

You Are God's Masterpiece

the Holy Spirit molds you into a Christ-like person

“For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” Ephesians 2:10 (TNIV)

What is the reason behind your coming to Jesus? What is the purpose of your living abroad? For what were you created? A Holy God created you as His masterpiece. A masterpiece or a good piece of handiwork is always designed to fulfill the purpose given it by its maker, who creates with passion, love and is meticulous in planning. According to God's wonderful plan our life long goal is to keep growing until we attain to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Let's learn about this together and hear from the Lord Himself at this year's equipper conference 04 (ec 04). We warmly welcome you all to ec 04!

equipper conference (ec) is a five night conference which “equips” (Ephesians 4:12) Japanese Christians who met Jesus overseas for their eventual return to their home country as ambassadors of Christ. Ec serves people such as, 1) Japanese Christians who plan to go back home; 2) Japanese Christians in North America who serve the Lord; 3) All Christians who are reaching out to and serving Japanese Christians; 4) Christians in Japan who want to receive and help returnee Christians; 5) those who are interested in ministry to Japanese people (please see the Program for the details).

Plenary speakers

Rev. Akira Sato

Pastor of Fukushima First Baptist Church: <http://www1.ocn.ne.jp/~flchurch/> (Japan Association of Conservative Baptist Churches). He was born in 1957 in Yamagata. He has been pastoring his church after graduating from Bible Theological Seminary in 1982.

His church is in a town with a population of

10,000 people and espouses the vision “from Galilee to the world”

as a missionary-sending local church. He also travels across Japan as an itinerant speaker. He wrote, “For the growth and salvation of children,” “What comes out of suffering?,” “What comes out of prayer?,” “The most important thing,” “Vitamins A and B for your heart,” etc.



Rev. and Dr. David T. Sugimoto

Pastor of Machida Christian Center: <http://www.mccjapan.org/> (New Life Christian Church Association) and associate professor at Keio University. He was born in 1958. He graduated from Keio University, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, and the University of Sheffield in England. He lived overseas for eight years. He has written many books including, “A Commentary on the Book of Judges,” “A must-know book on biblical archeology: Old and New Testaments,” etc.



Rev. Susumu Morinaga

Pastor of London Japanese Christian Fellowship (and advisor of English Protestantism de Langue Japonaise a Paris). He was born in 1935 in Kagoshima. After graduating from Japan Christian Theological Seminary, and Kobe Reformed Theological Seminary, and after being involved with church planting in Japan, he studied in Israel. On his way back, he was called to serve



the Japanese people in London. It has been 31 years since that time. He now also serves in Europe, Japan, and the U.S. He is adored by many as the Christian father of Japanese people in the U.K. He wrote the book, “Here is blessing.”

Rev. Makoto Okura

Pastor of San Diego Japanese Christian Church (OMS Holiness Church of North America). His father was Korean and his mother Japanese, having been born in Seoul in 1969. After graduating from Tusculum College in Tennessee (majored in psychology), he received a calling to become a pastor by the Ganga River when he was traveling around India. He graduated from Tokyo Biblical Seminary in 1996. After engaging in pastoral ministry on the Okierabu Island in Kagoshima, he has been involved with ministry for Japanese people in North America since 1998.



Program

The program of ec 04 is designed for the purpose of helping each conferee grow in their Christian character and conformity to Christ, in accordance with the conference's theme!

a) Plenary sessions

As more than 300 conferees will gather in one location, we will hear from the Lord through worship, prayer, testimonies and plenary messages.

b) Workshops

In addition to the usual topics such as returnee preparation and ministering to Japanese, ec 04 is planning to provide workshops suitable to a variety of interests that conferees may have.

- 1) Leadership track (for those who are interested in Christian leadership in Japanese ministry in the context of the workplace, to learn how to model Christ and serve and love others as His example.)
- 2) Growing track (for those who want to learn more about God and the Bible in Japanese, deepen their relationship with God, and grow according to His blueprint.)
- 3) Non-Japanese track (for those English speakers who have been praying for and serving Japanese Christians, and who want to receive more training on effective ministry to Japanese.)
- 4) Returnee-recipient track (for those who receive returnees in Japan and co-labor with them for the salvation of Japan, while seeking to understand the heart of the returnees.)

We also have some programs for those who are seeking God (or just interested in Christianity) and high school students.

Application form

Please fill out the form carefully with your signature at bottom and mail it along with the deposit payment of US\$80.00 (not-refundable) or the full conference fee to equipper conference. Use one application form per person.

Applicant information

Last name _____ first name _____
 Gender male female
 marital status single married (for the rooming arrangement)
 DoB (necessary for insurance) _____ (mm/dd/yy)

Applicant's contact info:

Address (where we can contact you before the conference)
 Street _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Country _____
 Phone _____ Cell phone _____
 E-mail _____
 Address in Japan (if different from above)
 Prefecture _____ City or town _____
 Street address _____
 Phone _____ Cell phone _____

Other info

Occupation student working in ministry others
 Are you a Christian? Yes No
 Are you a JCFN member? Yes No

These things need to be confirmed before the conference

The mode of transportation car flight
 Do you need a ride from airport to the site? Yes No
 Airlines _____ flight number _____
 arriving _____ (mm/dd) _____ (am/pm)
 Please send your flight info by Dec. 13th.

