MALANKARA MAR THOMA SYRIAN CHURCH

Prathindhi Mandalam 2022-2023

Annual Report 2022-2023 (Translated Version)

Venue: **Dr. Alexander Mar Thoma Valiya Metropolitan Smaraka Auditorium, Thiruvalla**

Date: **2023 August 29 September 1, 2 (Tuesday, Friday, Saturday)**

Study: **MIGRATION OF MARTHOMITES & MINISTRY TO THE MAR THOMA DIASPORA**

Malankara Mar Thoma Syrian Church
Sabha Prathinidhi Mandalam 2023

August 29, September 1, 2 (Tuesday, Friday and Saturday)

Announcements of the Sabha Secretary

1. Mar Thoma Sabha Prathinidhi Mandalam will beginon Tuesday, August 29, 2023 at 2 pm at the Dr. Alexander Mar Thoma Valiya Metropolitan Memorial Auditorium, Thiruvalla. All the members of the Mandalam should be present at that time and should participate till the end of the meeting.
2. All Mandalam members must sign and fill the Admission cum Hajar ticket obtained from the Sabha Office with the signature of the Parish Vicar and the seal of the Parish/Institution along with a registration fee of Rs. 1000/-. Members have to go to the registration counters arranged in the VGM hall and get the sealed Hajar ticket from there. The registration counter will be open on August 29th from 11 AM at VGM hall.
3. The admission ticket issued at the time of registration should also be used as photo identity proof. Mandalam members have to wear the admission ticket in a special pouch provided from the counter. The amount paid as registration fee can be obtained from the Parish/Institution they represent by presenting the admission ticket. There is no separate receipt.
4. Mandalam members requiring accommodation should be informed in advance. Accommodation is arranged at Manjadi Vanitha Mandiram for women and Kompady AMM Bible Institute for men. There will be transportation facility to and from the venue.
5. Lunch and evening tea will be arranged for Mandalam members on 29th August, 1st and 2nd September, on the ground floor of the auditorium. The food coupons issued at the time of registration must be presented while entering the hall where the food is arranged. A stall of tea, soft drinks, mineral water and snacks is arranged near the old Poolatheen.
6. Seats of Mandalam members are arranged Diocese-wise. The Mandalam members should attend the meeting till the end. If anyone is unable to continue attending the meeting, they should take the prior permission from the Chair.
7. On Friday, September 1st at 7:30 a.m. there will be a Holy Communion at St. Thomas Church, Thiruvalla. After the Holy Communion, a meeting for honouring the retired priests and giving awards will be held in the church. Breakfast will be arranged on that day.
8. Visitors will be admitted to the Mandalam meetings on August 29, September 1 and 2. Visitors Passes worth Rs.100/- should be purchased from the special counter arranged in the V. G.M hall. No one shall enter the Visitor's Gallery without a pass. But retired priests are allowed free entry to the Metropolitan Visitation Gallery with the pass.
9. Mobile phones should not be used in Mandalam meetings. Unauthorized photo/video/audio recording of the Mandalam meeting is prohibited.
10. No publicity/pamphlet distribution/money collection will be allowed on the S. C. S. campus during Mandalam meeting days.
11. The instructions of the vigilance committee should be strictly followed for the smooth functioning of the Mandalam meetings.
12. Parking is permitted only in designated areas on SCS campus.
13. Queries regarding the report and accounts must be received in writing at the Sabha Office by Friday, August 18, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

Thiruvalla
21.07.2023

Rev. C. V. Symon
Sabha Secretary

Part II

Annual Report

2022 April 01 to 2023 March 31

Introduction

“I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it well” (Psalm 139:14).

The dynamic strides in scientific research and technological innovations have manifested in encountering challenges beyond our imagination. The advent of Artificial Intelligence into the mix has ushered humans into the cyborg age. Cyborg is identified as a superior race which boasts of being half human and half machine using the scope of biotechnology and information technology to the fullest. In such a scenario, technology has overtaken God so as to occupy people’s minds. We should not be alarmed of the exponential usage of Intelligence paving a way for Artificial Human, Artificial Religion, Artificial Faith, Artificial God to gain currency in a social setting not far from the present. Finding ourselves take extreme positions viz. Blind Faith in Technology or Blind disdain for it are equally dangerous. We must harness the responsible use of artificial intelligence in all areas that contribute to the overall good of all creation, including humans. Christ's body, the Church is thus called to be creative and collaborative participants in Creation’s continuing process,exploring the infinite possibilities inherent in man, created in the image and likeness of God.

As stewards of God’s creation, the church as a called out community ought to be alert to the devious trends that hinder the environment even as impending environmental problems threaten the very existence of life.

The echo of the church’s distinct voice needs to be heard in public spaces at a time like ours, where the world is going through crises such as indefinite wars of varying magnitude between countries, the displacement of the destitute people caused by it inducing starvation. Discriminations in the name of religion and atrocities against minorities in India undermines the glory of secularism, points at our country becoming a place of intolerance. We should grow together with mutual respect, brotherhood and self-respect in independent India. The time has come to re-examine the apostolic mission of the Church in pluralistic India.

As the influx of young people to foreign countries continues to grow exponentially, it is time for the church to consider a new immigration policy. In addition to the thought of keeping the worshipers inside the churches, we need to travel as a church that tabernacles with the immigrants. As Kerala becomes a state of senior citizens, the Church must broaden its mission lines to stand with the elderly whose lives are complicated by loneliness, widowhood and illness.

The lamentation of the innocents who are being sacrificed in the guise of superstitions and vices, forgetting respect for life and compassion for fellow beings is a challenge facing the faith community Our church should be able to spread the light of goodness, justice and hope in a world where evils such as increasing susceptibility to suicides, alcohol, drugs and corruption rear its ugly head.

With the prayer that God will enable our church to sojourn with Christ who transforms time and to continue the mission as messengers of love and justice in the world, the Annual Report of the Malankara Mar Thoma Syrian Church for the year 2022-2023 is humbly submitted before thefaith community.

1. KENDRA ACTIVITIES

1.1 Prathinidhi Mandalam Meeting 2021-2023

The Prathinidhi Mandalam of the Malankara Mar Thoma Syrian Church assembled at Dr. Alexander Mar Thoma Valiya Metropolitan Memorial Auditorium from September 13-15, 2022 (Tuesday,

Wednesday, Thursday). The proceedings of the meeting presided by His Grace Most Rev. Dr. Theodosius Mar Thoma Metropolitan started on the morning of 13th September 2022, Tuesday at 10 am.

The Suffragan Metropolitans Rt. Rev. Dr. Euyakim Mar Coorilos, Rt. Rev. Dr. Joseph Mar Barnabas, EpiscopasRt. Rev. Thomas Mar Timotheos, Rt. Rev. Dr.Issac Mar Philexinos, Rt. Rev. Dr. Abraham Mar Paulos, Rt. Rev. Dr. Mathews Mar Makarios, Rt. Rev. Dr.Gregorios Mar Stephanos, Rt. Rev. Dr. Thomas Mar Theethos, Senior Vicar General Very Rev. George Mathew, Vicar Generals Very Rev. Easow Mathew, Very Rev. K Y Jacob, Very Rev. Mathew John, Office bearers of the Church including Sabha Secretary Rev. C V Symon, Clergy Trustee Rev. Monsi Philip, Lay Trustee and Treasurer Shri Rajan Jacob were present on the stage, while the audience comprised of members of the Sabha Council, the appointed recording secretaries, mandalam members, including clergy and laityas well as Sabha Office staff. The proceedings commenced with the song *VarikaParaparaneEeYogathil.*Worshipwas conducted under the leadership of the Metropolitan using a specially prepared liturgy. Dr. Anna Mathew read from the Gospel of St. Matthew 16: 1-4. Dr. Joseph Mar Barnabas Suffragan Metropolitan led the devotion based on the read passage. Rev. Mathew P. Thomas, Rev. K. E. Geevarghese, Adv. Oommen Thomas were appointed as Recording Secretaries. The Metropolitan gave the presidential address.

Important Decisions and Proceedings of the Mandalam Meeting:

1. After discussions, the resolution to approve the expenditure of the church and institutions without the budget as well as in excess of the budget was passedfor the year 2021-2022.
2. Approved the printed and published administrative report and accounts for the duration 01-04-2021 to 31-03-2022 as well as passed with majority the audited accounts showing income, expenditureand balance sheet for the Sabha, Mar Thoma Theological Seminary, Sabha Book Depot, Malankara Sabha Tharaka, M. T. & E. A. Schools Corporate Management, Episcopal Jubilee Institute, M. M. Study Centre, T. M. A. M. Research & Orientation Centre, M. T. Industrial Training Centre, M. C. R. D, Easow Mar Timotheos Centre for Evangelism & Rural Development Sihora, Easow Mar Timotheos Memorial Evangelists Training Centre Hoskote, J. M. & M. A. Memorial Centre for Holistic Development Ayroor.
3. The Budget for the financial year 2021-2022 for Sabha, Mar Thoma Theological Seminary, Sabha Book Depot, Malankara Sabha Tharaka, MT&EA. Schools Corporate Management, Episcopal Jubilee Institute, J. M. M. Study Centre, T. M. A. M. Research &Orientation Centre, M. T. Industrial Training Centre, M. C. R. D, Easow Mar Timotheos Centre for Evangelism and Rural Development Sihora, Easow Mar Timotheos Memorial Evangelist Training Centre Hoskote, J. M. & M. A. Memorial Centre for Holistic Development, Ayroor was unanimously passed by the Prathinidhi Mandalam.
4. The resolution put forward by the Sabha Council: “This Prathinidhi Mandalam decides to elect 4 persons to the post of Episcopain the Malankara Mar Thoma Syrian Church”, was unanimously passed by the Prathinidhi Mandalam.
5. The resolution put forward by the Sabha Council: “Conduct an election to the Episcopal Nomination Board under Section 15 of the Constitution so that it may nominate the eligible candidates to the post of Episcopa.” was unanimously passed by the Prathinidhi Mandalam.
6. The resolution put forward by the Sabha Council: “Entrusting the Sabha Council to thoroughly study and present the necessary amendments to the Constitution in the next Mandalam meeting since appropriating timely revisions to the Sabha Constitution is a necessity” was unanimously passed by the Sabha Prathinidhi Mandalam
7. The resolution put forward by the Sabha Council: “To considerMar Thoma Senior Citizens Fellowship and Mar Thoma Development Department as recognized organizations of the Church” was unanimously passed by the Sabha Pranithindhi Mandalam.

8. The resolution put forward by the Sabha Council: "To authorize the Sabha Council to spend an amount not exceeding 6/12 of the 2022-2023 expenditure during the first six months of the F.Y. 2023-2024" was approved unanimously.

9. The resolution presented by the Sabha Council to appoint auditors for the F. Y. 2022-2023 was unitedly sanctioned by the Prathinidhi Mandalam.

1. M/s. Cheriyan & Cheriyan, Chartered Accountants, Miss East Road, Kottayam-686001.
2. M/s. Reji John & Co., Chartered Accountants, Near Children's Library, Kottayam.
3. M/s. Kuruvilla & Co., Chartered Accountants Pathanamthitta – 689645.
4. M/s. Thomas Mathew & Associates, Chartered Accountants, Power House Road, Tiruvalla – 689101.
5. M/s. Thomas Jacob & Co., 2nd Floor, YMR Junction, Nanthencode, Kowdiar P.O., Trivandrum- 695003.
6. M/s. K.C. Koshal & Co. Chartered Accountants, 1507, Wright Town, Jabalpur (M. P.).
7. M/s. K. I. Abraham & Co., Chartered Accountants, Tiruvalla.
8. M/s. Jacob Kovoor & Co., Chartered Accountants, Kochi.
9. M/s. Jacob Abraham & Co., Chartered Accountants, Chengannur.

10. Mandalam Study- A study was conducted based on the theme "**The Witness of the Church in the Changing World**". It was decided to conduct further studies on this topic at Diocesan, Centre and Parish levels.

11. The following members were elected to the Episcopal Nomination Board:

Clergy

Very Rev. K. Y. Jacob
Rev. Abby K. Joshua
Rev. Dr. P. J. Mammachan
Rev. Prasad Ponnachan
Rev. Dr. V. S. Varughese
Rev. Joseon VT
Rev. Daniel Thomas

Lay Members

Dr. Koshy Mathai
Adv. Mathew T. Thomas M. L. A.
Dr. Abraham Karikkam
Prof. Dr. Jacob George Mallapally
Dr. Kuncheria P. Isaac
Prof. C. Mammachan
Dr. Jesudas Athyal
Dr. Mathews George Chunakkara
Mr. Thomas Alexander (Sam Chempakathil)
Mr. P. E. Binu
Prof. Abraham Joseph
Mr. Abin Thomas
Prof. Jolly Anne Abraham
Mr. Jossy Kurien

Amendment to Article 335 of the Constitution

12. Lay ministrant

In order to assist the Minister in worship service and to lead worship service, in the Minister's absence, the Edvaka Sanghom shall select one or more competent persons as Lay Ministrants irrespective of their gender, in respect of which, approval shall be obtained from the Diocesan Episcopa or the Vicar General, acting on his behalf.

In special circumstances, the Diocesan Episcopa may appoint directly Lay Ministrant irrespective of their gender and the Lay Ministrant so appointed shall also be an office- bearer of the parish, with the purview of section 329.

The following constitutional amendment (removal and addition) was passed according to 113,390 of the Constitution.

13. Amendment to Article 164(A) of the Constitution

"People who have been elected three times to the Sabha Council in any capacity such as Sabha Trustee, Sabha Secretary and Council Member shall not stand as candidates for elections to any of the above mentioned positions in the following terms.

1.2 <u>Episcopal Synod</u>

The Episcopal Synod convened 9 times during the reporting year. Below are the key decisions.

1. Decisions regarding Clergy Transfers, Appointment, Higher Studies, Permission to travel abroad, disciplinary action etc.were taken up and implemented.
2. Approved the decisions of the Prathinidhi Mandalam, Diocesan Assemblies / Zonal.
3. Decisions were taken regardingDeacon and Kaseesa Ordination services.
4. Decisions were taken regarding the applications of those who have passed B.D. degree without the sponsorship of the Church as well as allocation of the mandatory practical training to those selected.
5. Approval was granted to the 2023 Lectionary.
6. Permissions were granted to form Mar Thoma Congregations at Jeddah, Venpala, Pullpally.
7. Approved the study book for Mar Thoma YuvajanaSakhyam
8. Due to the decrease in members of the community at Bikaner and Singaroli parishes, a decision was taken to identify them as congregations henceforth.
9. Decisions were made to revise the salary scale of clergy as well as increment the living allowances of the clergy serving in foreign countries.
10. It was decided to withdraw Rt. Rev. Dr. Mathews Mar Makarios Episcopa from the charge of Malaysia, Singapore Australia-New Zealand diocese with effect from 1.10.2022 and install Rt. Rev. Dr.Gregorios Mar Stephanos Episcopa as the Diocesan Bishop from the above mentioned date.
11. Nominated representatives to the Churches Auxiliary for Social Action(CASA).
12. Nominated a representative of the Church to the National Missionary Society.(NMS)
13. Modifications to the rules for Clergy foreign visits were deliberated and implemented.
14. Decision to initiate a compilation of documents pertaining to Mar Thoma Church and Ecumenical Relations, Mar Thoma Church and Anglican Church, Mar Thoma Church and Thozhiyoor Church, Mar Thoma Church and C.S.I, C. N.I. Churches, as well as the dialogue with the Orthodox and Jacobite churches were discussed and agreed upon.
15. It was decided to divide the Southeast Region of the North America-Europe Diocese so as to form three centres.
16. At the request of the annual conference of Clergy, a committee was appointed to collect information on the establishment of a Clergy Human Resource Department.
17. It was decided to increase the NithyaChilav and rasseesa.
18. Committee appointed to take decision regarding financial assistance during higher studies of students.
19. The Christian Conference of Asia nominated delegates to the General Assembly.

20. Reviewed the Maramon Convention and made recommendations on its implementation.
21. Resolved to dialogue with the Roman Catholic Church.
22. The Dialogue Committee was reconstituted to conduct negotiations with the Jacobite Church.
23. Amendments to the byelaws of Organizations in the North America - Europe Diocese were approved.
24. Considered the report of the Theological Commission and took decisions.
25. On the recommendation of the Liturgical Commission it was decided to make timely modifications in the liturgical order.

1.3 Sabha Council

11 meetings of the Sabha Council were held during the reporting year.

Major decisions

1. It has been decided to revise the norms of the Governing Council of Church owned colleges.
2. Resolved to frame the constitution of the Senior Citizens Fellowship and propose amendments to the constitution of the Development Committee.
3. To start an online counselling program for the church.
4. Dr. Joseph Mar Thoma lecture was decided to be held in the month of October every year.
5. A sub-committee was tasked to study the norms of various sub-committees and submit recommendations.
6. Approved the list of Metropolitan Audit Bureau.
7. It was decided to build a wall on the side of the Maramon Jubilee Home adjacent to Pampa river and to construct a gate on the side adjacent to the road.
8. It has been decided to do the painting and finishing work of the Hermitage building and the Senior Citizen Home at Kozhencherry.
9. Kozhencherry Senior Citizen Home building named Pampayoram.
10. Accepted the quotation for the painting of Poolatheen Aramana and decided to complete the works.
11. As per the recommendation of Finance Committee, previous years T. D. S. Returned amount were paid.
12. Decided to appoint FABS-V solutions as the team of AMC of Church Software.
13. It has been decided to award the Manavaseva Award 2022 for activities in the field of missionary work and village upliftment.
14. It has been decided to arrange for the first commemorative sermon of His Holiness Dr. Philipose Mar Chrysostom Valiya Metropolitan to be held at Trivandrum St. Thomas Church (Pattur), Thiruvananthapuram.
15. 11 cents of land in Nalanchira for the construction of Cemetery for Mar Thoma Church members in Thiruvananthapuram was given by Malankara Catholic Church Cardinal Baselios Cleemis Thirumeni.
16. It was decided to hold the Sabha Prathinidhi Mandalam on September 13, 14, 15, 2022.
17. In memory of Dr. Philipose Mar Chrysostom Valiya Metropolitan, it was decided to construct a floor in Kumbanad Mar Chrysostom Fellowship Mission Hospital, Smart Village in South Travancore and Village Clinic in Angola.
18. As part of the Golden Jubilee of the Ordination of Dr. Theodosius Mar ThomaMetropolitan, 2 Projects were started, Abhayam and Lakshya. A sub-committee was appointed for its implementation.
19. The recommendation of the Sabha Office Staff Salary Revision Committee was accepted and the staff service rules were revised.
20. Approved the report of the sub-committee on cadre, promotion, staff pattern and ex-gratia of office staff.
21. Medical Aid Scheme Rules for clergy was approved and decided to arrange insurance with Medical Insurance Company (IP) to get the bill amount. It has been decided to renew the medical insurance of clergy and office workers.

22. Annual report for the year 2021-2022, income and expenditure statement, budget and supplementary budget for the year 2022-2023 were approved.
23. Approved the recommendations of the Video Documentary Committee regarding Dr. Joseph Mar Thoma M.
24. Approved the Panel of Auditors for the year 2022-23.
25. Decided to start an online media under the Church and was named as Mar Thoma Vision.
26. M. T. And E. A. Schools Corporate Management has approved the rank list of various posts for schools
27. Decided to conduct Dr. Joseph Mar Thoma Memorial Lecture 2022at the Kottarakkara Jubilee Mandiram.
28. Accepted the quotation for various works of Joseph Mar Thoma Navathy Office Complex/Sabha Secretariat.
29. A sub-committee was appointed to study and report on the lease agreement of Mar Thoma Commercial Building.
30. Names of Clergy nominated for episcopal election was given to Episcopal Nomination Board.
31. Recommended to the Episcopal Synod to fix the Recessa and Nithyachilavu.
32. An expert committee has been appointed to study the uneconomic schools under the M. T. & E. A. corporate management schools.
33. The minimum qualification to apply for the last grade post in the school is 7th class pass and the maximum qualification is plus two pass.
34. Anaprampal Girls School was allowed to become a mixed school.
35. It has been decided to include the 2023 Bhoo Bhavana Dhanam Collection in Abhayam Project.
36. Approved the rank list prepared on the basis of written test and interview for various posts in the Sabha office.
37. The Higher Education Commission was mandated to report on the National Education Policy.
38. A committee was appointed to outline the future programs of Pambayoram.
39. Approved the plan of the new block in the Kumbanad Mar Chrysostom Fellowship Mission Hospital and decided to bear the cost of one floor according to the progress of the work.
40. It was decided to take the opinion from the Mandalam members and parishioners regarding the revision of the church constitution.
41. Accountant Sri. Sajeev Varghese has been appointed as Accounts Manager.
42. Accepted the guidelines submitted by the Higher Education Commission regarding Principal Selection.
43. The Dr. Joseph Mar Thoma Memorial Video Documentary is scheduled to release on February 10, 2023.
44. It has been decided to conduct the Dr.Alexander Mar Thoma Memorial Lecture at St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Kozhencherry, and the Dr Chrysostom Mar Thoma Memorial Lecture at Mannamaruthi Bethel Mar Thoma Church.
45. Decided to give award for those who have achieved good results in the field of sports.
46. It has been decided to prepare a rank list for various posts in the Schools of Corporate Management.
47. It was decided to seek legal advice regarding the takeover of the school run by the Chunkathara Good Shepherd Educational and Charitable Trust.
48. The Episcopal Nomination Board recommended Rev. Saju. C. Papachan, Rev. Dr. Joseph Daniel, Rev. Matthew K. Chandy as the candidates.
49. The mandalam study theme will be A study on the migration of the Marthomites and ministry to the Mar Thoma Diaspora.
50. The field of Planning and Economics has been selected for the ManavaSeva Award 2023.
51. It was decided to conduct the Sabha Prathinidhi Mandalam on 2023 August 29, September 1 and 2, 2023 at the Dr Alexander Mar Thoma Memorial Auditorium. It has been decided to conduct the election of office bearers and Vaidika Selection Committee at Diocese offices along with the Sabha Council election within Kerala. It has also been decided to conduct postal ballot in the constituencies outside Kerala.

52. It was decided to conduct the Mandalam for Episcopal Elections on 30th and 31st August 2023 at the Alexander Mar Thoma Memorial Auditorium.
53. It has been decided to conduct Office Manager selection as per Church Office Staff Service Rules.
54. Chengannur-Mavelikara Diocese was permitted to take loan for the purpose of purchasing 58 cents of land near Mavelikkara Jyothis School.
55. Committee constituted to study the subject of revival of mission activities in the Church.
56. A committee was formed to study the growing trend of migration and the mission of the Church.

1.4 Dr. Alexander Mar Thoma Valiya Metrapolitan Memorial Lecture.

20th Memorial lecture of Dr. Alexander Mar Thoma Valiya Metropolitan, was held on Sunday, April 3, 2022 at Ebenezer Mar Thoma Church, Thrissur. Cardinal Mar George Alenchery delivered the keynote address. Dr. Theodosius Mar Thoma Metropolitan inaugurated it. On the occasion, Dr. Mar Aprem Metropolitan and Padmashri Dr. Sosamma also honored.

1.5 Dr. Philipose Mar Chrysostom Mar Thoma Valiya Metropolitan Memorial Lecture.

The First Memorial lecture of Dr. Philipose Mar Chrysostom Mar Thoma Valiya Metropolitan was held on Sunday, May 1, 2022 at Trivandrum St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Pattur, Thiruvananthapuram. The Governor of Goa Shri. P. S. Dr. Sreedharan Pillai inaugurated the conference. Sri. Rajan Gurukal delivered the keynote speech. Dr. Theodosius Mar Thoma Metropolitan presided.

1.6 Dr. Joseph Mar Thoma Metropolitan Memorial Lecture.

The 2nd Memorial Lecture of Dr. Joseph Mar Thoma Metropolitan was held on Saturday 29th October 2022 at Kottarakkara Episcopal Jubilee Mandiram Chapel. Mr. N. S. Madhavan IAS delivered the keynote speech. Dr. Theodosius Mar Thoma Metropolitan presided.

1.7 MelpadomAttumalilGeorgekutty Merit Award

Attumalil Georgekutty Merit Award for the year 2022-23 was given to Dr. K. Sivan on 10th September 2022 in a meeting held at the Mar Thoma Sabha Council. Merit Award for Young Scientists was given to Dr. Amit Mishra and Dr. Palanivelrajan. Various awards and scholarships were given. 6 applications were received for Merit Award, 5 for Young Scientist Award and 2 for Merit Scholarship for Dalit Community. It was decided to give them Rs. 30000/- each. The awards are made out of the interest earned on the Endowment in Melpadom Attumalil Georgekutty (AV Jones).

1.8 Dr. Joseph Mar Thoma Metropolitan Video Documentary

A video documentary was released based on the life of the blessed Joseph Mar Thoma Metropolitan, on February 10, 2023. Dr. Theodosius MarThoma Metropolitan released the Video documentary. Rt. Rev. Dr. Joseph Mar Barnabas Suffragan Metropolitan presided. Dr. Divya S. Iyer, Pathanamthitta District Collector and Music director Stephen Devassy attended the function. A memento was given to the documentary cast. Rt. Rev. Dr. Joseph Mar Barnabas Suffragan as Chairman and a committee worked with Rev. Viju Varghese as the convener.

2. ACTIVITIES OF BISHOPS

2.1 MOST REV. DR. THEODOSIUS MAR THOMA METROPOLITAN

We thank the Almighty God for helping us to pass one more year in the pastoral ministry in the fullness and shade of God's grace. During the reporting year, God has graced Poolatheen as the head of Niranam-Maramon Diocese along with the general administration and mission of the church.

Report Year visited 41 parishes in Niranam-Maramon Diocese, 35 parishes in other Dioceses within Kerala, 9 parishes outside Kerala and 15 parishes abroad and led Holy Communion. In connection with the visit to the parish, he led the service of first communion, the parish day service, jubilee celebrations, gatherings and other programs organized by the parishes. Along with the parish visits in North America - Europe diocese also led the annual meeting of clergy and the 20th annual

conference of Diocese Sevika Sangham. During the visit to UK, visited Archbishop of Canterbury Most Rev. Justin Welby with the Diocesan Bishop.

Presided over the 2022 Sabha Mandalam Meeting. Attended and presided over the meetings of the Episcopal Synod and Sabha Council. Presided over the election and served as chairman of the Episcopal nomination board, recommending three names. Moron, along with other Bishops, administered the sacrament at St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church in Tiruvalla. He acted as the Chairman of the Legal Affairs Committees took decisions on the legal and constitutional issues that came up for consideration by the Committee. He led the advisory meetings of the medical mission. Provided necessary leadership and gave the opening and closing messages for the successful conduct of the Maramon Convention. On Sunday morning, on the concluding day of the Maramon Convention, led the holy communion service at Maramon Mar Thoma church. Also preached the word of God in various Diocese conventions.

As Diocesan Episcopa of Niranam-Maramon Diocese, presided over Diocese Assembly meetings and Council meetings. In the Malankara Sabha Tharaka, the Metropolitan addresses the congregation through his letter and conveys his position on contemporary socio-political and religious issues. Led the publication of Bhadrasana Deepam which is published to bring Diocese news and activities to all the people of Diocese. He visited the Mandirams functioning within diocese such as Anaprampal Jubilee Mandiram and Kumbanad Dharmagiri Mandiram and held fellowship with the Mandiram members.

He led the annual conference of Clergy held at Charalkunnu and the Half-yearly conference organized through the Zoom platform. Organized Diocese, Centre and Regional meetings for Diocese clergy and evaluated the activities at regional levels and gave necessary instructions. During the reporting year, led the ordination services conducted at Kalloopara St. Thomas, Anamala Mar Thoma and Pathanamthitta Mar Thoma churches. Attended the Christmas carol evening of DSMC Pulkootil Pookalam.

Presided over the following memorial lectures, Dr. Alexander Mar ThomaValiya Metropolitan Memorial lecture at Thrissur Ebenezer Mar Thoma Church on 4th April, Dr. Philipose Mar Chrysostom Mar ThomaValiya Metropolitan First Memorial lecture at Pattur St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Thiruvananthapuram on 1st May and Dr. Joseph Mar ThomaMemorial lectureat Kottarakkara Jubilee Mandiram on October 29. Conducted the 110th Mar Thoma Students Conference held at Kottayam Mar Thoma Seminary and Mar Thoma Seminary Higher Secondary School under the Kottayam Centre. Participated in the Platinum Jubilee Conference of HoskoteMar Thoma Mission.

New churches of Puthenkavumala St. Thomas and Chachipunna Salem Parishes and Kalangara Chapel of Anaprampal Parish were consecrated. Following institutions were dedicated, Senior Clergymen's Apartment at Kozhencherry, Ammachirak, Women's Care Center at Elippakulam Old Age Home, and the new building of Zionkunnu Mar Thoma School at Kalayapuram. S. C. S. Higher Secondary School Dr. Joseph Mar Thoma Memorial Block, Punalur Mar Thoma Dayara's Retreat Hall, Thumpamon Srothas Trust Assisted Living Home, Arattupuzha TharangamMar Chrysostom Palliative Care Centre.Led the consecration services of the zonal center at UK including the Bishop's House. Under the auspices Ayroor Cherukolpuzha J. M. & M. Holistic Center, the foundation stone of the 'Snehaveed' project started at Irumbukazhi in Ezhumatoor was executed. Later, the construction of 21 houses was completed and the dedication service was performed. The foundation stones were laid for the new church of Kumbanad Mar Thoma Valiya Palli, the Mallapally Asraya Pain and Palliative Care Unit, the new chapel to be built for the Anaprampal Jubilee Mandiram and the Edathua south chapel of Anaprampal Mar Thoma Parish.

He delivered graduation lectures at Kottayam Mar Thoma Theological Seminary, Kottayam, T. M. A. Counseling Center and the Mulanthuruthy Syrian Orthodox Theological Seminary. Presided over the 2023 graduation convocation at Mar Thoma Theological Seminary. Conducted a sermon at the centenary gathering of Leonard Theological College, Jabalpur. Presided over Abraham Malpan

memorial lecture held at Mar Thoma Theological Seminary, Kottayam. During the report year, he visited Dharma Jyoti Vidyapeeth, Faridabad and gave necessary advice to the teachers and students. He visited Karukachal Campus which is a part of Kottayam Seminary and gave necessary instructions and suggestions for educational and agricultural development.

Represented the church in various ecumenical associations. Provided leadership in relations with other churches and ecumenical initiatives. The 11th General Assembly of the World Council of Churches (WCC) was held in Karlsruhe, Germany from August 31 to September 8. Addressed the general meeting. The theme was "The love of Christ that leads the world to reconciliation and unity". Worked as a member of the Central Council of the Bible Society of India. Led various programs of Kerala Council of Churches. Cartoon wall program against drug addiction was inaugurated in Tiruvalla. Attended the 250th Annual Concluding Session of the Malabar Independent Syriac Church conducted in Kottayam. Attended the Platinum Jubilee Conference of CSI Madhya Kerala Maha Edavaka. Silver Jubilee Celebration of Communion of Churches in India (CCI) was inaugurated at Christos Mar Thoma Church, Kakkanad. Participated in the Church Day program organized by Malankara Orthodox Syriac Church at Niranam Valiyapalli. State-level inauguration of the World Prayer Week of Y. M. C. A. was held at Aluva. Participated in CASA's National Meeting and Platinum Jubilee Celebration held in Delhi. The Mar Thoma Church is represented on the National Board of CASA. Elected as Chairperson of CASA Membership Committee. M. C. R. D's Ruby Jubilee Conference and the centenary celebrations of Tiruvalla Varikad Bethel Ashram (CSI) were inaugurated. The Ecumenical Week of Prayer organized by the Thiruvalla Ecumenical Clergy Fellowship was inaugurated at St. John's Cathedral. The representatives of the Pontifical Council of Christian Unity of the Roman Catholic Church were received in Poolatheen and held a dialogue with the representatives of the Church. Necessary suggestions for further discussions are given. On behalf of the Mar Thomachurch, addressed and congratulated the newly ordained Metropolitans of the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church under the auspices of Niranam Diocese at Kalloopara St. Mary's Orthodox Church. Inaugurated the Kerusso-2022 speech competition organized at Kottayam Sophia Center under the auspices of Fr. T. J. Joshua Foundation. At the invitation of the Mayor of Texas Copelcity Council, Dr. Theodosius also participated in the ceremony which was declared as Theodosius Mar Thoma day.

Attended the Christmas party organized by the Chief Minister of Kerala. On a special invitation, he delivered a keynote address on the topic 'Religion-based regimes and world peace in the context of Guru Darshan at the organizational meeting at Sivagiri Math Pilgrimage Centre, Varkala. Delivered the first lecture in the lecture series on the visions of Renaissance heroes organized by Kochi Corporation. Participated in the annual meeting of Subhananda Ashram, Mavelikara Cherukol and gave a blessing speech. Participated and led in Snehasangamam, the centenary thanksgiving service of South Travancore Mission under the auspices of Thiruvananthapuram - Kollam Dicoese.

We would like to express our gratitude to all the clergy and workers of the Poolatheen Office, Sabha Office and Diocese Office for their sincere support in the activities of the reporting year. Praise be to God who has graced us to complete 50 years in His ministry. I praise God for all those who have shaped me for this ministry and have convinced me of my calling and assignment in positions of leadership and leadership. The prayerful support received from the Bishops and clergy is always encouraging. The love, care and prayer support of God's people has been powerful till date. Thanks to everyone.

We live in a rapidly changing world. Times, perspectives and wills have changed. Political and Administrative Systems, Legal and Justice Conditions also change. Today we have a social system where democracy and human rights are discussed, viewed and criticized by the media. In an era where the church and its procedures are constantly being evaluated and questioned, the church must be able to provide an open door and an open approach. Migration is increasing today. Apart from employment, young people are leaving Kerala with the aim of studying. The generation gap widens. As human resources flow out, the consequences are slowly beginning to emerge. A conscious effort is needed to make church members of different languages, different cultures and different

nationalities a part of the life of faith without discrimination through a decentralized style.

The church today is in the midst of pluralism. There are many elements of pluralism within the church. There should be breadth in outlook and action. The identity of the Church should be found not by denying the identity of others, but by nurturing a life of faith that complements the sense of identity. Solutions must be sought from the parish level to strengthen, not diminish, that partnership. Today community thinking is growing and distance from other communities is increasing. The vision of conversion must be inside and outside the church. The church must be reformed to stand on the side of justice and morality. Work for the upliftment of marginalized communities, develop action plans that combine evangelism and social action, environmental protection, and broader humanitarian cooperation. It is there that the church is able to transform society into an abundant life and experience of God's kingdom. For that, let's thank God.

