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Just before the calendar turned to 2023, we lost another person who was special to the Christian Ophthalmology Society. Someone who left an indelible impact as a long time member, COS Board Treasurer, the host of the COS Annual Meeting four different times, and a recipient of the 2014 J. Lawton Smith Award.

Dr. Enoch Tsai, MD, passed away on December 29, 2022, while visiting with his son, Dr. Jonathan Tsai, in Temple, Texas.

Enoch was born in Fujian Province, China. As a teenager, he suffered persecution for his faith in Christ, culminating in his expulsion from trade school in 1959 for practicing his faith. He was unable to pursue other educational activities and had no means of leaving the country. Eventually, in November 1963, at the age of 22, Enoch was able to leave China for Hong Kong. There he studied for two years before coming to the U.S. to pursue undergraduate and medical training at the University of Miami, where he graduated in 1970.

As an immigrant studying medicine in a foreign language, Dr. Tsai experienced the Lord's provision through friends, his local church, a generous scholarship for

which he did not apply, and two part-time jobs. In 1976 he completed his ophthalmology residency at the Medical College of Georgia in Augusta and opened a private ophthalmology practice in Aiken, South Carolina. He cared for patients there for 40 years until his retirement in 2016.

Below are tributes from two former COS Board Presidents.

My Personal Memories of Dr. Enoch Tsai

Faithful. Devout. Loyal. Humble. Excellence.

These words describe how I remember Enoch as a friend, trusted COS Board Member, Ophthalmologist, husband, and father. When I was first gloriously introduced to Enoch by Dr. J Lawton Smith, I was struck by his quiet and humble nature and enormous smile. He was such a gentle spirit, someone who you immediately felt comfortable to be around, and who was always interested in you, your activities, and your family. He always had an eye on exactly where the love of his life, his wife Leng was, and was quick to take care of her every need, as she was to him as well. They were an adoring couple, with 3 of the most handsome and respectful children I had ever met.

As I took over the presidency of the COS in 1990 through the encouragement of Dr. Smith, I was unsure as to how to lead such a diverse and spiritually mature group of Christian Ophthalmologists. Enoch was always there to offer guidance and wisdom, when asked. He was an outstanding COS Board member, serving as the Treasurer during my tenure. There were times when the COS Board was unsure where to have the next annual meeting, as a host had not arisen from the ranks yet. Always, without fail, Enoch would enthusiastically volunteer his time and his family to serve when needed. This occurred 4 different times!! Enoch and Leng first introduced COS branded merchandise to our COS annual meetings, and the items were always a big hit.

Enoch maintained a busy private practice of surgical ophthalmology with lovingkindness and excellence throughout his career. He was an outstanding surgeon, and remarkable clinician. His patients adored him. When he was not working in his office, he was being the most available father and grandfather I have ever witnessed. He was always there for his children, with that wonderful smile and quiet support for his whole family.

The COS will miss the presence of this remarkable servant of God. He was a solid symbol of God's grace in the COS for over 30 years. I will personally miss the times that Enoch would lead the COS in worship, singing in a surprising loud and wonderfully spirit filled voice, "*How Great Thou Art*" or "*It is Well with My Soul*". It always brought tears to my eyes.

Bradley Farris, MD
COS President 1990-2000

Enoch was a quiet man of great faith. He was a beloved physician, and he adored his wife, children, and grandchildren. He loved musical worship and was a talented musician himself.

As a long time Board member, and as a model of the faith, Enoch was wonderful at the difficult task of balancing human efforts with trust in God. A regular discussion was what each year's package of support for students, residents, fellows, and missionaries to attend the annual meeting would look like. We wanted to be wise stewards of our resources but also demonstrate faith in the God who provides. Without fail, Enoch helped the Board achieve that balance every year, and every year we had just enough for everyone who came. Sometimes of course, this was because Enoch and a small cadre would make an extra donation, but always it was because Enoch led us to quiet ourselves and hear from God on what the number should be that year.

I look forward to seeing him in heaven and am glad that he is now fully alive.

R. Michael Siatkowski, MD, MBA

COS President 2000-2009

Please be in prayer for the family as they mourn the loss of this special man.

To view a video of Dr. Tsai giving his testimony, and an album recorded by Dr. Tsai, please click the following links: [The Tsai Legacy](#) and [Look Unto the Hills](#).



COS Women's Zoom Group
2nd Saturdays of the Month
10:00am (Eastern Time)

Connect with other women in ophthalmology and be encouraged in your walk with Christ.

Medical students, ophthalmology residents, fellows and experienced ophthalmologists are all welcome. Invite a friend too!

"Whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst . . ."
-- John 4:14



COS Women's Zoom Group
February 11th - Today!!!
Attn: Med Students, Residents, & Fellows!

You're invited to join your female Christian colleagues for a time of encouragement and prayer today, **Saturday, February 11th, 2023**, from **10:00-11:00am Eastern Time!**

Dr. Kristen Collister, MD, will be talking about "Perseverance in Adversity". This meeting will be especially geared towards our **Med Students, Residents, and Fellows**. We want to encourage you! See you there!

You can [REGISTER](#) on Zoom now, or click the Zoom link below on the appropriate date and time.

NOTE: When you click on the link below, a "Meeting Registration" tab will open and you will be asked to register using your name and email address. After you register, an approval message will come up that includes the URL to join the meeting. (A confirmation email will also be sent to you). If you register on the date and time of the meeting, click on the URL and you will join the meeting!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZctf-uqqjMtGtYBmkLW1uDZJbYgDGTikrHa>

Meeting ID: 830 8224 8702

Passcode: 882759

If you would like more information, send an email to jill@rodila.com.



47th COS Annual Meeting Register Today!

We are excited to gather again for our Annual Meeting in June! Make plans today to attend the 47th COS Annual Meeting at one of the nation's premier

historic hotels, [The St. Paul Hotel](#), located three blocks from the Mississippi River in **St. Paul, MN, June 14-18!**

If you [register](#) by April 1st, you will receive the "Early Bird Discount" of \$50!!

If you have been to an Annual Meeting in the past, you know there is no other ophthalmology gathering where you can experience a combination of:

- Great Scientific Lectures
- Lectures on Intertwining Our Faith and Our Practice
- Hanging out with Colleagues Who Desire to Follow Christ
- Special Sessions for the Spouses
- Special Programming for the Children
- Opportunities During the Meeting for the Family to Get Away

***18.00 Hours of AMA PRA Category 1 CME (Pending Approval)**

Spend extra days in Minnesota with your spouse or family! There are plenty of things to do...

- Bike the Midtown Greenway
- Kayak / Canoe / Paddle Board on Lake Harriet
- Hike a trail beside the Mississippi River
- Science Museum of Minnesota
- Cathedral of Saint Paul
- Como Park Zoo and Conservatory
- Minnehaha Park and Falls
- Minneapolis Sculpture Garden
- Twin City Model Railroad Museum
- Mall of America
- Major League Baseball (Twins vs Brewers & Tigers)

The Spouses program for the women will feature **Maggie Combs!**

More exciting information to follow in the coming weeks, if you have questions, please send a note to info@cosw.org.

Register today...Hotel reservation information on the registration page....



*“Out of the north he comes in golden splendor:
God comes in awesome majesty.”
~ Job 37:22!*

Thank you for your support.

For the entire COS Board & Staff,

The COS Executive Board,

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