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My dear Dr. Mulder,

Thank you very much for your letter of April 24th and the booklet which brought back many memories. I was much moved by your decision to establish the Harrison Ray Anderson Professorship of Pastoral Ministry at your seminary. Certainly Harrison Ray Anderson must be counted among those whose great Christian faith and character have moved mountains for our Lord.

You may already know the details of my first encounter with Dr. Anderson if you are in touch with Sumio Koga. "A Centennial Legacy" was published in 1977 commemorating 100 years of Christian work in the U.S. and in it there is an account about the establishing of the Japanese church and the part played by Dr. Anderson. Enclosed is a copy, if you have not seen it.

I also have correspondence with your father who was chairman of the session and with whom I met to make final arrangements to use John Timothy Stone chapel. I remember his dignity and compassion and support of Dr. Anderson and know that his presence made all the difference in the crucial decision to open the church to the Japanese Christians. If you do not have copies of your father's official correspondence in regard to this, I should be glad to give them to you. Please let me know.

The hand of Christian fellowship that was extended in those dark days was an inspiration to many but none more than to Harry Shigeta, the nationally known photographer who had earlier won honors and recognition for his artistic work. The result of this experience was the oil painting of Jesus in Gethsemane which I believe is still hanging in Fourth Church. Mr. Shigeta went through his own garden of Gethsemane when he was shunned by his colleagues when war broke out, but was reconciled by the Christian community of Fourth Church and the small group of Japanese Christians which took shelter there. I am sending you a copy of a letter which he wrote to me in Seattle, dated June 30, 1953, describing the occasion of the last meeting at Fourth Church. You will understand better the deep influence Dr. Anderson and his inspirational leadership had on Mr. Shigeta.

I have been retired since 1978 having served the Japanese Congregational Church in Seattle for 31 years. My wife and I would like to send a small gift toward the establishment of the professorship in memory of our beloved Dr. Anderson. God bless your work to extend Christian love and faith in this world.

Sincerely yours,

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Dear Dr. Mulder:

Thank you very much for your letter of April 24, 1984. I am very glad to know ^{that} you are creating the Harrison Ray Anderson Professorship of Pastoral Ministry at your seminary.

I met Dr. Anderson on Feb. 1942 at his office. I went to see him concerning the need of Japanese Christians. I met him with great impression that he ~~was~~ ^{is} very pious man, was Christ-inspired man, + has great sympathy to the need of mankind.

He read the introductory letter ^{to me} from Dr. Albert Palmer, President of the C. T. S. + told me that if he can make the decision by himself on this matter you ^{could} have the chapel from next Sunday but had the committee members to decide that. So, will you please tell Japanese Christians to wait for a little while.

After three months, I heard from Dr. Anderson that his committee members have decided to open the chapel for the Japanese Christians with your leadership. Then, Mr. John Mulder, the chairman, wrote me that I can use the chapel from May 1942.

I found that it was Dr. Anderson's deep conviction that his church should open ~~the~~ church to the Japanese Christians to worship during the war time, ~~only~~ only by the teachings of Jesus, regardless the races, friends or enemies. His belief is based upon the teaching of Jesus.

He asked me to go ^{to see} + ~~talk~~ to him about the work of the church + if any problem you have any question please do not hesitate to call on him even he ~~was~~ ^{was} busy. He will be glad to give me his advice. I ^{have enjoyed his leadership + pray} ~~was very happy that~~ Dr. Anderson was such a man, willing to help the younger minister. I remembered ~~that~~ ^{picture of the} when Dr. Anderson ~~was~~ preached at the Japanese congregation because of the dedication of the ~~picture of the~~ Gettysburg Garden which was the work of Mr. Harry Shizeta. Mr. Shizeta wanted to give it to the Fourth Presby. Church, as an appreciation of ~~his~~ the love of Christians of the Fourth Presby. Church. He was a great preacher + I translated his message in Japanese + it gave a great inspiration to the Japanese Christians who heard ~~his sermon +~~ ^{his sermon +} ~~Most of the Japanese congregations were~~ ^{cried} ~~when~~ at the service. It + my wife enjoyed his friendship + treasured in our hearts for three years.