

Introduction
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Good Morning. I am Dr. Marilyn Ray, Professor Emeritus from Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton, Florida. I wish to welcome you to Kyoto, Japan and to the Transcultural Nursing and Caring Special Interest Group of the 35th International Caring Conference and the 6th Annual Conference of the Society of Cultural Nursing Studies in Japan. Transcultural Nursing, founded by Dr. Madeleine Leininger, the first nurse anthropologist, is the discipline and profession focusing on the study of culture, caring, health, illness, prevention and promotion which illuminates culturally diverse and universal values of caring.

I am pleased to host the Orientation and Introductions of our distinguished speakers this morning. First, I wish to introduce my Co-Chairs, Dr. Kazuko Ishigaki and Dr. Naohiro Hohashi of Japan.

1. **Dr. Ishigaki** is the President and a Professor of Community Health Nursing from the Ishikawa Prefectural Nursing University, a position she has held for 3 years. She oversees undergraduate and graduate degree programs in nursing with specialties in Community Health Nursing administration, Women's Health, Child and Family Nursing, Adult and Gerontological Nursing. Previously, Dr. Ishigaki has held positions as Dean and Professor at Chiba Prefectural University of the Health Sciences, Professor at the Hamamatsu University School of Medicine, and Associate Professor of Family Nursing at the University of Tokyo. She is a community health nurse From 2003 to 2008, Dr. Ishigaki has been leader of the Creation and Dissemination of a new Japanese Nursing Science program for culturally appropriate care. Dr. Ishigaki is committed to explaining human caring and how it is not easily understood in nursing by virtue of the educational background and age of the nurse, the quality and quantity of practical nursing experience, and the presence or absence of experience in other nations. She is a scholar, researcher and leader of the initiation of culturally appropriate care in Japan highlighting individual characteristics diversity, ethics and

values of nurses and other person's societies. Please join me in greeting, Dr. Ishigaki.

2. Next as my Co-Chair, I would like to welcome, **Dr. Naohiro Hohashi**, as the Co-Chair of the 35th International Caring Conference, and this Special Interest Group. I have known Dr. Hohashi since he joined the Transcultural Nursing Society as a member a few years ago. We sat next to each other at the Transcultural Nursing Scholars' luncheon and immediately began sharing ideas of Japanese nursing and nursing in the United States. I was very interested in his Theory of Family Nursing. The Hohashi is a Professor of Family Health Care Nursing at Kobe University, Kobe, Japan. He is a researcher and scholar. Years ago when he began to witness problems in and functions of the family in Japan, he specialized and advanced the new field of Family Health Care Nursing which led him to research and advance a theory of Concentric Sphere Family Environment Theory leading to a textbook on family nursing. He has created a laboratory, mentored many faculty and students, and interfaces with many scholars in family nursing here and

around the world. Dr. Hohashi is on the board of Directors of the International Family Nursing Association, the Japanese Association for Research in Family Nursing, and on the Editorial Board of the Journal of Transcultural Nursing, and participates in many other important organizations, such as the International Association for Human Caring. His life's work is the study of "the science, art, and social contribution of the profession of nursing that aims at achieving well-being for children and families." He is not only a scholar here in Japan, but also, around the world. Please join me in greeting Dr. Hohashi.

3. Our **Keynote Speaker** today is Dr. Janice M. Bell who is an Associate Professor Emeritus from the University of Calgary, Calgary, Alberta, Canada and a world renowned speaker on and leader of the science and art of family nursing. It gives me great pleasure to introduce Dr. Bell since she and I are from the same country, Canada, although she is from the West, near the beautiful Rocky Mountains and I am from Ontario, actually nearly raised on one of the great lakes, Lake Ontario. Dr. Bell illuminates her presentation with the idea of beliefs which is a

