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A Conversation with **Satsuki Ina**

With the release of the film *Our Healing Journey: One Faith Community's Response to Clergy Sexual Abuse*, produced by Evan Jackson Leong and the Healing Committee of the Presbyterian Church in Chinatown and Cameron House, Michael Lee poses a few questions of Dr. Satsuki Ina who served as consultant and principal psychotherapist working directly with the victims of this trauma.

Lee: Your principal role in this healing process was as a therapist and I've learned that you are also a documentarian. I'd like to ask: from the perspective of a documentarian what stands out most to you about the story being told in this film?

Dr. Ina: What stands out most about the story being told in this film is the willingness of the men survivors to share their stories and allow themselves to be vulnerable about trauma that has haunted them through their lives. Their strength and resilience is the most moving part of this story as is the determination of the Healing Committee to sustain their effort to bring healing to the survivors, their families, and the Chinatown community.

Lee: You mentioned that you introduced the work of this Healing Committee to another faith group you facilitated in Canada. Will you describe the impact this had?

Dr. Ina: Just as the Cameron House Healing Committee struggled in the beginning to figure out how best to respond to the unearthing of the clergy abuse, this grass-

roots group of Japanese Canadians along with family members of survivors had to figure out where and how to start. The Cameron House survivors gave me permission to share their stories and the process they went through. This generosity of spirit gave the Canadians a "map" in unknown territory about how and what they could do to address the trauma and bring the church to be accountable for not taking steps when it was known that the clergy abuse had taken place. More than anything, the stories of the Cameron House survivors gave them hope and the confidence that fighting for redemption was healing for victims, families, and the local community.

Lee: The work of the Healing Committee has endured for 23 years. How does a trauma like this - that affected so many - have lasting impact on organizational culture?

Dr. Ina: Deeply embedded religious culture that reveres and honors the clergy, even in the face of truth, is difficult to disrupt. Some of the survivors lost their faith when the church community denied their victimization and/or ignored the reports and complaints.

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With the significant financial relief of the Payroll Protection Program this summer we are shifting our annual Big Give appeal to November to align with year-end giving and Giving Tuesday, a global generosity movement we hope will introduce the mission work of Cameron House to a broader philanthropic audience.

Please stay tuned!

And, would you like to join a team of volunteers willing to participate in peer-to-peer, friend-to-friend fundraising benefitting Cameron House on Facebook for our 2020 Big Give? Send an email to annie@cameroushouse.org

We hope this finds you healthy and safe and that you are finding ways to stay well of mind, spirit and heart; nurturing your curiosity; and doing what not only sustains you but inspires your creation of a kinder, more just, loving and equitable future for us all.

Like you, we grieve for the souls lost to this pandemic, feel outrage from the insidious acts of violence and racism, are heartbroken for the those who have suffered losses due to fire and natural disasters, as well as those overwhelmed and social isolated from the pandemic. Wherever you are – in Chinatown, the Bay Area, and across our great and aching nation – we think of you, with kind thoughts and prayers.

Your Volunteerism and Donations Matter

We offer our heartfelt thanks to you – our donors and volunteers – for your ongoing support to meet our community needs. Your contributions help close the gap between what we need to meet the full costs of delivering quality services and value to the community, and earned income (fees) and revenue from our City service contracts.

Our Results

Our operations team has cleaned and painted the building, installed hand-sanitizing stations, secured masks and tested protocols to ensure participant, volunteer and staff safety when we're permitted to resume in-person programming. Meanwhile our staff are working remotely to serve needs of the Chinatown community by phone and Zoom.

Our new "normal" is thinking and doing differently under constantly changing conditions. Food insecurity, unemployment, financial stress, the threat of coronavirus transmission, prolonged sheltering-in-place, social isolation and loneliness – are palpable traumas in our community and we're trying our best to anticipate and reimagine a post-COVID world.

Our food pantry operation feeds 225 families weekly. Our ministry teams continue to make wellness calls to our social service clients and out-of-school time youth. Social services, facilitated distance learning and Friday Night Club continue and in addition we now provide supplemental monthly food boxes for 50 of our most needy after school families.

We provide cash cards for victims of domestic violence – who do not have financial autonomy from their abusers. We offer virtual computer classes to help people avert the risk of deeper educational inequity for our youth and the devastating impact of social isolation and loneliness among our elderly. And we have piloted webinars to promote wellness.