2.2 RT. REV. DR. EUYAKIM MAR COORILOS SUFFRAGAN METROPOLITAN

I give thanks for the opportunities God has given him to serve in the Mar Thoma Syrian Church for the past 43 years as a Clergy, 33 years as a Episcopa, and the last two years as a Suffragan Metropolitan. The divine providence experienced during the last 72 years is unmistakable.

As per the arrangement of the Sabha, additional charge of Delhi Diocese was given along with Mumbai Diocese from 1st March 2022. Resides in Vashi Mar Thoma Bhavan Mumbai and leads the activities of both Dioceses relying on God. As the Suffragan Metropolitan, I am performing the various responsibilities of the Episcopal Nomination Board and the Liturgical Commission entrusted to me by the Church. These days long journeys are necessary to lead the activities of both Dioceses which are geographically very vast. Glorifying God for the divine providence experienced in journeys and activities.

Mumbai Diocese is spread over 59 churches and 6 congregations in 7 centres and 11 mission congregations in 6 mission regions in the Indian states of Maharashtra, Goa and Gujarat, the industrial capital of India, and the foreign parish of Muscat. 64 active Clergies, 1 clergy retired from active service, 3 mission coordinators and 31 evangelists are working in the mission area of Diocese.

Visited the Parishes in the Mumbai Diocese and performed Communion and shared blessings of First Communion.

Diocese Assembly was held on 27th August 2022 at St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Santa Cruz, Mumbai. He presided over the assembly, reviewed the spiritual and material growth and activities of Diocese and took necessary decisions.

For the growth of Diocese, the Diocese Council was able to take decisions together and give necessary instructions. Diocese Council met 5 times during the reporting year.

Diocese able to purchase land in Khardi for the stay of regional missionary clergies. Signed an agreement with International Full Gospel Ministry and decided to start a new school under the leadership of STEMS at Songadh. Arrangements are being made for consecration and inauguration of the school on 14th May 2023.

Mumbai Diocese Convention was held from 26th to 29th January 2023. About 2,000 people participated in the Kurbana service and the closing meeting of the convention held afterwards. It was a pleasure to be able to lead the convention from the beginning.

21st August 2022 has been celebrated as DioceseSunday. Special worship and prayers were conducted in the respective parishes with the help of clergy and lay members. It was also possible to collect diocese development funds for Dioceseactivities.

The first retreat of Diocese clergy was held on 2nd and 3rd June 2022 at Kamshet Mar Chrysostom Ashram & Mar Thoma Centre. The Annual Clergy Fellowship was held from 27th to 29th September 2022 at St. Pius Pastoral Institute, Goa. The topic of thought was “Being a Priest Today”

Under the leadership of DioceseStudy Forum, clergy gatherings and evangelion studies are arranged. Contemporary theological topics are also discussed at the meeting.

The Diocese Legal Affairs Committee meets on time and takes necessary direction and decisions on remarriage applications.

Suvartha Patrika, the face paper of Diocese, is regularly published covering periodical and theological topics. A musical evening called Euphoria 22 was organized at Diocese Center on 17th April 2022, Easter night.

Save a Heart is a scheme to provide medical assistance to eligible needy people suffering from heart disease. Thanks to the Save a Heart Project, which is available as part of the episcopal visitation of parishes and congregations in Diocese, to the sick in need. This year also it was possible to reach the needy people.

An Ecological Commission was formed in Dioceseas part of the Central Ecological Commission of the Church. The first meeting was arranged on 21st August 2022. An exhibition was also held in association with Mar Thoma School, Chembur, Maharashtra.

There are 4 schools operating in Surat, Vapi, Bhuj and Kamshet under the name STEMSin Mumbai Diocese. During the report year schools were visited and necessary instructions were given.

Under the leadership of Diocese, a band called WINGS was formed to lead singing services in parishes and to assist in ecumenical programs. A musical feast Halel was arranged by Diocesealong with the conclusion of Anti Drug Campaign was held on 7th January 2023. Funds collected from the music banquet went towards setting up a media room for Mumbai Diocese Music and Communications (MDMC).

In the society, without getting proper guidelines, many lives have to be given a new perspective. Thus, the project NAVADISHA started on 1st August 2022 as a toll free counselling program 8447 913 923 has also been set up for anyone to call for counselling at any time.

The Mar Chrysostom Ashram at Kamshet serves as a camp centre as well as a study centre. The centre is used for training and education of evangelists. During the reporting year two new M.A. Courses have been started.

Providing necessary leadership for the activities of Navjeevan, Navodaya and Ragpickers Project in Diocese. The activities of Mitra Niketan Girls Hostel-Pippalpasa, ShanthiNiketan Ashram-Ahwa, Mar Thoma Smart Hostel-Vapi and Karuna Niketan Ashram-Gaschiroli are most beautifully organized in Diocese. Needy &poor children are provided timely educational assistance.

A walkathon was organized in Diocese against the increasing use of intoxicants in the society under the joint auspices of Diocese Yuvajanasakhyam, Youth Ministry and Navdisha. The slogan was Say No to Drugs and Yes to Life.

Chaired the committees and sub-committees of the Diocese organizations as required during the reporting year.

During the reporting year, various development activities were devised and implemented at Panvel, Titwala and Gadchiroli under the charge of Diocese. Caretaker accommodation and construction of office room completed. As the first phase of work, the area at Panvel and Gadchiroli was filled and fencing and gates were arranged.

The renovation works of Mumbai Vashi Mar ThomaCenter are progressing nicely. A new lift and solar power system were installed during the reporting year. The Council Room and Stilt area have been rearranged.

There are about 3000 seekers and believers in the mission. During the year, the Mission Fields were visited, interacted with them and understood their needs. A new Regional Missionary has been appointed in Gujarat. It was possible to understand its activities together with missionary fathers

and evangelists, and to lead prayer groups.

First Mission Youth Conference at Diocese was held from 3rd to 5th March 2023. Youth and volunteers from different parts of Diocese participated in the conference.

Thank you Lord for thinking so far, thank you. The immense grace of God experienced on the back roads is endless. During these days, I got to experience the love, care and prayers of the faith community, brothers and sisters, and evangelists. I also gratefully remember the tireless services of Secretary Achan, Diocese Treasurer, Aramana and Diocese workers who have been with me by giving strength to the activities. May the Lord continue to help you to take the right hand of the Beloved and work creatively towards the expansion of God's kingdom.

2.3 RT. REV. DR JOSEPH MAR BARNABAS SUFFRAGAN METROPOLITAN

By the grace of God, the service of Thiruvananthapuram-Kollam, Kottarakkara-Punalur Dioceses was performed. The post-covid era felt like the spring season that nature is preparing. Closed churches opened, organizations sprung into action - the bygone era remained a memory. Praise be to God who has strengthened us for His glorious ministry without stumbling in the course of time.

Attended the inauguration of the Church's Environment Commission, which took place in MCRD. Attended the Students' Conference held at Kottayam and celebrated Holy Communion. Participated in Golden Jubilee of Mukolaikkal Bethel Parish, Silver Jubilee of Hoskote Mission, Dubai Yuvajana Sakhyam Golden Jubilee, Thiruvananthapuram Guidance Center Ruby Jubilee, Perumbavoor Women's College Silver Jubilee. Attended centenary gatherings of St. Paul's Parish, Panaveli Bethel and Perumbavoor.

The foundation stones of Kurupuzha Jerusalem and Konniyur Bethel churches were laid. Madubaha of the newly constructed Channapetta Church and NiranamKombakery laid the foundation stone of the new building of Nkeri School. Consecration of Hubli St. Mathias and Lakshmipuram Immanuel (Kalinga Mission) Churches. The parsonage of Chakkuvarakkal Parish was dedicated. Guruvayoor Mission House performed the dedication.

Centenary celebrations of the work of the Church in South Travancore brought together other Church communities and resulted in another blessed visit and witness. Evangelists and early workers were honored.

15 Deacon and 9 Kassessa ordinations were conducted. A clergy conference and a meeting of Parish in-charges were organized in both Dioceses.

Attended convocation at Kombadi EJ Institute. Attended the 75th Annual Conference of CSI formation held under the auspices of CSI Kollam Diocese.

Under the support of Kottarakkara Diocese YuvajanaSakhyam, under the name of Snehamritham, he participated in the three thousand days of food package distribution. The renovated Kottarakkara Jubilee Mandiram Hall was consecrated.

Participated in the Ayur, Kottarakkara, Kottayam, Ernakulam, Puthupally Horeb, Maramon, conventions and preached the Word.

On September 16, took part in the sacrament of consecrating Holy Muron.

Was honored with the degree of Doctor of Letters by the Hindustan University, Madras, in recognition of varied services in socio-cultural ecumenical fields as a senior member of the Church during the last 30 years. It was accepted for the sake of the church.

Visited the Vizhinjam fishermen's struggle fronts several times. I was able to participate in reconciliation meetings and talks.

Dubai Karama Trinity Parish celebrated its first Parish Day.

In Kulathupuzha, land and house were donated to 12 people who did not have land in the Sneharam

project, which was held on the land obtained under the World Vision project.

It was possible to hold a special meeting of evangelists (including retired ones) at Charalkunnu under the auspices of the Mar Thoma Evangelistic Association.

For the first time in the Church, the Maramon Convention was held to provide ideas and leadership to organize meetings for believers and truth-seekers from different language provinces on the basis of their language.

As our church was also invited as a member of Pro Oriente, a group of Eastern churches, we presented a paper about the church's representative at the conference held in Paris according to the decision of the honorable Synod. Visited Taize community working in Paris.

On November 23, 2022, he visited and had a conversation with Pope Francis, the head and father of the global Catholic Church. Preliminary discussions on establishing a dialogue with the Roman Catholic Church were held with Bishop Brian Farrell, secretary of the Vatican's Dicastery for Promoting Christian Unity.

Participated in a special conference of Pro Oriento held at the Argelicum University in Rome.

In December 2022, he visited the headquarters of various churches in Cyprus to facilitate ecumenical relations. Meetings were held with Greek, Coptic, Orthodox, Catholic, Maronite and Anglican church priests and monastery acharyas. The respects of the congregation were conveyed.

Attended the Consecration Service (Pazhanji) of the consecrated Bishops in the Malankara Orthodox Church. Participated in the consecration of Mar Polycarp and Mar Silvanios of Malankara Catholic Church.

More than 1044 children were invited to participate in the first communion. Visited 33 parishes in Thiruvananthapuram - Kollam Diocese, 43 churches in Kottarakkara – Punalur Diocese, 32 churches were visited outside the Dioceses and offered holy Qurbana.

A dedicated children's meeting was arranged. Participated in fasting prayers held in various parishes.

Currently serving as the Mar Thoma Evangelistic Association President, Mar Thoma Sunday School Samajam President, Corporate School Board Chairman, National Missionary Society Vice President, Ayur ETTARC President, Manager of Ayur College, Perumbavur Women's College, Perumbavur Ngaatha, Thiruvananthapuram Guidance Center President, Thiruvananthapuram St. Thomas Society President.

Family prayer in homes, Bible classes in churches, public worship, these are declining. We live in a time when faith in Christ is being tested. We should also give importance to reading Vedic books and teach them. We live in a time where the elderly are getting older and the children are getting fewer. We must hold fast to the basic Christian faith. We must teach and train the church members. Lord, help us.

2.4 RT. REV. THOMAS MAR TIMOTHEOS EPISCOPA

I praise God almighty for His manifold blessings in enabling me to serve as the Episcopa in the Church for that last 30 years and as the diocesan bishop of the Chengannur-Mavelikkara Diocese for the last 7 years. *“I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me trustworthy, appointing me to his service”*. I received opportunities to grow closer to God, to work for the betterment and the general good of the church and the society, the spreading of the Gospel and to some extent aid in alleviating the pain of my fellow beings. I strived to do the shepherding ministry by finding trust in Christ who continuously leads in the ministry of the Kingdom of God. The participation, care and fellowship from the Episcopal Synod, clergy and the faithful was a blessing.

As per the arrangement of the church, God has strengthened me to do the responsibilities of the

Ranni-Nilackal Diocese from December 1, 2023 along with the Chengannur-Mavelikkara diocese.

Diocese

The Chengannur-Mavelikkara Diocese consists of 92 parishes arranged in to 8 centres along with Ghala St. Pauls and Salalah Mar Thoma in Muscat and Fujairah Immanuel and Ras-Al-Khaima St Thomas in UAE. There are at present 85 Clergymen and 13 evangelists in active service and 41 retired clergymen who toil efficiently in service through the Church.

Visits and Services

I visited various parishes both inside and outside the diocese and led the Holy Communion and administered first Holy Communion along with delivering exhortations for the flock for their spiritual growth. I gave necessary leadership to other programmes arranged by various parishes. I attended the meetings of the Episcopal Synod and the Sabha Council, gave leadership to the fellowships of clergy in the centre, zone, Logos Bible studies and Clergy family gatherings. '*Bodhyam-III*' was initiated with the goal of the spiritual nourishment of the laypeople. Attended the course conducted in 3 zones with a duration of 15 weeks with 130 participants. Conducted Kasessa ordination of 2 deacons at the Venmony Sehion Mar Thoma Church on December 15, 2022. A devotional book for the great lent was also published.

The Diocesan Council met multiple times and took administrative decisions. Necessarry suggestions and instructions were given to the sub-committees formed by the Diocesan Council and other administrative bodies of various institutions. Served as the Manager of the Chengannur Christian College and the Mar Thoma College, Thiruvalla. Served as President of the Kaval Charitable Society, Haripad and Shreyas Charitable Society.

Cancer Care and Counselling Centre (Karuthal) which provides necessary care and help to people with cancer and kidney ailments in the diocese continues to help more than 1000 persons and their families. Activities of the Marriage Aid Project (VISA) were efficiently carried out. Gave fruitful leadership to MIW WA (Ministry to the Widows Widowers and the Aged). Gave fellowship to the deaf and dumb through the NADAM project and the SAVE (Serve and Value Each Other) project. A pension project was initiated in our parishes to help the aged and those without any income.

***Karuthal* and MIW WA Volunteers**

Karuthal and MIW WA - The major activities of the diocese run with the voluntary and selfless service of more than 200 laypersons. A group of voluntary laypersons who join hands with the clergy for the various mission activities was a vision of His Grace, the Late Lamented Zacharias Mar Theophilus Suffragan Metropolitan. They have volunteered to spend their life tithe to serve those in need and be a part of the various mission activities of the church.

Leadership to Institutions

Tharangam Mar Chrysostom Navathy Palliative Care Centre provides comfort for the terminally ill. Considering the rising need of this service a building equipped to serve 50 people was completed. As such ripples are being created through the Mar Zacharias Memorial *Tharangam* Mission Action Centre. Home Palliative Care project '*Ashwas*' continues through *Tharangam* and *'Kanivu'* through *Kaval, Haripad.* Considering the pain of others as one's own necessary help was rendered to these activities. Shreyas in Thumpamon provides comfort to the cancer patients, runs old age home and *samridhi*. Considering the rising need for Assisted living home the construction of a new building was completed. '*Sukrutham*' which provides daily breakfast at the district hospital, '*Samridhi*' which provides food to the ill in their houses and various counselling services are also the work of *Shreyas.* Sadu Sadan in Venmony houses the activities of the *Pakal veedu* (day-care), *karuthal,* MIW WA and tailoring classes. The Kidanganoor Navdarshan helps in finding persons having addiction and helping them through counselling and other interventions. Aramam in Kozhuvaloor and Vikas in Othera continues to serve the society. Kaval project which was initiated to in association with the Harippad Mar Thoma Centre provides services helpful to the public. Gave

special attention towards the need for availing necessary staff for its activities.

Leadership to Mission Centres

Gave leadership, suggestions and evaluated the mission centres run by the diocese *viz*. Narasapuram, Alagada, Pandavanpara, Thottapally, Thrukkunnapuzha, Peringala, and Pupparathi.

Olivet Nadam

Gave special attention such that Olivet Nadam which is the official tongue of the diocese keeps its high standard. Its publication has been arranged in a way that each house in the diocese receives a copy.

Diocesan Legal Affairs Committee

The Legal Affairs Committee of the diocese met regularly and took necessary decisions. 27 persons were granted permission for remarriage this report year.

Christian Agency for Rural Development (CARD) & Development Department

Served as the president of Christian Agency for Rural Development and Development Department for the last five years and gave necessary leadership. Served as the Chairman of the *Lahari Vimochcana Samithi* of the Church.

Conventions

Attended the Maramon Convention throughout and gave necessary leadership. Gave leadership for the Diocesan Convention held at the Tharangam Mission Action Centre from January 25-29, 2023.

Samridhi

It is a project which aims at providing lunch to aged parents at their houses *viz. in* Thumpamon, Venmony,Pandavanpara, Thottapally, Peringala, and Pupparathi. Currently we have been able to reach out to 150 houses and planning on expanding. Plans are being choked down to start the project at the parish level with the aim of hunger free diocese. Lunch is also provided through various mission centres *viz.* Thumpamon Shreyas, Arattupuzha Tharangam, Harippad Kaval.

Manas

It is a project which attempts to reach out to those who come to our notice through visual and print media. Expecting everyone’s prayers and co-operation.

Edu Care

It is a project which reaches out to children from the colonies near Vikas Othera to support them for their studies. Currently we are helping 17 children and planning to add more students.

Construction Activities

Construction work of a building which is equipped to house 50 persons under the Mar Chrysostom Pain and Palliative Centre at the Tharangam Mission Action Centre, Arattupuzha and *Srothas* (An Assisted Living Home) at the Thumpamon Shreyas which can house 40 persons was completed. H. G. the Most Rev. Dr. Theodosius Mar Thoma Metropolitan dedicated both these buildings on 13 December 2022. The construction work of an auditorium at Kaval, Haripad have begun. 11 houses were built and given to deserving families under the auspices of the Thumpamon Shreyas. Foundation stone was laid for 10 houses under the *parppidam* project of which 3 have been completed. The work of the rest of the houses are progressing. A project which aims to provide houses to the differently abled and the less fortunate has been planned at the Kallimel property which was a gift to the diocese.

Special appreciation to all the faithful for their help and support in to completing the construction work of a church building at Mittapalli, under the Alagada Mission. Funds were collected from individuals and parishes towards the various activities of the diocese. The participation and interest

of youths towards the mission activities of the diocese have increased. Laypersons may be encouraged to give their Life's Tithe for Christ (LTC) and the various mission activities of the church.

The prayers, encouragement and support of a large number the faithful have been a blessing to me. The wholehearted support of the clergy, evangelists, council members and the faithful were key to making various endeavours fruitful. To equip the members of the church towards the extension of the Kingdom of God and involve at least some in the activities of the diocese and the service of the church was my priority. May God strengthen us to move forward with power of resilience and courage to face the various adversities. I pray that God gives new visions and relevant ideas for facing the challenges of today effectively.

Ranni Nilakkal Diocese

I was able to serve as the Diocesan Bishop of the Ranni-Nilackal Diocese during this report year. The diocese consists of 130 parishes divided in to 11 centres including Abu Dhabi parish. There are at present 91 Clergymen and 11 evangelists in active service who serve at various institutions, mission centres and parishes in the diocese and 17 evangelists at the Kalahandi mission centre. 40 retired clergymen are also a part of the activities of the diocese. Visited 56 parishes and led the holy communion Service and administered the first holy communion during the report year. Visited the mission activities of the diocese including Orrisa and Kalahandi in order to understand the various activities of the mission and gave spiritual encouragement. Visted the Utkal Mission conducted under the leadership of the Abu Dhabi Mar Thoma Church.

Helped many families and persons through various projects like housing aid, marriage and educational aid. Gave leadership to the fellowships of clergy in the centre, zone, Biblia bible studies and clergy family meetings and the Baskiyamos fellowship. A fellowship for the retired baskiyamos and a gathering of children of the clergy were organised in a first of its kind within the diocese. The decication service of the Vaideeka Mandiram at the Holistic Centre, Ayroor and the Director's Quarters at the Pratheeksha Bhavan, Maylapra-Cheenkalthadam were conducted. A programme was initiated by the name Mission Expo with the aim of introducing various mission activities and centres of the diocese to the laypersons. The foundation stone for the Mannarakulanji Hospice Centre a Golden Jubilee project of the Abu Dhabi Mar Thoma Church was laid. Conducted the dedication service of 2 houses built for evangelists, mission house in Ittiyapara Convention Nagar and Thrikkolamala. Attended the valedictory function of the Golden Jubilee celebration of the Abu Dhabi MTC along with H.G. the Metropolitan.

Gave leadership to Diocesan Annual Clergy conference held at the Santhigiri Ashram from December 5-7, 2022. The 24th Ranni-Ittyapara Convention of the diocese was held from January 9-15, 2023. Served as the Chairman of the Pathanamthitta and Kunnam Vocational higher secondary schools and Manager of the Edakulam TTC and J.M. & M. A Holistic Centre, Ayroor. Giving 21 houses under the *snehaveedu* project of the holistic centrewas an enriching experience. Gave leadership to the Diocesan Assembly, Diocesan Council, the working committee meetings of the Navajeeva Kendram, Malayalapuzha, Prathyasha Bhavan, Ranni, Mar Thoma Child Development Centre, Thavalapara, Kattachira Moriya & Kurumbanmuzhi Child Development Centres and Mukthi Counselling Centre. Attended the Centenary meeting of the Kanakapalam Jerusalem MTC, Eccumenical meeting of the Vaikom MTC in connection with the sesquicentennialcelebrations, Golden jubilee meetings of the Valiyakunnam St. Paul's MTC and Vkottayam Ebenezer MTC. Also attended the diamond jubilee meeting of the Karikulam St. Johns MTC and the 70 years of the Kulamankuzhy St. Andrews MTC. The dedication service of the renovated parsonage of the Kanakapalam Jerusalem MTC, Keekozhoor East Immanuel MTC renovated church and the renovated front elevation of the Pathanamthitta MTC was also conducted.

As times go on, I understand the greatness of the ministry that God has entrusted me with and realise how great are His mercies towards me. May God help us to abound in His works knowing that the ministry that we do in His name will not be in vain.

2.5 RT. REV. DR. ISAAC MAR PHILOXENOS EPISCOPA

Served as the Diocesan Bishop of the North America-Europe Diocese of the Mar Thoma Church for yet another year. Was able to join in the efforts towards the growth of the church both in the spiritual and material matters by trusting God and His mercies. Parishes and various organisations have once again become active in this post-COVID era. The faithful have been equipped with new hope and vigour for worship, fellowship and various other endeavours. How great are the goodness and mercies that we experience!

It is because of the tireless and dedicated efforts of the diaspora community over 4 decades that the North America-Europe Diocese is what it is today. This widespread diocese is a diverse area. The community has been able to grow as a spiritually disciplined community keeping in mind the various suggestions, instructions and encouragement from the leadership of the church. The courageous leadership of the diocesan bishops, the sincere service of the clergy and the selfless service of the faithful were key in leading the diocese to new heights. At present the diocese consists of 66 parishes and 12 congregations.

Visited 51 parishes within the diocese and 15 parishes outside the diocese, gave spiritual fellowship and made special efforts to meet, encourage and exhort first communicants. During these visits meetings with the executive committees and other organisations have been accommodated. Special efforts were made to visit the sick and aged. Encouraged parishes to continue to be creative in their responses understanding their spiritual, social and financial needs.

Along with USA and Canada necessary leadership was given to the U.K.- Europe Zone. The zone completes 5 years of its existence and it gives great joy to note that all parishes in the zone is on the path of growth. The zone consists of 13 parishes and 7 congregations. H.G. the Most Rev. Dr. Theodosius Mar Thoma Metropolitan dedicated the zonal centre in London on March 4, 2023 in the presence of a large number of the faithful.

Parishes continue to acquire parsonages locally. The dedication of the parsonage of Vancouver parish and the Bristol MTC was held on July 22, 2022 and October 2, 2022 respectively. The church building of the Antonio congregation was dedicated on January 7, 2023. The Kasessa ordination services of Dn. Jason Varghese was held on April 30, 2022 at the Huston Immanuel MTC, that of Dn. Subin Mathew on June 11, 2022 at Manchester Tabore MTC and of Dn. Christy M. Kurien on February 2, 2023 at the Niranam Jerusalem MTC.

The Diocesan Assembly was held on May 7th at the Long Island MTC and the U. K. Europe Zonal Assembly on the June 25th at the London St. Johns MTC. The Diocesan council met 4 times during the report year to plan the activities of the diocese. The Diocesan Clergy Conference was held on July 13th on online platform and the annual meeting on October 12 and 13at the Mar Thoma Church of Dallas Farmers Branch.

The activities of the various organisations in the diocese continue with great enthusiasm. The participation in worship services and also in social spaces have increased greatly. Attended and gave leadership in the Youth Fellowship conducted in Philadelphia from July 28-30, 2022, Senior-Junior Conference in New York from August 11-13, 2022, Diocesan Voluntary Evangelistic Association Conference conducted in Philadelphia from August 18-21, 2022, and the Diocesan Sevika Sangham Conference conducted in Mar Thoma Church of Dallas farmers Branch from October 13-16, 2022. Gave leadership to the youth leadership conference organised by the diocese which was held from January 5-8, 2023 at the Dallas Sehion MTC. Centre and regional clergy meetings and gatherings of organisations were also arranged.

A new initiative of the diocese Mental Health-Wellness Retreats were organised at the diocesan and regional levels. Seminars are studies aimed at keeping the mental wellness of individuals and families were without doubt a blessing. Along with the clergy experts in the field of counselling, and mental health gave able leadership.

Ensured active participation in the ecumenical meetings and seminars. Attended the central committee of the World Council of Churches (WCC) and participated in various discussions. Participated in the General Assembly of the WCC held at Karlsruhe in Germany from August 30 to September 8, 2022. Attended the meetings of the Episcopal Synod, Sabha Mandalam, Sabha council meetings, Annual Clergy Conference and other meetings.

God has enabled to keep the Vision of the Gospel and work for the betterment of fellow beings. Visited the Mar Thoma community in Mexico on March 31 and celebrated the 20th anniversary of the Mexico mission. The Light to Life project initiated with the goal of holistic development of children in the various villages of India continue to be a beacon of hope to many. Gave necessary leadership to the project. The Carmel Mar Thoma Centre, Atlanta which marks a great milestone in the growth of the diocese serves as a venue of various social upliftment initiatives, continues to host various conferences, and is available as place of worship and for various conventions and meetings.

God has enabled me to give relevant and able leadership to the church following the footsteps of the fore parents. Committed to use the available in the best way possible for a more enriching experience and initiating more activities understanding the pain and needs of the society. Thanking God for His manifold blessings. The support and encouragement from the members of the clergy, the lay community and other well-wishers have made all activities more blessed. Praying that we may be able to work more enthusiastically trusting in God's providence.

2.6 RT. REV. DR. ABRAHAM MAR PAULOS EPISCOPA

Praising God for yet another year to serve as a part of the Malankara Mar Thoma Syrian Church, a part of the universal church which bears witness to the resurrected Christ. The Church is a community that has been called to be a light to the world. The mission of the Christ is the mission of the Church. The Church earns credibility only by following the path of Jesus' ministry. The more the light of Jesus is manifested in us the more the church will be valuable to its surroundings. The mission of the Church is to take courageous decisions and stands so as to make possible the vision of holistic redemption. Took special care to be a part of this vision and also encouraged the faithful for the same. Praising God for the grace that God has bestowed on me to do the responsibilities as the Diocesan Episcopa of the Adoor, and Kottayam-Kochi Diocese by residing at the Hermon Aramana, Adoor.

The Adoor diocese consists of 92 parishes including the Kuwait St. Johns and Al-ain MTC. It also consists of 8 mission fields including Sathyavadi in Tamil Nadu and Gadgeswar in Andhra Pradesh. At present there are 83 clergymen (including 21 retired clergy) and 12 evangelists in the diocese. The Kottayam-Kochi Diocese consists of 116 clergymen in active service and 32 retired clergymen, 21 evangelists and consists of 114 parishes and 21 mission centres. Baharain MTC, Baharain St. Pauls, South Africa Immanuel and Nigeria St. Thomas are also a part of this diocese. The lay community along with the clergy and the evangelists give effective leadership in the activities of both the dioceses.

Visits

Visited 35 parishes of the Adoor Diocese and 34 parishes of the Kottayam- Kochi diocese during the report year. Received the opportunity to celebrate the Holy Communion, administer the first Holy Communion, partake in Parish Day functions and visit the sick and the aged. Also got the opportunity to visit the various mission centres in both dioceses and evaluate the mission activities and give necessary leadership and suggestions.

Church/Parsonage Dedication

During the report year conducted the church dedication of the Poruvazhi Bethel MTC and was the co-celebrant in the church dedication service of the Chachipunna Salem MTC. The foundation stone for the parsonages in Kattanam St. Thomas MTC and Parakod Immanuel MTC was also laid. The dedication services of the renovated church buildings of the Koothrapally Jerusalem MTC, Vengola

Bethel MTC, Anicadu Arohanam MTC and the Karthamangal St. Pauls MTC was also conducted.

Activities of the Adoor Diocese

A plethora of spiritual services are being conducted under the auspice of the Easow Mar Timotheos Memorial Spirituality Centre in Adoor. A library with a vast book collection is also functioning there. Month end meetings, pre-marital counselling, post-marital family counselling and classes for specially selected students from the various high schools and colleges are being conducted regularly under the leadership of the Anugraha De-Addiction and Counselling Centre. These services are available to both members from and outside the diocese. 2 Study classes each were organised based on the Mandalam study book in 3 centres of the diocese. Study materials were given to various parishes in the diocese under the leadership of B.C.D.C. Meetings for the Parish Office bearers and Sextons were also organised.

A building with all necessary amenities was completed at the Siyonkunnu Mar Thoma Residential School, Kalayapuram. The work of a centre by the name Mother wings has been completed with the aim of taking care of ladies. The activities of Asha Bhavan, Pidavoor, Shanti Mandiram Vavvakaavu, Gurukulam, Manakkaaa, Light to Life Project, Tharayil Kadavu, Students Centre Sasthamkotta are progressing well.

Kottayam-Kochi Diocese

Regular visits have been made to the various projects and institutions under the diocese. The Light to Life project in association with the North America-Europe Diocese which aims to reach out to the children from economically backward sections of the society has been greatly beneficial. The mission fields in the diocese have been attached with one or more parishes in the diocese by the name Partnership in Mission so as to make mission activities more effective. Apart from this necessary leadership and guidance was given to the various activities of the diocese aimed at the welfare of society *viz.* de-addiction centres counselling centres, guidance centres. Various efforts have been made in rehabilitating HIV/AIDS patients and their families in Cumbam. Apart from the English medium school which has more 400 students, mission activities in the various villages are being undertaken in the Mantralaya Mission in Andhra Pradesh. The dedication of a school building and the foundation stone laying of a newly proposed chapel was conducted. Retired Clergy fellowships, meetings for the parish office bearers and condolence meetings of the Late Lamented the Most Rev. Dr. Philipose Mar Chrysostom Mar Thoma Valiya Metropolitan of blessed memory was organised. Necessary leadership was given in the publishing of the book "*Mar Chrysostom: Jeevitha Lokavum, Veritta Shabdavum Sancharavum*".

Ordination Services

Conducted Kasessa ordinations at Ericadu Moria MTC, Adoor Immanuel MTC, Mylom Christos MTC, and Kappil St Thomas MTC and Deacon ordinations at Mallapally Sehion MTC, and Chunakkara St Thomas MTC. It gives immense joy that 4 persons from the Adoor diocese and 3 from the Kottayam-Kochi diocese have started their ministry in the church as deacons.

Clergy Study Meetings

Study meetings for the clergy of the Adoor Diocese "Evangelion" was organised regularly at the Youth Centre Chapel and at times on the online platform on all first Tuesdays of the month. A fellowship and evaluation meeting for evangelists in the diocese has been arranged on all first Wednesdays. Similarly, Clergy meetings for the clergy of the Kottayam-Kochi diocese- "Log into Logos" meets on all first Wednesdays of the month through online media. Regional and Zonal clergy meetings have been organised as per the convenience of the clergy at various places. Such fellowships and gatherings have helped in discussing and learning issues of contemporary relevance and meditating from the word of God. Annual Clergy meetings were organised in both the dioceses.

Conferences and Meetings

Received the opportunity to host as well as attend the Mar Thoma Students Conference. Received

the opportunity to participate and represent the church in the meetings of the WCC in September 2022 and was elected to the Central and Executive Committee of the WCC.

Participation and necessary leadership were given at the Graduation ceremony at the St Thomas Mar Thoma Nursing School, Kattanam, Evangelists Conference, Charalkunnu, FFRRC graduation ceremony, Kandamma Memorial Lecture, Bible Society Auxiliary Meeting, Baharain Homeland meeting, Annual day of the M.T. Seminary High School, Kottayam, Siyonkunnu Residential School, Kalayapuram Annual Day, and Kattanam L.P School Annual Day. Represented the church at the Assembly for Integration on February 15, 2023 conducted by the Orthodox Syrian Church at Devalokam. Attended the Christmas programme of the Adoor Diocese (Srishtikkoru Sankeerthanam), Pulkoottil Pookkalam, Ernakulam Centre Christmas Carol Eve-Walk to the Manger- and the joint Christmas carol of the Kattanam Hospital and Nursing School.

Conventions

Attended the Maramon convention meetings, presided in 3 meetings and delivered the message in the forenoon meeting on Saturday. Adoor Diocesan Convention was held from January 04-08, 2023 at the convention Nagar. The live telecast of the convention was made available. Participated and gave leadership for other conventions including Siyonkunnu Kalayapuram Convention, West Kallada, Thevalakkara Centre and Enath Padinjatekkara. Diocesan Family get-together was organised on January 26, 2023. The Kottayam-Kochi Diocesan Convention was held from January 15-19, 2023 at the M.T. Seminary Higher Secondary School ground. The live telecast of the convention was made available.

Mar Thoma Suvishesha Sevika Sangham

Gave necessary leadership to the various meetings of the Mar Thoma Suvishesha Sevika Sangham as its President.

DSMC

Gave necessary leadership to the various meetings of the DSMC and its Christmas programme- Pulkootil Pookalam- as its President.

