

Hayama Archives Introduction & a Letter from a Founder  
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“The Best Little Missions Library For Japan Missionaries.”

Lonnie Dufty

Welcome to the Hayama Missionary Seminar Archives!

My first relationship with the Hayama Seminar began in St. Paul, Minnesota – Luther Northwestern Seminary to be exact. My wife Cindy was attending Luther while I was finishing up at Bethel Seminary (I took one class at Luther). The year must have been 1985-1986 because in the summer of 1985 Cindy and I made a trip to Nagoya to visit the Okubo family, formerly of Bethel Seminary. In Nagoya we attended English classes taught by the Millhousers – Hayama loyalists. At the end of our visit Rev. Okubo strongly encouraged us to consider working with him as short-term missionaries, after which Cindy directed her seminary research efforts towards the Japanese Church. Hence our introduction to the Hayama Missionary Seminar. It was research in preparation of our 1996-1998 Nagoya short-term ministry.

As a bit of information, I also had the privilege of meeting Koyama Kosuke, the author of Mt. Fuji and Mt. Sinai. I was attending Bethel Seminary, she was at Luther Northwestern and we had both just returned from a visit to Nagoya Japan to visit my former classmate, Pastor Nobuyoshi Okubo. That was my first visit to Japan and Cindy's second. Pastor Okubo used the opportunity of our visit to encourage us to return as short-term missionaries.

The Hayama Seminar is a bit of Kingdom history in Japan. The first three day seminar took place January of 1960; the last (or most recent?) seminar took place in 2002. During those years lots of preparation and post seminar follow-up took place that resulted in the publication of an annual book. Not just a series of books but great fellowship and enduring friendships came out of the Hayama seminar. As the custodian of the “original documents” I became enamored with the idea of making the contents available to the world for free download. It has taken me years to accomplish my goal but it is now accomplished! In my opinion the Hayama Seminar Reports are a treasure – a window into the history of God's Kingdom in Japan.

Hayama had a certain ethos in that it is a by-product of the Cold War – that mythical time of great insecurity when communism appeared to be an unstoppable force, nuclear war seemed inevitable and moral and cultural certainties accepted for generations as absolutes were being overturned by the relativistic vanguard of the “me generation.” It was obvious the 1960's were going to be years of change and conflict.

A small group of missionaries decided to tackle division and conflict head on, to wrestle understanding and peace out of confusion. Their method was not new – they decided to have a meeting. What was new for Japan was how disciplined, how well thought-out and how long-lasting their vision turned out to be. Preparations began the year before the seminar took place. Themes were defined, presenters selected and academic quality papers requested. Written responses from critics and post-presentation discussions were scheduled. Passions sometimes emerged, sometimes

as conflicts and sometimes as pretty amazing spiritual confession and reconciliation as people, Japanese included – confessed and forgave one another. Some people coming had memories and words to share from as far back as the 1920's when Japan was a different world than it is now.

The first Hayama Missionary Seminar, planned in 1959 and taking place in January of 1960 had as its theme “Our Ministry of Reconciliation in a World of Conflict, 2 Cor. 5:18” The theme in 1961 was “The Church and the Ministry in Japan, Phil. 2:5” No books were published the first two years but the tone for future Hayamas was set and in 1962 the continuation committee published the first book under the extremely long title “Reports of An Informal Missionary Study Seminar for Christian Witness in Japan.” A somewhat cautious title as that first book extended to 145 pages on A5 paper.

Hayama had some interesting methodology to it. There never was a single chairperson or permanent committee. At the end of each three-day seminar there was a meeting of all attendees to determine whether or not there would be a “next” Hayama Seminar. The attendees would try to decide upon the next year's theme after which a continuation committee and chairman would be approved, and an editor for the current seminar's book be pressed into service. The two big jobs were clearly that of chairman and editor – they had LOTS of work ahead of them. But also the knowledge (or at least hope!) that “next year somebody else will do it.” The wonder is not that Hayama finally came to an end in 2002 but rather that it continued as long as it did! Or is Hayama really over – might it not be that Hayama is actual in a period of abeyance?

I would like to end this article by summarizing what I believe to be the enduring significance of the Hayama Missionary Seminar. My personal conviction is Hayama is a valuable witness to the progress of the Kingdom of God in Japan. It is a product of a generation of missionary and Japanese Christian experiences and musings over a wide range of topics. Kingdom history; writings that should be preserved and treasured!

The entire collection of published books – 1962 through 2001 – is available for free download at <https://horao2020.net>. Those wishing a DVD containing the scanned copy of the “original manuscripts” can write Lonnie Dufty at [admin@horao2020.net](mailto:admin@horao2020.net) or [scceng01@gmail.com](mailto:scceng01@gmail.com) . The books themselves are in the possession of Dan Ellrick in Osaka, Japan. [ellrick@proverbs2525.org](mailto:ellrick@proverbs2525.org) In the event that an error is discovered in the pdf files please contact Lonnie Dufty to provide him with the book year and page.

Following is the introduction to the Original Hayama Missionary Seminar CD.

