

May 13, 1944

My dear Rev. Sai:

This is my first letter to you since you left Chicago. First I must apologise to you for not being able to see you off at the station and sure it was explained to you by my wife.

Your most cordial letter was read with much appreciation and your letter addressed to the Church which was enclosed will be delivered.

On the Sunday immediately following your departure, we met and I took the liberty of more or less presiding because Dr. Anderson sat in with us and it appeared no one was sufficiently experienced in the conduct of the meeting.

Your wish as you confided to me in the ante-room was carried out and Mr. Koga was duly elected to be our minister to carry on the work where you left off. I promised him my support, the same kind of support I tried to render to you, though I am afraid it was somewhat ineffectual.

On last Sunday the new Elders and Deacons were ordained at which occasion I was not present as I was in Cincinnati conducting the judging of entries for the Third International Photographic Salon.

No doubt Mr. Koga reported to you in regard to the duties of these officers as they are assigned. Dr. Anderson was well

pleased with the arrangement and with the God's help we will be able to carry on, I am sure. I am so glad that every thing turned out as we wished because I know that you would want the work you started and worked so hard for, should be carried on along the same principles. Also such were Dr Anderson's wishes too.

Let me say at this point my dear friend, you have done much in the glorifying God's name. In spite of some opposition you courageously carried on because you had a will and conviction of righteousness. You planted a seed and nurtured it. You saw it begin to grow. Mr. Kogis' task is going to be difficult but it will be not as difficult as it confronted you. In any field of endeavor the pioneering is very hard. How well I know it for I have had it in my own field.

Personally I wish to thank you for your untiring effort you put in the birth and the growth of our church and as long as I live I shall always remember and cherish the memory of it. And as a friend, a man and as our Pastor you will always live in our heart and our undying love and profound respect shall remain with us.

Our future and personal beings are all in the hands of God. He alone knows how it shall be. It is futile on our part to surmise the things to come but I am sure that whatever changes you had decided were the will of God.

Please be assured that our friendship to you is ever unchanged and your continued friendship toward us will be treasured.

May God bless you and guide you in all your undertakings

Yours in Christ,
Harry K Shigeta