

AN INVITATION FROM THE MISSION AND EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

Looking for a way to relieve that boredom which has set in during SIP? The Mission & Evangelism Committee invites you to participate in folding origami cranes.

You may recall that before the pandemic, Ruth Sasaki and Clinton Huey of Tsuru for Solidarity came to PCC and made a teatime presentation. Tsuru for Solidarity is a project working to end detention sites, and support front-line immigrant and refugee communities that are being targeted by racist, inhumane immigration policies. Tsuru for Solidarity stands on the moral authority of Japanese Americans who suffered the legacy of U.S. concentration camps during WWII and who declare, "Stop Repeating History!"

At the teatime presentation, we were invited to participate in the nationwide effort to fold "tsuru" ("cranes," in Japanese), as a sign of peace and healing. The cranes we fold today are expressions of solidarity and support for children, families and communities who are under attack.

The initial goal of Tsuru for Solidarity was to collect 125,000 origami cranes, signifying the number of Japanese Americans who were unjustly incarcerated during WWII. As of May, more than 213,000 cranes have been folded and strung in 4' lengths. Tsuru for Solidarity therefore has set a new goal of collecting an additional 400,000 cranes, signifying the number of immigrants incarcerated annually.

All the thousands of cranes will "take flight" at a pilgrimage to Washington D.C. in 2021 (postponed from June 6-7, 2020, due to Covid-19).

The Mission & Evangelism Committee has set a goal of folding and stringing 500 cranes. This is a good activity to do while we are sheltering-in-place. After folding your first few cranes, your muscle memory clicks in, and you will be able to fold cranes easily, while binge-watching your favorite television show for example.

RESOURCES:

Please use a 6"x6" square piece of paper. Any color will do. It can be origami paper, or paper cut from a magazine, newspaper, etc.

Directions on how to fold a crane can be found on the Tsuru for Solidarity website at <https://tsuruforsolidarity.org/tsuru-resources>. There are also many instructional videos on YouTube. One resource is at <http://OrigamiSpirit.com>, "How to Fold An Origami Crane."

You may send completed cranes in an envelope to: Cameron House, 920 Sacramento Street, San Francisco, CA 94108, "Attn: Presbyterian Church in Chinatown M&E Cranes." Alternatively, you may drop off your cranes in an envelope to PCC on Saturday mornings, when the church is open for our Food Pantry. For drop-offs, please put your cranes in an envelope and deliver to PCC at 925 Stockton Street, on Saturdays between 11:30-1:30. You may call

Susie Wong at 415-710-7242, and someone will meet you at the curb/white zone in front of the church to receive your origami cranes.

All of the cranes will thereafter be strung into 4' lengths by our volunteers, and sent to Tsuru for Solidarity.

Please send your folded cranes before August 1, 2020. If you have any questions, please contact Jeanine Lim at jdotlim88@gmail.com. Thank you!

