

National Council for Japanese American Redress

925 West Diversey Parkway, Chicago, Illinois 60614

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Dear Friends,

Gratitude should be expressed personally. This printed letter isn't very personal. Nevertheless, our gratitude is real. Your expression of support is deeply appreciated. We have now raised around \$20,000 from about 150 people in amounts ranging from \$5 to \$5,000. That's a great start. In addition, over and above the \$20,000, we have received a commitment for \$7,500 from the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries of the United Church of Christ. And that's very welcomed, too. But our objective was to raised \$30,000 from individuals before initiating legal steps -- the one year of legal preparation. And we have fallen short of that. We thought we could reach this goal by early March and we haven't. So, last week our board decided to extend this self-imposed deadline to the end of May. This is what we wish to communicate to you.

The projected cost of the legal procedure is \$75,000. Our schedule of payments for this will be \$15,000 to start and \$5,000 a month for twelve months. Theoretically, we could start now. But we want to wait until we've reached \$30,000 so we have a little cushion. Raising \$5,000 a month for twelve months is no easy task. And once we start, we do not wish to stop. Also, the \$7,500 from the United Church Board becomes available only after we've reached \$30,000.

We now have a Rearess Legal Fund established within the United Methodist Church structure. All contributions to the Fund will be tax deductible. We are now creating an advisory board of names which will establish credibility and encourage more people to contribute.

We are definitely approaching our initial goal. Obviously, we would not be here except for your support. Thank you.

Peace

William Hohri, chairperson

P.S. If you want to help a little more, why not give us names and addresses of friends and relatives who might wish to join you in this action?

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