Rev. Ai Chih Tsai
Biography and Legacy

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Biography

- Born November 1913 in Tainan Province
  - 8\textsuperscript{th} of 10 children of whom 9 survived into adulthood
  - Christian family
- Tainan Presbyterian High School
- Doshisha High School, Preparatory School and Seminary (Kyoto, Japan)

1930 Photo at Doshisha High School
Biography

- 1938: Traveled to U.S. to continue education
- University of Chicago Divinity School (graduate degrees)
- November 1942: Ordained and first pastoral appointment
- December 1942: Married Ryo Morikawa of San Diego, CA

1985 Photo of Ai Chih and Ryo Tsai
Biography

- April-Sept 1944: Research Analyst and Instructor for U.S. Naval School for Military Government and Administration
- Oct-Dec, 1944: Translator for U.S. Naval Military Translation Unit
- Feb-Aug 1945: Research Analyst for War Department Military Intelligence Service
- Sept-Dec 1945: U.S. Strategic Bombing Survey
- Jan-May 1946: Research Analyst for War Department Military Intelligence Service
- May 1946-Sept 1947: UNRRA Reports Officer in Formosa
Biography

- 1944-1953: Birth of four children
- 1948: Pastor of the Seattle Japanese Congregational Church
- 1978: Retirement
- Passed away August 1998

1957 Photo of Tsai Family
Guiding Values
Ai Chih Tsai’s Legacy

Christian Faith
Family
Education
Service
Christian Faith and Ministry

- Ai Chih Tsai was raised in a devout Christian family
- November 8, 1942  Ordained as Congregational minister in Chicago
- 1942-1944  Pastor, Chicago Church of Christ (Japanese) at the 4th Presbyterian Church

1942 Article About Ordination Ceremony
Christian Faith and Ministry

- **1948-78**  Pastor, Japanese Congregational Church of Seattle
- **1969**  Helped establish the Seattle Formosan Christian Church

1979 Photo of Meeting of Ministers from Japanese Churches in Seattle (Domeikai)
Family

- December 1942: Married Ryo Morikawa in Chicago
- 1944-1953: Birth of three daughters and one son
- 1978 – 1988: Birth of seven grandchildren

1990 Photo of Tsai Family
Family

- Welcomed and provided a community for many Taiwanese students who came to Seattle to study.
- Sponsored some of his siblings and their children to come to the U.S.

1950’s Photo of Formosan Student Club
(unidentified students)
Education

- Ai Chih Tsai’s Father’s commitment to educating all of his children
- Post-secondary education in Japan, China, U.S.
- Several medical doctors and ministers among Ai Chih Tsai’s siblings and in-laws
- Educational legacy continued into the next generations

1971 Article About Education of Rev. and Mrs. Tsai’s Children
War Years: Service to the U.S.

- As one of very few Formosans in the U.S. before World War II, Ai Chih Tsai had some unique and highly valued skills.
  - Proficient in Taiwanese and Japanese as well as English
  - Familiarity with pre-war Formosa and Japan
- As a result, he was recruited by U.S. Naval and the U.S. War Department for translation, research, map analysis.
War Years: Service to the U.S.

Late 1945 or Early 1946 Photo with daughter BiHoa and Lt. George H. Kerr (USNR) in Washington D.C.
War Years: Service to the U.S.

1946 Photo with
Lt. James T. Watkins,
IV (USNR)
in Shanghai
Post-War Years: Service to U.S. and UNRRA

- Recruited to join the U.S. Strategic Bombing Survey to report on conditions in Japan due to fire and atomic bombs
- Recruited to serve as an United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration (UNRRA) Reports Officer

1946 Photo with Allan Shackleton and two UNRRA Nurses near Sin Sin Hotel, Heito
Post-War Years: Service to U.S. and UNRRA
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