

THE NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 16, 2011

His Excellency
Ichiro Fujisaki
The Ambassador of Japan
2520 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20008

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

As your close neighbors here at the National Presbyterian Church, we are saddened by the disastrous events that have affected the nation of Japan in recent days. We feel great compassion for the grief of your people as they face such loss, and can only imagine the weight of concern you must carry as you consider the many needs that exist in your homeland.

We want you to know that as a congregation we are receiving donations which will be sent to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for relief efforts in Japan, and we are also guiding congregants to make donations directly to that agency.

As the world community expresses its solidarity with you and your nation, we want you to know that as your friends and neighbors, we hold you in our thoughts and prayers most specially. We extend a word of hope to you, knowing that in the darkest hours there is often a flowering of human and divine love that is beyond understanding. We also know that your people and your government are discerning the wisest path forward. We stand with you at this time.

Sincerely,



The Rev. Dr. Douglas A. Learned