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MANZANAR

Relocation Center

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This is to certify that the travel of M NAGATOMI, Shinjo, Alien Registration  
No. 1886905, to Gardena, Cal. has been permitted by  
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(Date)

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Delivered at the First Anniversary of the Christian Church in Manzanar Center  
June 13, 1943  
by Rev. Shinjo Nagatomi

Since the United States of America entered this war a year ago, we, the Japanese--both aliens and citizens alike--have been forced to face a new life filled with adjustments, readjustments, and struggle. On the other hand, many boys are fighting bravely for their own countries and many lives have been sacrificed on the war fronts. When we pause in silence to give reverence to these boys, it gives us great comfort knowing that the supreme Kindness permeates our hopes. We are truly grateful that the national policy of this Democratic country grants us freedom of religion--and that this favor is extended to us even in this present, distressing time.

The fundamental teaching of Christianity is Love; the fundamental teaching of Buddhism is Mercy. Within this circle of Love and Mercy we strive to live harmoniously.

Thus, let us stand together, regardless of religion, and cooperate peacefully--working and living for the benefit of Manzanar Center.

Nagatomi Shinjô Tanka

Manzana no  
Hikari ni hibikeru  
Nenbutsu no  
Koe ni michibiki no  
Chikara nari keri

Nagatomi Shinjô

The sound of the nenbutsu  
resonates in the light of Manzanar  
This is truly the power that  
reveals the way

Nagatomi Shinjô

Dr. (?)  
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