at [bhashiba@gmail.com](mailto:bhashiba@gmail.com) or text Ben at 408-712-9445

This special class will be held on ZOOM from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM.  
Here's the link and password to join.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85190005494>

Meeting ID: 851 9000 5494 Password: 123456

About our guest: Gayathri Narayanan is the founder of Myndtree and has been teaching mindfulness and meditation to adults and teens in the Bay Area since 2012. She has had a personal meditation, yoga and contemplative practice for over 20 years and has seen the invaluable benefits they have brought to her own life. Her passion to share these teachings and practices with others is driven by a longing to see more ease, well-being and harmony in the world.

For more information, please visit Gayathri's website

<https://www.myndtree.org/>

Hope to see you on the 24th! Ben, Joann, and Joy



## Center for Spiritual Life Healing Arts

Click here to go to our new website Healing Arts page!

Basic Reiki, Pal Dan Gum Qigong and Mediation  
Videos produced/created by  
Joy Nakamura and Ben Hashiba

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