Other Responsibilities

Served as the Chairman of the Hospital Administrative Committee (HAC), St Thomas Mission Hospital, nursing home, nursing college and pharmacy college, Kattanam, Manager of the St Thomas College, Kozhencherry and the Titus II Teachers Training College, Thiruvalla and the chairman of the governing board of both the above institutions. Also served as the Chairman of the Steering Committee of the Sabha Council, Ecumenical Committee, and the Mar Thoma Digital Innovation Committee. Member of the Central Committee and Executive Committee of the WCC, Bible Society of India Executive committee and working committee.

2.7 RT. REV. DR. MATHEWS MAR MAKARIOS EPISCOPA

The Church is a community of witness that God has planted to be the salt of the earth and light of the world. It is a community called out to be ministers of the Kingdom of God revealed through Jesus the Christ. God invites the church to be a part in the salvific act of God. Christian service to the world is taking part in this salvific act of God. Service in the church and society becomes meaningful when we are able to discern the signs of times and respond creatively to the needs of today. In a time when political rivalry and religious fundamentalism destructs the community, the church should be able to create a sense of community feeling. The Church should be able to make meaningful interventions bearing in mind that she has been called to be a salve to the wounded world. Praising God for his abundant grace that enabled to serve yet another year as the Episcopa of the Chennai Bangalore Diocese. Was able to serve and lead the activities of the Church and the diocese trusting in God’s grace. The activities of the diocese have been efficiently carried out through the various parishes and mission centres which are spread over in the south Indian states Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, NCTs viz. Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Pondicherry

and foreign parishes viz. Kuwait St. James, Kuwait St. Thomas. The Chennai-Bangalore diocese is one which includes many mission fields. The clergy and the evangelists work with great enthusiasm among and along with the faithful in various mission fields. The mingling of various cultures, languages make this diocese a unique one. Apart from the various mission fields of the diocese, there are various other mission centres of the Mar Thoma Evangelistic Association, mission centres of other dioceses in Kerala within the geographical scope of the diocese. God has strengthened to organise various initiatives with the aim of the welfare of the society and the faithful who joined to our church.

The diocese consists of 76 parishes, 68 congregations, 54 chapels 46 mission centres arranged in to 10 centres. Visited various parishes and mission centres and celebrated the Holy Communion and gave necessary leadership to different programmes.

Diocesan Clergy Conference

The annual diocesan clergy conference of the Chennai- Bangalore diocese was conducted from August 23-26, 2022 at the St Theodore Retreat Centre, Coonoor. Classes and bible studies were conducted based on the theme 'A Journey to Reconciliation and Peace'. Centre clergy meetings have also been conducted and such gatherings have been a blessing.

Diocesan Youth Meeting

The diocesan youth conference was conducted from 26-29 May, 2022 at the Ecumenical Christian Centre, Bangalore. Bible studies and classes were based on theme 'SCAR- Second Chance at Restoration'. Diocesan Talent Hunt and other youth meetings based in various centres have also been conducted.

Regional Youth Meeting

This year too regional youth conferences for youths who speak Kannda and Telegu have also been conducted.

Diocesan Sevika Sangham Conference

A triennial conference of the diocesan Sevika Sangham was organised from 12-14 January, 2023 at the Carmel Campus, Hyderabad based on the theme 'Vigilant of Life' The Christmas carol service of the Sevika Sangham was organised on December 14, 2022 on the zoom platform. Diocesan Talent Hunt, chain prayer and centre meetings were also conducted regularly.

Centre Convention

Attended and gave necessary leadership to the centre conventions organised in the Hyderabad-Secundrabad, Bangalore and Chennai centres. Hyderabad-Secundrabad convention was conducted from November 24-27, 2022, Bangalore centre convention from January 19-22, 2023 and Chennai Centre convention from March 9-12, 2023.

Diocesan MTVEA

The activities of the Diocesan MTVEA were conducted in an orderly fashion. Lay Leadership Training Programme was conducted on November 1, 2022 as the Bangalore East Mar Thoma Church. Regional and centre meetings were also conducted in various places.

Ordination Services

Gave leadership to the Kasessa ordination of Dn. Aasish Mathew Prasad conducted on April 8 2022 at the Coimbatore MTC, Dn. Sankalp Sam Mathews on April 22, 2022 at the Mangalore MTC, Dn. Ani Alex Kurian and Dn. Ravi Kumara B. V. on April 26, 2022 at the Bangalore East Mar Thoma Church. Dn. Solomon B on July 30, 2022 at the Devanahalli Immanuel MTC, and Dn. Christy Thomas Luke and Dn. Premin Iype Vengal on December 10, 2022 at the Vellara MTC.

Church and Building Dedication

The dedication of the Sidhalaghatta project office was done on April 14, 2022. The dedication of the Mysore MTC was conducted on April 23, 2022.

Porters Fellowship

A fellowship for the porters was a project initiated as a part of the birth centenary celebrations of the Late Lamented the Most Rev. Dr. Philipose Mar Chrysostom Mar Thoma Valiya Metropolitan. This fellowship has been helpful for the porters at the Chennai Central and Egmore railway stations. During the reporting year study materials were distributed to the children of people working as porters and Christmas gifts were given in the meeting held on January 3, 2022.

Students Ministry

Activities that aim to provide spiritual nourishment to students from various places in the world who now reside and study within the boundary of the diocese are progressing well. These activities have been effectively carried out by student chaplain achens in 21 centres. Special care and attention have been given to meet students and interact with them on various occasions especially during episcopal visits.

Dr. Joseph Mar Thoma Centre for Holistic Development

Gospel study sessions have been organised regularly under the leadership of the Dr. Joseph Mar Thoma Centre for Holistic Development. Lay training programmes for the laypersons in the Chennai centre have also been organised by the centre. An environmental seminar and sapling distribution was organised in June 12, 2022. A study based on the Mandalam study book was also arranged on October 11, 2022.

Anpinkaram

A fellowship and awareness class for HIV/AIDS patients was conducted by the name Anpinkaram at the Kuruvakulam mission of the diocese. Food kits and Counselling classes were also arranged at this centre.

Participated in the various meetings of the Episcopal Synod, Sabha Council, Annual Clergy Conference and other official meetings of the Church. Served as the Chairman of the Chraistava Sahithya Samithi (CSS), member of the NCCI Executive Committee and NMS board member. Gave leadership as the chairperson of the Theological Literature Committee (TLC). Also served as a member of the CASA Eastern Zonal Committee, President of the Mandiram Fellowship of the Church, Council member of the CMC Vellore and the chairman of the Editorial Board of the Malankara Sabha Tharaka. A book by the title ‘Nomads- The Victorious Warriors’ was published under the leadership of the diocese. Gave necessary leadership to the meetings of the various organisations of the diocese as its president.

We are called for the ministry of the Kingdom of God. The lifestyle that Jesus has taught and shown is our model. Christ inspires us through the Holy Spirit in order that we may be equipped us for this ministry. Let us pray that we as the Church may be able to fulfil God’s will in this world, to guide the whole creation to the salvific experience, to embrace the less fortunate and the marginalised such that we may realise the beauty of being different and diverse.

2.8 RT. REV. DR. GREGORIOS MAR STEPHANOS EPISCOPA

God has showered his manifold blessings and grace and has strengthened to give leadership to the various activities of the Church as the Diocesan Bishop of the Malaysia-Singapore-Australia- New Zealand diocese. Time goes on and drastic changes are taking place in all areas of the society. The world has not yet completely recovered from the effects of the COVD-19 pandemic that affected the world in the initial part of the 2020. Let us praise God for the opportunities to come together and worship God as COVID restrictions are being eased.

It is not easy to ignore the fact that anarchy and uncertainty are witnessed in all walks of the society. We should take seriously the various instances of disharmony that has been witnessed across the

society in the name of caste, religion, politics and ethnicity. Violence and corruption have become common. Instances wherein one's fundamental right to freedom of faith and religion are being questioned in many parts of the nation are echoes of the growth of an undesirable tendency. Praising God for enabling the Malaysia-Singapore-Australia- New Zealand diocese to serve as the light of the world and salt of the earth in its individual, family and church life through the well planned and organised activities.

Received the opportunity to partake and give leadership to the Niranam Maramon diocese as its auxiliary bishop both in its spiritual and material needs from January 27, 2021 to September 30, 2022. During the report year visited 39 parishes and celebrated the Holy communion and welcomed 360 children to the full communion of the church by administering to them the first holy communion. Gave necessary leadership to various Deacon and Kasessa ordination services of people who have completed their studies in various seminaries. Attended and gave necessary leadership to the meetings of various organisations and the meetings of the diocesan council and diocesan assembly. Regularly attended the meetings of the episcopal synod and the Sabha council. Served as the President of the Mar Thoma Voluntary Evangelists Association in the last financial year and gave necessary leadership to its various activities.

Gratefully remember the opportunity to serve as the chairman of the Episcopal Jubilee Institute which trains and equips evangelists through the B. Th course of the Senate of Serampore University for the evangelisation of the nation. Received the opportunity to attend various centre and diocesan conventions and the Maramon convention and deliver sermons and thereby help the faithful in leading steadfast faith life.

Entered in to the full-time responsibility as the Diocesan bishop of the Malaysia-Singapore-Australia- New Zealand diocese as per the decision of the Episcopal synod wef. October 1, 2022. Visited the various parishes and congregations in Australia from November 5 - 22, 2022 and encouraged the faithful to lead a life in relation with Jesus Christ based on the word of God. During these visits special attention was given in meeting with office bearers of the various organisation, members of the parish executive committee and discussing various issues, spending time for study and prayer and also in encouraging them to initiate various welfare schemes for the benefit the society. Participated and gave necessary leadership to youth camp arranged for the youths in Malysia which was conducted from December 16-19 2022. The witness that all the delegates of the conference dedicated their life to Jesus was blessed experience. Celebrated 19 Holy communion services in the diocese and administered the first Holy communion to 78 children. Visited the Singapore Mar Thoma Parish from February 24-28, 2023 and celebrated the holy communion and gave leadership to other meetings and gatherings. It is God's plan for the growth of the church that many people are taking membership in our parishes in Australia and Singapore and being inducted to the fellowship of the church there. Thanking God for the opportunity to give leadership to all these activities by residing at the Mar Thoma Hermitage in Kozhencherry.

We are called to be the light in a world of darkness, to become psalms of hope in a world of tribulations, messengers of peace in disturbed world and fight the good fight of faith amidst all disappointments. I thank God who has strengthened me to be a part of the ministry of the extension of the Kingdom of God by giving leadership to the Malaysia-Singapore-Australia- New Zealand diocese. I express my gratitude to the clergy and lay community for their whole hearted support and encouragement in the various ministry in different ways. Let us submit ourselves by not being slothful in zeal and by being fervent in spirit. Let me conclude with the prayer that we may be able to continue the ministry of diocese by trusting in God's grace that strengthens us amidst our weakness.

2.9. RT. REV. DR. THOMAS MAR THEETHOS EPISCOPA

Jesus the Christ God incarnate who came to redeem the world, continues to be with us as Immanuel. The Church is a community that has been called to make the incarnation a reality of today. As we repeat the words of Jesus 'This is my Body' and 'This is my Blood' in each Holy Communion

service we proclaim to the world our willingness to break and give ourselves for the healing of the world. In all such places where this breaking and giving occurs the new heaven and new earth of peace become possible.

Diocese/Diocesan Council

The Kunnamkulam Malabar diocese is spread over 7 districts in North Kerala from Trissur to Kasargod and Gudalloor and Sharjah. There are 69 parishes, 9 congregations, 24 mission fields, 20 institutions all arranged in to 8 centres. Efforts have been made for the growth of all these parishes, mission fields and institution in the diocese. During the report year the diocesan council met 4 times, took necessary decisions and implemented then.

Visits and Services

As COVID-19 related restrictions eased efforts were made to visit parishes and give leadership to the first communion service of children. Visited the Sharjah Mar Thoma Parish from December 17, 2022 to January 1, 2023 and gave leadership to first communion service for children, Christmas and New Year services.

Institutions and Leadership

Gave necessary leadership to the 18 institutions and 2 projects and its LACs that come under the registered society of the diocese- Kunnamkulam- Malabar Diocese Development and Welfare Society. Gave leadership and encouraged the clergy and their colleagues who give leadership to the various institutions in meetings that were conducted physically and virtually. Served as the chairman of the governing bodies of the Gudaloor Educational Society, Chungathara Mar Thoma College, Kasargod College for Hearing Impaired, Mar Thoma College of Special Education, Badiyiduka and the Ravi Varma Mandiram, Thrissur. The valedictory function of Ruby Jubilee celebrations of the Chungathara college was conducted on October 28, 2022. The dedication of the Chungathara Higher Secondary School was conducted in May 30, 2022.

Flood Relief Project

The flood relief project which aims to help those affected by the floods of 2018 and 2019 are still progressing. The construction of 5 houses each in the Chungathara and Kozhikode Centre have been completed and handed over. The construction of 8 more houses is now progressing.

Kaval Day Care, Kottupadam

The Kaval Day Care project alongside the Kottupadam Ashram which aims at the training and rehabilitation of the differently abled persons continues to provide comfort to the many children and their parents. Rev. K. G. Thomas serves as the director, Ms. Shaima as the teacher and Ms. Geetha as a helper. The diocese expresses its gratitude to the Sharjah Mar Thoma parish for its help in running this project.

Karuthal Rehabilitation Project

The Karuthal rehabilitation project which was initiated as a project of the birth centenary celebrations of Late Lamented the Most Rev. Dr. Philipose Mar Chrysostom Mar Thoma Valiya Metropolitan which aims in the rehabilitation of family members of prisoners is completing 4 years of its service in the society. 20 families were benefitted through this project during the report year. The protection of family members, educational help for children and proper preparation for higher education are conducted through the project.

Jeevan Jyothi Girls Care Centre

The construction of building with all the modern amenities was completed at the Jeevan Jyothi Girls Care Centre which aims for the holistic development of *adivasi* girl children who are economically and socially backward. The dedication of the new building was conducted by H.G. the Most Rev. Dr. Theodosius Mar Thoma Metropolitan on January 29, 2023. There are currently 29 children in

the centre.

Half Way Homes

Half way homes (Psycho-Social rehabilitation Centres) which attempts to accommodate persons who have had history of psychiatric health problems and thus not welcomed in their own homes are progressing well in the Prashant Bhavan at Kaadamana, and the Karunalayam at Uppada. Both these halfway homes receive the services of the Community Health workers of the Government of Kerala and the ration supplies from Civil Supplies department.

Save A Heart

The save a heart project which commemorates the diamond jubilee of the ordination of the Late Lamented the Most Rev. Dr. Joseph Mar Thoma Metropolitan helps the heart patients from the less fortunate families. Necessary help is given to both children and adults. The offertory received during the Episcopal visit is given to this project.

Ordination Service

The Kasessa ordination of Dn. Bipin P. Roy was conducted in February 24, 2023 at the Pooyapally Mar Thoma Church.

Church Dedication

The dedication of the renovated church building of the Mookuthala Mar Thoma Parish was conducted on Saturday, May 14, 2022 at 3 PM.

Clergy Conference

Participated and gave leadership to the diocesan annual clergy conference which was conducted from September 26-29, 2022 at the Shantigiri Ashram, Alwaye. Rev. Dr. K. M. George, Rev. Dr. Jacob Thomas led the sessions. Regional clergy conferences were also conducted every 3 months.

Evangelists Fellowship and Training

A meeting of the evangelist of the diocese was conducted on November 1, 2022 at the Kozhikode St. Pauls Mar Thoma Church. Gave leadership to the meeting.

Convention

The 70th Kunnamkulam-Malabar Diocesan Convention was conducted from January 22-29, 2023. The platinum jubilee of the convention was celebrated this year.

Centre Conventions

Gave leadership to the centre conventions organised at the Kunnakulam, Palakkad, Thrissur, Nilambur and Kozhikode Centres.

De-Addiction Activities

A De-Addiction ministry was initiated with the aim of creating Addiction free diocese. De-Addiction meetings and groups were created at different centres and necessary raining was given to lay members from different parishes. Awareness classes and health camps were organised. De-Addiction ministry was also conducted at parish levels which aims at helping the faithful to return to a healed life.

Karuna: Dr. Thomas Mar Teethos Shashtyabdapoorthy De-Addiction Centre

The project has been initiated realising that the church has to urgently intervene in the society considering the fact that addiction to various substances is destroying the lives of our children and youths.

Through the Mission Fields

There are 24 mission fields in the diocese viz. 8 mission centres under the Wayand Mission, 3

mission centres under the Attapadi mission, 2 mission fields under the Palakad mission, Kottupadam, Mambata, Cherupuzha, Angadisherithatt, Iritti, Mattannur, Uppada, Varaakkara, Perumannoor, Ponnani, and Korattikara. Efforts have been made to visit these mission fields and exploring new ways to engage in mission. A mission co-ordinator was appointed in order to make mission activities more effective. 24 evangelists including persons from the *Adivasi* community work with great dedication and enthusiasm.

Navodaya Movement

The Navodaya movement was initiated by the church and it envisions the holistic development of the transgender community. Served as the President of the Navodaya Movement as per the decision of the Episcopal Synod. Various initiatives were conducted both inside and outside Kerala. Some of the major initiatives are Trans Farm, Busi Trans (Businness establishments by transgenders), Bloom Fest (Transgenders Fellowship), Open Heart (Awareness about transgenders to the general public), Chuvad (Fellowship for Rights of Transgenders).

Gave leadership to various other welfare initiatives by the diocese. Participated in the meetings of the Episcopal Synod, Sabha Council meetings, study meetings, conferences, and annual meetings of the various organisations of the diocese. Served as the President of the Mar Thoma Yuvajana Sakhyam as per the decision of the Episcopal Synod.

In a time when the world is being divided on the basis of caste, creed, religion, gender, ethnicity the church has been commissioned to make biblical vision of "*there is neither jew or gentile, neither slave nor free, nor male or female, for you are all one in Christ"* (Gal 3:28) the vision of the whole society. Let us realise our commission and work towards and for a new world order wherein the society is not divided. May God help us for that!

3. DIOCESAN ACTIVITIES

3.1 Niranam- Maramon Diocese

This Diocese has 6 centres namely, Niranam, Thiruvalla West, Thiruvalla East, Eraviperoor, Maramon and Kozhenchery. It includes 82 parishes, 1 parish in the Gulf region (Kuwait) and 1 congregation in Saudi Arabia. The Diocese has 92 priests in active service, 79 retired priests. The Khariar Road Mission in Orissa under the Diocese has 2 priests, 7 evangelists serve in the mission. The Chennamkery-Kidengara Mission Center, Kumbanad Kadapra De-addiction and Family Enrichment Center with 2 Evangelists are also functioning under the Diocese.

Leadership

HG the Most. Rev. Dr. Theodosius Mar Thoma Metropolitan leads the Diocese. Rev. Varghese Cherian (the Diocesan Secretary), Mr. Aby Jacob (Treasurer) is functioning along with the 28-member Diocesan Council, and various other committees, sub-committees and other organizations for welfare of the Diocese in its day-to-dayactives.

Vicar General

Very Rev. George Mathew serves as the Vicar General of the Diocese. Very Rev. Dr. D. Philip, Very Rev. K. M. Mammen, Very Rev. Thomas Cherian, Very Rev. C. K. Mathew and Very Rev. V. T. John serve as retired Vicar Generals in the activities of the Diocese.

Diocesan Secretary

Rev. Varghese Cherian served as the Diocesan Secretary. Achen gave leadership to many programs including Diocesan Council, various committees, meetings of organization, Diocesan convention, study classes, clergy conference, month-end evangelists meetings, mission to parish and mission to schools. He also served as the convenor of the Diocesan Legal Affairs Committee. His visits to Orissa Mission, Kidengara Mission, Chennamkery Mission, Anaprambal JMM Jubilee Mandiram,

Kumbanad Kadapra De-addiction and Family Enrichment Center had been encouraging.

Diocesan Treasurer

Mr. Aby Jacob served as the Diocesan Treasurer. His timely preparation of accounts, and the active involvement in the Diocesan activities had been appreciable.

Secretary to the Metropolitan and Office Staff

Rev. K. E. Geevarghese serves as the Secretary to the Metropolitan. Rev. Blesson Philip Thomas served as the Chaplain to the Metropolitan. Both the achens have involved in the activities of the Diocese. Mr. Varghese T. Mangad served as the Manager in the Office of the Metropolitan. We thank them for their contributions to the Diocese through their services.

Evangelists

The following Evangelists are serving in Kerala:

Evg. P. Mammachan- Karikuzhy Salem, Vettiyakonnam St. Mathews.

Evg. Biju George- Kumbanad St. Thomas, Kunnam Immanuel, Kumbanad De-addiction and Family Enrichment Center.

Diocesan Office

The Diocesan Office functions in the T.M.A.M Memorial Block in the SCS Campus, Thiruvalla. Mr. Cherian Thomas serves as the Senior Clerk and Mr. Biju K. S. serves as the peon in the office.

Diocesan Assembly

The 2021-22 Annual Meeting of the Diocesan Assembly met on 18th August, 2022 at Kuttapuzha Jerusalem Mar Thoma Church, presided by HG Most Rev. Dr. Theodosius Mar Thoma Metropolitan in the presence of HG Rt. Rev. Dr. Gregorios Mar Stephanos Episcopa and Vicar General Very Rev. George Mathew.

Diocesan Council

The Diocesan Council presided by the Mar Thoma Metropolitan has 28 members. During the term 2021-22 the Diocesan Council met 6 times to take decisions on matters of the Diocese.

Diocesan Day

The Diocesan Day is arranged to pray for the Diocese, to make people aware of and participate in the Diocesan activities. This year 27th November 2022 was arranged as Diocesan Day. Special worship orders for the first part of service, authorised by the Mar Thoma Metropolitan were used in parishes of the Diocese. We thank all the parishes that participated in the Diocesan Fund collection that was held on the Diocesan Day.

Evangelistic Activities

Orissa Mission (Khariar Road): This mission field was formed in 1985. It includes mission centers in Khariar road, Nithyaanandapoor, Silda, Tharbod, Marypoor, Padamboor, Amenpoori, Kattabanji, Baadikkada, Jaadamunda, Komakhaan in an area spanning 120 km. Missionary Rev. George Koshy, Asst. Missionary Rev. Jabin Daniel and 7 Evangelists work in the mission field and give leadership in the activities of the mission field. There are two hostels functioning for 55 boys named as Navajeevan, and for 35 girls named as Balikabhavan in the tribal region. Children studying from class 1 to degree are staying in the hostels. The Balikabhavan is run by the Diocesan Sevika Sanghom. Through 10 balawadis almost 250 children are given primary education. The hospital visits, house visits, awareness programs, Bible pamphlet distribution, VBS, mission to school, jail ministry, film ministry, jaagrathi prayer, dedication services, Sunday school, youth meeting, de-addiction program, Christmas for Non-Christians, retreat for workers, workers meeting, group work, etc are all done without break in the mission field.

The Mar Thoma Gurukul Vidyapeed school run by the mission in Chattisgarh district of Mahasamud in the village of Komakhaan has around 200 children studying there. A wall is being constructed around the school's newly bought land area of 2 acre.

Programs:

Easter Recital

Under the leadership of sub-committees namely Mission to Parish and Music Plus Ministry, an Easter music night "Rays of Hope" was arranged at St. Thomas MTC, Thiruvalla on Easter day, 2022. Rt. Rev. Dr. Gregorios Mar Stephanos Episcopa inaugurated the event. Rev. Fr. Severios was the Chief Guest.

Mar Chrysostom Memorial Meeting:

The first diocesan memorial meeting of the 20th Marthoma Metropolitan HG Padmasbhushan Most Rev. Dr. Philipose Mar Chrysostom Valiya Metropolitan was held on May 27th, 2022 at Kumbanad Fellowship Hospital. HG the Most Rev. Dr. Theodosius Mar Thoma Metropolitan presided the meeting. Mr. Roshi Augustine (Water Resource Minister) inaugurated the meeting. Adv. Mathew T. Thomas MLA, Very Rev. K. M. Mammen, Very Rev. George Mathew, Rev. Thomas John spoke during the occasion.

Cancer Awareness Program

Under the leadership of the Study Forum Committee a Cancer Awareness Program was held on August 23rd, 2022 at Kuttapuzha Jerusalem MTC in Thiruvalla. HG the Most Rev Dr. Theodosius Mar Thoma Metropolitan inaugurated the meeting. Dr. V. P. Gangadharan gave leadership in the awareness program.

Diocesan Convention

The 11th Diocesan Convention was held at Varicadu Sehion MTC in January 2023. HG the Most Rev Dr. Theodosius Mar Thoma Metropolitan inaugurated the meeting. Rev. Binoy Baby, Rev. Fr. Geevarghese Vallikaattil (Kolenchery), Rev. Regi Thomas Chunnakkara, Mar Thomas Tharayil Auxiliary Bishop of the Cheganasery Archdiocese of the Syro-Malabar Church, Dr. Thomas George Ernakulam spoke from the Word of God on each day. The Yuvajana Sakhyam Meeting was led by the Mar Thoma Yuvajana Sakhyam General Secretary Rev. Philip Mathew, Very Rev. V. T. John, Rev. Binoy Daniel and Shri. Ajin. The meeting of the former youth league members of the Diocese was held were members shared their memories. Sunday School students-teachers meeting was inaugurated by Rev. George Cherian. The sessions were led by Rev. Dr. Jose Punnamadom, Shri. George Varghese, Shri. Binu and other Sunday School Samajam workers. The main talk for the Baskiamos meeting was led by Smt. Pracey Wilson. Two preparatory prayers were held for the convention and its smooth functioning.

Buon-Natale

Under the leadership of Music Plus Ministry Christmas-New Year Musical Eve was held at the Parish Hall of the Kuttapuzha Jerusalem Mar Thoma Church on January 1st evening at 5:30pm. HG the Most Rev. Dr. Theodosius Mar Thoma Metropolitan inaugurated the meeting. Rev. Fr. Dr. M.P. George was the chief guest at the event. Thuklassery St. Thomas CSI, Providence Voice Kumbanad, Kuttapuzha Jerusalem MTC and Niranam-Maramon Diocesan Choir participated in the event.

The Parish Office-Bearers Meet

A meeting of the parish office-bearers of the Niranam-Maramon Diocese was held on November 17 and 18 at different centres of the Diocese.

The Choir Leaders Meet

A meeting of the parish choir leaders of the Niranam-Maramon Diocese was held in the Thiruvalla St. Thomas MTC. DSMC Director Rev. Ashish Thomas George and Treasurer Mr. Ambotty

Maramon led the sessions.

Mar Thoma Sabha Day

Commemorating the 1950th martyrdom of St. Thomas the Apostle of Jesus Christ who came to India, different programs were held in the Diocese. On December 20th 2:30pm a Torchlight bearing rally was conducted from St. Thomas MTC Kozhenchery to Niranam Jerusalem MTC. Very Rev. George Mathew inaugurated the rally. This rally celebrated the coming of St. Thomas the apostle to India, also highlighted the social commitment of the Church and the message of "No use of Alchohol and Drugs." The rally was well received in many centres between Kozhenchery and Niranam. There was a bike rally organised along with the rally under the leadership of the Diocesan Yuvajana Sakhyam consisting of almost 200 bikes.

Holy Communion was celebrated on Sabha Day on 21st December at the Niranam Jerusalem MTC by HG the Most Rev. Dr. Theodosius Mar Thoma Metropolitan. The public meeting afterwards was inaugurated by the Goa Governor Shri. P. S. Sreedharan Pillai. HG the Most Rev. Dr. Theodosius Mar Thoma Metropolitan presided over the meeting. Sabha Secretary Rev. C.V. Symon, Vicar General Very Rev. George Mathew and the former Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman Prof. P.J. Kurien attended the meeting and delivered their greetings. The Niranam Jerusalem MTC Choir rendered the special songs for the event.

Independence Day Celebration

The 75th Independence Day was celebrated by the Diocese at Thiruvalla Sabha Auditorium on 15th August 2022. HG the Most Rev. Dr. Theodosius Marthoma Metropolitan presided over the meeting. Dr. Shashi Tharoor, the Thiruvananthapuram MP inaugurated the meeting. Vicar General Very Rev. George Mathew, Sabha Secretary Rev. C. V. Symon, Sabha Trustees Rev. Monci K. Philip, Mr. Rajan Jacob attended the meeting and delivered greetings. Under the leadership of Music Plus Ministry of the Diocese a 75-member choir rendered the songs which were a fusion of devotion, patriotism and melody. The children of the SCS Higher Secondary Marthoma Residential School led the cultural programs.

Diocesan Clergy Conference

The Annual Clergy Conference of the Diocese was held from June 13th to 15th, 2022 at Peringalam Marthoma Retreat Center. HG the Most Rev. Dr. Theodosius Marthoma Metropolitan, Rev. Dr. C. I. Joy and Rev. Mathews A. Mathew led the sessions. The Peringalam Center Director Rev. K. M. Mathew did all the arrangements for the conference. The beauty of Ashtamudi lake gave the conference splendour.

Bhadrasana Deepam

The Diocesan magazine Bhadrasana Deepam was published during the months of August and February during the time of Assembly meeting and Maramon Convention.

Social Welfare Activities

Anaprambal JMM Jubilee Mandiram, Edathua

The Mandiram came into existence with deliberate evangelistic and social interest of the members of Anaprambal Mar Thoma Church in their Jubilee year. Mrs. Achamma Thomas of the Odettil family, a former member of the Anaprambal MTC in 1965 May 30th gave up her property for the Church. The Church decided to construct the Mandiram in the gifted land. In 1965 October 16th a two-room building was constructed. With the increase in the number of inmates and the rise in expenditure, the Mandiram was duly handed over to the Diocese. The Mandiram was officially dedicated on November 19, 1971. The Mandiram stands as a memorial to HG the Late Most Rev. Dr. Juhanon Marthoma Metropolitan commemorating Thirumeni's 25 years as Metropolitan. Along with the Holy Communion, the festivals like Onam, Christmas, Republic Day etc are celebrated in the Mandiram. As of now there are 24 inmates and 6 staff members in the Mandiram. Currently,

Rev. Dr. Daniel Mammen is serving as the Superintendent.

Counselling Centre

The Diocesan Counselling Centre functions in the TMAM block of the SCS Campus in Thiruvalla. The centre is functioning every day of the week according the needs of the people in the Diocese. The various activities of the centre include: Pre-Marriage Counselling, Educational Counselling, Family Counselling, Counselling to School Program and Family Enrichment Program. Many people beyond religious cultural differences use the facilities available in the centre. Rev. Dr. Thomas Kurien Anchery serves as the Counsellor and Director of the centre.

De-Addiction Centre and Family Enrichment Centre

The centre functions in Kadapra. Kumbanad as a de-addiction centre focussing on helping people reduce and annihilate the addiction to drugs. The various activities include: regular AA fellowships for those freed from addictions, counselling etc. Rev. George Thomas and Evg. Biju George lead the activities in the centre.

Marriage Aid:

Help is extended from this fund for those in need beyond religious cultural differences. The Aid receives fund from the Sabha Office.

Medical Aid:

The patients who are in need are helped out based on the request of the patient explaining his disease and need, attached along with the recommendation letter from the Vicar.

Mission to Parish:

During the Great Lent season under the leadership of Mission to Parish Sub-committee, from March 10, 2022 every Friday and Saturday, Lent prayers and services were conducted in 10 parishes of the Diocese.

Counselling and Mission to Schools

This Sub-committee visited and conducted counselling classes in every Marthoma school of the Diocese.

Flood Relief:

Food kits were distributed in the flood hit areas in the Kuttanad region of the Diocese.

Regional Clergy Meetings

In two regions once in every 3 months regional clergy meetings are held under the leadership of the Metropolitan Thirumeni and the Vicar General Achen. The arrangements in worship and advises to priests are generally mentioned by Thirumeni during the meetings.

Baskiamos Fellowship:

This fellowship regularly visits and helps baskiyamos who are widows. Also, Diocesan meetings and area prayers are held occasionally.

Maramon Stall:

During the 2023 Maramon Convention the Diocesan Stall functioned in the sand bed. Posters explaining the Diocesan activities, Orissa Khariar Road Mission field activities, Kumbanad De-Addiction Centre and Anaprambal JMM Mandiram activities are displayed in the stall.

Organizations

Sunday School, Yuvajana Sakhyam, Development Department, Sevika Sanghom, MT Voluntary Evangelistic Association and Senior Citizens Fellowship are functioning in the Diocese.

3.2 Kottayam-Kochi Diocese

The Kottayam-Kochi Diocese spans across the districts of Ernakulam, Pathanamthitta, Idukki, Thrisssur and Kottayam. The Diocese contains 8 Centres with 114 parishes, 5 congregations, and 22 Mission fields. The Centres are namely Kottayam, Puthupally, Mallapally, Vazhur, Kumili, Ernakulam, Keezhilam, Munnar. The Diocese has parishes in countries namely Bahrain, South Africa and Nigeria. 116 priests are serving in the Diocese along with 32 retired clergy and 21 evangelists.

Mission Fields

The mission fields namely Punjavayal, Paambaar, Mlamala, Kambamedu, Puliyanmala, Mullakaramedu, Mathaipaarra, North Paravur, Illitthod, Paanniyeli, Punaykaadu, Poyka, Urullanthanni, Pooyamkutti, Pazhamballichaal, Mamalakandam, Maankulam, Vattavada, Nyayappalli, Ottakatthalamedu, Vandiperiyar, Manthralaya comes under the Diocese.

Manthralaya St Thomas English Medium School

The school is situated in Manthralayam Village of Andhra Pradesh and is functioning for the financially weak students. Here almost 500 students are studying from nursery to 7th class. The school building was dedicated this year. The construction work of the new chapel has started.

Flood Relief

Flood relief work was done during the first week of August in the regions of Kuttambuzha, Vadattupaarra, Parravoor and Mullakaramedu.

Diocesan Assembly

The 30th Diocesan Assembly was held at Manganam St. Peter's MTC on Saturday July 30th, 2022. The meeting was presided by HG Rt. Rev. Dr. Abraham Mar Paulos Episcopa. The Annual Report, Accounts were passed.

Diocesan Day

This year the Diocesan Day was celebrated on November 20th, 2022 Sunday. Thanksgiving service with special worship order was conducted. Diocesan deputation was arranged in each parish of the Diocese.

Light to Life Project

Under the leadership of the North America- Europe Diocese and CARD, 500 children of the mission fields are receiving aid in 10 units.

Kanivu- Kambam

Almost 200 and more HIV AIDS patients in Kambam, Tamil Nadu are receiving family awareness, medical check-ups, hygiene care in this project.