This summer our gracious donors contributed \$32,000 for academic scholarships supporting 32 youth to pursue their dreams. For our youth we piloted a peer counseling training; initiated a review of Friday Night Club and invested in sexual harassment prevention training. A SF Presbytery grant of \$50,000 will enable us to engage diverse youth throughout the City and facilitate youth-centered projects to address key issues affecting youth, especially racism.

Cameron House served as a staging area to distribute PPE supplies and will support outdoor COVID testing and in October we will serve as a Community Hub for eligible youth who need extra support to participate in virtual school.

Future Positive: Strategic Planning & November's Big Give 2020

With so much of our world turned upside down by this pandemic, this is a critical time for us to set a direction (our "North Star") and define a road map for impactfully serving our community.

Our senior management team is currently engaged with the Bridgespan Group, an international social impact consultancy, in a scope of work to draft our intended impact and theory of change in advance of a strategic planning process we will begin in October.

We will meet the obligations of our budget this fiscal year, largely due to the impact of the Payroll Protection Program (PPP) loan that we secured in May and by you, our donors, who answered our May appeal to anticipate revenue loss from cancellation of our summer programs.

With the financial relief of the Payroll Protection Program we are shifting our annual Big Give appeal to November to align with year-end giving and Giving Tuesday, a global generosity movement we hope will introduce Cameron House to a broader philanthropic audience and lift us into the new fiscal year.

Unfortunately, Congress has not renewed legislation to extend financial relief for small businesses and organizations like Cameron House, so we are prepared with a working list of austerity measures to curtail expenditures and suspend activities if need be.

We hope we can count on your generous giving to support our operations during these troubled times. In November we will mail a letter asking you to support the 2020 Big Give to help us weather the unknown course of the pandemic and to sustain the mission work of Cameron House. If you'd like to help jump start our campaign we welcome you to the attached remit envelope or our [online donation page](#).

Michael Lee
Executive Director

remembering Sue Leong 梁劍珊

1 For this piece, Kelsey Johe sat down for a virtual chat with Joyce Himebaugh, a good friend of Sue Leong's for the 2
9 last 15 years of her life. Joyce is a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Ann Arbor Michigan and part of the 0
3 Parish Nurse Helping Hands Program as well as the writer of the Legacy of Faith series which documents church 1
0 members lives in short booklets. Joyce later became Sue's health advocate and oversaw her end-of-life transition. 9

"Sue Leong's smile lit up her whole being," Joyce recalls. Sue was small in stature, but big in heart; she was always aware of people's needs and figuring out ways to help.

Her love for education, inclusivity, and learning about people as individuals, especially those who were disenfranchised, was likely due to having been independent basically her whole life.

Sue had a rough start. Born in Alameda in 1930, her mother died during childbirth. Unable to raise a baby by himself, her father gave Sue to foster parents for the first two years of her life. When instances of abuse were discovered, Sue was transferred to the Mei Lun Yuen baby home. According to Ventures in Mission by Lorna Logan, the Mei Lun Yuen home was started by Donaldina

Cameron after several attempts at securing funding and finding a safe location free from Chinese discrimination. The Director of the home, Doctor Bessie Jeong, took notice of Sue during her stay, possibly due to their similar childhoods, and remained in touch with her throughout Bessie's life. Bessie was a huge influence on Sue's life and her inspiration to pursue nursing.

After a couple years, Sue was sent to another foster home, the Paul Family, where she stayed for the next six years and learned about God's teachings. Sue devoted herself to the church during this difficult time of transition after transition, all of her experiences were very church oriented where she says she "relied on the church for her social life because the outside world was very strange to her." At age eleven she was transferred to the Ming Quong Home



Ming Quong Home
Reunion - CA (2000)
Top (Left to Right): Jenny
Chew, Rhoda, Bessie
Bottom (Left to Right):
Mary Mar, Sue Leong,
Ruth Joy, Luella Mak