#### DESCRIPTION OF HAYAMA

This CD represents the knowledge and experiences of a generation of Christian missionaries serving among a people called Japanese. Beginning in 1960 and continuing to the present, missionaries pastors, and various professionals have been called upon to present wisdom gained from their specific disciplines and ministries. Subject matters spans a host of disciplines, including sociology, theology, Biblical studies, church history, practical ministry, psychology, comparative religion, cultural studies and the arts—just about anything which affects human beings living in society has been addressed at Hayama. Hayama represents a unique and priceless snapshot of a

generation of men and women called by God to present His Kingdom to a specific people and culture. Should the Lord continue to tarry, it is my hope that a future generation of researchers and Japanese believers will be able to look to Hayama to understand more fully the motivations, convictions, ministries and theories of the 20th century missionary to Japan.

## READING THE BOOKS

If you are reading this page, you are probably using your Internet browser. This is the best way to read the books. For those years which are not available as document files, it is possible to use a graphics viewer to flip through the scanned books one page at a time. People with older, slower computers may find that approach desirable. Included on this CD is a Windows program called IVIEW which makes for a good browsing experience. Check in the MISC directory or the main page for installation. IVIEW is freeware.

## A WORD TO RESEARCHERS

Of the forty seminars, thirty-eight books have been published, beginning in 1962. Of those thirty-eight books, ten were originally computer generated (the computer age for Hayama began in 1990) and two books, 1985 and 1987, were scanned and converted to document files by Russell Sawatsky.

That left twenty-six books unavailable in electronic form. Rather than scan and OCR twenty-six books, I settled for simply scanning the books into JPG format and using a freeware program to numerically link the scanned pages in HTML files. I chose JPG format because that seemed the best quality at the smallest size—had to get everything onto one CD. Ideally, every book should be converted to document format for searching and text copy. However, that would take an immense amount of time to correct OCR mistakes and edit the final product. I did create HTML tables summarizing the contents of every book. These tables describe each article by year, page number, author, title, responder and key subjects. These tables can be searched by Internet browser or another search program.

## SEARCHING

All text based books & documents are copied into the TABLES directory. Do not attempt a search of the entire CD as you will end up wasting much time waiting for negative results from the jpg only years. Internet browsers can search for any word which exists in the currently opened document. Windows “find” can search for file name or text. When searching for a specific type of article, try using various related key words. Be sure to browse through the tables as well.

God’s blessings.

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NOTES FROM A HAYAMA FOUNDER

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FROM: Paul Peachy

DATE: 3/14/98

Subject: 1997 Hayama Seminar Report

Yes, your reference on p 2 is accurate as far as it goes. though I somehow recall that two additional people were involved in the planning, though I can't recall who they were. My file from those days is somewhere stashed. Just a bit of history. I was on a temporary assignment with the Mennonite Central Committee, a relief and service agency of the Mennonite churches, as a consultant to the missions and churches in the aftermath of the war, especially the Hiroshima & Nagasaki bombings.

Serving under that agency for some years in Europe immediately after WWII, and gotten involved in ecumenical peace/war discussions. I soon discovered, however, that discussions between Mennonites and Protestants (Lutherans and Reformed) was little preparation for the Japanese setting!

I was there with my young family for nearly three years when a health problem brought us back home. While I served the Mennonite missions and young churches primarily, dialog with other faith communities and academics was part of the assignment. I was in contact with both Protestant missionary camps (Kyodan and evangelical) (not much Catholic those days, though I met Heinrich Dumoulin, SJ, at Joshi Daigahi. and translated, German to English, his History Zen Buddhism).

This by way of background to the following: while the aim of the conference in 1960 was clearly to bring the two clusters of missionaries into conversation, my basic assignment in Japan was the specific focus I had in mind in organizing the effort—how does one witness to Christ among non-Christian people who view the US (and the West) as Christian and military alike? To make a meeting acceptable to at least elements in the evangelical community we couldn't make that the main focus. I'd have to go back to my files to see how we Accommodated that concern. Whatever the answer, as far as I can remember, starting an annual conference was not part of the design So it's been a joy to receive these reports annually, though it has not been possible to keep directly involved in things Japanese

After our return, other demands were too great, coupled with the awareness that we couldn't return to Japan. I enjoyed, resonated with your "Bible Study on Revival and Renewal." Anyhow, we move forward in good times and not so good, knowing that "God Moves in a Mysterious Way ."

Blessings to you.

Paul Peachy

Memories of First Hayama Missionary Seminars, 1960 & 1961

1960 – 1st Hayama Seminar “Our Ministry of Reconciliation in a World of Conflict, 2 Cor. 5:18”

1961 – 2nd Hayama Seminar “The Church and the Ministry in Japan, Phil. 2:5”

GENERAL SUBJECT: Founding of Hayama Missionary Seminar

INFORMATION: The presentations of the first two years of Hayama were not published. The idea behind the founding of the Hayama seminar was to provide an environment for missionaries from different denominations to discuss matters related to peace in an age when war seemed to be a constant danger and a great fear was the consequences of nuclear war between major powers. The organizers had no idea that the seminar would still be going strong forty years later!

File Format: All years can be viewed via a web browser by clicking on the GO HAYAMA link. The link will lead to a text based HTML document or an HTML file composed of scanned images (JPG format). Those with slower computers with low memory capacity may find opening an entire book is slow. It may be better to use a graphic viewer to view pages one at a time. For more information on viewers and page numbering, refer to the start page of the collection. Red highlighting signifies an article especially helpful in understanding issues related to life and ministry within Japan.

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