Institutes

The following institutes are functioning in the Diocese with social-welfare commitment. Ernakulam Guidance Center, Perumbavoor Balika Mandiram, Ponjashery Tribal Hostel, Mallapally Asraya, Snehajyothi Balika Bhavan, Vandiperiyar Sneha Sanketham, Manganam Mochana De-Addiction Center and Amalagiri T.M.A Counselling Centre.

Login To Logos

It is the evangelion fellowship including all the clergy of the Diocese to discuss one month's evangelion portion for each Sunday. It is arranged in the Zoom platform every first week of the month.

Mandalam Study

Under the Animation Department of the Church, local parish empowerment classes were conducted in 4 centres. Rev. Oommen V. Varkey served as the co-ordinator of the study.

De-Addiction Committee

Under the leadership of this committee, the following schools' function with awareness programs led by the Mochana Centre in Manganam: Perumbavur Ashram School, Keezhilam St. Thomas School, Mallapally C.M.S School and Kottayam M T Seminary School.

Diocesan Convention

This year's Diocesan Convention was held at Kottayam Marthoma Seminary School Ground from January 11th to 15th, 2023. It was led by HG the Most Rev. Dr. Theodosius Mar Thoma Metropolitan, HG Rt. Rev. Dr. Joseph Mar Barnabas Suffragan Metropolitan, HG Rt. Rev. Dr. Abraham Mar Paulos Episcopa, HG Zechariah Mar Severios, Rev. Premjith Kumar, Rev. C. V. Symon and Mr. Oommen John.

Diocesan Gospel Team

Meditative meetings are arranged by the Gospel Team in different parishes of the Diocese.

Ecological Committee

An environment-friendly tour was conducted by the Ecological Committee. A magazine named 'Eco Gloria' was published.

Diocesan Prakashini

Official magazine of the Diocese "Prakashini" is published once in three months a year.

Diocesan Clergy Annual Conference

This year's Annual Clergy Conference took place at Aelly Hills, Aluva from September 26 to 29, 2022.

3.3 Ranni- Nilackal Diocese

The Diocese which came into existence from January 1, 1990 has crossed 32 years in its mission. This Diocese was blessed by the leadership of HG the Most Rev. Dr. Philipose Mar Chrysostom Marthoma Valiya Metropolitan, HG Most Rev. Dr. Joseph Marthoma Metropolitan, HG Rt. Rev. Dr. Geevarghese Mar Athanasius, HG Most Rev. Dr. Theodosius Marthoma Metropolitan and HG Rt. Rev. Dr. Euyakim Mar Coorilos Suffragan Metropolitan. This Diocese has 129 parishes, and 1 congregation. The parishes include 11 centres and a parish in Abu Dhabi, UAE.

Diocesan President

HG Rt. Rev. Thomas Mar Timotheos Episcopa leads the Diocese along with the Chengannur-Mavelikara Diocese.

Vicar General

Very Rev. George Mathew gave a good leadership till April 30th, 2022. From May 1, 2022 Very Rev. Dr. Easow Mathew is appointed as the new Vicar General of the Diocese. Very Rev. Dr. Easow Mathew is serving the Ranni Christos MTC along with his leadership in the Diocese.

Diocesan Secretary

Rev. Raju P. George served as the Diocesan Secretary along with his services in the Athyal Salem, Chungapparra St. Thomas parishes. Achen gave good leadership in the activities of the Diocese.

Diocesan Treasurer

Mr. M. J. Abraham (Saji Mukkarannath) member of Mylapra Salem MTC is serving as the Diocesan Treasurer.

Diocesan Council

The Diocesan Council consists of 23 members and gives leadership in the activities in the Diocese.

Bishop's Secretary

From May 2021, Rev. Mathew Varghese (Chungathara) is serving as the Bishop's Secretary of the Diocese.

Office Staff

Mr. Aji P. Varghese, Mr. Jibin John and Mr. Thomas Varghese are working as the Office staff in the Diocesan Office.

Clergy

The Diocese has 91 clergy in active service and 40 retired clergy serving in various capacities in the Diocese.

Evangelists

The Diocese has 11 evangelists serving inside Kerala and 17 evangelists serving in the Odisha-Kalahandi Mission field.

Diocesan Assembly

The 2021-22 Diocesan Assembly was held at KOAM Hall at the Diocese headquarters on July 9th Saturday at 10 am. The meeting was presided by HG Rt. Rev. Thomas Mar Timotheos Episcopa. The Assembly passed the 2021-22 Annual Report and Accounts. The tension in the regions near the Buffer Zone included in the Diocese was discussed and an unofficial statement was passed regarding the concern of the people living in that region.

Diocesan Dwani

The official magazine of the Diocese "Dwani's" four editions was published this year.

Mission Board

The mission board is actively participating in the various mission activities of the Church. Counselling Ministry, Mission to Parish, Mission to the Aged and Sick, Mission to Schools, Mission to Colleges and Mission to Alcoholics are the various committees involved in the Mission Board. Rev. V.S. Skariah leads the Mission Board in the Diocese.

Legal Affairs Committee

The cases of remarriage and many other matters related to the Diocese are dealt by this committee. The Diocesan Episcopa leads the committee.

Social Welfare Activities

Educational Aid:

The Educational Aid that began as the silver Jubilee project is still running successfully. Two girl students are sponsored from the Diocese to the Hoskote Mission for BSc Nursing. One of them completed their studies.

Housing Aid

The Diocese under the Dr. Joseph Marthoma Navathy Project completed the construction of houses. Along with that the Diocese through the Ayroor Holistic Center extended its help to those who lost their homes in the wind storm that hit places like Thadiyoor and Kadayar.

Marriage Aid

The Diocese after scrutinizing the applications from the financially weak individuals, extends its help to those who are unable to afford the expenses of a wedding.

Thrikkomala Housing Project

The Sharjah MTC as part of its Jubilee Project in participation with the Diocese, built 10 houses for 10 families. Evg. Vinu George stays in the colony where the houses are built and leads the community spiritually. The Abu Dhabi MTC as part of its Jubilee project rebuilt the Mission House.

The Abu Dhabi MTC Jubilee Project

The Abu Dhabi Parish as part of their Golden Jubilee project has initiated many projects in the Diocese. The Manarakulenji Hospice is being built. The three Mission Houses built in the Ittiyapparra Thrikkomala region was dedicated by HG Rt. Rev. Thomas Mar Timotheos Episcopa. The Mission House in Kokathod is being completed.

Memorial Talk

The Memorial Talk commemorating HG Late Rt. Rev. Dr. Geevarghese Mar Athanasius Suffragan Metropolitan who served the Diocese as the Diocesan Bishop for 17 years, was held on April 26th ,2022 at Keekozhur MTC. HG Rt. Rev. Thomas Mar Timotheos Episcopa presided the meeting and Prof. Thomas Mathew (Literary Critic) led the main talk.

Evangelion Fellowship

An Evangelion Fellowship for the clergy of the Diocese named “Biblia” is held during the last days of every month.

Clergy Conferences

The Diocesan Clergy Conference was held on April 12th and 13th, 2022 at Ayroor Holistic Center and Vadasherikkara St. Johns MTC. The regional conferences of the Diocese were held at Pathanamthitta MTC and Vaikom MTC on October 26th and 27th, 2022. The Annual Clergy Conference of the Diocese was held on December 5 to 7, 2022 at Santhigiri, Aluva. HG Rt. Rev. Thomas Mar Timotheos Episcopa, HG Rt.Rev.Dr. Isaac Mar Philoxenos Episcopa, Very Rev. Dr. Easow Mathew, Rev. Fr. Vincent Kundukulam, Rev. Dr. V.M. Mathew, Dr. T. V. Sajeev and Rev. Mathew Varghese led the sessions.

The Baskiamos meetings were held in the centres of the Diocese.

Conference of Evangelists

Diocese evangelists' conference was held on the last Tuesdays of the month at Diocese headquarters.

Conference of Parish Trustees

A special meeting of Parish Vicars and Trustees of our See was held on 10th, 11th and 17th May 2022 in 3 areas. Rev. Georvin Joseph, Finance Manager of the Church, and CA Renosh Ipe John, Chartered Accountant led the class. Vicar General Rev. Dr. Easow Mathew presided over the meetings.

Sexton’s Conference

A special meeting of Sexton’s working in various parishes of Diocese was held on Tuesday 10th January 2023 at 4 PM at Diocese Convention Nagar. Vicar General Very Rev. Dr. Easow Mathew Achan led the meeting.

Diocese convention

The 24th Diocese Convention was held from 8th to 15th January 2023 at Ranni-Ittiapara Convention Nagar. Rt. Rev. Thomas Mar Timotheos presided over all the meetings and performed Holy Communion at the pandal on the concluding day of the convention.

Academic Excellence Award

Diocese Assembly honored those who have shown remarkable work in various fields in the year 2021-22, achieved achievements and obtained doctoral degrees.

Construction activities

Sheets were put on the building adjacent to the Diocese headquarters to fix the roof leak. Necessary construction work on Counseling Center and maintenance of Motiravayal Mission House were completed during the year.

Pratheeksha Bhavan Directors Quarters

Rt Rev Thomas Mar Timotheus Episcopa performed the consecration of the Director's Quarters on Tuesday 7th March at 4 PM.

Navajiva Kendram Rehabilitation Centre

Rt Rev Thomas Mar Timotheus Episcopa laid the foundation stone for the rehabilitation block on April 29, 2022. Works are progressing.

Diocese Suvishesha Nidhi

Suvishesha Nidhi is a donation from each house in Diocese deposited in Boxes for Diocese evangelistic activities. Collected on the third Sunday of August.

Diocese Sunday

November 13, 2022 has been set aside as Diocese Sunday to pray for Diocese, explain the activities and raise funds. On that day, priests, evangelists and spiritual leaders led services in different parishes.

Eye examination camp

An eye examination camp was conducted jointly by Diocese and Pathanamthitta Ahalya Foundation Eye Hospital on 25th November 2022 at Mar Thoma Renewal Centre, Angamoozhi.

Documentary

A documentary was prepared to introduce the activities of Diocese and its institutions to the general public. His Grace released the documentary at the Diocese Convention.

Mission Centers

Odisha-Kalahandi

The mission work in Kalahandi has completed 22 blessed years. Mission activities here are concentrated in the hills in the northern part of the district. It is a very backward place inhabited by tribals and dalits.

Utkal Mar Thoma Project- Nabarangpur, Odisha

It was started in 2012 at Kobaguda in Nabarangpur district of Odisha under the leadership of Abu Dhabi Mar Thoma Parish Mission. Activities are day-care education aimed at educational and personal growth of children in villages.

Diocese Evangelists and Mission Centers

11 evangelists minister within the Diocese. Evangelist Mr. Raju Varghese, who served till April 30, 2022, has retired from active service. The transfer of evangelists will come into effect from May 2022. Along with the mission centers, the evangelists also help in the activities of various institutions in Diocese two days a week.

Kokkathodu Mission

22 km from Konni in Pathanamthitta district. It has been 33 years since Mar Thoma Sabha started

its mission work in the remote and beautiful land of Kokkathodu, surrounded by forest. Many families converted to Christianity as a result of the work of the Church in this area where there were problems of alcoholism, social anarchy and backwardness in educational, economic and social sectors. Today, 52 families are coming as parishioners in Orekkar Emmanuel, Kattakuzhi Ebenezer and Kottampara Chapel.

Convention Center

A spacious convention center with adjoining auditorium, minihall and shopping complex is functioning at Ranni ithala Road for smooth conduct of Diocese Convention.

Chittar Property

Hospital building and quarters are located near Chittar St. Paul's Church within Chittar Town under the ownership of Diocese.

Mannarakulunji Property

A single plot of 98 cents donated by Prof. C.J. George, Chennat at Mannarakulanji Junction on Pathanamthitta-Ranni Road has been given for cultivation on contract basis for a period upto June 30, 2022.

Store Rooms

A 4 room building situated in Diocese compound is offered for business.

Keekozur Property

A 38 cent object donated by Mr.Thomas John at Vadasser, Potakkulam is preserved as a Diocese at Keekozhoor Junction on Ranni-Kozhancherry Road.

Kripa Samithi

Kripasamiti is a registered society formed to coordinate and implement social service development projects of Bhadrasanam.

Navjeevakendram -Malayalapuzha

Navjeevakendram De-Addiction and Rehabilitation Center is a movement started in Malayalapuzha in 1989. Drug addiction patients are treated for 21-31 days.

Pratyasha Bhavan-Ranni

Dr.Philippose Mar Chrysostom Mar Thoma Valia Metropolitan Mar Thoma Ranni Anchukuzhi Pratyasha Bhavan-Mar Chrysostom Janmashithi Half-way Home, a mental health rehabilitation center started as Diocesestarted on the 80th birthday of His Grace, is completing 23 years. Through Pratyasha Bhavan, it is becoming possible to minister to brothers who have lost their mental health and to help them recover their lives. Here the activity of giving rhythms to the lives that have lost the rhythm of the mind's is taking place.

Kripa Bhavan-Vayalathala

Kripa Bhavan at Vayalathala is an institution started in 2008 under the charge of Ranni-Nilakkal Diocese with the aim of rehabilitating mentally challenged men above 18 years of age. Through this institution, people with mental retardation are given freedom from the isolation and neglect they face in the society and at home, and lovingly lead them into the mainstream of the society.

Pratheekshabhavan-Mylapra

Pratheekshabhavan is an old age home belonging to Kripa Samiti which protects parents aged above 60 who are denied asylum. This institution, which started functioning in 2002, has 22 parents irrespective of caste and creed

Mar Thoma Children's Home Hostel-Thavalappara

It is an institution that shelters children from different parts of Pathanamthitta district who are deemed by the Pathanamthitta Child Welfare Committee to be in need of care and protection. All the daily needs of children like education, Tama Sam, food and health are fulfilled through our institution.

Institutions

Mar Thoma Teachers Training College, Edakulam

Mar Thoma Teachers Training College at Ranni Nilakkal Diocese started functioning in June 1995. The college is affiliated to Mahatma Gandhi University and recognized by NCT. College Manager. Rev. Thomas Mar Timotheous Episcoppa is doing blessed services. Diocese Secretary Rev. Raju P. George as Administrator and Mr. Saji Mukaranath as Treasurer. Dr. T. K. Mathew is working as a college principal. A Thirteen member Governing Board works for the smooth running of the college. Apart from the principal, 10 teachers and 6 non-teachers are working. This year this college managed to achieve 100% pass in B.Ed examination conducted by Mahatma Gandhi University.

Mukti Counselling Centre

Working in a building adjacent to Diocese. Counselling services are provided to families and individuals who are going through mental stress and to students who are having difficulty in learning, regardless of caste and religion.

Mar Thoma Nilakkal Renewal Centre, Angamoozhi- Seethathodu

Evolving into a traveler's paradise, Nilakkal, Gavi is a safe and peaceful place for visitors to relax and unwind. Ideal arrangements for camps, conferences and retreats. It has 12 deluxe rooms, 4 dormitories, excellent facilities like conference hall, dining hall and accommodation arrangements for more than 100 people.

Light to Life Child Development Projects

1. Mar Thoma Child Development Center Kurumbanmoozhi, 2. Child Development Center Katachira, 3. Mar Thoma Child Development Center Thavalappara

These institutes work towards holistic development of 500 children from backward homes. These projects at Diocese receive financial support from the Light to Life project led by the North America & Europe Diocese Mission Board.

3.4. Malaysia-Singapore-Australia-New Zealand Diocese

This Diocese spread across Asia and Australia in three zones is one of the fastest growing Diocese in the Mar Thoma Church. The contribution of this Diocese to the church and other ecumenical arenas is very valuable.

Diocesan Episcopa

The reporting year is up to 30 September 2022. Dr. Mathews Mar Makarios Episcopa led, and from the 1st of October. Dr. Gregorios Mar Stephanos Episcopa gives auspicious leadership as Episcopate.

Malaysian zone

There are 10 parishes and 6 congregations in the Malaysia zone. 4 priests lead the services in these parishes. There are also mission centers at Pandamaran and Labis. After the Covid-19 pandemic, Diocese organization activities are actively moving forward.

During the reporting year, the youth camp in Malaysia was held from 16th to 19th of December. Each session of the camp was organized around the theme of ***Choose Life*** (Deuteronomy 30:19). For the different sessions of the camp which lasted for four days. Rt. Rev. Dr. Gregorios Mar

Stephanos Episcopa presided. More than 100 children from Mar Thoma parishes in Malaysia actively participated in this camp. Very Rev. K. S.Mathew led the committee.

Singapore

255 families are actively working in the Singapore Parish in 7 prayer meetings. The parish is also a founding member of the National Council of Churches and an active member of Harmony Circle, an organization that strives to maintain religious harmony.

During the reporting year, the parish was able to lead many humanitarian relief operations. As a parish, we were able to provide food items to economically disadvantaged families, visit migrant workers, see and understand the problems they face and find solutions, extend a helping hand through the Singapore Red Cross in the flood disaster areas of Pakistan and the war zone in Ukraine, and support the Singapore government in rehabilitating the victims of human trafficking.

Australia-New Zealand Zone

There are 9 parishes and 8 congregations in the Australia-New Zealand zone. 7 priests lead the services in these parishes. During the year, various programs were conducted at the parish-organizational level. 1. Australia Mar Thoma Youth Camp- Conducted from 2nd to 5th of December. This camp is hosted by the Melbourne Mar Thomaparishes. Dr. Gregorios Mar Stephanos Episcopa was inaugurated through the Zoom platform and Rev. Joshua Millard (Anglican priest) led different classes based on the thought topic Stay the Course (Hebrews 12:1-3). 180 children from Mar Thoma parishes in Australia participated. Rev. The Australia Youth Camp Committee led by Shoji Varghese led all the arrangements of the camp.

2. Auckland Mar Thoma Youth Camp- New Zealand Mar Thoma Youth Camp was organized from 25th to 26th September at Kauranga Valley Christian Camp Center under the auspices of Auckland Mar Thoma Parish. Based on the theme of Unite in Christ Rev. Collin Martial (a Presbyterian priest) led the various classes.

Organizations

During the reporting year, the organizations like Sunday School, Yuvajana Sakhyam, Sevika Sangham, Parish Mission, Choir etc. in all parishes and congregations were very active.

3.5 Mumbai Diocese

The Mumbai Diocese is one of the most geographically spread Diocese of the Mar Thoma Sabha. Mumbai Diocese is spread over 59 churches and 6 congregations in 7 centres and 11 mission congregations in 6 mission regions along with the Indian states of Maharashtra, Goa and Gujarat, the industrial capital of India, and Muscat, a foreign parish.

From1st December 2020,Rt. Rev. Dr. Euyakim Mar Coorilos Suffragan Metropolitan took over as DioceseEpiscopa. His grace's foresight and operational excellence contribute to the growth of Diocese. Rev. Dr. John Joseph is doing commendable service as the Secretary of the Diocese and the Secretary of the Bishops. Mr. V. P. Simon also serves as Diocese Treasurer.

Mumbai Diocese Convention was held from 26th to 29th January 2023. Rev. Shaji Thomas, Chatannoor was the keynote speaker. On 29th Vashi held at Sid Ko. It was blessed to have about 2,000 people attend the Mass and the convention closing meeting that followed.

21st August 2022 has been singled out as Diocese Sunday. Special worship and prayers were conducted in parishes with the help of priests and spirits. It was also possible to collect diocese development funds for Diocese activities.

An Ecological Commission was formed in Diocese as part of the Central Ecological Commission of the Church.

Suvartha Patrika, the face paper of Diocese, is published regularly covering periodical and theological topics.

There are 4 schools operating in Surat, Vapi, Bhuj and Kamshet under the name STEMS in Mumbai Diocese. During the report year schools were visited and necessary instructions were given.

The Mar Chrysostom Ashram at Kamshet serves as a camp centre as well as a study centre. The centre is used for training and education of evangelists. During the reporting year two new M.A. Courses have been started.

Providing necessary leadership for the activities of Navjeevan, Navodaya and Ragpickers Project in Diocese. The activities of Mitra Niketan Girls Hostel-Pippalpasa, Shanthi Niketan Ashram-Ahwa, Mar Thoma Smart Hostel-Vapi and Karuna Niketan Ashram-Gaschiroli are most beautifully organized in Diocese. Needy &poor children are provided timely educational assistance.

Save a Heart is a scheme to provide medical assistance to eligible needy people suffering from heart disease. Thanks to the Save a Heart Project, which is available as part of the episcopal visitation of parishes and congregations in Diocese, to the sick in need. This year also it was possible to reach the needy people.

Ecumenical Christmas Program will be held on 11th December 2022 at St. Mary's ICSE. It was held in the school grounds. Parishes of the Orthodox, CNI, Catholic denominations and various parishes participated.

Mumbai Navjeevan Center is a project started in 1994 with the aim of upliftment of women and children in the red streets of Kamathipura, Bhiwandi and Sindhigalli.

Rag Pickers Project is a project for the rehabilitation of displaced rag pickers in Kalyan and Dombivilli Municipal Corporation. Services rendered to rag pickers during the year under report.

Navodaya Movement is a project launched by Mumbai Diocese for rehabilitation and empowerment among transgenders. Navodaya Movement is able to bring together the marginalized in the society, provide friendship and fellowship.

Under the leadership of Diocese, a band called WINGS was formed to lead singing services in parishes and to assist in ecumenical programs. A musical feast Halelwas arranged by Diocesealong with the conclusion of Anti Drug Campaign was held on 7th January 2023. Funds collected from the music banquet went towards setting up a media room for Mumbai Diocese Music and Communications (MDMC).

In the society, without getting proper guidelines, many lives have to be given a new perspective. Thus, the project NAVADISHA started on 1st August 2022 as a toll free counselling program 8447 913 923 has also been set up for anyone to call for counselling at any time.

Diocese Assembly was held on 27th August 2022 at St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Santa Cruz, Mumbai. The spiritual and physical growth and activities of Diocese were reviewed and necessary decisions were taken.

The Diocese Council was able to take decisions together and give necessary instructions in time for the ideal growth of Diocese. Diocese Council met 5 times during the reporting year.

The Diocese Legal Affairs Committee meets regularly and takes necessary decisions on remarriage applications.

Thane, regional missionary fathers were able to purchase land in Govt.

Under the leadership of the Diocese Study Forum, gatherings of students and evangelion studies are regularly organized. Contemporary theological topics are also discussed at the meeting.

Diocese Mission Activities

The Word of God works tirelessly to spread the roots of the Word into dry lands where the Word of

God has not reached, and to give hope and love to those who have lost hope. Our mission is to go with the gospel to the outcasts. Mumbai Diocese Mission Activities

There are about 3000 seekers and believers in the mission. During the year, the Mission Fields were visited, interacted with them and understood their needs. A new Regional Missionary has been appointed in Gujarat. It was possible to understand its activities together with missionary fathers and evangelists, and to lead prayer groups.

13 evangelists and their families from different regions attended the Maramon Convention for the Mumbai Diocese Mission. Maramon sang a Marathi song on the stage and shared his testimony.

First Mission Youth Conference on 3rd to 5th March 2023 Jeevan Vikas Seva Trust Camp conducted.

3.6 Kottarakkara - Punalur Diocese

Kottarakkara-Punalur Diocese which was formed as the 13th Diocese of Malankara Mar Thoma Sabha completed, 9 years in mission work. There are 89 parishes, 2 congregations and 10 institutions in this Diocese which includes parishes in 9 centres namely Kottarakkara East, Kottarakkara West, Kundara, Nedumangad, Puyapally, Punalur East, Punalur West, Talavoor, Valakam, 15 mission fields and Doha Immanuel Parish in the districts of Thiruvananthapuram and Kollam. In this Diocese, 16 retired priests, 80 priests in full-time ministry (each priest works in Red Fort and Yadiki Mission Centers), 15 evangelists, practical training students, auxiliary workers and spiritual leaders are involved in various activities.

Diocese leadership

Rt. Rev. Dr. Joseph Mar Barnabas Suffragan Metropolitan serves as the Diocesan Episcopa. Rev. K. Y. Jacob as Diocese Secretary, Diocese Bishop Secretary and Vicar General andMr. P. M. Thomasukutty as Diocese Treasurer. The leadership of the council and the officers must also be appreciated.

Diocese Council & Diocese Assembly

The 26-member Diocese Council meets 6 times a year to report. Action plans, guidance and decisions are taken which are helpful for the overall growth of Diocese. All 18 subcommittees meet and energize activities. Diocese's 9th Diocese Assembly (2021-2022) on Saturday 30th July 2022 at 10 am at Kottarakkara Episcopal Jubilee Temple Chapel, DioceseEpiscopaPresided. The annual report of Diocese for 2021-22, income and expenditure statement and budget for 2022-23 were discussed and approved. Other decisions necessary for the all-round growth of Diocese were also taken.

Diocese Day

Sunday 4th December 2022 was observed as Diocese Day. On that day worship was performed with a special worship order and everyone prayed for the vast and relevant activities of Diocese and sincerely cooperated in Diocese Day fund collection. A special mention is given to the good participation of Doha Emmanuel Parish in all mission projects.

Episcopal Jubilee Building

On 27th August 1966 at Kottarakkara as a commemoration of the Silver Jubilee of Dr. Mathews Mar Athanasios Episcopa and Dr. Yuhanon Mar Thoma Metropolitan, Episcopal Jubilee Mandiram was opened. Praise be to God for the past few days to fulfill the ministry of care and sharing for the Mandiram. The building, which started with two people, was able to provide shelter to 636 destitute. Now 73 people including 30 men and 43 women of all castes and religions are coming happily. 12 children live and study in the Education Care Project. One is studying speech therapy and 6 are studying in nursing college.

Hospice

The facility, which caters to bed-bound patients, has already provided care to 150 patients. In cases of emergency, in addition to the members of the Mandiram, the exhausted and dying patients from outside were admitted and rendered services. Currently 28 people are being cared for in the hospice. The new block of the hospice has been named the Padma Bhushan Mar Chrysostom Greater Metropolitan Memorial Hospice Block.

Pain & Palliative Care Unit

A unit of Pain & Palliative was started as part of the golden jubilee celebrations of Kottarakkara Jubilee Mandiram. Further training camps were arranged for those who volunteered to work in this. 79 people are working as active volunteers.

Sanoha

It has been 8 years since the Senior Citizens Assisted Living Home (Sanoha) built at Sadanandapuram as a part of Kottarakkara Jubilee Mandiram started. The units are equipped with prayer room, living room, bedroom, bathroom and kitchenette with all facilities.

Ryan Ninan Memorial Project for Cancer Center

This project was started in collaboration with Saji Ninan and diocese to help children under the age of 18 who are suffering from cancer. So far 22 children have been helped. Financial assistance is provided to many people irrespective of caste and religion through this scheme.

Covid-19 precautions

In the context of the Covid-19 disease, arrangements are being made through the respective parish vicars and those in charge to deliver medicines and food to the places in need of care.

Doha Emmanuel Mar Thoma Parish

The social evangelical support and assistance provided by Doha Emmanuel Mar Thoma Parish, the only foreign parish of Diocese, is greatly appreciated. As part of the jubilee projects of that parish, they took over the YADIKI mission and undertook the construction of the chapel and the construction of the mission house.

SAHAI

Sahai is a welfare scheme that helps people in need. This scheme is a great relief to patients who are facing financial hardship. Sahai is for all types of patients irrespective of caste and creed. There are three types of activities going on now, along with medical camps.

Dialysis

Adjacent to Punalur taluk hospital, dialysis is being done for people with kidney disease who are facing financial difficulties. Till date 151 people have been helped through this scheme. We have handed over more than one and a half crore rupees to the hospitals.

Brain & Heart surgeries

Through the Moses Memorial Foundation set up by, Mr. George Chandy,Doha Emmanuel Mar Thoma parishioner he helps to perform brain-heart surgeries for children under 18 years of age. In the said year 12 heart surgeries and 5 brain tumor surgeries were financed.

Mizhi Medical Camps

Diocese conducts medical camps in collaboration with Sunday School and local parishes. Katanam Mission Hospital, Parumala Heart Hospital, received the cooperation of Dr. Aby Kuwait

Snehamrutham

Snehamrutham is a service that delivers breakfast to the needy patients lying on the streets and in

Kottarakkara and Punalur taluk hospitals. About 25 people reach Jubilee Mandiram and distribute food in packets.

Abhayam

The Abhayam is functioning after entering its own building, Mar Coorilos Episcopal Silver Jubilee Home, after performing the dedication with the Metropolitan on 18th May 2018. Now 38 children, a warden, a tuition teacher and two cooks are staying. Here are girls studying in classes 3 to 12. Daily expenses are sponsored by individuals, organizations and parishes.

Smriti

Smriti is a project dedicated to Diocese to commemorate the Episcopacy Pearl Jubilee of Coorilos Thirumeni. The construction of the first phase of the building was completed on December 9, 2019 and the ceremony was held. Now there are 28 Alzheimer's sufferers and many are coming as researchers. 13 workers including seven nurses are working here.

Shalabhagal

Shalabhagalis a new project initiated by Diocese as the Saptati project of His GraceEuyakim Mar Coorilos Suffragan Metropolitan. For Diocese, Shri. T. G. Thomas's children received a gift of 4 acres of land and a beautiful house on the west side of Nadkunnam West. The purpose of Shalabhagalis to overcome the limitations and nurture the potential of each child with the goal of growth. Conducted Life Skill Trainers Programme.

Programs such as Nirakoot, Kurshalam Peshalam and Kanav are being conducted targeting parents and children. Family counselling and premarital counselling are conducted in Shalabhagal. Limitations in children such as autism, learning disabilities and character disorders are tried to be solved through treatment methods such as psychotherapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, behavioural therapy, hypnotherapy and special education. Around 60 children have benefited from these services so far. Rev. Melvin Philip Mathew serves as Director.

Diocesan Convention

The 65th Diocesan Convention was held from Sunday 29th January to Sunday 5th February 2023 at Jubilee Mandiram Convention Ground. Rt. Rev. Dr. Joseph Mar Barnabas Suffragan Metropolitan inaugurated the convention meetings. On the concluding day Rt. Rev. Dr. Thomas Mar Theethos Episcopa celebrated the Holy Communion service and delivered the message. The presence of other bishops and their eloquent messages were also very auspicious. Mar Thoma Metropolitan, Bishop Thomas Tharayil, H.G. Zachariah Mar Severios, Rt. Rev. Dr. Thomas Mar Theethos, Rev. George Cherian, Rev. C. V. Simon, and Rev. P. C. Saji were the speakers of this year's convention. The Renewal Conference was led by Rev. Dr. K. Thomas. The presence of those from the mission field was a blessing this year.

Mission Fields

15 evangelists are working in Nedumangad, Chenkottai, and Seemandhra centers within the diocese. Evangelistic activities are progressing at Pachamala, Edinjar, Nagamala, Achankovil, Ambasamudram, Rosmala, Bhagavathipuram, Thenmala, Kuravanthavalam, Chenkottai, Olapara, Uppukuzhi, Puliyara, which was started near the Chenkottai Mission Field in TamilNadu, the newly started Yadiki Mission Field and Chadupathri (Andhra Pradesh). Evangelists Ravi and Suresh are working in 8 villages there. Many villagers are attending the worship service and in the Holy Communion. As part of the Diamond Jubilee celebration of Kottarakkara Convention, 1.07 acres of land have been purchased and operated in a densely populated area of Seemandhra called Chadupathri.

Ashwas De-addiction Centre, Valakom

The hospital started in the name of Rev. George John, now taken over by the Diocese and functioning as De-Addiction Center and E-Addiction Center. The work of the organization is based

on four levels namely awareness, treatment, support and after care. Awareness programs were organized in an orderly manner in the name of Sandram for the academic year 2022-2023 focusing on the educational institutions of Kollam district. Rev. Shiji Sam serves as the director of this center.

Special Mission Projects

Sadanandapuram Mission Project

Different mission activities are carried out in the Mar Thoma Mount. The Tailoring Unit is functioning at Thomas Mar Timothy Shashtiapthapoorthi Centre. Cultivation is done in poly houses.

Sneharam Project

The Sneharam project handed over by World Vision to the Diocese is actively progressing in Kottarakkara-Punalur Diocese at Chudukatta. De-Addiction ministry, counselling, seminars, awareness classes, village visits, medical camps etc. are conducted through this centre. Palliative Care Unit, Cancer Care Unit and Counselling Center are functioning under this project. This project was initiated on the 30th anniversary of the episcopacy of Euyakim Mar Coorilos Suffragan Metropolitan. Through this project, parents who have lost their memories are reunited with the society and given loving services to them. There are currently 28 Alzheimer's patients.

Diversified Ministry

Cashew workers: Organized meetings for cashew workers.

Auto-Rickshaw Drivers: In collaboration with Diocesan Yuvajanasakhyam, auto-rickshaw drivers of Kottarakkara and surrounding areas were brought together on the occasion of Christmas and given a message and distributed gifts.

Bhadrasana Spandanam

Bhadrasana Spandanam is the official quarterly publication of the Diocese which connects the people more with the Diocese and its activities. It is distributed by the generous cooperation of the members without charging an annual subscription.

Students' Ministry

As part of the students' ministry of Kottarakkara-Punalur Diocese, counselling classes, Bible studies, worship and fellowship were conducted at M. T. H. S. S Valakom, Kottarakara Marthoma High School, Kundara Marthoma High School, Karavalur A. M. M. H. S., Kottarakkara St. Gregorios College and nearby engineering colleges.

Crossway Ministry

This ministry was started with a focus on teenage children in the Diocese. Organizing daily meditations through social media called Patheyam. Special conferences are also held in colleges and schools under the name of STEPS. Mr. Anil K. Sam serves as the coordinator.

Clergy Conference

Diocesan Clergy Conference was held from 10th to 12th October 2022 at Munnar Marthoma Retreat Centre. Rt. Rev. Dr. Joseph Mar Barnabas Suffragan Metropolitan, Rev. Sam Koshy T., Rev. Shibi Varughese P. were the main speakers. Rev. Alexander Tarakan served as the Convener and Rev. Arun George served as treasurer. Retired clergy were specially honoured.

Meetings for the Parish Office Bearers, Sextons and Lay Leaders

The meetings for the Parish office bearers, Sextons and lay leaders in the Diocese were conducted at Episcopal Jubilee Mandiram Chapel.

Counselling Centre

Rt. Rev. Dr. Joseph Mar Barnabas Suffragan Metropolitan inaugurated the Diocesan Counselling

Center at Kottarakkara Jubilee Mandiram on July 30, 2022 on the occasion of Diocesan Assembly. Premarital counselling, post-marital counselling, family empowerment, teenage issues, counselling against various addictions, and seminars are conducted. Rev. Dr. K. Thomas serves as the Director, leads the counselling by a panel of 6 members.

