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Episcopal Diocese of Northern California Church Partners with HAPI to Address Historic Injustices

EUREKA, CALIFORNIA – Christ Episcopal Church in Eureka has embarked on a meaningful journey toward racial reconciliation with the Asian and Pacific Islander community, acknowledging and responding to a painful chapter in the city's history.

This initiative began after the Reverend Dr. Daniel London and church volunteer Katherine Mace uncovered the disturbing history of the forced removal of Eureka's Chinese residents in the late 1800s. Confronted with the gravity of these past injustices, Rev. Dr. London and Ms. Mace turned to prayer and reflection, seeking ways to foster healing and reconciliation.

These reflections quickly turned into action. The church hosted a dedicated service to honor those affected by this history, during which Christ Episcopal Church pledged to match all donations made. Christ Church then formed a partnership with Humboldt Asians and Pacific Islanders in Solidarity (HAPI) – an organization committed to building and empowering communities by amplifying diverse voices and perspectives.

Among those supporting the church's efforts is Betty Quan Chinn, a survivor who has experienced severe persecution, including starvation and torment. Ms. Chinn has since become a friend of Christ Church and a vocal supporter of its reconciliation efforts. She joined members of the congregation for a solemn moment of silence along the riverbank, a symbolic site where many Asian residents were transported to internment camps. Ms. Chinn led the moment alongside church leaders, honoring the memory of those who suffered.

In a further commitment to justice and solidarity, the Christ Church vestry has donated \$2,000 to support HAPI's mission. The congregation remains dedicated to continuing this important work and raising awareness of the Asian and Pacific Islander community's history and contributions.

Christ Episcopal Church hopes that its ongoing partnership with HAPI will promote healing, education, and a more inclusive future for all residents of Eureka.

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A moment of silence and reflection at Humboldt Bay on the 140th anniversary of the Chinese Expulsion.



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The Rev. Dr. Daniel London and survivor Betty Quan Chinn clothed in a blanket that was given to her when she escaped her torment and arrived in Hong Kong.



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