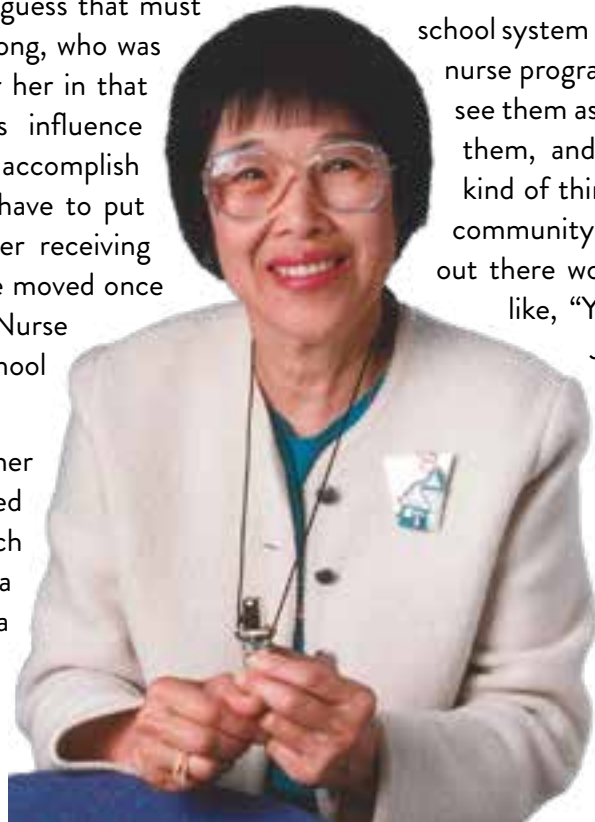
for Girls where she was raised and greatly influenced by Christian values until graduating high school.

She worked as a live-in maid to put herself through San Francisco City College to receive her Associate of Arts degree, and was subsequently accepted to the nursing program at the University of California San Francisco. In 1953 she passed the State Board Exam and received her Bachelors of Science in Nursing.

Though most of her focus was now in the medical field, Sue never lost her passion for mission work, or forgot her roots. She pursued a Theological Seminary degree in San Anselmo where she completed her Masters. Within the same year of completing her program, Sue also worked at Cameron House from 1958-1959 as the Director of Christian Education and a Girls Worker as part of the National Mission Presbytery Community Center. After a mission trip to Beirut, the director Sue had worked with offered her a job at his church in Ann Arbor. Sue moved there shortly after and realized she wanted to continue to pursue nursing. After getting her Masters of Public Health from the University of Michigan she became the Head Nurse at the Lafayette Psychiatric Clinic in Detroit.

Sue's desire to help others in need led her to a service job, but she was always pulled by the draw of education. Joyce recalls, "I just was amazed all the way through [receiving] her PhD in public health... Education was so high on her priority list over the years and I guess that must have gone back to Dr. Bessie Jeong, who was such an example and mentor for her in that area." Joyce said that Bessie's influence told her, "You can pretty much accomplish anything you want, but you do have to put your homework in." A year after receiving her job at the Detroit Clinic, Sue moved once again to establish her career as a Nurse Practitioner in the Ann Arbor School District for 30 years.

In 1994, Sue retired from her school nursing job and joined the First Presbyterian Church in Ann Arbor. Ann Arbor is a university town that has quite a few people in retirement, Sue was very cognizant of those life transitions. Knowing she would soon need the care she had



been providing to the community for so many years, Sue joined a committee at her church to formulate a position to address navigating the medical system, thus, the Parish Nurse position was born. Today, the Parish Nurse maintains resources within the community, so no matter what need is presented. The Parish Nurse is very familiar with rehab units as well as other health related options that exist in the community. Sue was later able to see the fruits of her labor when the Helping Hands committee, organized by the Parish Nurse, came out and put railings in her home. Programs such as blood drives, flu vaccine clinics for church members, adult Sunday school, and a lot of safety and education seminars for the congregation were also organized.

In addition to the Parish Nurse program, Sue was instrumental in a residency program, which focused on recent graduates from seminary. Joyce explains that "It's similar to a medical residency program, where the church hires three individuals who come on staff contracted for two years. Their food and living arrangements are taken care of and it's a really fun vital program." Sue was very adamant on having the program available and in just the last year, First Presbytery was able to raise an endowment fund so the program could continue as long as possible.

Sue was insistent from the get-go that part of her estate go to Cameron House to help out children. She was big on children and their educational programming in the school system in Ann Arbor as well as public health nurse programs. "Kids just loved her, Sue would see them as individuals, build relationships with them, and get to know their parents, that kind of thing. She was very well known in the community". When Joyce and Sue would go out there would often be people saying things like, "You were my school nurse in '78!" Joyce describes Sue as "sparkly" when she recalls memories like this.

Joyce says that Sue was always the first person to welcome someone with her smile to the church. She made sure every person knew they were seen and accepted by the church. "It was a blessing to get to know her, her spirit was just, 'never give up' and always

positive." Despite the challenges, Sue paved a fulfilling life with support along the way.

