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UNION JAPANESE CHURCH of WESTCHESTER

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Mission Debrief Meeting in Japan (March 7~22)

Rev. Nishikawa went back to Japan temporarily from March 7 to March 22 because he had Mission Debrief Meetings in Oaka and Yamaguchi, and picked his family up who lived in Yamaguchi. That's why he had to make his trip schedule. His schedule was as follows.

On March 13, he preached and had Mission Debrief Meeting at Tenma Church in Osaka. At that time, the Church held a fundraising concert for UJCW. On that evening, he had a meeting with members of the UJCW Support Group.

On March 16, he had a Mission Debrief Meeting at Yamaguchi Nishi Bunku. On March 20, he preached and mission debrief meeting at Yasuoka Church that was his Church before UJCW.

On March 22, he had a meeting with two members of the Commission on Ecumenical Ministries at Narita Airport.

Easter Service (March 27)

On March 27, we had our Easter Service. Even though Ishiguro family moved to Japan, God gave attendances at the service for our Church and we could have a blessed service like this photo (This photo is taken by Yoko Yorihiro during the service).

In the service, Ayaka Yorihiro performed "Ave Maria" on the viola. After the service, the egg hunting game by Yoko Yorihiro's made the children of attendances happy.

After the service, by the way, Rev. Nishikawa preached at MJM's Easter Service (Episcopal Church), too.



SMJ Fundraising Recital (April 17)

On April 17, a fundraising recital was held at Japanese American Church in SMJ Discovery Camp. It's because SMJ has invited children in Tohoku, where a huge earthquake occurred, to the camp since last year.

This recital was so good because Maiko Soda, a soprano singer, performed so beautiful songs.

Speaking about UJCW, Rev. Nishikawa's family participated to support the fundraising this time, he prayed at the closing of the recital.



Rev. Nishikawa's sons entered High School in NY

Rev. Nishikawa's two sons, who graduated from Baiko Gakuin Junior High School in Yamaguchi this March, entered Marble Hill School for International Studies (9th Grade) in NY.

Although their school is a 25 minute walk from their apartment in Bronx, they have to enter the school through Metal detectors for the high-security.

Although they might often be perplexed by American culture, we pray that God will protect their school life.

