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Chiye Tomihiro
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Dear Chiye:

Thanks for your much appreciated letter. I was happy to be able to assist in some small measure the process of making right the great wrong of forty years ago.

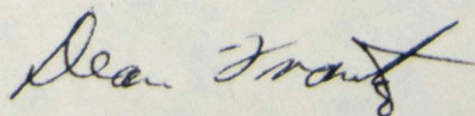
I was embarrassed to submit my mileage for the trip to Chicago, and only did so because of your insistence that I do so, and I have no organization which provides a travel budget.

Now I want to tell you what I will be doing next week-end. I will use the travel expense from the JACL to make a trip to Elgin at my expense. I have requested the General Board of our church, which meets next week-end, to frame and adopt a resolution to be sent to the Commission which conducted the hearings. Since our Annual Conference does not meet until next summer, I felt it was urgent for the church to go on record now while the Commission is considering this matter. I enclose a copy of the statement which is to be considered. It will perhaps be revised in the process of consideration, but I fully expect our General Board to adopt a statement to be forwarded to the Commission. And to make sure that it happens, I have volunteered to be present so I can speak to the issue.

We also hope to be able to have a visit with Art and Virginia, which was not possible during the hearings.

Thank you for making this opportunity possible for me, and I wish you all the best in your continuing efforts to secure redress for this terrible wrong. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance to you. It was a pleasure to meet you personally, and I hope our paths will cross again. Kindest regards.

Most cordially,



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RESOLUTION on JUSTICE for JAPANESE-AMERICAN WORLD WAR II INTERNEES

WHEREAS, the Presidential issuance of Executive Order 9066 on February 19, 1942, placed in motion the uprooting and internment of approximately 120,000 men, women, and children of Japanese descent resulting in serious violations of their human rights as well as inestimable personal and material losses; and,

WHEREAS, no hearings or trials were held prior to February 19, 1942, no credible claims of wrongdoing were ever lodged against these innocent victims who were uprooted for more than three and one half years, blatantly violating Congressional guarantees and depriving them of their constitutional rights; and,

WHEREAS, we believe that violence takes many forms among which are *"oppression, denial of justice and a violation of personhood,"** and have committed ourselves *"to work forthrightly for liberation, justice and peace in ways that respect the life and potential of every person and the whole human family;"** and,

WHEREAS, many among us struggled in the 1940's for the rights of these interned people and sought to serve through the Farmersville Work Camp, Manzanar Relocation Camp, New York City and Chicago Brethren Ministry to Resettlers; and,

WHEREAS, a U.S. Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment is now conducting hearings and is empowered to recommend remedies to the Congress of the United States;

THEREFORE the Church of the Brethren World Ministries Commission meeting in Elgin, Illinois, on the 10th of October, 1981, feels compelled to review this sad period of our history; and,

BE IT RESOLVED that we encourage this special Commission to call upon the Congress of the United States to:

- 1) Acknowledge as a nation that the actions taken against American citizens and legal residents of Japanese ancestry during 1942-46 were wrong and contrary to the Constitution of the United States.
- 2) Award damages to the victims.
- 3) Enact safeguards and provide a lasting memorial so that the arbitrary governmental repression will never again victimize any group of people in the United States.
- 4) Signal to all the people of the world through such actions that the United States does indeed carry out in practice the ideals embodied in our Declaration of Independence, Constitution, and Bill of Rights; and,

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that we call upon the staff of the General Board to convey this resolution to the President of the United States, appropriate members of the Congress of the United States, and members of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment.

*Annual Conference Policy Statement, Justice and Nonviolence, June 1977.