

## PAPER PROPOSAL

### EMPOWERING MISSION- Mission of Dandelions

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#### ABSTRACT

This article is an attempt to introduce mission of a Swiss Benedictine convent in Manchuria and its further development in Korea. The goal is to seek for international recognition of this mission.

This article is composed of two major parts: first, an introduction of Benedictine mission by Olivetano nunnery in Manchuria and Korea; and two, the life and work of Sister Claudia Haein Lee who bears this tradition of nunnery and creates her mission in writing.

This article focuses especially on the Olivetano sisters in Heilig Kreuz, Switzerland and illustrates the “her-storical” development by the Olivetano women’s convent in Manchuria, China as well as in Busan, Korea. The mutual cooperation between the sending and receiving communities leads to fruitful mission.

In order to describe contemporary development this article deal with a famous poet and sister who belonged to this convent in Korea. To articulate her mission in writings the image of dandelion which is one of her keywords in her poems is used. This helps to elaborate a genuine type of missionary effort and introduces the Olivetano nunnery in Busan as a special case through its development and activity. Due to her poems, prose and essays this community is well-known as a space for writing of comfort. This could be called as a mission of dandelion because it implies dissemination of comfort verse and hopeful story in spite of hardship context.

This study shows how mutual empowerment through sisterhood made it possible to build up this community which continue innovative story of dandelions and capable for encouragement people by purified words. This is a role-model case of a mission that was not related to any imperialistic approach and had a positive influence on the Christian community and society in general. Presenting a positive evaluation and recognition of the dynamic development of this Benedictine mission in Manchuria and Korea, this paper suggests that the notion of such empowering cooperation is also significant in the current grassroots mission movement. Mission of dandelions is possible for dispelling fear and disseminating joyful words.

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