Abstract

The Christian Association intended based on Uemura Tamaki's thoughts of her redemption in Christ: Re-examination in the experience of the Japanese defeat in the Second World War

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Uemura Tamaki (1890–1982) was the third daughter of Uemura Masahisa (1857–1925), who was the first Japanese Protestant preacher and his wife Sueno. The parents made a convert of Tamaki to be a Christian. Uemura Tamaki experienced successive bereavements of her husband, her first son, her younger sister and her father. Later she pursued the call to be a priest and worked as a pastor at Kashiwagi church during World War II and when Japan was defeated by the war. Uemura Tamaki became the first visitor to the United States after the Second World War. She came to serve as a member of the National Public Safety Commission and succeeded in becoming the President of the YWCA (Young Women's Christian Association). I found that Tamaki formed her belief of redemption in Christ and life itself in relation to the education from her parents. This essay will example how Tamaki aimed to establish the Christian Association in light of the Japanese experience of defeat.