

Jitsuo Morikawa Award given to Pastoral Team of NSBC

At the ABC/MC Annual Meeting on **May 24, 2014**, the pastors of North Shore, **Rev. Douglas Harris, Rev. Rony Reyes, Rev. Carol McVetty, Rev. Roger Poenyunt, and Rev. Yuki Scroggins**, (left to right in picture) were presented, as a group, with the Jitsuo Morikawa Award for Relating Christian Faith to Contemporary Life. This annual award of the Region was given in recognition of the way North Shore's pastors "demonstrate the promise and efficacy of intercultural and multi-lingual ministries in contemporary metropolitan life." The award was presented by Rev. Larry Greenfield, Region Executive, who said: "As the American Baptist Churches of Metro Chicago focuses at this Annual Meeting on the Pentecost text from Acts 2, with its different tongues but one Spirit, we give thanks to God for the Pentecost witness of North Shore Baptist Church and its pastoral leaders."



The text of the framed certificate given to each pastor says this about **Jitsuo Morikawa**:

As the former pastor of the First Baptist Church of Chicago, Dr. Jitsuo Morikawa imaginatively and prophetically led American Baptists to a renewed understanding of sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with the contemporary world. The annual award in his honor celebrates a member or members of the ABCMC family who break open new paths of the Christian life in our time.

It goes on to speak about **North Shore and its pastors**:

In the most diverse denomination in the nation (American Baptist Churches U.S.A.) and one of the most diverse Regions in the denomination (American Baptist Churches of Metro Chicago), North Shore Baptist Church leads the way in demonstrating that, for Christians, rich diversity can mean more plentiful, generative, distinctive... oneness.... The Team gives witness to the power of mutuality, of Christian love. By honoring and embracing the distinctiveness of particular ethnic and cultural traditions, the congregation and its staff point to the inclusiveness of God's reign. By honoring and embracing the distinctiveness of particular language traditions, the congregation and its pastoral team point to the plentitude of God's Word. By honoring and embracing the distinctiveness of particular styles of worship and work, the congregation and its pastoral leaders point to the abundant power of the Holy Spirit.

Memorial Service for Pauline Rhiner



Pauline Rhiner, long time member, died on May 10, 2014 at the age of 95. A Memorial Service will be held in Kraft Chapel on Sunday, **June 8th at 4pm** with a reception to follow in Nam-bu Chapel. Memorial gifts can be sent to North Shore Baptist Church in her honor.