[Read more about Sue Leong's life in her Legacy of Faith, created by Joyce Himebaugh](#)

[Click here to learn more about Legacy Giving at Cameron House, or contact Bill Vigna, Director of Finance and Operations, at \(415\) 781-0401 x 138 / \[bill@cameronhouse.org\]\(mailto:bill@cameronhouse.org\). As a Legacy Society member, planned giving will directly support the enduring mission work of Cameron House in service to the San Francisco Chinese American community.](#)

Reflecting on the Legacy Workshop

by Craig Lee and Hanson Wong

On August 22, 2020, the Planned Giving/Legacy Committee of Cameron House organized and presented a webinar titled The Tail of the (Charitable) Dog: Tax and Control Considerations in Planned Giving, and Other Estate Planning Thoughts. 30 Cameron House alumni, friends, board members, Legacy Committee members, as well as staff attended the insightful Online webinar.

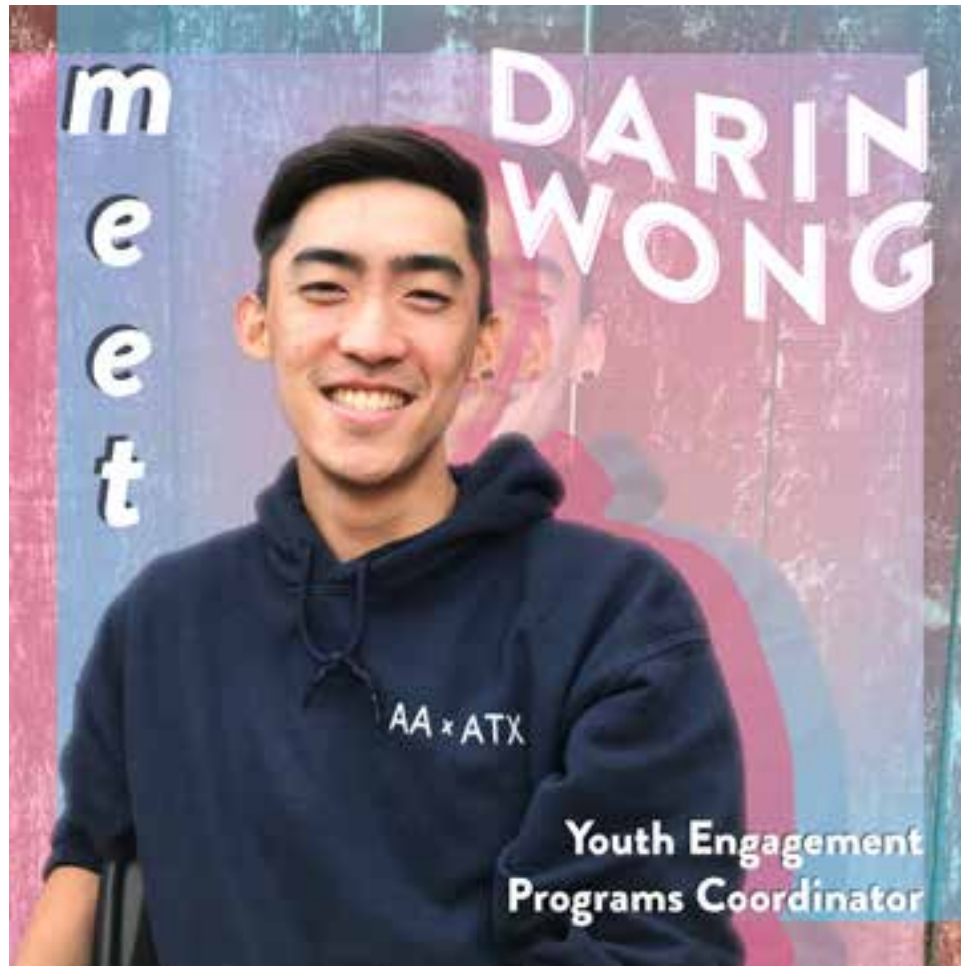
This was the 2nd in a planned series of seminars/webinars. It was originally planned to be held in-person at Cameron House in April, but postponed due to COVID-19. The committee plans to offer additional educational sessions two times per year.

Our guest speakers were Anne Rhodes and Jeff Tachiki. Anne advises

on estate planning and has specific experience with cross-border estate planning, wealth transfer and US tax compliance for clients with global investments and assets, particularly in Asia. Jeff guides clients through the complex issues that arise in estate planning, and during trust administration and probate, including disputed matters.

Anne and Jeff discussed the value of planned giving and shared tax planning and tax saving strategies. They covered a many topics, including the current gift and estate tax landscape; core estate planning strategies, including wills, revocable trusts, and powers of attorney; as well as tax planning strategies, including charitable techniques.





