

St. George's Episcopal Church, Dayton, Ohio

has chosen Li Tim-Oi as one of two 'saints' from the 20th century to honor with a window in their building. The design recalls how she kept the faith in Red China, even when she was required to feed chickens instead of her fellow-Christians.

The Li Tim-Oi Foundation records its deep thanks to St George's Ohio for being willing on its behalf to receive the donations of US Christians and Episcopal congregations.



Designed by Jane Collins, made by Willett Studios

The Foundation is also aware that Li Tim-Oi has been similarly honored by windows in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd, Chautauqua NY, and in St Paul's School for Girls, Brocklandville MD. In a frieze at St Gregory of Nyssa Church, San Francisco she is to be seen dancing with Eleanor Roosevelt. When, on the Golden Jubilee of Li Tim-Oi's priesting in 1994, Archbishop Donald Coggan launched the Li Tim-Oi Foundation in St Martin-in-the-Fields Church, London, he also dedicated a Prayer Board in her memory. There, as in her life, she continues to carry the thanksgivings, pains and sorrows of many.

The Trustees of the Foundation:

Canon Ruth Wintle [chair], Canon Christopher Hall, Mrs Rita Lee-Chui, the Rev Dr Peter Leung, Mr Alan Lun, Ms Sue Parks, Mrs Christina Rees, Mrs Margaret Sentamu, Canon Bob Whyte, Mrs Jane Williams & the Rev John Wright [treasurer].

At her birth in 1907 Li Tim-Oi's father called her "Much Beloved". When she was baptized as a student, Tim-Oi chose the name Florence after Florence Nightingale. In 1931 at the ordination of a deaconess, she heard and responded to the call to ministry. She took a four-year course at theological college in Canton. She was made Deacon in 1941, and was given charge of the Anglican congregation in the Portuguese colony of Macao, thronged with refugees from war-torn China. When a priest could no longer travel from Japanese-occupied territory to preside for her at the eucharist, Bishop R O Hall of Hong Kong asked her to meet him in Free China, where on 25 January 1944 he ordained her "a priest in the Church of God". To defuse controversy, in 1946 she surrendered her priest's licence, but not her Holy Orders, the knowledge of which carried her through Maoist persecution. She resumed the practice of her priesthood in the Church in China, and in Toronto when she retired in 1981. She was awarded Doctorates of Divinity by General Theological Seminary, New York, and Trinity College, Toronto. She died on 26 February 1992.

李添嫻 牧師

Chinese script for 'Li Tim-Oi Priest'



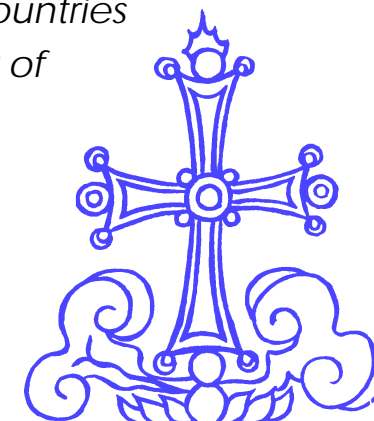
This cross comes from a stone in Xian, which commemorates the arrival of the first Christian missionary in China in 635 AD.

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THE LI TIM-OI FOUNDATION



The Li Tim-Oi Foundation assists Anglican women in the two-thirds world to train for Christian work in their own countries - in memory of the first Anglican woman priest, Florence Li Tim-Oi.



Messages from the Foundation's Patrons

“The role of women in educating and building up civil society in the developing world is increasingly recognised as crucially important, and it is an area where the Church has a central contribution to make. The memory of one of the great Anglicans of the 20th Century is a gift and a stimulus in seeking ways to build up this work as carefully and prayerfully as possible.”

✦ *Rowan Cantuar, Archbishop of Canterbury*

“Li Tim Oi was one of the saints of the Chinese Church, whose quiet ministry and witness were forged in the fire of opposition to the faith. May the Foundation which continues her name enable other women to follow her example.”

✦ *K H Ting, President Emeritus, National Christian Council of China*

“Li Tim-Oi was a handmaid of the Lord, who heard God’s call with disbelief, yet was willing to say Yes to him. Through her, God put down the mighty from their seats and exalted the humble and meek.”

✦ *Penelope Jamieson, Bishop of Dunedin*

“It is a great honour to be associated with the Foundation in view of its important work in helping develop the ministry of women in the church. We in Sudan have seen at first hand the benefits of this support.”

✦ *Joseph Marona, Archbishop of the Sudan*

The Work of the Foundation

Since its launch in 1994, the Foundation has so far helped 126 women from 66 dioceses in 11 provinces of the Anglican Communion. These women have been trained for such positions as :

- Evangelist
- School Chaplain
- Trainer of Midwives
- Bishop’s Secretary
- Legal Adviser
- Diocesan President of the Mothers’ Union
- Co-ordinator of Pastors’ Wives Agriforestry Project
- Church Army Sister
- Social Worker
- Youth Leader
- Theologian
- Diocesan Secretary
- Sunday School Teacher

More than 46 have been or will be ordained. Without the help of the Foundation, they would not have been able to fulfil their vocations to leadership roles in their own countries.

Li Tim-Oi's sister, Rita, primed the pump of the Foundation, which has to date distributed over \$360,000 funded by a major legacy and generous gifts from individuals, congregations, and charitable trusts, mostly in the UK.

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“I have been blessed through my training because of the wide perspective I have acquired. This has laid a foundation for me, after ordination, God willing, to encourage other women and youths to avail themselves for the Lord's service.”

Alice Wataka, Diocese of Mbale, Uganda

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