Preferred language in small group Japanese English
If you need English translation, please bring an FM radio (digital preferred).

Roommate request: name: _____
 We may not be able to accommodate your request. In the case where you want to stay with your own family in the same room, please make sure to include their names. Or if you have any special request (rooming, health and any other information we need to know), please write it down.

For ec Use Only:
Amt. _____
Ck # _____
Date _____

- I want to help ec 04 by serving in the following areas,**
- small group leader
 - translation
 - photography
 - book sale assistant
 - on-site registration assistant
 - child care
 - airport greeter
 - PA (sound system)
 - conference site set up
 - workshop moderator
 - worship team (instrument, part: _____)
 - intercessory prayer team
 - power point technician
 - snack
 - others (_____)
 - I want to help in any areas if needed.

The enclosed amount: \$80.00 (deposit) other amount \$ _____
check number: _____

Important!

Please read the following "Acknowledgment and Release of Liability" carefully and sign. Without this signature, we cannot process your application. If you are under the age of 18, consent of a parent or legal guardian is required.

Applicant's signature _____ mm/dd/yy
Parent or guardian's signature _____ mm/dd/yy

"Acknowledgment and Release of Liability"

I understand and agree that my participation or the participation of my child or dependent, for whom I am legally responsible, in such activities is a voluntary activity entered into for the purpose of personal development and recreation. I expressly assume all risks of participating in the event. I hereby waive and release any and all claims, actions, lawsuits and proceedings that I or my child or dependent might have against equipper conference arising out of any injury that I or my child or dependent might sustain. I understand and agree that I am solely responsible for any medical expenses and other costs and expenses arising out of such injuries. In the event of an apparent medical emergency, I authorize equipper conference personnel or volunteers to obtain medical emergency help.

I have carefully read this release in its entirety, understand it, and sign it on the application form voluntarily, and am over 18 years of age. I understand and agree to the above provisions and hereby authorize the participation of my child or dependent in the described event.

FOR THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN:

I, the parent or guardian of the above named Applicant, give my voluntary consent to his or her participation in such activities. I certify this by signing it voluntarily on this form.

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c) Small groups
We offer small groups where you will experience fellowship of your heart. God has given some conferees lifetime friends at past ec's.

d) Languages at ec
As a general rule, the programs at ec 04 will be in Japanese. During the plenary sessions, however, English simultaneous translation will be provided (please bring a portable FM radio. Digital radio works better). Some workshops will be offered in English and others will be translated.

e) Tentative schedule

	2002/12/27 (mon)	2002/12/28 (tue)	2002/12/29 (wed)	2002/12/30 (thu)	2002/12/31 (fri)	2003/1/1 (sat)
7~8am	quiet time (or optional morning prayer meeting)					free
8~9am	breakfast					
9~11:45am	morning session	morning session	morning session	morning session		
12pm~1pm	lunch (12:00~)					
1~1:30pm	registration (1pm~)				free	
1:30~3:45pm		workshop and/or other programs	workshop and/or other programs	workshop and/or other programs	workshop and/or other programs	workshop and/or other programs
4~5:10pm	free	free	free	free	workshop and/or other programs	
5:30~6:45pm	dinner					
7~9pm	evening session	evening session	evening session	evening session	evening session	
9:15~10:30pm	volunteer meeting	small group	small group	small group		

How to apply for ec 04

Please fill out the attached application form and mail it in with the payment of U\$80.00 (nonrefundable) or the full amount of the conference fee to equipper conference. You will pay the remaining amount at the conference (the on-site registration will begin 1pm on Dec. 27th). We plan to accept online application as well at

www.equipper.org (we take credit cards. Please contact ecregistration@equipper.org to find out when you can apply online). If you are applying from Japan, please contact 03-5217-2505 or ecregistration@equipper.org for the details. Upon the receipt of your application, we will send you a confirmation with important information including a map to the conference site. A late fee of U\$20.00 will be added on from Nov. 11th. Apply soon!

Cost

Students U\$280.00, non-students U\$325.00, married couples (per person) U\$230.00, children (elementary school) U\$ 140.00

Do not give up attending because of financial reasons! You can apply for a scholarship. Ask for details.

Things to bring

The conference site will provide linens such as towels and sheets. No sleeping bags are necessary. We do not take credit cards at the conference site. Please use checks (including travelers checks) for payment at the conference site and book purchases. Please bring swimsuits if you want to use the swimming pool and outdoor hot spas at the conference site.

Airport and pick-up info

(pay-per-ride available from the airports to the conference site)
Please use Los Angeles International Airport (LAX). There will be paid transportation available. If you need this service, please indicate it in the application form. Since it could take a good three hours from LAX to the conference site, please select flights arriving on the morning of Dec. 27th and leaving in the afternoon of January 1st as much as possible. We need to know your airline and flight information by Dec. 13th. If you are driving, we will send you a map to the conference site (also see <http://www.calvarychapel.com/mhs/>).

equipper conference 2004

—for Japanese Christians and those ministering to them—
december 27th, 04 (mon) to january 1st, 05 (sat)
at Calvary Chapel Conference Center, Murrieta, CA

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