Missionary Meeting

At the missionary meeting 7 Missionary priests and 15 Evangelists of the Diocese gathered together and organized prayer, meditation and discussions.

Diocesan Study Forum

LIFE (Lay Institute for Faith Empowerment) is a study department started with the aim of spiritual nurturing and upbuilding of the faith community in Kottarakkara-Punalur Diocese. The motto of the study is "Growing in faith together" according to the Word (1 Peter 2:5). The 6 months Diocesan level certificate program has been running regularly since 2015. The program is divided into 24 classes covering topics such as Bible History, Canonization, Old Testament, New Testament, Marthoma Church History, Faith Practices, Christian Theology, Biblical Interpretation, Holy Spirit, Trinity, Worship, Sacraments, Ecumenism, Ecology, Media Challenges, Family Empowerment, and Counselling. The purpose of this study is to form a faith community perfect and knowledgeable in Christ and equipped for mission.

Legal Affairs Committee

The Legal Affairs Committee conducted 6 times and took various decisions, gave legal advice and gave permission for remarriages.

Organizations

Yuvajanasakhyam, Voluntary Evangelistic Association, Sevika Sanghom, Sunday School, Senior Citizens, and DSM&C are active organizations of the Diocese.

3.7. Thiruvananthapuram- Kollam Diocese

Thiruvananthapuram - Kollam Diocese consists of 7 centers in Thiruvananthapuram - Kollam districts and Kanyakumari district of Tamil Nadu and Dubai center which includes 86 parishes and 8 congregations including Dubai Mar Thoma and Karama Trinity parishes in Dubai. 64 active clergy, 15 retired clergy, 17 evangelists and other volunteers are leading the activities of the Diocese.

1. **Diocesan Bishop**

Rt. Rev. Dr. Joseph Mar Barnabas Suffragan Metropolitan leads the activities of the Diocese with his blessed pastoral ministry based on his vision and services founded on the rich heritage of the church, worship traditions of the Malankara Marthoma Syrian Church and the gospel vision.

2. **Meetings**

i) Memorial Meeting

Dr. Philipose Mar Chrysostom Mar Thoma Valiya Metropolitan's 1st Commemoration meeting organized by the Church was conducted on 1st May 2022 at St. Thomas Marthoma Church, Pattoor. Governor of Goa Shri. P. S. Sreedharan Pillai was the chief guest. Dr. Rajan Gurukkal delivered the keynote address.

ii) D.Litt degree for Diocesan Bishop

The Diocesan Bishop, Rt. Rev. Joseph Mar Barnabas suffragan Metropolitan was honoured with the D-Litt degree by the Hindustan University on September 30, 2022 in a ceremony held at M.G. R Auditorium. As the Bishop of Marthoma Church, His contribution in the field of religion, culture

and education for 30 years earned His Grace the D-Litt.

iii) Clergy Conference

Diocesan Clergy Conference was held from 6th to 8th March 2023. The classes were organized around the theme "Priestly Ministry – Way, Model and Glory".

iv) Evangelists Meeting

A meeting of evangelists working with various institutions and mission fields in the Diocese is arranged every month. 15 evangelists are working in different Mission fields. Evangelists who have retired from the MTEA and the Diocese and those who have undergone theological studies participate in the mission work.

v) Premarital counselling

A premarital counselling class was arranged at All Saints Marthoma Church, Kampamcodu, and Paruthippara Immanuel Marthoma Church on 26th March by the Diocese with the cooperation of Diocesan Yuvajanasakhyam.

vi) Parish Office Bearers Meeting

Meeting of Parish Office bearers of South Travancore and Thiruvananthapuram Regions conducted on 29th June 2022 at 4 PM at Mukkolakkal Bethel Marthoma Church. Mr. Anand Jacob Thomas led this session.

3. **Diocesan Assembly**

The 42nd Diocesan Assembly held on Saturday, August 13, 2022 from 10 am at Pattoor St. Thomas Marthoma Church. Rt. Rev. Dr. Joseph Mar Barnabas Suffragan Metropolitan presided over the meeting. Annual report and statement of income and expenditure for 2021-2022, supplementary budget, annual budget for 2022-2023 and official resolutions were passed.

4. **Diocesan Council**

The Diocesan Council met 4 times during the reporting year and took necessary decisions for Diocesan activities.

5. **Legal Affairs Committee**

The Legal Affairs committee met 4 times and considered 19 applications seeking permission for remarriage and granted permission to those eligible for remarriage.

6. **Finance & Steering Committee**

A 13-member committee chaired by the diocesan Treasurer has done commendable work during the report year. The committee met 4 times and made several decisions.

7. **Diocesan Sunday**

August 14, 2021 was observed as the Diocesan Sunday. On that day, worship was organized in the parishes with a special liturgy. Clergy, evangelists, council members and assembly members visited various parishes and illustrated the Diocesan activities.

8. **Mission Fields**

Mission activities are carried out at Nagercoil, Pachamuk, Manjapara, Varkala, Kilimanoor, Puthenkulam, Kulathupuzha Samnagar, Pazhayeroor Sneharam Mission, Andukode, Peyadu, Vazhichal, Vazhuthoor, Aduvalli, Marangad - Koodal Bhagam and Perungalam. Diocese also carries out Gajulapally Mission activities outside Kerala.

9. **Diocesan convention**

The 43rd Diocesan Convention was held from 5th to 8th January 2023 at Ayur Marthoma College. Most Rev. Dr. Theodosius Mar Thoma Metropolitan inaugurated the convention. Very. Rev. Paulose

Parekara Cor Episcopa, Br. Babu Pullad, Rev. Wesley P. Kuruvila, Rev. Sajesh Mathew, H.G. Zachariah Mar Severios Metropolitan, and Rev. K. E. Geevarghese delivered the word of God.

10. **Institutions/ Social Activities/ Registered Societies**

i). Snehatheeram / Snehagiri

155 families and 157 children are being protected through the Snehatheeram project, which is based in Manjalumoodu. Self Help Scheme, Educational Assistance Scheme, Medical Assistance, Housing and Marriage Assistance are provided. World AIDS Day was duly celebrated. Pain & Palliative Unit, Computer Classes, Vocational Career Guidance etc. are being conducted. Monthly gatherings and home visits of AIDS patients are conducted regularly. Three-day camps were organized four times for the students of Snehagiri. A one-day camp was organized for 3 families. A government approved computer class has been arranged for students of classes 10 and 12.

ii) Kattakkada Mar Thoma Vyojana Mandiram

Vayojana Mandiram provides shelter to women above 60 years who have no one to protect them. Now 22 elderly people live here as members of the Mandiram family. Worship is arranged in the chapel every morning and evening. Holy Communion and Divine services were conducted on Sundays. Doctors visit the members and provide expert treatment and counselling. Various medical camps are also conducted. As part of group therapy, members participate in bird care, vegetable growing and gardening. Christmas Carol organized on 21st December 2022.

iii) Aduvally Project

For 17 years, the ministry has been fulfilling the needs of the marginalized in the Aduvalli area. As part of the Santhwanam Cancer Project, necessary assistance is being provided for the treatment of patients. Also, necessary assistance is being provided for the education of underprivileged children through the Karuthal Education Project. A Garment Unit and Tailoring Training Center are functioning under the control of STARD named Vasthra. As part of the SAVE programme, medical assistance, House maintenance assistance and financial assistance are provided to those facing life crisis.

iv) Mar Thoma Dhyanatheeram Perungalam

Beautiful Camp Center on Ashtamudi- Perungalam Island is the venue for camps and one-day conferences. It has accommodation for 150 people. 25 camps, 67 one-day conferences and 53 family gatherings were held in the current year. Niranam -Maramon Diocesan Clergy Conference, Marthoma Sabha Council were conducted at the camp centre. Special food arrangements as per the requirements and boat trips in Dhyanatheeram boat is the attraction of the centre.

v) Nairmalya De-Addiction Counselling& National Resource Center - Peyad

Nairmalya De-Addiction Counselling& National Resource Center has started full time treatment for drug addicts to lead a healthy life. I. P and O. P sections are working. De-addiction fellowships and special gatherings are arranged through this institution. Also, Mission to Mental Patients work is also being done. Activities are carried out at six levels namely treatment, intervention, rehabilitation, awareness, functional training and drug addiction treatment. Also, Bible distribution, plants distribution, A. A. Meeting, phone calls, review and home visit, counselling, substance abuse awareness classes in schools, colleges and churches were the main activities.

vi) Hospital Guidance &Counselling Centre, **Thiruvananthapuram**

Since 1982 Mar Thoma Hospital Guidance &Counselling Center has been providing support and guidance to indigent patients and their caregivers. The closing session of the Center's Ruby Jubilee was held on 1st February 2023 at 4 pm at Trinity Marthoma Church, Thiruvananthapuram. The Ruby Jubilee Souvenir was released by the minister M.B. Rajesh. A meditation book containing 100 meditations containing words of comfort that will benefit patients and caregivers was also released on that day. During the reporting period 4884 people stayed at the center and availed its services.

Free accommodation, three meals a day, ambulance service and blood donation are provided. Blood donation camp and medical camp were conducted. 289 people were examined in the camp and treated and given medicine. Snacks are being distributed to 800 patients in the Peroorkkada Hospital every month. An online class was conducted on the subject of healthy old age.

vii) Padavukal

A comprehensive educational and development program for children in South Travancore region, 'Padavavukal' aims to conduct various guidance classes on personality development and examinations, to provide necessary guidance to those preparing for higher education, and to send deserving students for further education in the best educational institutions. For Personal Development and Career Guidance, a study course has been organized on 28th May 2022, Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm, Neyyattinkara. Neyyattinkara Municipality Development Standing Committee Chairman Mr. K. K. Shibu, inaugurated the programme. Mr. Aji (Career Guidance Counsellor, Govt. of Kerala), Rev. Sajesh Mathew (Director, Guidance Centre, Trivandrum), Rev. Daniel Varghese led this session. 200 students studying from class 10 to college level participated in it. Young friends from South Travancore who have achieved success in national and international arenas in various fields were felicitated.

viii) South Travancore Agency for Rural Development (STARD)

Karunya C. D. C-Neyyardam, Snehajyothi C.D. C-Malaicode, Thanal C. D. C.- Erathavoor providing education and assistance to children.

Baby Crush is working in the Eruthavoor area. Working women avail the services of Women's Hostel at Vazhuthur. St. Paul's Marthoma English Medium School runs from L.K.G to 5th standard at Eruthavoor under STARD. A garment unit called Vastra is running as a women empowerment project in the name of Late lamented Philipose Mar Chrysostom Marthoma Valiya Metropolitan with Aduvalli Mission as its centre. The work of the Child Development Centers is supported by the Mar Thoma Mission Board's "Light to Life" project under the North America & Europe Mission and the Canadian Mar Thoma Regional Committee.

ix) Bahrain Center, Chatannoor

The Bahrain Center provides an opportunity for senior citizens over 60 years of age who are unable to stay at home due to various reasons to live safely in the home environment alone or together with husband and wife, regardless of caste and religion. 14 members of the center are involved in various crops and animal husbandry. Rev. Aji Varghese serves as the administrator.

11. **Educational Activities**

1) Educational institutions working under direct control of Diocese

i) Mar Thoma Pvt. I. T. I. Anchal

Started in the year 1979, Mar Thoma Pvt. I.T.I Anchal is 43 years after its inception. 140 students took admission in 2022-23 in five trades. 220 children are being trained this academic year including the previous year. The institute is functioning as ITI Examination Center of NCVT Government of India.

ii) Varkala Mar Thoma Central School

Varkala Mar Thoma Central School had 213 students studying in classes up to 10th. 11 teachers are serving in this institution. World Environment Day, Onam Festival, Christmas, Arts Fest and Kerala Piravi were celebrated. The school band, "Nalla Padam", and Seed clubs are also active. C.B.S. E. 10th class secured 100% pass in this year's exam. In the NASA International Space App Challenge, 6 children from the school were awarded the Global nomination and won second place and received a certificate from NASA. Amaya Teertha secured 3rd rank in Sugama Hindi exam and got A grade in Hindi speech competition in All Kerala Sahodaya state level competition. This year the school won The Wise Master Cup competition held in association with Malayalam Manorama Nalla

Paadam. A robotics lab was started in the school with the help of Dubai Unique World Robotics.

iii) Varkala Marthoma English Medium School

123 children are studying from L.K.G. to 4th standard. 9 teachers and 3 non-teachers are serving in the institution. Various programs like Teacher's Orientation Programme, Praveshanotsavam, World Environment Day, Reading Day, Yoga Day, World No Tobacco Day, Doctors' Day, General PTA Meeting, Kali Arangu, Independence Day, National Sports Day and Onam Celebrations were organized during the year.

II)Educational Institutions Working under registered society

i) Educational Technical Training & Research Center (ETTARC) Ayur

a. **Marthoma College of Science and Technology**

The college offers 9 undergraduate courses in B.Sc. Computer Science, Electronics, Biotechnology, Polymer Chemistry, Chemistry, B. Com Computer Application, Finance, BBA, BA English, and 6 post graduate courses in M.Sc. Computer Science, Electronics, Biotechnology, Polymer Chemistry, M. Com Finance and M. A. ENGLISH affiliated to Kerala University. Academically, since its inception, the college has secured 59 top ranks in university examinations. Marthoma College of Science & Technology holds the distinction of being the first college in the state to receive NAAC accreditation. The National Service Scheme of Marthoma College has been selected as the best overall NSS unit in the 2021-2022 National Service Awards of Kerala University.

b. **Marthoma College of Information Technology**

M. C. A and M. B. A. Courses are being conducted. First, Second, Third and Eighth, ranks received by the students of the College. Complaint Cell, Women's Cell, Nature Club, Center for Gandhian Studies, Prayer Cell, Ethics Committee, and I.E.D. Cell functions in the college.

c. **Mar Thoma Central School**

315 students are studying in the C.B.S.E. Syllabus from L.K.G. to 10th standard. 24 teachers and 14 non-teachers are serving in the school.

ii) Mar Thoma Church Educational Society, Mukkolakkal

2438 students studied in St. Thomas Residential School, Mukkolakkal, 3290 students in St. Thomas Central School and 755 students in St. Thomas Higher Secondary School. 248 teachers served in all three schools. 678 children studied in St. Thomas Pre-Primary School and 206 children studied in Kumarapuram Play School. 30 teachers served there. 100 students trained at St. Thomas Teachers Training College. 7 teachers were serving in the said institution. In the academic year, there were 469 students in 5 branches in St. Thomas Institute of Science and Technology, which is the institution of the society. 45 teachers served there. 1380 children studied at St. Thomas Public School in Chanthavila from L. K. G. to class 10. 60 teachers serve in this school.

iii) St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church Educational Society - Kulasekharam

St. Thomas Matriculation Higher Secondary School operates a recognized higher secondary school up to class 12th. There are 320 students and 38 teaching and non-teaching staff.

12. Organizations

Sunday School, Yuvajanasakhyam, Sevika Sangham, Voluntary Evangelistic Association and Development Department are active Organizations in the Diocese

13. Student Center & Youth Ministry

i) Marthoma Students Center - Nagercoil

The student’s center is functioning at Nagercoil. Activities are conducted under the leadership of the evangelist. The Silver Jubilee of the Center was celebrated on August 21, 2022. A Christmas

program was also organized on 17th December.

ii) Marthoma Students Center - Pattathanam

Providing spiritual nurturing and career guidance to students in various schools centred in Kollam through Pattathanam Students Center. It also provides hostel facilities for female students at affordable rates and better-quality accommodation. Conduct regular hostel prayers.

iii) Thiruvananthapuram Students Ministry

Providing spiritual nurturing and guidance to the students in the colleges and schools in Thiruvananthapuram region. Meetings are regularly held at Government Medical College, Mar Gregorios Law College, Nalanchira Mar Baselios College of Engineering, St. Thomas Engineering College, KIMS Nursing School and Technopark. A retreat was arranged at the J.M.M. study center for the youths and college students studying in Thiruvananthapuram town. A lent meditation was organized at Chanthavila Engineering College. Organized a webinar titled "Vazhikatti". A one-day camp was organized at Kumily Camp Centre. Poovili, the I am celebration, Puthupulari on 5th January and Christmas celebration in the month of December through Zoom platform were arranged. Counselling sessions for children and under the leadership of the techno fellowship, "Snehapothi" were also given to the needy people.

14. Assets / Properties

1) Anchal Rubber Estate

1500 trees are tapped at regular intervals. Fruit trees were planted along the estate. Coffee is planted and maintained as an intercrop of rubber

ii) Thomas Mar Athanasius Hall - Mylachal

About 150 rubber trees are tapped on 1.05 acres of land adjacent to Mylachal Mission House. Mar Athanasius Hall is used by the people of that area for different purposes.

iii) The Thevankodu property

Situated near the Thevankodu Bethel Mar Thoma Church and Neyyar Dam open jail.

The rubber trees there are tapped.

iv) Malayinkeezh Property

This is a 32-cent plot near Peyadu Malayinkeezhu. The said land was used for agricultural purposes.

v) Episcopal Silver Jubilee & Dubai Mar Thoma Golden Jubilee Centre.

This project was initiated on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee of Dubai Marthoma Parish, and the Episcopal Silver Jubilee of Rt. Rev. Dr. Joseph Mar Barnabas Suffragan Metropolitan. It is designed to provide a comfortable stay for patients and attendants who come for long-term treatment in different hospitals. The project will be started on a 62-cent plot belonging to the Diocese at Kolathur-Kerala near Thiruvananthapuram Government Engineering College. Dubai mar Thoma parish is providing the necessary financial support for the construction works. Steps have been taken to start the construction works.

15. Ecclesia

The official publication of the diocese is published quarterly and published 4 issues in the current year. Ecclesia is delivered to every house in the Diocese with the help of each parish.

3.8 Chengannur-Mavelikara Diocese

Chengannur- Mavelikara Diocese consists of 88 parishes in 8 centers of Chengannur, Umayatukara, Edayaranmula, Elanthoor, Thumpamon, Venmani, Mavelikara, Karthikappally and the parishes in

the Gulf region- Gala and Salalah in Oman, Fujairah and Rasal Kaima in U.A.E. In the Mission Fields of Peringala, Thirkunnapuzha, Pandavanpara, Thotapalli and Pooparathi and in the villages of the Mission Fields of Narasapuram and Alagada in Kadapa district of Andhra Pradesh, blessed mission activities and social welfare activities are being carried out.

1. Diocesan Assembly, Diocesan Council

The 29th annual meeting of Chengannur-Mavelikara diocese was held on Saturday 16th July 2022 at 10 am at Trinity Marthoma Church, Thittamel under the leadership of Rt. Rev. Thomas Mar Timotheos Episcopa. Very. Rev. George Mathew serves as Vicar General, Rev. Dr. Samson M. Jacob as secretary, and Mr. Jiji Mathew Scaria as Treasurer. Apart from these official members, the diocesan Council consisting of 24 members met 4 times and took decisions and implemented them.

2. Clergy and evangelists

85 priests and 13 evangelists worked admirably in 92 parishes in Diocese, 5 in Kerala and in Narasapuram and Alagada mission fields in Andhra region. 41 priests retired from active service participated wholeheartedly in all activities of the Diocese.

3. Clergy Conference

Diocesan Clergy Conference was held from 01st to 03rd November 2022 at “Carmel Ayurveda Resort, Bhoothathankettu, Kothamangalam ". Clergy got an opportunity to come together to share experiences, learn and gain new insights from each other.

4. Regional Clergy Conference

Priests from the four areas of the Diocese come together once in three months under the presidency of Diocesan Episcopa for meditation, prayer and study.

5. Meeting of Evangelists

The evangelists meet at Olivet Hall on the first Friday of every month at 10 a.m. Singing, intercessory prayer, preaching and evaluation of activities are held regularly. An outline of the activities is also prepared.

6. Logos

Logos was started for the clergy of the diocese to study and meditate on the Evangelion passage which was initiated by Rt. Rev. Thomas Mar Timotheos Episcopa. Clergy from Chengannur, Venmani, Edayaranmula and Umayatukara Center met on the first Tuesday of the month at Aratupuzha, Dr. Zacharias Mar Theophilus Suffragan Metropolitan Memorial Tharangam Mission Action Center, Thumpamon and Elanthoor centers on the first Tuesday of the month at Thumpamon Shreyas and Mavelikkara and Karthikapalli centers on the first Wednesday of the month at Harippadu Kaval. Clergy prepares and present sermons from the Evangelion passages of Sundays, and find time for discussion,

7. Diocesan convention

Diocesan convention was held from 25th to 29th January 2023 at Tharangam Mission Action Centre. Most Rev. Dr. Mathews Mar Timotheos Metropolitan, Rev. Sajesh Mathews, Rev.Dr. George Cherian, Rev. Dr. Feno M. Thomas, Rev. Abraham P. Ommen, Rev. Dr. Thomas Kurian Ancheri, Rev. Sam T. Koshi, Rev. Shibi Varghese, Rev. Liju Raju Tamarakudi, and Bro. George Cherian Navajeevodayam delivered the word of God at various meetings. Rt. Rev. Thomas Mar Timotheos Episcopa celebrated the Holy Communion service on 29th Sunday. The convention meetings were broadcasted through online media.

Diocesan Projects

1. Karuthal

We are living in an age where the number of people suffering from cancer and kidney disease is

increasing tremendously. Karuthal is the main function of the diocese to provide palliative care to these patients. Beneficiaries of the karuthal project are the people who come under the diocesan region. 1200 houses have benefited from this ministry. Necessary help for treatment is also provided. About 200 trained volunteers assist in this service by visiting patients.

2. Shreyas

Shreyas acts as hope for terminally ill patients and shelter for lonely parents. Retirement home, medical care and day home are services of Shreyas. The patients are visited in their houses and given necessary help. Food kits are distributed to them monthly. Sukrutham is a scheme to provide breakfast to patients in government hospital, Pathanamthitta. Through the Samridhi project, lunch is provided. Assisted Living Home also works under Shreyas. Most. Rev. Dr. Theodosius Marthoma Metropolitan inaugurated the newly constructed building Srothas on December 13 adjacent to Shreyas and can accommodate 50 people.

3. Navadarshan, Kidangannur

Camps, counselling, A.A. Meetings, anti-drug awareness, organizing street plays against drug addiction and prayer meetings with the families of drug addicts are taking place. Accommodation and treatments are available with modern amenities.

4. Aramam, Kozhuvallur

Day home, library, medical camps, Children's Tuition Class and Counselling took place here. “Vayojana Koottayma”is also arranged every Tuesday. Visiting the needy patients and providing necessary help in treatment is another ministry.

5. Kaval, Harippadu

Many people in coastal areas are suffering from cancer and kidney disease. "Kaval" works as their hope center. Apart from providing medical aid, fellowship to the patients on national festivals and special days. Food kits are also distributed. Intercessory prayer, all-night prayer, vigil meetings and counselling are also conducted.

6. Vikas, Otha

Vikas, which works with the aim of instilling a sense of value in children, also aims at village development. This movement undertakes free tuition for children and distribution of study materials. Various charity activities and curry powder manufacturing units are functioning. Through the Edu care scheme, smart and economically challenged children are given assistance for further education and care is taken in their education.

7. NADAM (Nurturing All Deaf & Mute)

“Nadam” is an activity aimed at the welfare and spiritual upliftment of the deaf and dumb brothers and to intervene in their needs. 120 people in the diocesan region are incorporated in the Nadam family. A conscious effort is undertaken by Nadam to bring them into the mainstream of the society, and utilize their talents, and make them self-sufficient. The project is supported by Diocesan Yuvajanasakhyam.

8. Dr. Zacharias Mar Theophilus Suffragan Metropolitan Memorial Tharangam Mission Action Centre, Arattupuzha

Tharangam Mission Action Center at Arattupuzha is functioning as the coordination center for Diocesan’s mission activities. The special feature of this center is the “Theertham Hall " which can be used for the fellowship of the faith community and the meeting of other organizations of the church and can seat 400 people. There is a tapas chapel for meditation and prayer and accommodation for up to 150 people. Diocesan Convention, Karutgal, Meeva workers fellowship, Logos, Counselling Classes, different organizations programs and camps were conducted at Tharangam Mission Action Centre.

9. Amphi Theatre

Amphi Theatre is constructed attached to Tharangam Mission Action Center on the banks of Pampa. It can accommodate 1000 people and can participate in different programmes.

10. Mar Chrysostom Diamond Jubilee Pain and Palliative Care Centre, Tharangam

Mar Chrysostom Diamond Jubilee Palliative Care Center, which is a part of Tharangam Mission Action Center, is well run and till now 65 patients who were terminally ill have been provided with palliative care. Most. Rev. Dr. Theodosius Mar Thoma Metropolitan inaugurated the new building on December 13, which accommodates 50 inpatients.

11. Visa (Marriage Assistance Scheme)

Visa is a scheme to bring happiness to young women who are facing difficulties in getting married due to financial hardship. Financial assistance was provided for the marriage needs of deserving young women.

12. HELP (Higher Education Project)

HELP is a project that provides assistance to students with financial difficulties for higher education.

13. MIWWA (Ministry to the Widows, Widowers & the Aged)

MIWWA is a ministry conducted at parish levels under the leadership of the diocese to provide comfort and fellowship to those who are widowed and lonely due to old age and physical weakness, loss of life partners. Conferences were held at Center level and diocesan level led by dedicated volunteers.

14. Tharangam Counseling Centre, Arattupuzha

Guidance is given to those who need counselling as per prior appointment. Marriage preparation counselling, school and college focused counselling classes and exam preparation counselling are also conducted at the counselling center. Counseling training is made available through this center to the laity. Family empowerment classes are also conducted. When in person counselling became difficult due to covid, started online counselling programmes. Rev. Gigi V. Mathew served as the Director of the Counseling Department.

15. Bodhana

Bodhana is a ministry focussing the high school students, in equipping them to grow and live in relationship with Jesus Christ. High School Level Children Jesus Christ.

Classes are very useful for children's growth and living, personality development, character formation etc.

16. Sadhusadhan, Venmani

Sadhusadhan provides companionship to the aging and lonely. Daycare activities are actively going on. MIWWA and karuthal activities are carried out. Midday meals are provided to the deserving through Samriddhi Project.

17. Olivet Nadam

Olivet Nadam, the official publication of the diocese, is published quarterly. Diocesan Bishop’s letter, letter from diocesan officials, various articles, poems, news, Bible quiz, and a children's column is included. Arrangements are made to be available in all houses in the diocese.

18. Samridhi

Through this project economically backward elderly and sick parents are provided lunch every day. Lunch is served at Thottapalli, Pooparthi, Venmani, Peringala, Thumpaman, Thirkunnapuzha and Pandava Npara.

19. Edu Care

Through this project, economically backward children are provided financial assistance for further education. Along with Othara Vikas, talented students were selected and helped them through this project. Tuition is also arranged here.

20. Jeevanam

This Project is one of the silver jubilee projects of Chengannur Mavelikara diocese. Ten poor families under the jurisdiction of Thrikkunnapuzha Mission Center were selected as the beneficiaries of this project by visiting their homes directly. Food kits are distributed to those families every month.

21. Bodhyam/Grahyam (Lay Training)

Bodhyam is a study curriculum designed to prepare laity for the mission. This study is helpful in gaining a new perspective and understanding on theology, church traditions, and biblical truth. Three classes were conducted.

22. SAVE (Serve and Value Each Other)

SAVE is a new project initiated by the diocese on the occasion of the Sapthathi of Rt. Rev. Thomas Mar Timotheos Episcopa. Prayer and support for the differently abled who face physical, mental and intellectual challenges is the activity of SAVE.

23. Bodhini

Bodhini is the first Theological Correspondence Course by the diocese started on 25th March. Rt. Rev. Thomas Mar Timotheos inaugurated the course at Tharangam Mission Action Center. 456 members are studying in the Bodhini Correspondence Course.

24. Mar Timotheos Saptati Suraksha Pension padhathi

Suraksha Pension padhathi is an activity carried out in joint cooperation between the diocese and local parishes. Beneficiaries of this scheme are indigent and desperate persons above 60 years of age. Provided necessary assistance to 70 applicants during the reporting year.

25. Mavelikkara Kallimel Project

Jubilee projects are planned in the property received at Mavelikkara as part of Diocesan silver Jubilee.

26. Swasraya Fabric Center

Works at Venmony Saadhu Sadhan and does tailoring works including Kappa and other materials for the altar.

27. Vayojana Mandiram, Deepthi Bhavan- Pallippadu

Old age home was started by the diocese to rehabilitate deserving women above 65 years.

28. MANAS

MANAS (Mission and Action for Needy and Suffering) is a new scheme initiated by the diocese to understand and respond to the deserving requests that come as the news in the television media.

29. Jyothis, Mavelikkara

Physically and mentally challenged children are trained and rehabilitated by specially trained teachers at the Jyothis special school.

30. Parpidam Scheme

Parpidam is a way of providing a home to those who do not have their own house in the diocese. House construction is going on for 10 people who have been selected by the Diocese.

31. Mission Expo

Mission Expo is a one-day mission tour program which is an opportunity to visit and understand the mission activities and projects of the diocese.

Subcommittees

1. Mission to Schools & College

Sahayathra ministry is carried out in the schools and colleges within the Diocese region for the spiritual nurturing and personal development of the students.

2. Alcohol Abstinence Committee

At the Diocese level, anti-drug activities and awareness programs were conducted under the leadership of the Alcohol Abstinence Committee. Awareness programme, Street Play, Camps at Kidangannur Navadarshan, Family Meetings and A.A. Meetings were conducted. Awareness programs were conducted at parishes, center levels and various schools.

Mission Fields

1.Narasapuram Mission: This mission carries out evangelistic works in the Rayalaseema region of Andhra Pradesh. 7 congregations, St. Thomas Marthoma English Medium High School incorporating 703 students, 10 Baalavaadi, 2 Pre-Primary Schools, 1 Boys Hostel, and Tailoring Unit are functioning under this mission.

2. Alagada Mission: From April 1, 2018 Alagada mission is functioning independently. 8 congregations, 10 Balawadis and a Tailoring Unit is functioning under this mission.

3. Thottappally Mission: Thotapalli Mission is the coastal mission of the diocese which supports the people who are struggling for their livelihood in the coastal area.

The mission aims to promote the personal, social, cultural, educational and spiritual growth of the working community who are involved in fishing, and coir works. Activities include house visits, prayer meetings, activities among kidney cancer patients, patient assistance programs through Karuthal etc. The Samriddhi Project provides mid-day meals to the deserving.

4. Peringala Mission: During the reporting year, work was done with emphasis on prayer fellowship, Bible study, education, self-employment project, social and cultural activities and health care. Nursery school is helpful in the educational progress of children. V.B.S helps the spiritual growth of children. Midday meals are provided to the deserving through Samriddhi Project.

5. Pandavan Para Mission: Akshara Tuition Center works to facilitate the education of children in this region. Prayer meetings are held at mission centers on the last Saturday of every month. Medical camps, other health care activities, house visits, Independence Day celebrations, Onam celebrations, Christmas program and VBS are part of the mission activities here. Providing mid-day meals to the deserving through the Samriddhi Project.

6. Thrikkunnapuzha Mission: Thrikkunnapuzha Mission is one of the earliest areas of activity of Marthoma Sabha. Alcoholism is a major cause of health problems among people who depend on fishing and coir works for their livelihoods, and waterborne diseases, cancer and kidney diseases are on the rise due to polluted water bodies. Midday meals are provided to the deserving through Samriddhi Project.

7. Pooparthi Mission: Pooparatthi is an underdeveloped and water-prone area of Pandanadu panchayat. Pooparathi Manavaseva Kendra is an ongoing activity under the diocese aimed at the upliftment of the weaker sections living in this area. Samriddhi Project provides mid-day meals to elderly and sick parents.

Organizations

Sunday School, Sevika Sangham, Yuvajanasakhyam, Development Department, Voluntary

Evangelistic Association, Senior Citizens Fellowship and DSM&C are active in the diocese.

3.9 North America-Europe Diocese

The North America- Europe Diocese includes 66 parishes and 12 congregations on the North American continent (United States of America, Canada). In North America there are 7 regions (Northeast, Southeast, Southern, Midwest, Southwest, Western and Canada) and 12 centers (Northeast A, Northeast B, South-east A, Southeast C, Southern, Midwest, Southwest A, Southwest B, Western, Eastern Canada and Western Canada). Sinai Marthoma Centre, located in Long Island, New York is the Diocesan headquarters. Under the creative and blessed leadership Rt. Rev. Dr. Isaac Mar Philoxenos Episcopa, there has been comprehensive progress in all aspects of the Diocese. Thirumeni carries out the Christian witness through a fundamental vision of life. By focusing on spirituality and social service, Thirumeni sheds light in all areas of life. During this time, by working in various dioceses and making many contributions to the church, the society and the nation, Thirumeni continues to help this diocese to grow and advance as a mission group through his simple and calm lifestyle, hearty behaviour, unwavering trust in God, foresight and administrative skills. Rev. George Abraham Kallupara is serving as Diocesan Secretary from 1st May 2022. Mr. George P. Babu serves as Diocesan Treasurer. The diocesan Council with 15 other members along with diocesan officials met 4 times in the reporting year and provided necessary guidance and input to the activities. 78 clergy, including 12 clergy who retired from active service, participated in Diocesan activities. 3 Youth Chaplains work to prepare young people to overcome the challenges and conflicts they face at the school and university levels in trust in God and strengthen their relationship with Christ. The services of youth chaplains are valuable in leading campus ministry, counselling, scripture study, etc. and coordinating the activities of youth fellowship at local levels.

Diocesan Assembly

The 34th Diocesan Assembly was held on 7th May 2022 at New York Long Island Mar Thoma Church. Rt. Rev. Dr. Isaac Mar Philoxenos Episcopa presided over the assembly. The annual report and audited accounts for the year 2021 and the budget for the year 2022 were presented and passed.

Diocesan Day

6th March 2022 was observed as Diocesan Sunday. A special liturgy and a short video describing the various functions of the diocese were provided to all the churches. Clergy were sent on deputation to other parishes.

Visit of the Metropolitan

From September 21 to October 20, 2022 Most Rev. Dr. Theodosius Mar Thoma Metropolitan visited the Diocese. This was His Grace' first visit after becoming the 22nd Mar Thoma Metropolitan. A welcome meeting was held on October 9, 2022 at New York, Long Island, Marthoma Church. Senate Majority Leader Charles Schur, State Senator Kevin Thomas, Consul General of India Ranjir Jaiswal and other religious leaders, priests and faith community attended and conveyed greetings and prayers. Felicitation meetings were also organized in different regions of the diocese.

