Dearly beloved in Christ,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

The New Year dawns with new hope along with great anxiety. Though the expectation of peaceful existence is evident, the continued atrocities and human errors cause destruction to life and wealth. The freshness through the reading of the Bible and the willingness to go an extra mile through our compassionate dealing with the fellow human being can be good ways of welcoming the beauty in the New Year.

The greatest comfort as Christians we can experience is the certainty that we are watched over. God cares and makes Him available at times of need. Thank God for the courage that provides us in carrying on the mission and fulfilling the new initiatives. The proud moment in the life of Mar Thoma community in North America, we experienced through the accomplishments in our mission involvements. The youth leadership conference at Carmel Mar Thoma Center, Atlanta in the first week of January was one among them. The theme pondered over was, how the ‘Grace to grow’ is to be understood in its real sense for facing the challenges in the present day life.

Let us recommit ourselves to deepening the spiritual life keeping right relation to God. This challenge demands a genuine spiritual quest for meaning, purpose and for what is sacred, requiring that we transcend our self-interest for the glory of God. This helps the church to remain as a witnessing community expressing through the unity and oneness in a fragmented world. Pray for God’s blessings and mercy on all.

With Warm Regards,
Rt. Rev. Dr. Isaac Mar Philoxenos
Diocesan Bishop
XXIII DIOCESAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
The twenty-third session of the Diocesan Leadership Conference was hosted by the Youth Fellowship of the Mar Thoma Church Atlanta from January 2nd–5th, 2020. The conference was held at the Carmel Mar Thoma Center in Atlanta and was the first full-fledged Diocesan-level conference that was held at this venue. The theme of the conference was “Growing in Grace” based on 2nd Peter 3:18.

XIX SEVIKA SANGHOM NATIONAL CONFERENCE
The 19th Sevika Sanghom National Conference was held at the Trinity Mar Thoma church, Houston from October 10th to 13th, 2019. The main theme of the conference was “Women as Agents of Life” (Exodus 1:17).

LOGO RELEASE – GLOBAL MAR THOMA MEET 2020
The logo, conference website and online registration of the Global Mar Thoma Meet 2020 and the 33rd Diocesan Family Conference was inaugurated on November 17, 2019 at the Mar Thoma Church of Greater Washington by the Diocesan Bishop Rt. Rev. Dr. Isaac Mar Philoxenos.