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The Sacramento Japanese United Methodist Church (SJUMC) is pleased to announce that it is sending a six member Mission Team to Japan to assist with the relief effort. The Tohoku Disaster Center in Japan sent a formal request to SJUMC and the United Methodist Committee on Relief for Mission Volunteers to come to Japan early next year. The Team of both English and Japanese speaking volunteers will depart Sacramento on February 26, 2012 for a 13 day trip, returning March 9, 2012.

The Team is greatly honored since the Tohoku Disaster Center has not accepted requests from all Teams wishing to go to Japan and has rarely sent out requests for Teams outside of Japan. The weather will be very cold and the Team expects the work to be both physically hard and mentally challenging, but all are looking forward to the trip and are excited about serving at this important juncture in the relief efforts. The trip comes at the one year anniversary of the earthquake and tsunami that devastated the Northeast area of Japan.

The Team is currently in the process of completing the necessary paperwork and engaging in fundraising activities. Anyone wishing to contribute to the Mission Team can send their donations, payable to "SJUMC," to the address below. SJUMC is a qualified Section 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and will provide tax deductible receipts for all donations.

SJUMC, formed in 1969 after the merger of two other Christian churches, welcomes and serves all people regardless of race, but SJUMC has long ties with both the Japanese and Japanese-American Communities in the Sacramento area.

SJUMC also has plans to send additional teams to Japan in the coming years as part of their continuing commitment to the Japan relief efforts.

If you have any questions, please contact Mary Nakamura at (916) 421-1017.

Sincerely,

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