Clergy Conference

Clergy Conference of the North American diocese held at Dallas Farmers Branch Mar Thoma Church on October 12&13 2022 in conjunction with the Diocesan Family Conference. "Pastoral Integrity: Aligning Word, Work and Witness" was the theme of the conference. Most Rev. Dr. Theodosius Mar Thoma Metropolitan inaugurated the conference and Rt. Rev. Dr. Isaac Mar Philoxenos Episcopa presided the meeting.

Holy Ordination Service

On June 11, 2022 at Manchester Tabor Church Rev. Dn. Subin Mathew Parayil and on April 30, 2022 at the Houston Emmanuel Church Rev. Dn. Jason Varghese was ordained to the priesthood through the ordination ceremony. Rt. Rev. Dr. Isaac Mar Philoxenos Episcopa led the service.

LayChaplains

Mr. Tom Phillips (New Jersey), Miss. Pushpa Samuel (California) was assigned as the Lay Chaplains of the diocese on September 11, 2021. Together with the priests, they perform the ministry in various areas in North America and Europe.

Carmel Marthoma Center, Atlanta

The Carmel Marthoma Center is a fruition of the vision, deep faith and prayers of Rt. Rev. Dr. Isaac Mar Philoxenos Episcopa, located on a small hill in Atlanta, 41.77 acres of land with a spacious 2200-seat worship hall, 200-seat chapel, 600-seat hall with stage and curtain, well-equipped commercial kitchen, 36 Classrooms, Gymnasium, Administrative office with 111,820 square feet of buildings, including offices, a baseball field, an amphitheatre, children's playgrounds, and parking for 900 cars bought for 5.9 million dollar by the diocese. Now Marthoma Church Atlanta and other congregations worship there. A school is also functioning. This center is equipped to conduct conventions, conferences, spiritual training courses, refresher courses, theology classes, publication center, guest house etc. and further activities are going on in a blessed manner.

Diocesan Convention

The diocesan Annual Convention was held from December 29 to 30, 2022 at the Carmel Marthoma Center in Atlanta. Columbia Theological Seminary Professor Dr. Anna Carter Florence delivered the word of God.

Mission Board

Mission activities are carried out in coordination with the Mission Board registered in the Federal Government and the State Government. The activities of the Mission Board are carried out in 5 different areas. "Native American Mission" working among the Indians in the United States, 'Neighbourhood Mission' working locally, 'Mexico Mission', "India Mission" which prepares young people to see and understand the mission activities in India directly, and "Light to Life Mission" initiated by Diocesan Bishop aims to provide education, human development and health care for the poor children of India.

1. Native American Mission

The Native American Mission, which began its operations 20 years ago, works among the indigenous people of Oklahoma, Alabama, and New Mexico. VBS Ministry and scholarship assistance to deserving students is being carried out. This mission aims at the spiritual and material growth of common people.

2. Neighbourhood Mission

The parishes in the diocese organize mission outreach programs in collaboration with neighbouring parishes and charitable organizations. Various programs are introduced for the downtrodden in different communities. Thanks to all who have helped in various mission activities.

3. Mexico Mission

The Mexico Mission started in 2003 and works among the Mukua community of Matamoros in Mexico. Manna Project works towards the upliftment of this community through medical assistance, housing, convention and worship.

4. India Mission

Mission trips are arranged to various mission fields to connect and acquaint the youth of North America and Europe with mission activities in India. This year also India Mission workers will visit

Mumbai and Karnataka Mission.

5. Light to Life Mission

Started in 2017, Light to Life Project is working towards educational and holistic development of children in various states of India. It has established operations in ten states namely Chhattisgarh, Orissa, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Haryana, Nagaland, Telangana, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Kerala. Through the Light to Life project, 5000 children have been protected this year through various dioceses, CARD and STARD. A child is sponsored at $20 a month for $240 a year. An agreement is made with the Holistic Child Development India (HCDI) to monitor the proper utilization of the funds.

Marthoma Institute on Mission & Culture

Marthoma Institute on Mission & Culture was inaugurated on October 31, 2021, centred on the Atlanta Carmel Marthoma Center, with the aim of conducting lay study classes and continuing education programs in conjunction with the 70th birthday of Rt. Rev. Dr. Isaac Mar Philoxenos Episcopa. Conducts various courses which are affiliated to universities and seminaries regularly at this center.

Organizations

Sunday school, Youth Fellowship, Yuvajanasakhyam, Young family Fellowship, Sevikasangham, Voluntary Evangelistic Association, senior citizens fellowship and Diocesan Choir are active in the diocese.

UK - Europe region

The UK- Europe Region is a creative response to the challenges and opportunities posed by the changing migration consensus globally. The Sabha prathinidhi mandalam held in September 2017 considered the request of the parishes and congregations in the Europe region to delegate as a special sector in the North American diocese and approved this with the recommendation of the Episcopal Synod. Looking back, it is very promising that Marthomites' presence in the region continues to grow, now in the UK, as parishes and congregations in Ireland, Germany, Switzerland, and in most major European cities, including Sweden, Finland, and Bulgaria. The website is functional and contains a lot of information so that the details of these matters are available at the fingertips. The UK - Europe Zone is recognized as a charitable society. At present 13 parishes and 7 congregations are actively worshiping. Services of 14 priests are available. It is also a matter of blessing that Rev. Subin Mathew Parayil has been ordained as the second priest from this region in the church.

During the reporting year, the following persons served as in-charges of the region.

President-Rt. Rev. Dr. Isaac Mar Philoxenos Episcopa, Vice President - Rev.Binu John Varghese, Secretary-Mr. Noble Mathew, Treasurer- Mr. Thomas Abraham, Ecumenical Officer- Rev. Abu Cherian, Public Relations Officer- Mr. P. M. Mathew, Council Members- Mr. Kurian John, Dr. Jeena Mathew.

President

Rt. Rev. Dr. Isaac Mar Philoxenos Episcopa continues his blessed ministry as the Zonal president. Visited the region 4 times, held consultative annual meetings of the Council and Assembly, visited various parishes and congregations and provided necessary leadership in spiritual and administrative matters. Thirumeni was diligent in consolidating the post-Covid activities and aligning them in a functional way. His Grace is always exhorting and encouraging Marthoma Church members to open up new lines of ministry by understanding the needs of Marthoma church members who are newly entering this field for study and work. His leadership was instrumental in finding a suitable location near London Heathrow International Airport to build its own headquarters for the zone.

Zonal Council

Zonal Council met 8 times in the reporting year under the chairmanship of Rt. Rev. Dr. Isaac Mar Philoxenos Episcopa and took necessary decisions and implemented them.

Zonal Assembly

The Annual Zonal Assembly Meeting was held on 25th June 2022 at St. John's Mar Thoma Church, London. In the meeting, the report and the audited accounts of the year 2021-22 and the budget for the year 2022-23 were presented and passed. Necessary decisions like registering all parishes under the Charity Act and to arrange visa for the clergy through a centralized system were taken.

The Residence and the Office of the President

A land was purchased and a building was constructed at Prayeri Gardens, Ashford, London for the Diocesan Episcopa to reside and carry out the administration work. The building includes 4 bedrooms, an office room, a kitchen, a visiting room, a dining room, parking space for 4 vehicles and a small garden. On May 10, 2021 Rt. Rev. Dr. Isaac Mar Philoxenos Episcopa blessed the foundation stone and on February 10, 2022 Very Rev. P. T. Thomas and Rev. Binu John Varghese laid the foundation stone. On March 4, 2023 His Grace Rt. Rev. Dr. Theodosius Mar Thoma Metropolitan led the consecration service. The first visit of Metropolitan Thirumeni was a day of enlightenment and pride. Mr. P. M. Mathew served as the convenor of the construction activities.

Intercessory Prayer

Online prayer meetings were conducted on Sunday evenings for the spiritual empowerment of the healthcare workers and their family members who were rendering commendable service even in the face of death. Priests, laymen, youths and children gave meaningfully led the prayer meetings.

UK - Europe Region Sunday

The UK Europe Region Sunday was observed on September 25, 2022 as Sunday. A specially prepared worship order was used and clergies visited each other’s parishes to make various announcements.

Mar Thoma Sangamam

The Mar Thoma Sangamam was held at the Cotton Center in Staffordshire in the month of October 2022 which witnessed a large gathering of people without face coverings after covid. Theologian Prof. Mark Chapman delivered a sermon on the theme 'With Hope in the Middle of Panic'. Rt. Rev. Dr. Isaac Mar Philexinos presided over the meeting. Worship was led by various spiritual organizations which was followed by cultural program. Rev. Joby Koruthu served as the convener.

Christmas Eve

Under the leadership of Zonal Choir Members, choirs of various parishes presented Carols on December 27, 2022 at St. James Mar Thoma Church, London on 27-00 December 2022. Rev. Nitin P. Koshy, Vicar of St. Geevargheese Indian Orthodox Church gave the Christmas message. Mr. Aji Chacko served as the convener.

Inauguration of the Regional Office and Public Meeting

His Grace Rt. Rev. Dr. Theodosius Mar Thoma Metropolitan inaugurated the Regional Office and the residence on March 4, 2023. The Zonal Bishop, Council-Assembly members, clergy and officials representing various parishes participated in the service. A special Felicitation Meeting was conducted for Metropolitan Thirumeni who was visiting the region for the first time after being consecrated as the Metropolitan of the Church. The Lok Sabha Member of British Parliament Smt. Seema Malhota was the guest of honour.

Souvenir

On the occasion of the 5th regional anniversary, consecration of the regional centre, public meeting

and Metropolitan's visit Diocesan Bishop, Rt. Rev. Dr. Isaac Mar Philexinos Episcopa released the souvenir prepared under the leadership of Rev. K.K. Kuruvilla.

Mar Thoma Echo

A quarterly magazine called Mar Thoma Echo is published through electronic media. It includes news, Bible study and articles. An editorial team led by Sherry Mathews is working tirelessly behind this venture.

Services

As per Thirumeni's special interest services like providing food, water, medicine and clothing to the war victims of Ukraine and ensuring better education to the poor and talented students in various villages of India is being carried out. A new initiative called Light to Life is being spearheaded to ensure that quality education.

Organizations

Youth Fellowship: Annual conferences, one day workshops, arts and sports competitions and lectures on de-addiction are being conducted successfully. The organization is effectively active in worship, parish and regional activities.

U-MAT: Youth Chaplaincy was initiated with the name U-MAT for the spiritual nurturing of students studying in universities. Many selfless services are being carried out by clergy as well as the faith community.

Edavaka Mission: Edavaka Mission activities are carried out at local and zonal levels. Moronaya (Christological) feasts, Lenten meditations, are conducted by parishes through various media.

Sevika Sangham: Intercessory prayer, one-day seminars at centre and zonal levels are conducted. The organization also provided financial support to Kattanam Mission Hospital and Thiruvalla Visranthi Bhawanam.

Sunday School: Zonal Sunday School is a colossal movement which includes 1750 students and400 teachers. Children from nursery to class 12 are participating in this. Special training for teachers at centre level, VBS leadership training and World Sunday School Day Celebrations are conducted effectively.

Ecumenical Activities: A special relationship with the Anglican Church is maintained. The UK-Europe region is also a member of the Joint Council of Churches in Great Britain and Ireland. Zonal Participation was significant in the World Council of Churches which was held at Germany from August 31 to September 8, 2022. There was also significant participation from the zone in the All-Lok Sabha Council held in Germany till March 8. During the Metropolitan's visit to UK, he visited Lambeth Palace and overviewed the current ecclesiastical and political situation with the Archbishop of Canterbury and also prayed with him.

3.10 Adoor Diocese

Mission Activities:

1. Gadgeshwar, Andhra Pradesh:

Gadgeshwar Mission Field near Andhra Pradesh Secunderabad is a mission started by Adoor Diocese on the occasion of the 80th birthday of late lamented Dr. Alexander Mar Thoma Metropolitan. In the early days, the evangelists lived in NFC Nagar and worked. Rev. Subin John is providing necessary leadership for these activities as directed by the Diocesan Episcopa. Eva. Joshua G. is also serving as the missionary.

2. Sathyawadi, Tamil Nadu

The Satyawadi Mission in Tamil Nadu, which was started on the occasion of the 80th birthday of Alexander Marthoma Metropolitan, has completed 28 years. Mission work is being continued meaningfully. Rev. V.G. Babu is extending necessary leadership to the mission activities. Eva. John Raghunath is working as the evangelist there.

3. Puthankara

It is a mission centre started in 1990 near Illamannur. 10 families gather here for worship. House visits, prayer meetings and relief programs are being conducted. Eva. Wilson M. is serving as the evangelist here.

4. Punnala

Punnala Mission near Pathanapuram is established on the land given to the Sabha by late Rev. M. J. John. An evangelist resides here and works in Katassery, Punnala, Aanakullam, Vazanghode and Chachipunna. Eva. M. G. Georgekutty is serving as the evangelist here.

5. Kunnathur Mission

This is a mission place included in the Kannamkode Centre. A mission house has been built here. Evg. M. C. Rajan stays here and visits the surrounding areas to spread the gospel.

6. Tharayilkadavu

Tharayilkadavu is a costal mission field started with the encouragement of late lamented Dr. Abraham Mar Thoma. The activities were initiated by Madam Clayway from Vanitha Mandiram in 1935 who visited Valiazikkal, which is located in the west Kayamkulam. Six families gather here for worship. The Holy Communion is celebrated on the first and third Sundays. Divya BodhanaTuition Centre, playschool, computer class, P.S.C. coaching class, social welfare programs and balajana sakhyam are working efficiently.

7. Puthupally

A branch of Dr. T.K. Varghese's hospital at Cheriyaazikal under the leadership of Sevika Sangam was started in a rented house at Puthupalluy in 1937. In 1948, it involved in the Suvishesha Sangham. The mission leads the socio-economic and educational activities of the area. The mission is flourishing under the diocese and the Kayamkulam Mar Thoma Church.

8. Manivelikadav

This mission work was started on May 1, 2019 under the leadership of Rt. Rev. Dr. Abraham Mar Paulos Episcopa. Adoor Emmanuel Mar Thoma Church and Dubai Mar Thoma Church are together extending the financial assistance. Rev. Jerry Varghese is serving as the missionary at Tharayilkadav, Puthupally and Manivelikadav. The mission activities are led by the Kayamkulam Centre.

E.M.T.M. Spirituality Centre, Adoor

The Easow Mar Timotheos Spirituality Centre inspires many for meditation and spiritual growth. Revival meetings, fellowship for the dedicated, higher education training, library for reading, study and meditation are functioning effectively here. Rev. P. N. Alexander serves as coordinator. Activities such as revival meeting, Ardratha Pain & Palliative Care, Premarital & Post Marital Counselling Program, Anugraha De-Addiction and Vijayavazi are being hosted sat EMTM Spirituality Centre.

Sadhu Kochukunju Memorial Centre-Mt. Zion

Meditation meetings are being held at Mt. Zion in the memory of Moothambakal Sadhu Kochukunju Upadeshi. The 89th Convention was duly held from February 1-5.

Mar Thoma Development Society

The society works under the leadership of Adoor Diocese which is registered as No. 619/97 in 1955 under the 12th Travancore-Cochin Literary and Scientific Dharma Sanghangal Registration Act. This society is leading the educational and social activities of the diocese. Mar Thoma Gurukulam, Vavvakkavu Shanthibhavanam, Ashabhavan Pidavoor, Mar Thoma Residential School Kalayapuram and Santhvana Care Centre-Ilapikullam are functioning as part of the society. Mr. P. N. Mathew is serving as the secretary and Mr. Varghese Tharakan is serving as the treasurer.

1. Marthoma Gurukulam, Manakala

A hostel dedicated to evangelical work was started in 2010 to train boys to acquire a personality dedicated to Christ and Church with contextual vision for mission. Rev. Paul Jacob is extending a blessed leadership.

2. Mar Thoma Shantibhavanam, Vavvakkaavu

Shantibhavan is a shelter for people who are neglected by the society and abandoned in their old age. The Shanti Bhavan has received permission from the government to accommodate 30 people. Rev. Joji K. Mathew is serving as the director and Mr. Varghese Tharakan is serving as the treasurer.

3. Palliative Care Centre, Ilipikullam

Meenathethil Smt. Thangamma Varghese donated 45 cents of land near her house for the charity work by the diocese. The construction of a building to house and care 20 elderly women at the said place is in the final stage. Rev. Jobin S. Abraham is serving as the as the and Mr. John Mathew is serving as the treasurer.

4. Asha Bhavan - Pidavoor

Asha Bhavan was started in 1981 for the welfare of the physically challenged at Pidavoor near Pathanapuram. 53 children are staying at Asha Bhavan which works under Mar Thoma Development Society of Adoor Diocese for study and vocational training. Rev. Sunil B. Zachariah is serving as the Director and Shri. Chacko Mathew is serving as the treasurer.

5. Mar Thoma Residential School, Kalayapuram

The school started functioning in 2013 at Mt. Zion, Kalayapuram. The CBSE syllabus is being followed. The school provides education from playschool to 6th standard. With 213 students, this institution is on the path of growth. During the reporting year, the construction of the new school building is under progress and is moving towards completion. 15 teaching and non-teaching staff are working here. Rev. John P. Joy is serving as the principal. The school is functioning at Kalayapuram as a blessing by the prayers and preaching of Moothampakal Sadhu Kochu Kunju Upadeshi.

Convention 2023

The Convention was held from 5th to 8th January, 2023 which was presided by Diocesan Episcopa at Spirituality Centre Convention Nagar.

Month-end Meditation

Charismatic Meditations are conducted on the last Saturdays of every month. Different centres give leadership every month.

De-addiction

The Anugraha De-Addiction is working effectively. During the report year, 53 patients sought treatment and were recovered. A. A. meetings are also arranged.

Vijayavazi

Vijayavazhi is a special scheme of the diocese to encourage students for higher education. Retired Civil Services and IPS officers and other proficient persons are giving leadership to the classes.

Ardratha Pain & Palliative Care

Services like visiting and comforting cancer patients, kidney patients and bed-ridden patients is being extended in the centre.

Charitable Activities

Financial assistance for constructing Houses, medical needs, education and marriage is provided. Interest from the endowment which was made as a part of the 101st birthday of Mar Chrysostom Valiya Metropolitan, was given to Kumbanad Fellowship Hospital for dialysis assistance.

Clergy Meeting

The Annual Diocesan Clergy Meeting was organized from 12th September to 21st September at Varkala under the chairmanship Diocesan Episcopa and classes on contemporary ecclesiastical, political and social issues were conducted. On the first Tuesdays of every month, the Evangelion Bible Study is organized for the clergy.

Fellowship of the Evangelists

On the first Wednesday of every month, the mission field report and Bible study are presented by all the evangelists of the diocese under the chairmanship of the diocesan secretary.

B.C.D.C.

Study materials are distributed to all the children of the parishes of the diocese and motivation classes were also arranged.

Parish Ministerial Conference

A special annual meeting of ministers was organised to facilitate and honour them with an award.

Mandala Padhana Samellanam

To study the Sabha Mandalam Study Book, classes were organized at Enathu Mar Thoma Church and Kayamkulam Salem Mar Thoma Church.

Organizations

Organizations such as Sunday School, Yuvajana Sakhyam, Voluntary Evangelistic Sangham, Sevika Sangham, Diocesan Development Sangham are registered with the central level and are working at the diocesan level.

Baskyama Fellowship and Legal Affairs Committee are also working under the diocese. Diocesan Convention, Christmas program titled Srishttikyu Oru Sangeerthanam, Family reunion, Diocesan Magazine Hermon Duthan, Charity works, B.C.D.C. activities are conducted efficiently.

Clergy/Evangelists

85 priests including 24 retired clergy are serving in the diocese. 12 evangelists are serving in various mission centres of the diocese.

Diocesan Council

Under the leadership of Rt. Rev. Dr. Abraham Mar Paulos Episcopa 24 members are serving as council members. Very Rev. T. K. Mathew is serving as the Vicar General, Rev. Baby John is serving as the diocesan secretary, Mr. Varghese Tharakan is serving as the diocesan treasurer and Rev. Soju M. Thomas is serving as the bishop secretary.

3.11 Chennai - Bangalore Diocese

Parishes located in the South Indian states like Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Telengana and the union territories of Andaman and Nicobar Island and Pondicherry along with overseas

parishes of St. James and St. Thomas in Kuwait and mission centres are included in the diocese. The diocese includes various mission fields. Missionary Achens and evangelists are enthusiastically leading the evangelistic work among the indigenous people. The combination of different languages and cultures adds uniqueness to this diocese.

Along with the various mission fields under the charge of this diocese, mission activities under the charge of MTEA and mission centres undertaken by various diocese in Kerala are included in the diocese. The diocese includes 76 parishes, 68 congregations, 54 chapels and 46 mission centres spread over in 10 centres.

Priests and Evangelists

The clergy and evangelists work tirelessly on various services under the Chennai-Bangalore Diocese. During the reporting year, 106 priests were ministering in various parishes, mission fields and institutions. About 70 evangelists of Diocese and more than 125 evangelists of special preacher group join the missionary priests and lead the evangelistic work by staying in the villages. Also, 8 priests who have retired from active service, apart from priests who are doing higher studies, UTC's teaching, ECC Director, CIRS Director are leading the ministry.

Bhadrasana Council

A 27-member council is actively working to take and implement efficient decisions on various activities of the diocese. The council met 5 times. Rev. Nainu Chandy served as the Diocesan Secretary, Mr. C. I. Sabu John served as the Diocesan treasurer, Rev. Shinu Baby served as the Bishop Secretary.

Clergy Annual Conference

The annual clergy conference under the Chennai- Bangalore diocese was held from August 23 to August 26, 2022 in St. Theodore Retreat centre, Coonoor. Classes and Bible studies were conducted on the theme ‘A Journey to Reconciliation and Peace’.

Youth Conferences

The Diocesan youth conference took place from May 26 to May 29 in Bangalore Ecumenical Christian Centre. Classes and Bible studies were conducted on the theme ‘SCAR- Second Chance at Restoration’. Bhadrasana Kala Mela, Youth Conferences and Youth Gatherings at Centres were held this year.

Regional Youth Conference

Regional Youth conferences were conducted this year too bringing together young minds using their regional languages such as Kannada and Telugu.

Centre Conventions

Diocesan conventions were organised in the Hyderabad-Secunderabad, Chennai and Bangalore centres. Hyderabad -Secunderabad convention took place from November 24 to November 27, 2022, Bangalore centre convention was held from January 19 to January 23, 2023 and Chennai centre convention was conducted from March 9 to March 12, 2023. The diocesan Episcopa presided over and lead all the regional conventions.

Mission Activities

The Missions activities are continuing to spread the Love of God which was revealed to us through Jesus Christ. The activities for the society and the church under the leadership of the diocese are listed below:

HIV/AIDS Rehabilitation Programme

A project named "Anpin Karam" under the leadership of Kuruvakulam Mission is working among HIV/AIDS sufferers. This project enables us to assist the HIV affected people in Pollachi and

Kuruvakulam. Counseling classes for their psychological and social support are arranged. Nutrition kits containing nutritious grains and alternative food items for health maintenance are provided every month through this project. More than 550 family members are supported through this project.

Porter's Fellowship

The collective among porters is an activity initiated in connection with the 100th birthday celebration of Most Rev. Dr. Philipose Mar Chrysostom Mar Thoma Valiya Metropolitan. This gathering leads to help the lives of porters working at Chennai Central Railway Station and Egmore Railway Station. During the reporting year, educational materials were distributed to the children of laborers. Christmas gifts were distributed at the meeting held on 3rd January 2023.

Vacation Bible Class

Vacation Bible classes were conducted in the respective vernacular languages for the spiritual nurturing of the children.

Old age Homes

Elderly homes are functioning at various places to protect the elderly who are dejected out of their homes and on the highways. An old age home called Shantimandiram is functioning adjacent to the Hoskote Mission Centre in Karnataka. More than 20 elderly people resides here and get help. An old age home called Anpinkaram is functioning at the Kuruvakulam Mission Center in Tamil Nadu and an old age home called Asabhavan at Sreeperumbathur under the leadership of Madras Mar Thoma Parish.

Health Care

Community Health Clinics work as a blessing in various mission fields to provide assistance and health care to the sick and needy in the community. The Hoskote Mission Hospital, which is run by Evangelistic Association helps the local residents in health care.

Kindergartens / Schools

More than 75 Balawadis are functioning in various places of the diocese and mission centers. The following academic institutions are functioning in the Diocese:

St. Thomas School, Mysore

St. Thomas Primary School, Gundalpet,

St. Thomas High School, Neredmet

St. Thomas English School, Kuruvakulam

Gnaana jyothy English Medium School and Junior College, Mydakur

Gramajyothi School, Dibburahalli

Karnataka Navajeevana Samiti

Karnataka Navajeevana Samiti Working in more than 200 villages for the past 15 years has centers at Siddhilagatta, Chintamani and Rayalpad. 3 priests and 14 evangelists lead the activities of prayer groups, VBS, Sunday school, free tuition, computer class, tailoring class, medical aid, fasting prayer and retreats.

Karnataka Mission Board

Besides preparing the evangelists and providing them with necessary training courses, drug free programs, health care workshops, youth conferences and mission conferences are organized. Through the said project, it is possible to strengthen the community of faith and make those who come as seekers a part of the community. Through this, new parishes, congregations and house worships were formed.

Social welfare schemes

Diocese organises activities that bring hope and comfort to the poor, and sick sections of the society. In addition, attention is paid to the nurturing of the community of faith and to making God's people eager for the work of the gospel.

Guidance Home

Alexander Mar Thoma Valiya Metropolitan Memorial Fellowship and Guidance Home Vellore and Hospital Guidance Center Manipal assists in arranging accommodation and food facilities for many patients and their attendants. Apart from providing financial assistance to the deserving patients, it was also possible to provide the necessary spiritual care to the patients. A new plot was bought for a new guidance centre, 3 kilometres away from CMC Kanikapuram

Shantisadanam Chittoor Guidance Centre

In Chittoor Village, Andhra Pradesh a new building close to Vellore Hospital with more than 40 rooms with modern facilities was constructed.

Pain and palliative

Pain and Palliative Care is a ministry of providing loving comfort to the sick, the disabled and the infirmities of old age. Activities are taking place in various parishes of Chennai-Bangalore Diocese. The service minded volunteers have helped in continuing the pain and palliative project of the diocese.

Green Olive Bangalore

Arrangements are being made for a more deliberate execution of the scheme, which has been eagerly begun, so that the lonely and aged do not wait helplessly, and provide for the happiness of social association. 2 acres of land purchased near theBangalore Mar Thoma Center in Beerasandrahas been earmarked for the said project.

Children's education and their social circle

Light to Life is a project run as a unit of the Madras Calcutta Diocesan Charitable Trust, which is spearheading the social activities of the diocese with the help of the North America-Europe Bhadrasana Mission Board. Through this project thousands of children are guided towards the light of education. Devanahalli KNS Mission Projects, Hoskote and Sankareddy areas are focused. We are so grateful to North America-Europe diocesan bishop Rt. Rev. Dr. Isaac Mar Philoxenos Episcopa, Mission Board Members, Diocesan Council members for their continued support and prayers.

Dr. Joseph Mar Thoma Centre for Holistic Development- Anna Nagar

The institution formed under the aegis of Joseph Mar Thoma Metropolitan provides a platform for study, discussion and classes under the diocese.

Mar Thoma Vidhyasadhanam Students Center - Padur,

Construction of a Student’s Centre on half an acre of land available for activities as part of the Students' Ministry in Chennai was completed during the reporting year. Chennai-based Albis Group Pvt Ltd is engaged in construction. Through this center, students from different parts come together and the fellowship will hold them strongly to Church and Christ. A Student's Chaplain priest resides on the Hindustan College Campus and directs the activities of the Student Ministry.

Students Ministry

Students coming from different parts of the world to study in the colleges located on the border of Chennai – Bangalore diocese are being provided services for spiritual nurturing and growth. About 12 student chaplain priests are leading these activities in different centers. Services will be conducted at major centers Bangalore, Chennai, Belgaum, Bellary, Pondicherry, Coimbatore, Erode,

Kadapa, Davengere, Gulberg, Hyderabad, Secunderabad, Kumarapalayam, Mangalore, Manipal, Salem, Tumkur, Vellore, Karakal and Thambaram.

Activities of organizations

Sunday School, Yuvajana Sakhyam, Voluntary Evangelist Association, Sevikasankam, Women's Fellowship, Senior Citizen Form, Young Couples Meeting, are Actively working in the Diocese. Special meetings, leadership training courses, workshops, medical camps, art competitions etc. are organized under their auspices. The centre- Shaka activities are clubbed under the guidance of Diocese.

Publications

Diocesan Herald, the mouthpiece of the Diocese published once in three months. The Diocesan Herald

is also published online. Diocesan Herald circulates news about the various activities and programs of the Diocese, along with scripture study and other articles focusing on topical issues and artistic works of the faith community. the book Nomads - The Victorious Warriors was published at the Maramon Convention under the leadership of the Diocese.

3.13 Kunnamkulam - Malabar Diocese

The Diocese covers seven districts from Thrissur to Kasaragod in Kerala, Gudalur in Tamil Nadu and Sharjah Mar Thoma Parish in UAE. Initially it was a part of Kottayam-Kunnamkulam diocese based in Kottayam, later it was part of Kunnamkulam-Madras Diocese and since 1990 it is known as Kunnamkulam-Malabar. as a missionary diocese, Kunnamkulam-Malabar diocese keeps the flame of faith demonstrated by the forefathers in the soil of Malabar, where the sacrificial memories of migration sleep, and shines more brightly and passes another year in its mission journey. Rt. Rev. Dr. Thomas Mar Theethos Episcopa as the diocesan bishop guides the diocese to the realization of his vision through incomparable trajectories, with a passion to support and nurture the weary.

Priests and evangelists

54 Clergymen and 20 Evangelist are leading the services in the diocese.

Diocesan Assembly / Diocesan Council 2022

The diocesan assembly was held on 2022 August 13 at Ebenezer Mar Thoma Church, Thrishur. Rt. Rev. Dr. Thomas Mar Theethos Episcopa presided over the meeting. Padmasree Dr. Shoshamma Iype, Mr. V. K. Denny who was chosen as the as the best entrepreneur were honoured in the gathering.

The 2021-22 Annual report, audited statement of income and expenditures, 2022-2023 budget of the diocese and the institutions were presented and passed. During the year, the 26-member Council met 5 times and took and implemented necessary decisions for the all-round growth of the diocese.

Diocesan Clergy meeting

Annual Conference of Bhadrasana Priests was held from 26th to 29th September 2022 at Aluva Shantigiri Retreat Centre. Under the main theme *Challenges for Pastoral Ministry in the Post-truth Era*. Rt. Rev. Dr. Thomas Mar Teethos Episcopa, Rev. Fr. Dr. K. M. George, Rev. Oommen V. Varkey, Rev. Jacob Thomas, Mr. Cherian C. John led the main classes. Rev. Samuel T. Netiatan, Rev. Mathew Varghese led the Bible Study;Rev. Lijo J. George, Rev. Rev. Anil Abraham, Rev. Noble M. Mathew, Rev. Ajeesh Abraham Koshi, Rev. Saju B. John led the singing session. On the concluding day, diocesan Episcopa led the holy Communion and gave the concluding message. Clergy gatherings were held regularly at Center and regional level once every three months.

Evangelist's Conference

Along with the 70th Diocesan Convention, Evangelist Conference was held on 25th of January 2023

at Chunkatthara Salem Mar Thoma Church. Rt. Rev. Dr. Thomas Mar Teethos Episcopal and Rev. Dr. Jacob Thomas led the sessions. Evg. Joseph Mathew, Evg. T. A Thomas, Evg. Reji Varghese were felicitated and presented with a memento in the conference on the occasion of their 25 years of service. All the evangelists gathered at St. Paul's Mar Thoma Church, Kozhikode on November 1, 2022 which was encouraging and nourishing for them.

Diocesan convention

The 70th Diocesan Convention was held from 22nd to 29th January 2023 at the *Pandal* prepared at Chungathara Salem Mar Thoma church. Rt. Rev. Dr. Thomas Mar Theethos Episcopa inaugurated the Convention and presided over all the day's meetings., Rev. Dr. Jacob Thomas led the renewal meeting from Monday to Wednesday. Evangelist's meeting was arranged on Wednesday afternoon. Sunday school samajam led the meetings arranged for children on Thursday and Friday. Rev. Mathew Varghese led the Bible classes. Very Rev. George Mathew, Very Rev. Paul Parekara Cor Episcopa, Rev. Bobby Mathew, Rev. Shiji Sam, Rev. Philip Mathew, Rev. Sanal Cherian, Eva. Joy Pullad and Mrs. Preena Mathew were the speakers. The diocesan level inauguration of *Navathy* celebration of Mar Thoma Yuvajana Sakhyam was done by Metropolitan of Syrian Jacobite Church, Rt. Rev. Geevarghese Mar Stephanos on the youth meeting on Saturday. Bishop of Orthodox church Kunnankulam diocese Rt. Rev. Dr. Geevarghese Mar Yulios metropolitan gave the felicitation message at the evening meeting on January 26. Rt. Rev. Dr. Theodosius Mar Thoma Metropolitan led the Holy communion service and delivered the message on the closing day.

Diocesan Day

13th November 2022 was observed as Diocesan Sunday. We would like to express our gratitude to the faith community, especially the Sharjah Mar Thoma Parish Vicars, Committee members and Parishioners for helping each with an average rate of 1000 rupees for development activities.

Bhadrasana Prakasham

Bhadrasana Prakasam, the official magazine of Bhadrasanam is published at regular intervals of three months.

Kaval Day Care, Kotupadam,

The organization started in 2018 with the aim of upliftment of the differently abled people in Gram Panchayats Kakodi, Chelannoor, Kakoor in Kozhikode District is completing 4 years and the differently abled people from 22 families and adults in these areas are realizing that their lives are meaningful. activities are being carried out with the gracious co-operation and encouragement from nearby Mar Thoma Parishes and other well-wishers. Children make crafts and bath soap as well as learning to draw letters and count.