hallmark too of transcultural nursing. Dr. Bell has developed an "Illness Beliefs Model" and states that "beliefs are the blueprint from which we construct our lives and intermingle them in relationship with others." Her beliefs and illness model for healing is a compassion-centered approach to illness and suffering. She illuminates the fact that the patient is only on half of care, the other half is the family Dr. Bell is a consultant to family nursing here in Japan and an invited speaker all over the world. She has many publications which are housed in the archives for public access within the Family Nursing Unit Collection at the University of Calgary Library. As a noted scholar, Dr. Bell is the founding Editor of the peer-reviewed Journal of Family Nursing, and a founding member of the International Family Nursing Association. In terms of her commitment to relationships and their beliefs in family life, Dr. Bell's work guides nurses and other professionals to become more purposeful and effective in helping families heal. Please welcome Dr. Janice Bell who will be speaking this afternoon on "Helping Families Heal: One Nurse at a Time."

4. I wish to welcome my colleague, **Dr. Patricia Liehr**, Associate Dean for Research and Scholarship from Florida Atlantic University, and her colleague and my new friend from Japan, **Dr. Ryutaro Takahashi**, the Vice-Director of the Tokyo Metropolitan Institute of Gerontology. Both of my colleagues are leaders--dedicated and creative scholars and witnesses of human caring, transcultural nursing and health care research. Together they have co-authored 11 articles that document their journey of scholarship for over 20 years. They have studied and present to the world, the effects of war--the pain, suffering, healing and reconciliation of the survivors during World War II of the bombings of Hiroshima and Pearl Harbor. Joining Drs. Liehr and Takahashi, we also welcome their loving spouses, Angelo and Noriko, who supported them through these many years of research and travel, and many colleagues, three of whom are here today-- Chie Nishimura, Dr. Mio Ito, and Mana Kikuta whose dedication and artistry collectively have contributed to the creativity and visual effects you will see today. Finally, we welcome the dramaturg (the playwright), Dr. Katherine (Katy) Morris who took the survivor stories as they existed in the research data set and created this

amazing drama which you will witness this afternoon, "With Their Voices Raised." I am pleased to introduce my colleagues and friends to you.

5. Our last speaker this afternoon is Dr. Fumiko Yasukata. She believes that caring is essential to health care science and a caring culture begins with human trust and mutual relationships. From a transcultural caring perspective, Dr. Yasukata is committed to the value of caring, and is critical in nursing and professional education. Her method of education is a reflective style where professionals become cognizant of their embedded knowledge and also learn from experience which illuminates dialogue. This process results in truly valuing the student as individuals and providing a caring culture for students, academicians, and clinicians. Dr. Yasukata stated her nursing career at the Nursing Vocational School of the Self-Defense Forces Central Hospital, followed by Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in Nursing at Chiba University. She earned her PhD at the University of Tokyo in nursing education. She is a researcher, scholar and superior educator, studying Caring Island

initiatives of Kyushu and Okinawa nursing program alliances, and the development of support for students with disabilities. Moreover, Dr. Yasukata launched two nursing programs; she was the Dean of the program at Fukuoka Prefectural University in 2003 and the National Defense Medical College in 2013. She is an executive member of the Japan Academy of Nursing Science, the Japan Academy of Diabetes Education and Nursing, the Japan Association of Educator for Human Development, and Editor-in-Chief for the Japanese *Journal of Diabetic Nursing*. The focus of Dr. Yasukata's presentation is, "Caring Culture in Nursing Education." Please welcome our distinguished speaker for the Special Lecture of the day, Dr. Fumiko Yasukata.

6. From 1650-1750, there will be a tribute and Memorial Service to the late, **Dr. Madeleine Leininger**, the founder of Transcultural Nursing and the International Association for Human Caring by the renowned international caring theorist and scholar, **Dr. Jean Watson**, and me, Dr. Leininger's first PhD student in Transcultural Nursing.

Thank you for this opportunity to share on behalf of my Co-Chairs, Drs. Ishigaki and Hohashi and myself, the introduction of our speakers for the Transcultural Nursing and Caring Special Interest Group with you today. I wish to thank my Co-Chairs, Drs. Hoshahi, Ishikagi, Turkel, and the head, Secretariat, Dr. Junko Honda and all the team for their contribution and making this 35th International Caring Conference and this Transcultural Nursing and Caring Special Interest Group possible.