## The Church of the East Dr. Bill Higgins



## I. It's Origins

- A. Nestorius
- B. Monophysitism, & the two Kenume
- C. AD 484: Synod of Bethlapat
- D. Roman / Byzantian Church

## II. The Spread Eastward

- A. Known for Learning & Established Schools
- B. Early Medicine
- C. 8<sup>th</sup> Century: Kerait, Onguts, Uigurs
- D. Into China as early as 636
- E. More Christians in the East, than in Greek & Latin Churches combined
- F. Ta-Ch'in (West of the Sea)
- G. The Nestorian Monument
- H. Monastery in Chouchi
- I. Influence Spreads to Japan and Korea
- J. The Korean Alphabet

## III. So What Happened?

- A. Beginning of Decline: Act of Proscription, AD 845
- B. Revival under the Khans
- C. Genghis Khan, Ogedai Khan, & Guyuk Khan
- D. Mangu and Kubilay Khan & the churches discovered by Marco Polo
- E. Sauma the Envoy
- F. Act of Union: 1274
- G. Ming Revolution: 1369 Persecution of Christianity
- H. Tamerlane: Ruthless Islam
- I. Dr. Saeki's "10 Causes"
- J. Dr. Young: Syncretism and Necrolatry