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BLESSINGS TO THE MEMBERS OF THE MAR THOMA CHURCH IN NORTH AMERICA AND EUROPE

Dearly beloved in Christ,

The Episcopal synod held on April 28, 2014 approved the minutes of the Diocesan Assembly, the Diocese of North America and Europe, held at the Philadelphia Mar Thoma Church on April 4 & 5, 2014.

The main decisions are the following. They are informed to all concerned for implementation.

1. The Annual Report and Annual Accounts for the year 2013 and Budget for the year 2014 are passed.
2. Ratified the procedure of the Diocesan Council in the purchase of 5.1319 acres of land at 19400 Vicksburg Blvd., Missouri City, TX 77459 for the price of US \$ 240,000.00. Also ratified the decision of the Diocesan Council to give US \$ 100,000.00 from the Diocesan fund towards this purchase and collect the remaining funds from the parishioners in Houston and other friends and well wishers of the diocese. The decision of the diocesan council to collect an interest free loan for US \$ 60,000.00 to meet the immediate expenses which would be repayable within 3 months was also ratified.
3. Ratified the appointment of Rev. Sam John, Vicar of Tabore and Carmel Mar Thoma Churches in UK as a member of the Diocesan Council representing the Europe region from July 2013.
4. Ratified the decision of the Diocesan Council to earmark an amount of US \$ 42,868.00, the expenses towards the construction of Jubilee Chapel in Colonia Mar Thoma at the Mexico Mission, from the Diocesan Silver Jubilee Fund.
5. Resolved to earmark US \$ 100,000.00 to reduce the payment of the Northeast region parishes towards the Youth Chaplain's residence mortgage.
6. Resolved to approve the 'Patrick Mission' in the Native American Mission field among Choctaw Community as an additional regional project of the Southwest Region.
7. Resolved to create a scholarship, out of which a certain amount that is decided by the Diocesan Council will be given, to the citizen children (Children in North America and

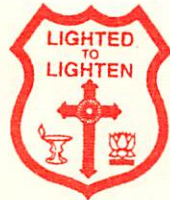
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Europe) who are permitted by the Episcopal Synod to go for higher studies in North America and / or Europe.

8. Resolved to write-off the Mexico Mission arrears from the parishes.
9. Authorized to pay the expenses for the first 6 months of the year 2015, not exceeding 6/12 of the expenses of 2014..
10. Resolved to appoint Kuruvilla Cherian CPA, P.C. as the external auditor for the year 2014.
11. Election of Diocesan Council 2014-17: The following were elected

Diocesan Secretary: Rev. Binoy J Thomas

Diocesan Treasurer: Mr. Philip Thomas

Diocesan Council Members

Dr. Ronny Jacob (Long Island MTC), Mr. Samuel K Samuel (St. Thomas MTC, NY), Mr. Jason Varghese (St. Peters MTC, NJ), Rev. Dennis Abraham (Youth Chaplain, SE region), Mrs. Mariamma Abraham (Christos MTC, PA), Dr. Mathew T. Thomas (MTC of Greater Washington), Baby M. Samuel (North Carolina MTC), Rev. Biju P. Simon (Chicago MTC), Mr. Zachariah Mathew (MTC of Dallas, Farmers Branch), Ms. Sini Jacob (Immanuel MTC, Houston), Mr. Zachariah Koshy (Immanuel MTC, Houston). Mr. Jorge V. Wilson (San Francisco MTC), Mrs. Kusumam Titus (Seattle MTC), Mr. George Mathai (Canadian MTC), Susan Koshy (Trinity MTC, Edmonton) and Mr. Jaffey Chacko (St. Thomas MTC, Bristol).

Dear friends, let us praise God for all the guidance and the blessings we receive as a Diocese. All the members, clergy, parishes and congregations are hereby informed to co operate fully with the Diocese to implement these decisions

May the blessings of God be with us all

Yours in Christ's Ministry

Geevarghese Mar Theodosius
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