Karuthal Project

Initiated as a centenary project of the birth of Most Rev. Dr. Philippos Mar Chrysostom Valiya Metropolitan, *Karuthal project* is a resettlement project for the family members of the jail inmates. Based on the information collected from the prison authorities about the families of the most helpless and vulnerable persons incarcerated in various jails, the most deserving among them were identified and the expenses related to the education of the children of the former families, welfare of the family members, housing assistance, visiting their families at regular intervals, their different living conditions and other needs to be helped. The provision of the identified sectors, family reunification etc. are targeted through the *Karuthal* project.

Ministry to the Transgender

The transgender community is one of the most marginalized communities. They lead their daily lives by overcoming various social isolations. The activities of Navodaya Movement started by Mar Thoma Sabha with the aim of uplifting them have already caught the attention of the society. As a part of this movement, various activities are going on in the diocese among heterosexuals.

Prashantha Bhavan halfway home

Prashantha Bhavan Psycho-Social Rehabilitation Center (Half Way Home) which was started in Badiatukka, Kadamana for the rehabilitation of mentally ill people who are not connected with friends and family. 8 men from different districts of North Kerala is residing at Prashantha Bhavan. They are involved in healthy routines, yoga practice, kitchen, garden maintenance, poultry farming etc. The fifth anniversary of Prashantha Bhavan was held on November 9, 2022 under the leadership of Rt. Rev. Dr. Thomas Mar Teethos Episcopa. The institution has received the approval of the Department of Social Justice and the Kerala Orphanage Control Board. Rev. Matthew Samuel serves as the Director of the institution.

Save a Heart

Save a Heart is an initiative to help children in cardiac surgery and follow-up treatment from economically backward families. In collaboration with reputed hospitals in Kerala, we provide necessary surgical assistance and purchase essential items as per the request of the health department. The offertory received during the visits of the Diocesan Bishop to the parish is utilized for these purposes. During the report year Rs 91137 was received. Diocese Sunday school has donated Rs. 50,000 for this project. Further plans are made to give importance to the treatment of children with heart disease, to organize heart disease diagnosis camps in tribal areas and to provide assistance in the order of one surgery per month.

Bhadrasana lahari vimochana samithy

Under the leadership of Bhadrasana Samiti, anti-drug awareness programs were conducted focusing on educational institutions and small towns. Online awareness training for preachers and Sunday school teachers was arranged. On January 26, 2023, as part of the Diocese Convention, a special conference against addiction was held; Rev. Shiji Sam (Director, Ashvas De-addiction Centre) delivered the keynote address. An anti-drug awareness exhibition was organized by the Bhadrasana Samiti in the Pandal premises.

Karuna De addiction Centre

While alcohol remains a problem today, drug use has become a growing scourge. In realising the need to address the issue, diocese has started the project Karuna in Uppada celebrating the 60th Birthday of the Diocese Bishop Mar Theethos Episcopa. The inaugural function of Thomas Mar Teethos Episcopa Shastyabdapurthi De-Addiction Center was held on Saturday, November 12, 2022 at Chunkathara Marthoma College Auditorium. Thomas Mar Teethos Episcopa chaired the meeting and Edakkara SI. N Ravindran did the inauguration. The construction of the first floor of the building has been completed. The Camp Center is built with basic facilities for 50 families to stay and participate in treatment, including reception, doctor's consulting room, counseling room, conference hall, recreation hall and two dormitories.

Karunalayam half way home

Karunalayam Half way home Kozhikode Home is a project launched at Uppada Malabar Mission Complex for women who recovered after receiving treatment from Mental Health Centres and not been included in their own homes. The Psycho-Social Rehabilitation, began on 10th May 2018 at Uppada, is completing 5 years after taking in 10 women who were neglected by their relatives despite getting well after treatment at Kutthiravattam Mental Health Centre. At present there are 8 people who are members of Half Way Home.

Organizations

Sunday school, Yuvajanasakhyam, Sevikasankam, Voluntary Evangelistic Association, are active in the mission and activities of the Diocese.

Educational Institutions:

1. Mar Thoma Higher Secondary School, Chunkathara

2743 students are studying in Chunkathara Mar Thoma Higher Secondary School in classes 1 to 12. Along with curricular and extra-curricular subjects, training is imparted to develop discipline, leadership skills, and personality development. Counselling classes and awareness class against substance addictions, social service initiative *Santhvanam Club* involves the wholesome participation of the students and teachers. 236 students appeared for +2 examination and 202 children cleared their exams in flying colours. 25 children secured A+ in all the subjects and 20 students secured A+ in 5 subjects.

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3.12 Delhi Diocese

From Visakhapatnam to Kashmir, from Rajasthan to West Bengal, Delhi Diocese is spread across 18 states of India. Diocese Center is located in the heart of the national capital city of Delhi. Diocese continued the service and testimony of God's love revealed by Jesus Christ in the midst of different natures, diversity and challenges.

Diocese Episcopa

On March 01, 2022, Rt Rev Dr. Euyakim Mar Coorilos SuffraganMetropolitan assumed office as the Chair. His Grace paid particular attention to restarting the activities of the organizations in online and offline, visiting various mission centers, parishes and other institutions and giving new awakening to the workers and people. His Holiness completes 33 years as Episcopate and 2 years as Suffragan Metropolitan. Thanking God for His grace and power.

Diocese Office

Diocese activities are coordinated at the Mar Thoma Center in Gole Market, New Delhi. Very Rev. Thomas Cherian serves as the Bishop's Resident Secretary. Rev. Koshy C. K. (Until October 31, 2022), Rev. Sam Abraham (with effect from November 1, 2022), as Diocese secretary. Shri. P. K. Edikula as diocesan treasurer. Mr. Alfie C. I. as office assistant Rasul as a care taker.

Diocese Council & Assembly

The Diocese Assembly met on September 02, 2022 to approve the Annual Report and Estimates for 2021-22 and the Budget for 2022-23 and took other necessary decisions. The Diocese Council met five times.

Members of the Sabha Council

Smt. Jeemol Varghese, (Bhopal), Rev. Dr. Matthew K. Boss (Faridabad), Captain J. M. Thomas (Delhi) and worked as members of the Sabha Council.

Parishes, parishioners, evangelists

In this Diocese there are three parishes in Kuwait, Delhi, Lucknow, Rajasthan, Bhopal, Kolkata and Chhattisgarh in six centers with a total of 58 parishes and 23 congregations. 82 Clergies, 20 Evangelists and other auxiliary workers served in the Diocese in the year 2022-23.

Website & Darshan

The website www.delhidiocese.com is the official platform for the public to know about Diocese activities. Darshan is published quarterly with meaningful thoughts, studies, articles and news to make the readers think and enlighten. Rev. Jibu James works as its chief editor.

Legal Affairs Committee

The Legal Affairs Committee constituted in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution deals with the legal matters that need to be resolved as per the situation.

Diocese Sunday

Every year in the month of August, Diocese Sunday is celebrated in Diocese parishes to bring the activities of Diocese to the people. Diocese Sunday and Heritage fundraiser arranged on 21st August 2022.

Yohanon Mar Thoma lecture

The Yuhanon Mar Thoma Memorial Lectures are scheduled for September 4, 2022 at YMCA. Senior Journalist Mr. T. N Ninan delivered a lecture on the theme of Cost of Rising Inequality. Rev. Dr. Sunni E. Mathew worked as General Convener.

Diocese convention

Diocese Convention 2022 was held at St. John's School on 28th and 29th October 2022 and at Ghaziabad School on Sunday 30th. His Grace Dr. Euyakim Mar Coorilos suffragan metropolitan led the meetings. Rev. Santosh K. C. (Mumbai) delivered the message.

Christmas “Gloria in Excelsis”

For the first time outside Delhi, the Diocese carol service Gloria in Excelsis was held on 11 December 2022 in Bhopal. The parishes, institutes and Clergy of Bhopal Center participated heartily and made it successful. In the meeting chaired by Diocese Secretary Rev.Sam Abraham, Sister Vandana Paliakara gave the Christmas message and Rev. C. P. Singh conveyed his best wishes. Parishes of Bhopal St. Peter's, Lalghati St. Paul's, Kolar Road Bethel, Jabalpur St. Andrew's, Dewas Emmanuel, Indore, Rewa, Stana Itarsi, Sehatganj Balawadi Community, Satna Community and Sihora Easow Mar Timothios Training Center presented various programs.

Rev. Biju George, (Vicar, Bhopal St. Peter's), Shri. P. K. Edikula (Diocese Treasurer), Shri. George V. John (Member of Diocese Council) and acted as conveners.

Maramon Convention Stall

During the 2023 Maramon Convention days, the Diocese stall was operated outside the sand, as in previous years.

Annual Meeting of Clergy

Annual meeting of Clergy of Diocese was held from 10th to 13th October 2022 at Dehradun. Rev.Dr. Sham P. Thomas delivered the main message. DioceseEpiscopa inaugurated the meeting. Rev. Tom's Ninan worked as General Convener.

Suvishesha Nidhi

A fundraiser called Suvishesha Nidhiis held every year to support Diocese evangelistic activities. Suvi Sesha activities under the leadership of Diocese are carried out with the sincere support of the people.

Diocese Center building inspection and maintenance

Legal structure audit of Mar Thoma Center was conducted by government recognized agencies. It was found suitable considering the structural stability of the building. During the year under report comprehensive renovation of office cum library area and basement was started.

Mission Activities

There are mission centers run directly by the Diocese, other agencies of the Church that fall within the geographic boundaries of the Diocese, and mission centers and institutions run by the Diocese.

Srikakulam - Vijayanagaram Mission

The Srikakulam Mission is spread over an area of about 150 km, covering three districts of Andhra Pradesh (Srikakulum, Vijayanagaram and Parvathipuram) and Rayagada district of Odisha. There are more than 250 families, 950 believers and seekers, 13 churches, three orphanages and three tailoring schools functioning in different villages. It conducts worship, prayer meetings, hospital and home visits, awareness programs on drugs, alcoholism, health and hygiene, pre-marital counselling programs at regular intervals. Another project of this mission is Jeevadhara Girls Hostel, where 11 children stay and study in classes 3 to 10 in various government schools. 13 evangelists are serving in various villages and centers with Rev. Ronnie K. Ipe as Missionary and Ganapati Rao as Co-ordinating Ram.

Mar Thoma Youth Chaplaincy - Ludhiana

Mar Thoma Students Fellowship is an association of Mar Thoma students from different parts of the country and abroad who are students of Ludhiana CMC. Meeting every Monday in the Dental College Chapel at 6pm, regular Bible studies, singing exercises and timely discussions are held. During Lent, 35 audio meditations were prepared with the participation of students. Ludhiana Mar Thoma Parish Vicar Rev. Rovin Varughese John performed this role. More than 45 Mar Thoma students in various courses Ludhiana C. M. Studying in C.

Varanasi Mission

Mar Thoma Mission in Varanasi was started in 1995. This mission, which was the mission field of Mar Thoma Evangelistic Association, has been working under the Delhi Diocese since May 2015. Rev. Anix Johnson Missionary, Mr. Arika Kuruma Rao also serves as an evangelist. The mission of this mission is to provide education to the poor children of the nearby villages of Chama, Ahiran and Koiran. Varanasi Gram Jyoti School plays a key role in achieving this goal. Started in 2007, the school has entered its 16th year. 121 students study during the reporting year. Rev. Anix Johnson, Mrs. Apart from Helen Mary John, 10 teachers are serving here.

The mission includes tailoring schools for rural women to become self-sufficient. Through this, the development and empowerment of women is targeted. 15 girls have completed sewing training here during the current year. Sewing missions were given to the students.

Proclaiming God's Word by distributing Bibles to seekers who want to learn God's Word. In the village, there are eight faithful families and a prayer meeting is held every Wednesday. These meetings in Hindi are led by Shri. Arika Kumara Rao. Two Balawadis are functioning here in the village. Balawadi students, parents and people from neighbouring villages participated in the Christmas program.

Berinag Mission

Berinag Mission Center at Chopat is functioning under the leadership of Delhi Diocese. Currently Evg. Basant Singh works as an evangelist with his family. Fasting prayer is performed every Friday.

The center consists of a mission house and a hall. Sunday school is also running for the children there. Rev. Anish Mathew, Rev. Ajith Rajan, Rev. Shiju Oommechan are serving as missionaries.

Itarsi Mission

The mission is working among Cherinivas of Jaiprakash Nagar, Old Itarsi. The Itarsi Mission was the response of the Mar Thoma Church to the vision ministry of The late Rev. M. M. Abraham (Zehora). Most of the people living around the mission area were illiterate and economically backward workers, so their children did not go to school. Lack of education has led them to many social evils. Mar Thoma Grama Jyoti School was started in the year 2000 to guide the children here from darkness and ignorance to the world of knowledge with a vision to wipe out the cycle of illiteracy. Gram Jyoti School plays an important role in fulfilling this objective. At present, there are nine teachers and other staff in this school, and a total of 78 children are being educated in classes one to seven. As our church members retire from work and go back to Kerala, it is very difficult to continue the work of this mission. At present there are only four Mar Thoma families. Rev. N. J. Matthew Missionary, Evg. Deepak Tirki also works as an evangelist.

Ambala Mission

Located in Ambala Cantonment, Mar Thoma Sabha is a place of worship for Mar Thoma people in Ambala since 1970. Built by the Scottish Christians in 1910, the government gave us a conditional lease. Holy Communion is celebrated on the fourth Sunday of every month. Local members of the Cantonment also participate in the worship services.

Mar Thoma Mission, Jammu - Kashmir

Mar Thoma Mission under the Jammu and Kashmir Trust conducts conversions in Bari Brahmin Tehsil of Samba District, Jammu. Conducted worship services, prayer meetings, home visits and children's workshops, sewing unit and empowerment programs. Rev. Rovin Varughese John, Evangelist Jithu Naik and Evangelist Augustine Pradhan provide leadership.

Temer Mission

It was a response to the earthquake in and around Jabalpur. The origin of this mission. Temer adopted the village and started relief and rehabilitation activities. Construction of houses for villagers, medical camps and distribution of food kits conducted

Ludhiana Mission

This is a mission work started in the interest of Ludhiana Mar Thoma parishioners. Later this mission was handed over to the evangelistic group. The mission work is mainly concentrated among the underprivileged children in the slums of Ludhiana. The Balawadi here aims to give the children a worldview different from the circumstances in which they grow up. There are approximately 25-30 students in this kindergarten. Led by Rev. Rovin Varughese John and Evangelist Ashish Naik.

Tibetan Border Mission

Education is the main project of the Mission with two schools running at Munsiari and Nachni along with Child Development Centre. Sunday schools and Sunday worship are held regularly. A women empowerment project was started to sell woolen products and make them self-sufficient.

North Eastern Mar Thoma Centre, Jagaddal & West Bengal Mission

St. Thomas Mar Thoma School, Jagaddal is an English medium school that aims to provide good quality education to the rural poor. Currently More than 300 students study from L. K. G to 10th standard.

Kalinga Mission

The mission started in 2010 and is spread across Rayagada and Kandhamal districts. Now the

mission center is coordinating the activities in 10 villages. Activities aimed at the overall welfare of the underprivileged, such as educational and health care assistance, income generating programs, housing assistance, seed and fertilizer distribution, etc.

Christ Premakulam - Sehatganj, Bhopal

In this mission center known as Christ Premakulam Mar Thoma Mission, Dr. Alexander Mar Thoma Valiya Metropolitan Boys Hostel, Mar Thoma Grama Jyoti Schools, Balawadis and Tuition classes are also being carried out in agricultural activities.

Krista Panthi Ashram - Sihora

This ashram is one of the earliest missions of Mar Thoma Sabha in North India. Bible classes, kindergartens, schools, clinics, hostels, old age homes etc. are functioning here.

Samastipur Mission

It is the only mission area in the state of Bihar. This mission work is focused on educationally, socially and economically backward people. Sunday worship and Sunday school are held regularly. Kindergartens and tailoring schools are running.

Bastar Mission

The main operations of this mission are in the areas within a 25 km radius around Maya Jagdalpur, the district headquarters of Bastar in the state of Chhattisgarh.

Chhattisgarh Mission

The mission is centered around Bilaspur in the state of Chhattisgarh and its surrounding villages. Sunday services, village visits, hospital visits and tuition classes are the main areas of activity of this mission.

Rajasthan Mission

This mission center is located at Mundia Ramsar, 20 km from Jaipur city. The secondary schools and Balawadis here provide the primary education for the children of this village.

Wardha Mission

Started in 1989, the mission emphasized the educational needs of the poor. St. Thomas English Medium School – Established in 2011 at Wardha.

Northern India Zonal Assembly (NIZA)

A number of schools are functioning under this society in North India under the registration of Delhi Diocese. Delhi Mar Thoma Public School- Gazhiabad, UP, Delhi Mar Thoma Public School-Pangad, Chhattisgarh, St. Thomas Public School, Korba, Chhattisgarh, St. Thomas English Medium School, Jaisingh Nagar, MP, Christu Jyoti Mission School, Beohari, MP, Varanasi Mar Thoma School, UP and St. John's School, New Delhi are the main schools under Chakada Society.

Organizations

Organizations such as Sunday school, Yuvajana Sakhyam, Suvishesa Sevika Sangham and Sannadha Suvisheshaka Sangam are working at the Diocese level.

3.13 Kunnamkulam - Malabar Bhadrasanam

This Diocese covers seven districts from Thrissur to Kasaragod in Kerala, Gudalur in Tamil Nadu and Sharjah Mar Thoma Parish in UAE. Initially it was a part of Kottayam-Kunnamkulam Diocese with headquarters in Kottayam, later it was a part of Kunnamkulam-Madras Diocese and from 1990 it was known as Kunnamkulam-Malabar. This Diocese, as a missionary Diocese, keeps the flame of faith shown in the soil of Malabar, where the sacrificial memories of migration sleep, and spreads

the light more brightly and passes another year in its mission journey. Rt. Rev. Dr. Thomas Mar Theethos Episcopa guides the Diocese to the realization of vision through unparalleled paths of action to support the weary and bring him to the shade.

Clergies and evangelists

54 Clergies and 20 evangelists are leading the fruitful ministry in Diocese.

Diocese Assembly / Diocese Council 2022

Kunnamkulam-Malabar Diocese Assembly was conducted at Mar Thoma Syrian Ebenezer Church, Thrissur under the presidence of Rt. Rev. Dr. Thomas Mar Theethos on Saturday 13th August 2022. Dr. Sosamma Ipe, who was honored with Padma Shri by the country. And Mr. V. K. Denny, chosen as Chosen as the best entrepreneur in Diocese. The report and income and expenditure figures for the year 2021-22 of Diocese and institutions and the budget for the year 2022-23 were presented and passed. During the reporting year, the 26-member Council met 5 times and took and implemented necessary decisions for the all-round growth of Diocese.

Clergy Conference

Annual Conference of Diocese Clergies was held from 26th to 29th September 2022 at Aluva Shantigiri Retreat Centre. Rt. Rev. Dr. Thomas Mar Theethos presided over the meeting. Rev. Fr. Dr. K. M. George, Rev. Oommen V. Varkey, Rev. Jacob Thomas, Mr. Cherian C. John led the main classes. Rev. Samuel T. Netiyatan, Rev. Mathew Varghese for scripture studies and Rev. Lijo J. George, Rev. Rev. Anil Abraham Rev. Noble M. Matthew, Rev. Ajeesh Abraham Koshy, Rev. Saju B. John led the singing service and clergy from various centres led the worship. On the concluding day Diocesan Episcopa led the Holy Communion and gave the concluding message. Also, once in three months, clergy gatherings were held regularly at centers and regional level.

Conference of Evangelists

Diocese evangelists' conference was held on 25th January 2023 in connection with 70th DioceseConvention at Chunkattara Salem Mar Thoma Church on Wednesday afternoon. On November 1, 2023, all the evangelicals gathered together at St. Paul's Mar Thoma Church in Kozhikode and celebrated communion.

Diocese convention

The 70th Convention of Kunnamkulam-Malabar Diocese was held from 22nd to 29th January 2023 in the pandal prepared at Chunkattara Shalem Mar ThomaChurch. Rt Rev. Dr. Thomas Mar Teethos presided over day's meetings. In the renewal meeting from Monday to Wednesday Rev. Dr. Jacob Thomas conducted the classes. A meeting of evangelists was arranged for Wednesday afternoon. Rev. Sunday School Society for meetings for children on Thursdays and Fridays and Bible study classes. Matthew Varughese also directed. Very Rev. George Mathew, Very Rev. Paulos Parekara Cor Episcopa, Rev. Bobby Mathew, Rev. Shiji Sam, Rev. Philip Mathew, Rev. Sanal Cherian, Eva. Joy Pullad and Mrs. Preena Mathew performed the sermon. Special meetings were held under the leadership of various organizations in Diocese.

Diocese Day

Sunday 13th November 2022 was observed as Dioceseday. We would like to express our gratitude to the faith community, especially the Sharjah Mar Thoma Parish Vicars, Kaisthana Samiti members and Parishes for helping each family with an average rate of 1000 rupees for Diocese development activities.

Diocese Prakasha

Bhadrasana Prakasam, the official face of Diocese. Published at regular intervals of three months.

Kaval Day Care, Kotupadam

The organization started in 2018 with the aim of upliftment of differently abled people in Kakodi, Chelannur and Kakur gram panchayats of Kozhikode district has completed 4 years and the differently abled people from 22 families with children and adults in these areas are realizing that their lives are meaningful. Various activities are being carried out near the Diocese center with the generous cooperation and encouragement of Mar Thoma parishes and other well-wishers. Children make crafts and bath soap as well as learning to draw letters and count.

KARUTHAL Project

Based on the information collected from the prison authorities about the families of the most helpless and sadhus incarcerated in various jails, the most deserving among them are identified and provision is made for the education related expenses of the children of the said families, protection of the family members, housing assistance, visiting their families at regular intervals, their different living conditions and other areas that require assistance. , Kudumba Sangamam etc. are targeted through the reserve project.

Ministry to the Transgenders

The transgender community is one of the most marginalized among marginalized communities. They lead their daily life by overcoming various social isolations. The activities of Navodaya Movement started by Mar Thoma Sabha with the aim of their upliftment have already caught the attention of the society. As a part of this movement, various activities are going on in Diocese also among the heterosexuals.

Prashantha Bhavan Halfway Home

Prashanthabhavan Psycho-Social Rehabilitation Center (Halfway Home) which was started in Badiatukka, Kadamana for the rehabilitation of mentally ill patients who are not attached to their relatives and friends is active after 5 years. 8 men from different districts of North Kerala stay as inmates at Prashantha Bhavan. They are involved in healthy routines, yoga practice, kitchen garden maintenance, poultry farming etc. The institution has received the approval of the Department of Social Justice and the Kerala Orphanage Control Board.

Save a Heart

Save a Heart is a project started to help children with heart disease from economically backward families in heart surgery and follow-up treatment. In cooperation with famous hospitals in Kerala, we provide necessary assistance for surgery and purchase essential items as per the request of the health department. The thanks received during the visits of the Diocese president to the parish are utilized for these purposes. 91137 received during the year under report. 50,000 was received from Diocese Sunday School children for this project. In the following years, a plan is being prepared to give importance to the treatment of children with heart disease, to organize heart disease diagnosis camps in tribal areas and to provide assistance in the order of one surgery per month.

Diocese Drug Elimination Committee

Under the leadership of Diocese Samiti, anti-drug awareness programs were conducted focusing on educational institutions and small towns. Also provided online awareness training for preachers and Sunday school teachers. On January 26, 2023, as part of the Diocese Convention, in a special conference against addiction, Rev. Shiji Sam delivered the keynote address. An anti-drug awareness exhibition was organized under the charge of Diocese Samiti in the pandal premises.

Karuna Dr. Thomas Mar Theethos Episcopa Shashtyabdapurthi De-Addiction Centre, Uppada

Alcohol and drugs are the addictions of modern society. While alcohol remains a problem today, drug use has become a growing scourge. Understanding the need to eliminate this deadly evil, is an institution that is being started in Uppada with urgent importance -Karuna. Dr. Thomas Mar Teethos Episcopa Shashtyabdapurthi De-Addiction Centre. The announcement conference of the institution

was held on Saturday, November 12, 2022 at Chunkathara Mar Thoma College Auditorium. The construction of the first floor of the building has been completed. The new camp center has been built with basic facilities for 50 families to stay and participate in treatment, including reception, doctor's consulting room, counselling room, conference hall, recreation hall and two dormitories.

Karunalayam Halfway Home

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1974 students are studying under Gudalur Mar Thoma Educational Society through the educational institutions St. Thomas English High School, St. Thomas Higher Secondary School (English Medium), St. Thomas High School (Malayalam Medium) and St. Thomas Primary School (Malayalam Medium). It is a matter of pride that this institution stands as the best in the state of Tamil Nadu. Moreover, a tailoring school works for the benefit of many women and young women who are the most backward in the society. During the reporting year 16 persons are receiving training.

Students Ministry

Mar Thoma Youth Centre, Thenjipalam

Started in 2003, Marthoma Youth and Studies Centre is a movement to coordinate the activities among the students of diocese. Through this movement, Students' Ministry and Boys Hostel services are carried out. Additionally, a project called Student’s Empowerment Project (STEP) has been initiated, conducting classes and camps on various subjects for the holistic development of the growing young people. The project includes career guidance classes, guidance classes to attract children to the Indian Civil Service, and pre-marital classes. In the current year, 15 students stay in the hostel, and daily prayer meetings are conducted for the students.

Hospital Service

B.A.J.M. Hospital, Kuzhalmannam

In memory of Most Rev. Dr. Abraham Mar Thoma Metropolitan, BAJM Hospital, a service started in Palakkad Mission in 1942, conducts palliative care ministry as a blessing during the working year. Moreover, it helps needy patients by providing medicine. The poor and needy patients are given the ambulance provided by Dr. Thambi Thomas to the Hospital free of charge. Rev. Jacob John V. serves as the administrator, and Mr. T.A. Thomas also leads activities as an evangelist.

Hospital Guidance Centre

Mar Thoma Hospital Guidance Centre, Chevayur

Operating for 14 years, Mar Thoma Hospital Guidance Centre serves as a resort for many people from different districts and states of Kerala who come to Kozhikode Medical College and other nearby private hospitals. The centre has 14 rooms with modern facilities for accommodating patients and their attendants, two common kitchens for patient cooking and eating, a chapel, and vehicle facilities. During the reporting year, more than 500 people, including patients, benefited from the services of the Guidance Centre. The centre provides hospital visits and brings food to those in need in hospitals. Additionally, the corporation provides facilities in the centre for social and cultural gatherings of the residents in the area. The centre also helped rent houses for four persons during the working year. The Children's cancer ward of the medical college is regularly served breakfast, and nutritional food is provided free of charge to deserving patients and attendants.

Mar Thoma Divya Niketan, Pariyaram

Operating for 19 years, Divya Niketan Marthoma Guidance Centre in Pariyaram provides accommodation for dialysis patients, distribution of medicines to poor patients, hospital visits, medical assistance, and educational assistance. The centre also arranges accommodations for those who need it. Rev. Lijo J. George serves as the director of the centre.

De-addiction Activities

Mukti De-Addiction Centre, Nadavayal

Working for 18 years, the Mukti De-Addiction Centre has become a part of not only our church but also the society itself. The centre regularly holds ten-day long de-addiction camps, and in the year 2022-23, 633 families came to a healthy life through 21 camps. Till date, 8627 families have experienced a healthy life through 282 camps. Additionally, a 5-day treatment camp was arranged for relapsed work. Under the leadership of the centre, more than 80 A.A. meetings, drug-free conferences, anti-drug campaign programs, and awareness programs at school and village levels are organized. The centre also conducted an Al teen Camp for children of alcoholics, and 65 children participated. The centre provides counselling services to those in need through five counselling centres in various parts of the diocese and through Peria and Pulpally sub-centres in Wayanad. The Mukti De-Addiction Centre serves as the best haven for drug-addicted families in the Malabar region to experience a healthy life.

Darshana Rehabilitation Centre, Sholayur

Inaugurated in 2010, Darshana Rehabilitation Centre serves as a shelter for families in the Sholayur tribal area. The area is populated by agricultural migrants and various tribal communities. During this year, 173 families participated in de-addiction treatment and counseling through 10 camps. Starting this year, lunch is delivered to the people of Attapadi who are suffering from a lack of food. The centre also provides lunch to those in the streets of Sholayur, Oothukuzhi, Nallashinga, and to those who have no one else to feed them after finding them with the help of Asha workers. The centre also runs a school for tribal children, a de-addiction centre, and a counseling centre.

Agathi Mandirams (Destitute homes)

Deenabandhu Mission, Akikavu

Started in 1966, Deenabandhu Mission Hospital is now functioning as a nursing home as well as a working women's hostel. During the reporting year, nine people, including seven mothers and two fathers, lived in this institution, with three of them being bedridden. Regular medical examinations and eye examination camps are conducted. Forty people, including nursing students, availed the hostel facility, and currently, 15 people are staying in the hostel. The old age home and the hostel were renovated and improved. Rev. Shimon Elias serves as Director, Evg. Jiju Joy works as a caretaker, and Mrs. Razia works as a home nurse.

Karunalayam, Uppada

Karunalayam is a shelter home started on 16 September 1999 with four elderly people in connection with Malabar's Migration Jubilee. During the reporting year, nine men and three women lived at Karunalaya, which is attached to the Uppada Malabar Mission Complex. The home provides all facilities to make old age enjoyable and ensures the physical, mental, and spiritual development of its members. Special services and communions are arranged for the inmates in the chapel, and special food is given to the inmates with donations on special days. Rev. Jinu Abraham serves as Director, and Mr. Sajimon P. T. serves as Treasurer.

Ashrams

Christudasa Ashram, Kuzhalmandam

This movement, which has grown with equal importance to prayer and action, has always been a source of pride for the Marthoma Church. Currently, Sister PS Marykutty serves as the in-charge, and Sister P.S. Mariamma are permanent members, with Ms. Elizabeth Sarojini and Ms. Omana Cherian also working as volunteers.

Hostels

Mar Thoma Hostel, Kunnamkulam

The Vanitha Hostel, working in Kunnamkulam Marthoma Centre, houses students and employees studying and working in colleges and other offices in Kunnamkulam and nearby areas. Rev. Koshy Kurien is the director of the hostel.

Jeevan Jyoti Girls Care Centre, Sultanbathery

Entering its 20th year, Jeevan Jyoti aims at the holistic development of tribal communities in Wayanad. During the year of operation, there were 16 girls in the institution. A new building has been constructed at a cost of Rs. 4.5 crores, accommodating 50 children. The building includes three dormitories, a mess hall, a chapel, a director's quarters, and a working women's hostel accommodating up to 22 women. The centre provides free education to tribal girls who are orphans and semi-orphans, guiding them to choose a professional course of their choice.

Centres

Marthoma Centre, Chunkathara

The Marthoma Centre at Chunkathara was the centre of activity for the faith community that had migrated to Malabar. The centre provides accommodation arrangements for guests in connection with the diocese Convention. Additionally, it takes care of maintenance tasks for rubber plantations, Aramana, and other buildings in the area adjacent to the centre.

Marthoma Centre, Kunnamkulam

The Kunnamkulam Marthoma Centre consists of the building and director's quarters built as a memorial for Rt. Rev. Easow Mar Timotheus Episcopa and the silver jubilee priesthood of Rt. Rev. Dr. Euyakim Mar Coorilos Episcopa. The centre runs a women's hostel, providing safe accommodation to women who come to Kunnamkulam from different parts of Kerala for work. The

income from agricultural crops cultivated on the property of the centre is used for its activities. A shopping complex at the Nicholson property is being prepared as a source of income for the mission activities of the diocese.

Camp centres

Dr. Joseph Marthoma & Mar Stephanos Camp Centre, Sholayur, Vaduvanchal, Uppada, Kuzhalmandam, Nellikunn, Thenijipalam, Kunnamkulam, Akikav avail camp centres for study and meditation. Various organizations in the diocese avail the facilities of these centres.

Diocese Mission Activities

Mananthavadi and Kattikulam

Mananthavadi and Kattikulam missions started mission activities in 1997 in association with Mananthavadi Marthoma Congregation in Wayanad. The Mukti De-addiction centre is active in locating persons addicted to intoxicating substances and bringing them to the centre. During the working year, 88 families from Mananthavadi and Kattikulam areas were treated. House visits, counselling, support activities, A.A. meetings, and family gatherings were held effectively. New A.A. meetings were started in Kallodi and Thrissileri areas. Rev. Reti John Skariah serves as a Missionary, and Evg. G. Mathew works as an evangelist.

Giri Jyoti Mission Centre

Chekadi is a village in Wayanad populated by various tribal groups. In 2004, Kizhakken Muthur St. Paul's Marthoma church started mission work here under the name Girijyoti Mission. The Mukti De-addiction Centre operates in the countryside, bringing people to the camp and organizing support meetings for those who come after treatment, with the aim of recovering families from excessive alcohol addiction. Currently, ten families attend the said meeting every Sunday. The centre also runs Bala Samajam, Kilikootam, a Nursery School, and Tuition Class. The Girijyoti Mission Centre has a significant impact on the social, cultural, and spiritual aspects of the region. Rev. Aji Cherian serves as a missionary, and Evg. P. G Prasad also works as an evangelist.

Dasanakkara Mission (Mar Chrysostom Navati Mission)

On January 1, 2006, the mission was started in Dasanakkara and Nirvaram areas near Panamaram in Wayanad under the leadership of Immanuel Marthoma Parish of Eraviperoor. The parish later bought the property and built the mission building. The mission organizes home visits, support meetings, and street plays for families coming out of the Mukti De-addiction Centre. Rev. Aji Cherian serves as a Missionary, and Evg. Varghese Mathew works as an evangelist.

Pulpalli Mission

As a sub-centre of the Mukti De-addiction Centre, the Pulpalli Mission started functioning in January 2007 at Cheeyambam, a neighborhood of Pulpalli. The mission organizes anti-drug awareness classes and street plays in eight schools in nearby areas. Additionally, it holds confidence-building seminars for children preparing for public examinations in three tribal hostels. The Marthoma Church members gather at the Mission Centre as a Congregation, holding public worship every Sunday and Holy Communion on the first Sunday of the month. Rev. Aji Cherian serves as a Missionary, and Mr. K. Varghese also works as an evangelist.

Muthanga Mission

Muthanga Mission is a mission started in May 2007 in Sultan Batheri in the Wayanad district. This is a place where tribals live, and the church here is known for its association with the Mukti de-addiction centre. Currently, five AA groups are conducted regularly every week as part of Muthanga Mission. The mission also organizes Family Reunion, Annual Meetings, and continuation Meetings for the healthy life of the families after the treatment camp. Rev. Aji Cherian serves as a Missionary, and Mr. Rajan Joseph also works as an evangelist.