Darin was born and raised in Calexico, California and graduated from University of Michigan with a degree in environmental science and Asian American and Pacific Islander studies. But, like many recent college graduates going through a quarter-life crisis, he decided to switch up his career and go towards the field of social services. He was first introduced to Cameron House via friends while volunteering at the Presbyterian Church in Chinatown's food pantry. Since joining the Youth Ministry team, he is thankful to have a parking spot near the food pantry within the city.

Darin helped organize summer English learning programs in college and is a frequent volunteer at SF-Marin Food Bank, Jones Memorial Church, and Glide SF (pre-COVID). Previous to Cameron House, he spent a service term with AmeriCorps at Reading Partners. He currently helps organize the community outreach team at his church, Sons & Daughters SF. Darin enjoys working with both elementary students and high school students and is no stranger to embarrassing himself in front of them. In his spare time, he likes to read, write slam poetry, play video games with his roommates, and volunteer. His favorite music artists are The Sylvers, Jacob Banks, BB King, and J. Cole. Ultimately, his goal will be to attend graduate school for social work and become a community activist.

Welcome to the CH Team, Darin!

They lost their faith in God but also their faith in the layers of authority responsible for their well-being.

Unless there is deep change in the organizational structure regarding the primacy of the welfare of its members rather than the protection of those in authority, trust will be difficult to earn - trust that the next generation of children will be protected, trust in the religious teachings of the church. Because it was years before the church and CH community responded and took effective action, feelings of the lack of safety can hang over the organization in many ways for churchgoers, staff, committees, etc. The legacy of inaction/denial needs to be countered with proactive changes in organizational structure, mission statements, interpersonal relationships, authority protocols, and these changes need to be demonstrated in action before the legacy of abuse and inaction can be truly altered.

About Satsuki Ina

Satsuki Ina was born in the Tule Lake Segregation Center, a maximum security concentration camp for Japanese Americans during WWII. Professor Emeritus in the School of Education at California State University, Sacramento, she has been researching the long-term impact of the incarceration trauma and its intergenerational impact.

A community activist, writer, and filmmaker, she has produced two award-winning documentary films about the WWII Japanese American incarceration.

Dr. Ina has a private psychotherapy practice in the San Francisco Bay Area where she serves as therapist and consultant for communities confronted with trauma related to clergy abuse, acculturation, racism, and captivity.

The Healing Committee has definitely taken effective steps in the right direction and on-going educational programs for participants and staff and community with the intention of growing a new legacy is in process. I'd also like to add that the broader issue of racism and victimization of vulnerable communities (poor, minority, people of color, immigrants, etc.) as an important aspect of the educational program will be important for Cameron House. Individual and community empowerment is how the legacy of victimization changes. Most religious faiths value respect, humility, gratitude, honor, trust, faith, loyalty, but without having an understanding and tools for personal and collective empowerment, particularly for communities of color/immigrants, they will remain vulnerable to the religious, often white power structure.



[Visit the Healing Journey website, where you can watch Our Healing Journey: One Faith Community's Response to Clergy Sexual Abuse](#)

There, you can also find faith community resources available immediately if you would like to go deeper into understanding the actual steps of our healing experience. Resources include a companion 40-page book *Highlights of an Intentional Healing Journey*, provided to give you details and elaboration on our healing journey. *Questions (With No Easy Answers)* provides a deeper, thoughtful reflection on issues and dilemmas every faith community will face in working through the impact of clergy sexual abuse and its aftermath. As well as the original *Final Report of the Healing Task Force* which presented the findings and recommendations that our Healing Task Force identified after nearly two years of extensive collaboration with abuse survivors and the local church community.

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After many years of faithful and diligent work, the current Cameron House/ Presbyterian Church in Chinatown Healing Committee will be hosting a virtual event and panel discussion



Our Healing Journey

Saturday, November 14 at 3:00pm

[Register Here](#)



The event will showcase our website and discuss our recently completed video *Our Healing Journey* as well as introductions to two written companion pieces, *Clergy Sexual Abuse: Highlights of an Intentional Healing Journey*, and *Questions (With No Easy Answers): Congregations ask about clergy sexual abuse*.

A special liturgy of Healing will be part of the English Worship Service at PCC on Sunday, November 15 starting at 10:45am.

On behalf of the current Healing Committee,
Rev. Donald P. Hammond
Interim Co-Pastor for the English Community at PCC