

Ken Sudo and Neil Salonen to Honor 1973 Japanese Missionaries

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On August 17, 2013 Japanese missionaries who came to the United States in 1973 will be honored at a series of commemorative events at the Belvedere Training Center in Tarrytown, New York.

From 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on August 17th, there will be two commemorative lectures by Rev. Ken Sudo at the Belvedere Training Center, \$10 suggested donation, followed by lunch and fellowship, according to Mr. Tetsuaki , and Mrs. Yasuko Takahashi, who are joint organizers of the event.

The lectures will be in Japanese, but translation will be available to western members who bring FM radios, according to an announcement from Rev. Andrew Compton. Rev. Neil Salonen, who was president of the Unification Church in 1973, is expected to give congratulatory remarks, along with other American members who worked closely with the Japanese missionaries in the early years of the movement.

“As an American we are deeply grateful for the 40 years of sacrifice of Japanese and European missionaries who laid the foundation for our Unification movement in the United States. They deserved to be honored,” Rev. Andrew Compton told Unification News.

On Sunday, August 18, 2013 there will be a tour of the East Garden grounds for the Japanese pioneers, some of whom will be visiting from European countries. According to Mr. Izukawa, who was among the first 12 missionaries to arrive in the United States in 1972, the testimonies of the pioneer missionaries will be collected and published in Japanese, and possibly other languages.

Those seeking to RSVP for the event or who seek more information may call Mr. Izukawa.