

\$1500 Funding For Rescuing Unification Church Kidnapping Victims

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Most readers are at least somewhat aware of the horrific atrocities involving the violent kidnapping of thousands of our Japanese brothers and sisters.

The most appalling example was the case of Mr. Toru Goto. By all rights he should be the Rosa Parks or perhaps Nelson Mandela of our church, bringing attention to the bigoted mistreatment Unificationists. However in keeping with an Abel-type viewpoint we shouldn't see ourselves as victims; indemnity has true spiritual value. Yet indemnity can be a bit like an unrecognized tree falling in the woods; it needs to be acknowledged to have the greatest effect.

Likely readers are unaware that in the wake of the restructured church polity **funding to fight the kidnappings has ended from national H.Q.** Admittedly frustrated, I recognize that True Parents have prepared us in myriad ways for just such a time; i.e.

Pray in our own names (..... central blessed family)

End prayers with aju (derived from ju-in, Korean for owner)

We should "live for the sake of others" in short, take personal responsibility.

In Seattle for 4 years now, brothers, sisters, Asian, Western, young, old have worked to bring this issue to the attention of the public. Through the annual 3 day "Japanese Cherry Blossom Festival" held at the end of April near the Space Needle we have had an information/protest table exposing these crimes. During this time **the local church has born the approximately \$1000.00 expense.** This year I am asking Unification Church members and people of conscience everywhere to contribute. **We have teamed up with Dan Fefferman's ICRF** allowing for clear accountability and tax deductibility.

Dan and Luke Higuchi have been doing great work both in the nation and world to put a stop to this. I'm convinced that a grass root effort is required to support what they are doing. **Our goal is \$1500.00.** This will allow for 50-30 second radio spots to be played during our protest.

Every year our event has greater impact. So far my attempts to get media coverage have been unsuccessful as well as getting Christian or Japanese organizations to help. I have a goal of putting enough light regarding the atrocities that these organizations will publicly condemn the faith breaking and in turn put pressure on their affiliates (if any) in Japan to condemn the practice as well.

Most of us understand the extent that the Japanese members have given to advance the Unification cause. This fact weighs heavily on those of us doing this. If you want to contribute to the Seattle event mail a check to:

ICRF

3600 New York Av NE, Third Floor

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(Be sure to make a note that it is for the Seattle event) Or on line at: www.religiousfreedom.com (If you use the PayPal option there is a way to note what the money is for)