

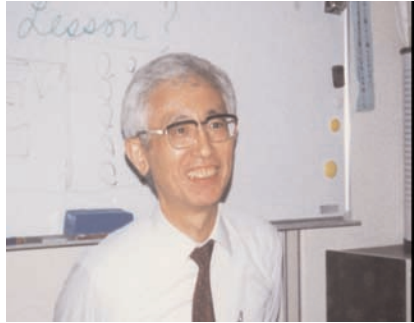
## TRIBUTES TO TATSUYA NAGASHIMA

Tatsuya Nagashima, our good friend from Japan, passed into the spiritual world just before Christmas, after a protracted illness. He was 76. In recognition of his work for the General Church, he was presented last fall with an engraved tray along with a tribute from the Rt. Rev. Peter Buss.

### Excerpts from a Tribute by Bishop Buss, Fall 2006

“[Tatsuya Nagashima] has made it a life's work, since finding the New Church, to translate the Writings into modern, clear Japanese. Over the years he has translated well over half of the theological works.... For many years he did all this work in his spare time while working full time.

“Translating the Writings into Japanese is not easy. Every language has its specific quality. Mr. Nagashima's insightful understanding of the Latin language and of the Japanese language, culture,



and attitudes have enabled him to present the Lord's words in the best possible manner to the people of Japan.

“Early on, he formed an organization for printing, advertising, and selling the Writings and related works (such as a book of fifty New Church sermons which he translated), and for keeping in contact with interested readers and finding ways of helping them to know more about the New Church. He called it, ‘Arcana Friends.’ It is a wonderful organization which has brought well over one hundred people into its community as well as distributing many of the books of the Writings all over Asia.

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“Mr. Nagashima contacted the General Church and joined it with his lovely wife Sumie. He and Sumie have opened their home to visitors and to inquirers. He has advertised and promoted missionary lectures and kept in contact with interested persons.

“The warm and wise spirit he has shown in all his uses has touched our hearts and made us feel truly grateful to have known this wonderful man and his supportive and talented wife.

“With much affection in thinking of a friend who labors on in this work.”

Peter Buss