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BLESSINGS TO THE MEMBERS OF THE DIOCESE OF NORTH AMERICA AND EUROPE

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

We are happy that the Diocese of North America and Europe could engage meaningfully in the Mission activities with in the country and outside with the vision to witness Jesus Christ and participate with God in transforming the lives of the people. Now all the mission activities of the Diocese are coordinated through the 'Mar Thoma Mission Board: Diocese of North America and Europe' which is a registered legal entity with tax exemption under 501 (C)(3).

It is with the committed vision and dedicated service of our laity and clergy that all our mission activities are progressing. We experience God's grace and blessings that enable us to continue in our mission with a renewed vision. Colonia Mar Thoma Community in Mexico is benefitted though educational, health care programs and growing spiritually through regular worship and VBS. The fifteenth anniversary of the Native American Mission was meaningfully celebrated at Oklahoma and Alabama. Our involvement with this community has made visible impact in the lives of the people. Many of our parishes are involved in the Neighborhood Mission. India Mission focusses to relate to and create awareness about mission activities in India among the youths. The active participation of our members, especially youth, in the mission programs is encouraging. This year we have initiated a child care project with the name 'Light to Life' to help the under privileged children in India and Native American Mission fields.

Sunday, August 13, 2017 is set apart for prayer and participation in the mission program through Suvisesha Nidhi Collection. We do urge all the members to wholeheartedly contribute to the mission activities. Special envelop is made available for the collection. The Diocese has budgeted US \$ 85,000. 00 as anticipated income through Suvisesha Nidhi Collection. The office bearers and assembly members are requested to make arrangements for the collection.

Let's recall the words of our Lord, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." (Mathew 25:40). May the spirit of God continue to guide us in all our mission endeavors and make it for the Glory of God and wellbeing of humanity

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