Telampata Mission

Telampata is a tribal village situated at a distance of 6 km east of Sultan Bathery, along the Karnataka Forest border, where 90 tribal families live in the Erankolli Colony of Telampata. The mission conducts de-addiction activities and rehabilitation activities with the aim of their upliftment. Around 90 families who have become addicted to alcohol and drugs have been able to lead a new life in connection with the Mukti de-addiction centre. The mission also organizes Kilikootum and Christmas programs for the colony residents, conducts A.A. meetings and worship in an orderly manner. Rev. Aji Cherian serves as a missionary, and Mr. Balan also works as an evangelist. Palakkad St. Thomas Marthoma Parish provides financial assistance.

Otapallam Mission

Located on the Sultan Bathery Mysore National Highway, Otapallam is a tribal village situated 6 km away from the Karnataka Forest border. This village is home to sixty-five families from the tribal community. Those struggling with drug addiction are taken to the Mukti de-addiction centre, where they receive essential treatment. Serving as a Missionary is Rev. Aji Cherian, while Mr. Ragavan K. works as an evangelist. Financial support for the project comes from Gudalur St. Thomas Marthoma Edavaka Mission.

Chuliyoodu Mission

Focused on the villages of Chuliyoodu and Vaduvanchal in Wayanad district, this mission has made a significant impact in the education sector over the last 14 years with the establishment of St. Thomas English Medium School, Chuliyoodu. Leading this initiative and serving as a missionary and school administrator is Rev. Varghese Mathew.

Kottupadam Mission

This mission, a meditation centre near the diocese headquarters in Kozhikode district, actively engages in various social activities. Among them, there is a tailoring school to empower women from poor families by increasing their income. Additionally, Kaval- Day Care Centre caters to 16 differently-abled children. Other activities include free medical camps, health awareness programs organized in collaboration with Baby Memorial Hospital, and dementia diagnosis for the elderly, benefiting over 100 individuals. Furthermore, the mission has contributed to building a house for a family facing financial difficulties. Overseeing these efforts is Rev. K. G. Thomas, who serves as the director.

Mampetta Mission

Since 1985, Mampetta, near Mukkam in Kozhikode district, has been actively involved in mission activities under the guidance of St. Thomas Marthoma Church. Evangelist Sunil Peter and his family play a pivotal role in spiritual care, hospital visits, and home visits. Offering necessary advice and guidance is Rev. Saju B. John, who serves as a missionary.

Angadisserithatt Mission

Situated in Ulikal Gram Panchayat of Kannur District, this mission is empowered by the financial support of the Sharjah Marthoma Yuvajanasakhyam and spearheads various development activities in the village. Apart from evangelistic activities, educational initiatives, home visits, marriage assistance, de-addiction programs, and community hall services, there is also a reading room and balajanasakhyam. The mission's auditorium benefits the villagers in numerous ways. Additionally, there are plans to consider new farming ventures due to the suitability of the property adjacent to the mission centre for agricultural crops. Rev. Ashish Thomas serves as the Missionary, and Mr. N. J. Wilson takes charge of activities as an evangelist.

Mattannur Mission

Started in 2008 in Mattannur, Kannur district, under the diocesan leadership, this mission conducts de-addiction awareness activities, palliative care, and educational programs through Mattannur

Marthoma Care Centre. In the past year, 18 families received treatment at the Mukti de-addiction centre in Wayanad, leading to a peaceful and healthy life for them after recovery. The mission also offers medical aid to indigent patients, distributes wheelchairs to those in need, provides tuition for students, and runs a self-employment unit with 12 women members. Other activities include A.A. Associations, Education Classes, A.A. Family gatherings, Kilikootam, and celebrations on special days. The activities receive full support from Kannur Immanuel Marthoma Parish.

Iriti Mission

Since its inception in 1995, Iriti Mission has been actively involved in worship, counseling, drug awareness activities, A.A. Groups, and home visits. St. Mathias Chapel hosts Holy communion on Sundays, while fasting prayers take place on the fourth Friday of every month. The mission identifies drug addicts and provides them with the necessary support to attend de-addiction camps, including five AA groups in different locations. Additionally, they organize gram sabhas, AOS meetings, neighborhood groups, and Kudumbashree meetings in the 16th ward of Payam Panchayat. Rev. Robin Raju serves as the Missionary, with Mr. Saju George actively participating as an evangelist.

Uppada Malabar Marthoma Mission

This mission, established in 1981 through the vision of Rt. Rev. Easow Mar Timotheos Episcopa, has undertaken several development projects to uplift the marginalized and poor rural population. The Malabar Marthoma Child Development Centre has been devoted to the holistic development of rural children since 2003, with Balawadis functioning at Andikkunnu, Anakallu, and Uppada. Other facilities under this mission complex include Carmel Dhyana Mandir, Camp Centre, Karunalayam Vriddha Mandir, and Karunalayam Halfway Home. The mission also supports a self-help group for rural women, and construction of the Karuna De Addiction Treatment & Counseling Centre for drug addicts is nearing completion.

Varakkara Mission

Established in 1928 as a prayer group, the Varakara Mission Centre has been operating under the control and leadership of the diocese since 1996. Over its 95 years of ministry, the mission has been engaged in various activities, including tending to rubber and coconut plantations on three acres of land under diocese control. The mission focuses on congregational worship, house visits, Sunday school, VBS, and more. Rev. Varghese Philip serves as a missionary, and Mr. Thomas N. V takes charge as an evangelist.

Palakkad Mission

Starting in 1924 and now entering its centennial year, the Palakkad Mission actively participates in B. A. J. M. Palliative care, 'Chiraku' Lahari Vimochan Samiti, anti-drug awareness programs, and the 'Abhayam' housing project. The mission contributes to the educational sector through Kuzhalmandam C.D.A.U.P. School, Erimayur St. Thomas Mar Thoma L. P School, and Vemballur Junior Basic School. Rev. Jacob John serves as the Missionary, and Mr. TA Thomas participates as an evangelist.

Sholayur Mission

Located near Attapadi, adjacent to Tamil Nadu, Sholayur Mission has been actively involved in evangelism among tribal communities for over a decade. The mission is committed to eliminating drug addiction through de-addiction camps. Furthermore, they have distributed school kits to 300 children in tribal homes and conducted awareness classes in various schools of Palakkad district. Additionally, two A.A.'s for healthy living Associations operate effectively under this mission.

Pakkulam Mission

Focused on the tribals in Pakkulam, Palakkad district, this mission was established in 1988 and collaborates with Pakkulam Carmel Marthoma Parish. Besides parish activities, the mission

conducts awareness programs against drug addiction in nearby areas like Thavalam, Goolikadav, Agali, Kottathara, Jellipara, and Karara. Sholayur Darshan De-Addiction Centre offers de-addiction camps and support meetings for individuals recovering from addiction. The mission also actively carries out Sunday School, V.B.S., and personal evangelism.

Perumannur Mission

Concentrating its activities in three colonies, Perumannur Mission engages in home visits, VBS, distribution of study materials, de-addiction activities, AA. Meetings, and food distribution. They organize house visits in colonies and conduct de-addiction awareness activities. Holy communion and prayer meetings are held in Koratikakara once a month.

Ponnani Mission

Originating from the Union Christian Movement formed in the 1970s, Ponnani Mission actively engages in social, cultural, educational, and spiritual activities in Ponnani. After incorporation into the diocese in 1975, it became known as Ponnani Salem Marthoma Parish in 1979. The mission started with a nursery school, which later transformed into an English medium school. Currently, an unaided LP school operates from nursery to 4th class. Rev. Koshi Kuriyan serves as the Missionary, and Mr. Shibu M. Thomas works as the evangelist.

Kadamana Mission

The Kadamana centre, located near Badiyadukka in Kasaragod district, receives support from the Marthoma Congregation. The mission is involved in congregational worship, house visits, Sunday school, VBS, and more. The services of Prashantha Bhavan Halfway Home are particularly beneficial to individuals recovering from mental health issues who are unable to return to their homes after treatment. Additionally, the mission supports the Life Tithe for Christ (LTC) scheme, encouraging youth to serve God's Kingdom.

OFFICIAL ORGANIZATIONS

4:1 Mar Thoma Evangelistic Association

Mar Thoma Evangelistic Association, a missionary movement of the Church, was started on 5th September 1888 by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Together with eleven laymen and one priest, they gathered for prayer in the upper room of the Kadavil Malika, Kallissery. Initially, the group focused on evangelism in Central Trivandrum, coastal areas, and Malabar. Gradually, they expanded their activities to Honowar and Karwar in North Karnataka in 1905 and then to Sihora in Madhya Pradesh in 1942. Over the last 135 years, their evangelistic activities have led to the establishment of more than 450 parishes and many worshipping communities in 15 States and 3 Union Territories of India. Currently, more than 750 workers, including 69 missionaries and 192 evangelists, are carrying out evangelization through various fronts in 67 mission centres, covering more than 2700 villages. The institution helps those who have accepted the Christian faith access the fellowship of the Church and provides opportunities for the study and meditation of the Bible for those seeking the truth. Additionally, more than 17,000 active children attend Sunday schools.

The Mar Thoma Evangelistic Association engages in various activities, including home visits, distribution of pamphlets and scriptures, prayer groups, meetings for seekers, library facilities, sewing training, computer training, free medical camps, Balavadis, Gram Jyoti schools, homeo clinics, HIV/AIDS awareness classes, alcohol-free activities, free tuition, Bible study camps, Vacation Bible School (VBS), medical programs for needy patients, hostels for underprivileged students, crèches, study aids for needy children, vocational training activities for women, and ministry for lepers.

Mission Centres:

The information of Mission Centres functioning in States and Union Territories is appended below.

Kerala: Guruvayur, Mukkola, Munnar, Neriamangalam, Attappadi. Along with dioceses, evangelists are working

Tamil Nadu: Pollachi, Udumalpet, Salem, Erode, Dindigul, Ambalikai, Namakkal, Theni-Madurai, Andimadam.

Karnataka: Kumta, Sirsi, Hangal, Hoskote, Hubli, Haveri, Ankola, Honnavar, Shivana Pura, Dandeli, Mundgod, Jangamkote, Shankeshwar, Amdalli, Karwar, Kolar, Harihar.

Andhra Pradesh: Vijayawada, Visakhapatnam, Chagallu Mari, Nandyal, Badvel, Banaganapalle.

Telangana: Secunderabad, Nalgonda.

Goa: Ponda, Panaji.

Maharashtra: Panvel, Chakan.

Madhya Pradesh: Bhopal, Sihora, Shahdol, Satna, Rewa, Taimar.

Rajasthan: Jaipur and Bikaner.

Punjab: Ludhiana.

Uttarakhand: Tibetan Border (Munsiari, Nachni, Tejam).

Bihar: Samastipur.

Chhattisgarh: Jagdalpur, Borsi, Bastar, Akaltara.

West Bengal: Kalyanpur

Jammu and Kashmir: Jammu

Odisha: Kalinga

Andamans: Port Blair, Diglipur, Betapur, Wimberlygunj, Mayabunder, Rangat.

Puducherry: Urapakkam, Karikalampakkam.

Annual General Body

The 133rd Annual General Meeting was held on 24th September 2022 at Thiruvalla St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church for the financial year 2021-22. It was presided over by Sangham President Rt. Rev. Dr. Joseph Mar Barnabas Suffragan Metropolitan. During the meeting, the annual reports and accounts were accepted, and eight Managing Committee members were elected for the term 2022-25.

Maramon Convention

The 128th Maramon Convention took place from 12th to 19th February at Maramon sandbed. The Convention was inaugurated by Most Rt. Rev. Dr. Theodosius Mar Thoma Metropolitan during the opening meeting on Sunday afternoon. The main speakers included Bishop Dilaraj R. Kanagasabe (Sri Lanka), Rev. Mark D. Chapman (England), Bishop Raphael Thattil, Joseph Mar Gregorios Metropolitan, Zacharias Mar Saverios Metropolitan, and Bishop Mar Thomas Tharayil. On Friday, the dedication service for children under 10 years of age, who are dedicated to evangelistic work, was held, and on Saturday, the dedication service for those above 10 years of age took place at Kozhencherry St. Thomas Church. His Grace Joseph Mar Gregorios Metropolitan addressed the Ecumenical Conference on Wednesday morning. Bishop Mar Thomas Tharayil spoke at the meeting conducted against social evils. Shri. Shashi Tharoor M. P., Mrs. Anna Shosha Thomas IRS, and Former Chief Secretary Shri. S.M. Vijayanand addressed the gathering of Yuvavedi. On Thursday, Bishop Dilaraj R. Kanagasabe spoke at a meeting under the auspices of the Mar Thoma Voluntary Evangelists' Association. Rev. Mark D. Chapman preached at the Sevika Sangham meeting and the missionary meeting on Saturday. Bible classes for children were conducted from Monday to

Saturday, from 7.30 am to 8.30 am, led by CSSM. Bible classes for adults were held from Monday to Saturday, from 7.30 am to 8.30 am, and public meetings were held daily from 9.30 am to 12.00 pm and 5.00 pm to 6.30 pm. The 128th Maramon Convention concluded on Sunday afternoon, the 19th, with the closing message of His grace Dr. Theodosius Marthoma Metropolitan. Millions of people from different parts of the world blessed the convention by watching all the programs live on television, YouTube, and Facebook, for those unable to attend in person.

Gospel Team

The Dr. Mathews Mar Athanasius Memorial Gospel Team, under the leadership of Rev. Jacob Thomas, carries out evangelism focusing on parishes and mission fields. Evangelism is preached through the means of person-to-person work, preaching of the word, music ministry, house visits, public meetings, etc.

Suvishesha Doothan

This year, regular editions of the Suvishesha Doothan and the Maramon Convention Special Edition were published.

Maramon Retreat Centre

The Maramon Retreat Centre serves as the convention office and is an excellent camp centre for conducting camps and conferences.

Kadavil Maalika: The birthplace of the institution serves as a meditation centre, and various parishes use this facility. Communions and intercessory prayers are held every Tuesday under the leadership of various parishes.

Educational Activities: Balawadis work for imparting primary education in mission centres. Thirty primary schools inside and outside Kerala and six U. P. Schools, seven high schools, and five higher secondary schools are functioning. Perumbavoor Women's College is working very well. Mar Thoma College of Management and Technology at Perumbavoor Ashram Campus offers MBA with affiliation to MG University. ICSE School, Gram Jyoti School, Women's College, and B.Ed College are functioning in association with the Kristhabandukula Ashram.

Nursing College: The College of Nursing attached to Hoskote Mission Centre offers BSc &M.Sc. nursing courses with the approval of the Indian Nursing Council.

Bible Institutes : Institutes are functioning in Malayalam at Kompadi, Kannada at Hoskote, and Hindi at Sihora. Those who complete the course are assigned to mission fields of the Sangham and other mission centres of the Church as needed.

Hospitals: The auspicious ministry of healing is carried out through the hospitals at Ankola, Hoskote, and Sehora. These hospitals are very blessed for the patients. A clinic for treating AIDS patients is functioning adjacent to the Hoskote Mission Hospital. The leprosy treatment unit also functioned effectively.

Mandirams: Mandirams are functioning at Kumbanad, Ayroor, Ankola, Hoskote, and Sihora to provide shelter to orphans and old people.

Hostels: Hostels are functioning in Pollachi, Nandyal, Honawar, Sirsi, Chagalamari, Bhopal, Secunderabad, Sihora, Shadol, Guruvayur, and Kalinga. These Hostels were started to educate the students belonging to the backward sections and are doing effective ministry.

Sources of Income: The main sources of revenue for the Sangham include Anduvari, Upokshanam, Adhyaphala Shekaranam, Bahya Kerala Mission offertory, Sangham Snehithar, Sponsorship of Evangelists, Mission Sunday offertory, Special Donations, and Endowment Interest.

Central Office: The central office of the Sangham, attached to the Mar Thoma Church office at Tiruvalla, has thirteen office workers and office bearers. Rt. Rev. Dr. Joseph Mar Barnabas Suffragan Metropolitan (President), Rev. Giji Mathews (General Secretary), Prof. Dr. Ajith

Varghese George (Corresponding Secretary), Rev. Saji P. Simon (Travelling Secretary), and Mr. Jacob Samuel (Treasurer) are the office bearers. A 30-member managing committee leads the Sangam activities.

Since the mission fields were fully operational after the COVID-19, the financial needs increased. Two years passed through the COVID-19 period, and the Sangham faced huge financial obligations. This crisis cannot be overcome without an increase in donations, offertories, and other sources of income. It is possible to overcome these difficulties by relying on the grace of God and the unwavering support and prayers of the church members. In the riches of God's grace, we can advance in the light of the gospel even in difficulties.

4.2 Mar Thoma Sunday School Samajam

Our forefathers initiated the Mar Thoma Sunday School movement on Maramon sandbed 119 years ago, inspired by God's spirit, with the aim of bringing every child together in faith in our Saviour, Christ Jesus. The movement's objective was to foster interest in studying the scriptures and to strengthen their relationship with the church. Over the course of 118 years, this movement, which began with 52 Sunday schools, has grown by God's grace to encompass 25 districts, 88 centres, and 1174 Sunday schools across 12 Dioceses. Secretaries at the diocese and centre levels, organizers at the district levels, and centre inspectors actively lead the activities of the Samajam. Besides Christian education, the samajam has been actively involved in various social activities. Examples of this include Ashraya in Kollam and Sugadhagiri in Wayanad. For instance, Ashraya has become a shelter for many orphaned children in an era marked by estranged family relationships. Currently, around twenty children reside and study there.

The curriculum is designed to be completed in 15 years and spans 8 classes from nursery to yuvavakup. Textbooks and teacher's guides are prepared for each class, all based on the main theme of "transformation through the word of God." Additionally, the book "Life and Teaching of Jesus Christ" is used for learning in the Praudavakup. The textbooks are available in both Malayalam and English. The samajam arranges annual examinations, Birudh examinations, and teacher's examinations using question papers prepared by the organization. Furthermore, Talent Tests and Divyasangeetholsavam are conducted regularly..

The estates at Edakulam and Villur play a crucial role in meeting the Samajam's financial needs. The Christian Education Centre at Charalkunnu is not only a proud camp centre for the Sunday School Samajam but also serves the church and the community as a whole.

In 2022, the Samajam successfully conducted VBS based on the theme of 'Ambassadors of Christ'. Alongside this, camps were organized at the diocese, centre, and parish levels, focusing on the theme of "Abiding in Christ" under the leadership of the field staff. The Samajam also arranged Student Conferences, Teachers Conferences, and World Sunday School Day celebrations at diocese, district, and centre levels.

The Samajam publishes "Sandarshini" once every three months for teachers and workers, and the magazine called "Thalirukal" is released monthly for children.

Rt. Rev. Dr. Joseph Mar Barnabas Suffragan Metropolitan is providing timely leadership as the president of the Samjam. Rev. George Cherian serves as the General Secretary, Prof. Jacob Koshy as Vice President, Mr. Saju Mathew as Treasurer, and Rev. Sanal Cherian as Assistant Secretary. Apart from the office workers of the Samajam, a managing committee comprising 54 members contributes by providing timely advice to the organization.

4.3 Mar Thoma Voluntary Evangelistic Association

Mar Thoma Voluntary Evangelistic Association was formed in 1924 to realize the broad vision of 'Each Marthomite as an evangelist' in the Malankara Mar Thoma Syriac Church and is now in its centenary year. We thank God for the vision of our forefathers, who led with evangelical fervour to effectively participate in the apostolic activities of the Church. The association's seven-day program

is the driving force for the spiritual nurturing of God's people. During the centenary year, various programs, including philanthropic projects, are planned.

Each parish is the mission field for the association. The parish mission members are the missionaries of the association. There are 81 centres in various dioceses, and 712 Parish Mission Units registered at the central level. The Diocese Committee is chaired by the Diocese President, and the Centre Committee is chaired by a clergy elected from the Centre. Organizers appointed by the group, along with the centre secretary, coordinate the activities at the centre level.

Mission Fields: In Achankovil, Mukkada, Kalkulam, and Sundarapandyapuram, the evangelists stay as a family and strengthen the activities. Rt. Rev. Dr. Gregorius Mar Stephanos consecrated a mission house for the evangelist to live in Kalkulam. The completion of the mission house in Achankovil is also underway.

A. M. M. Bible Institute: The Abraham Mar Thoma Bible Institute, started in 1947, is an institution that provides an opportunity for Bible study, prayer, and dedication to laypeople. A three-month course starting in January and ending in March, a summer class in April and May, a six-month course from June to December, and a short-term course in November and December are arranged in this institution. According to the church's instructions, 28 deacons received training from the institute. This year, A. M. M. Bible Institute courses are held for three months and six months. 12 B.D. students who completed the course were given practical training.

Publications: "Sannadha Sandesham" magazine is the organisation's voice. Mr. Babu Pullad is the chief editor of the magazine, which includes Bible study, sermons based on Evangelion, and other columns. The magazine offers annual subscriptions for Rs.150 and lifetime subscriptions for Rs.2000. A songbook (Unarvu Geethagal) is also available.

Monday Evening Prayer: Prayer on the first Monday of every month from 7 pm, under the auspices of Joseph Mar Thoma Meditation Centre, is being arranged.

Intercessory Prayer: 115 years have passed since the formation of Mar Thoma Voluntary Evangelistic Association. Intercessory prayer is effectively performed to help the growth of the church and society. Many people participate in the intercessory prayer organized at Kompady on the third Wednesday of every month at 10 a.m.

Sanghavaram and Sangha Dinam: In order to make the association's activities more effective at the local level, Centre, and Diocese levels, the church observed from 25th September to 2nd October 2022 as Sanghavaram and 2nd October as Sangha Dinam for conventions, meditation meetings, and house visits at Parish and Centre levels.

Maramon Convention: The team arranged an office at Maramon during the Maramon convention days scheduled from 12th to 19th February 2023. The early evening meeting on Thursday, February 16, was arranged as a special meeting of the voluntary evangelist association. This year, personal evangelization work was a blessed experience.

Dr. Joseph Mar Thoma Camp - Research - Meditation Centre: The Dr. Joseph Mar Thoma Camp - Research - Meditation Centre is located in the Sangham Campus at Kombady. It has 28 rooms, 3 dormitories, a large auditorium, and two halls that are available for holding conferences and public meetings. Movements and individuals who stand for Christian values, as well as various church denominations, take advantage of these facilities. Believers and friends who come to Thiruvalla for religious purposes choose the centre for accommodation.

Office-bearers:

President: Rt. Rev. Dr. Gregorious Mar Stephanos Episcopa

Vice President: Mr. Babu Pullad

General Secretary: Rev. P.C. Saji

Assistant Secretary: Mr. Babykutty Pullad

Treasurer: Dr. Shibu Oommen

4:4 Mar Thoma Suvishesha Sevika Sangham

Mar Thoma Suvishesha Sevika Sangham was established with the purpose of helping women grow into full humanity in Christ Jesus, in faith in the Trinity God, and in the fellowship of the Church, the body of Jesus Christ. The organization aims to enable women to participate in the ministry of the Kingdom of God through evangelical work in Christian training, education, and social and development sectors. Currently, 16 full-time workers are stationed in the mission fields, where they focus on home visiting, personal evangelism, counselling, de-addiction, and work among children.

Annual General Body: During the 103rd Annual General Body held on August 13, 2022, President Rt. Rev. Dr. Abraham Mar Paulos Episcopa presided over the meeting at the Platinum Jubilee Hall. The conference included the presentation and approval of the reports, accounts for 2021-22, and the budget for 2022-23. The managing committee, consisting of 39 members and chaired by Rt. Rev. Dr. Abraham Mar Paulos Episcopa, meets regularly to outline the activities of the Sevika Sangham.

Young Women's Fellowship: The Young Women's Fellowship organized a meeting for women in the age group of 18-40 on April 9 at the Platinum Jubilee Hall. A follow-up meeting was held on October 8 at Ernakulam Salem Church. The former Sabha Secretary Rev. KG Joseph presided over the meeting, which was inaugurated by Hon'ble Justice Mrs. Sobha Annamma Eapen.

Bloomfest: Bloomfest took place under the auspices of Vanitamandiram from May 1-8, 2022, with the participation of 48 girls aged 13 to 18. Dr. Varghese Mathew (Principal, Mar Thoma College) inaugurated the fest, and various classes were conducted by experts in various fields.

Talent Test: To promote the talents and abilities inherent in Sevika Sangham members, competitions on Solo, Speech, and Bible Quiz were held on May 14, 2022, at Sevika Sangham Campus. Prizes were awarded to the winners during the annual meeting.

Kandamma Memorial Lecture: The Kandamma Memorial Lecture was held on June 10th, with the assistance of Rev. Johnson Varghese, Vicar of Thumbamon Bethel Parish. Dr. Alexander Jacob IPS delivered the keynote address.

Sevika Sangham Day: Sevika Sangham Week was observed from September 6-11, with September 12 marked as Sevika Sangham Day. The song "Aaradhikam Namukorumayode," composed by Shirley Poovapara and Sophie Sanjay Mumbai, was sung during the worship in all parishes.

Prayer Tower: Pre-marital counselling for girls, under the auspices of the Prayer Tower, was conducted on September 20 at Tiruvalla Mar Thoma College, on September 29 at Chengannur sChristian College, and on October 4 at Thelliyur Salem MTC. For women college students, a workshop took place from November 25-27, with the theme - "Change Makers," and 33 girls participated in it.

Medical Camp: A cancer screening camp was held on September 24 at Thadiyor Pratyasha Nilayam in association with Kozhanchery Muthoot Hospital.

Study Conference: The study conference on the theme "Changing Christian Home Environment and Meaningful Spiritual Awareness" was organized on November 11, 12, and 13 at Sevikasangham Platinum Jubilee Hall.

Christmas Carol: On December 17, a Christmas carol named "Arikilal Agoshapookalam" was arranged on the Zoom platform.

Centre for Science Learning: Science Experimental Learning Facility was started at MTS KG & UP School, with the help of Thiruvalla Mar Thoma College and Changanassery SB college. The facility is available for students studying in classes 8 to 12.

One-Day Retreat: A one-day retreat is conducted on the first Wednesday of every month at

Abraham Mar Thoma Memorial chapel at Vanithamandiram.

Workers Refresher Course: A refresher course for full-time Sevika Sangham workers was held from February 21 to 23, 2023, at Vanithamandiram.

International Day of Prayer and International Women's Day: The International Day of Prayer and International Women's Day were observed on March 3rd at 10 a.m. at St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Karackal. Mrs. Renju Miriam Cherian delivered the keynote address.

Charity Work: As part of its charity work, the organization provided medical assistance of 15,000 each to 48 Sevika Sangham members suffering from cancer, educational assistance of Rs. 10,000 each to 37 children of widows, and an individual sponsorship amount of 3 lakh for the marriage of a girl child.

Vanitha Bodhini: Vanitha Bodhini is the official publication of Sevika Sangham. The magazine's annual subscription is 150, and a lifetime subscription is 1,500. Mrs. Raichel George serves as the editor.

Institutions

Salem Bhavan: Salem Bhavan, an institution established in 1923 to protect orphans, is celebrating its centenary year. 331 children whowere brought up in Salem Bhavanserve at various levels of society. The Salem Centenary Inaugural meeting held on August 6, 2022, at Sevikasangham Platinum Jubilee Hall, was inaugurated by Rt. Rev. Dr. Abraham Mar Paulos Episcopa, who also released the centenary logo. Salem Centenary projects include housing, marriage assistance, widow assistance, study assistance, and medical assistance. Contributions of Rs. 100 from each house are collected for the restoration work of Salem House.

Balika Bhavan: Elantoor Balika Bhavan was started in 1979 to nurture and enrich the lives of young girls without burdening them. Currently, 25 children between the age of 6 and 22 stay and study at Balika Bhavan. Organizations, individuals, families, and parishes visit Balika Bhavan to offer support and encouragement.

Snehatheeram Halfway Home: Snehatheeram Half-Day Home provides shelter for mentally challenged women and offers physical, mental, and spiritual care with the intention of sending them back home. Currently, 4 members are staying at Snehatheeram Halfway Home.

Vanithamandiram: Vanithamandiram was established in 1925 to train dedicated and young women for the spread of God's kingdom. The Bible Study Certificate Course 2023 started on January 16 at Vanithamandiram. Additionally, Bible Extension Programme, Tailoring Course, Diploma in Applied Counseling Course, and Better Home are conducted.

Kandamma Memorial Study & Research Centre: Under the mission of the Kandama Memorial Study & Research Centre, 1001 books based on the theme "Changing Christian Home Environment and Meaningful Spiritual awareness" were prepared.

Vishranti Bhavan: Vishranti Bhavan, started in 1988, serves as a retirement home for full-time workers who have devoted their lives to Sevika Sangham. Currently, nine retired workers from active service live there.

Hostels: Sevika Sangham has 3 hostels to provide safe lodging for women who come from distant places for study and work.

Ashrams: Sevikasangham has two ashrams on the campus and in Elanthoor, with two full-time workers in charge of cultivation and general maintenance of the compound.

Stitching Unit: Sevika Sangham's Sewing Unit stitches women and children's clothes, cassock, meshaviri, pallimara, virikoot, cloth bags, etc.

MTSS KG and UP School: Smart Kids Play School, which started with the help of the federal bank in 1955, is the only recognized institution in the district recognized by the Kerala Government

and NCTE. Children from two and a half years to four years are admitted. 2 children of this school got an A grade at the state level in Bala Shastra Congress. Mrs. Annamma T. Baby of our school was chosen as the best teacher in unaided schools.

Nursery Teachers Training School: It is the only recognized institution in the district recognized by the Government of Kerala and NCTE in Pathanathitta. Initial work to conduct courses of the National Institute of Open School has also started.

SVS: It includes Snack Centre in Thiruvalla, LahamaBakery in Manjadi, Cans, Curry Powder, S.V.S Press, and 18 people are working in the units.

4.5 Mar Thoma Yuvajana Sakhyam

Established in 1933, the Mar Thoma Yuvajana Sakhyam was organized with the vision that all young people in the Church should accept Jesus Christ as their Saviour and Lord and bear witness to His saving power. Branches of the Sakhyam were set up in the Parishes with a four-fold program of worship, study, witness, and service. Recognizing the pulse of the times, the Yuvajana Sakhyam is stepping into the new decade with the vision of "Yuvatha: Navathiyil Navyamai."

Annual General Body

The 85th (2020-2021) Annual General Body meeting of the Mar Thoma Yuvajana Sakhyam was held on 23rd April 2022 at Adoor Mar Thoma Youth Centre. Rt. Rev. Dr. Thomas Mar Theethos Episcopa presided over the meeting. Rev. K. E. Geevarghese (Secretary of Mar Thoma Metropolitan) delivered the meditation sermon. The annual report for 2020-2021, the income and expenditure, were approved, the budget for 2021-2022 was passed, and the office bearers and general committee members were elected for the new term. The Yuvajana Sakhyam presented the constitutional amendments proposed by the General Committee under Article 168 of the Constitution, and they were passed.

The 86th (2021-2022) Annual Meeting of the Mar Thoma Yuvajana Sakhyam was held on 4th October 2022 at Adoor Mar Thoma Youth Centre. Rt. Rev. Dr. Thomas Mar Theethos Episcopa presided over the meeting. Rev. Dr. ShibyVarghese led the meditation lecture. The annual report, accounts for 2021-2022 and budget were approved.

Office-bearers

Rt. Rev. Dr. Thomas Mar Thethoos Episcopa is providing blessed and noble leadership as the President of the Yuvajana Sakhyam. Adv. Jerry T. Yesudasan, a member of Kozhikode St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church, is serving as Vice President. Edakkara Emmanuel Marthoma Parish Member, Philip Mathew, is the General Secretary, and Mekozhoor Trinity Marthoma Parish Member Shri. Ashley M. Daniel is the treasurer, along with Rev. Christy M. Abraham (Bangalore) and Rev. Solomon B. N. (Kadapa Mission), Rev. Premin Ipe Vengal as Assistant Secretaries. A managing committee consisting of 54 members from various dioceses leads the activities.

Yuvajana Sakhyam Office

The coordination and control of Mar Thoma Yuvajana Sakhyam activities spread over 13 dioceses are done through the Central Yuvajana Sakhyam Office at Thiruvalla. The General Secretary and the Official In-Charge provide the necessary direction for the functioning of the office. Office activities begin with prayer at 10 a.m. on all weekdays. In 2023, 767 sakhas were registered with the central office. Six persons, including the General Secretary, are working as staff members in the Sakhyam Office, and two persons are working as staff members in Adoor Youth Centre.

Marthoma Youth Centre

Marthoma Youth Centre is the proudest institution of Marthoma Yuvajana Sakhyam. Adoor Marthoma Youth Centre, constructed during the Silver Jubilee, is now renovated as part of the Diamond Jubilee, and it is one of the famous Camp Centres in Central Travancore. As an institution working with an ecumenical vision, national and international level camps, study conferences,

various religious-socio-political conferences, and church events are hosted. The Youth Centre is an ideal venue for other organizations and events.

External Kerala Office & Youth Centre, Bangalore

The External Kerala Office and Youth Centre established in Bangalore efficiently connect the youth with the activities and coordinate the activities of the Sakhyam outside Kerala. Apart from the chapel, counselling centre, guest room, dormitory, student chaplain's quarters, and secretary's quarters, the youth centre also has facilities for conducting camps and conferences. Accommodation and food arrangements are available for young people coming to Bangalore for study and work, as well as individuals and families visiting Bangalore.

Kadappa Mission (Sakhyam Village)

The Mission Project 'Sakhyam Gramam' (Kadappa Mission) is a mission project started as part of Marthoma Yuvajana Sakhyam's 80th-anniversary celebrations, and Sakhyam Village activities are taking place in Wondimitta Village, 25 km from Kadappa Railway Station in Andhra Pradesh. The continuous support, encouragement, and help of the people of the congregation are necessary for the continued activities of the Kadappa Mission.

Publications

Marthoma Yuvadeepam (Malayalam) and Ripples (English) are the official publications of Yuvajana Sakhyam. These publications have made efforts to develop the creative skills of the youth and develop their literary taste. During the reporting year, calendars in Malayalam and Kannada languages, a reading calendar for the Great Lent, and a meditation book containing Lenten thoughts were released.

Swaralayam

Swaralayam is a music group formed as part of the Saptathi programs of Yuvajanasakhyam. Swaralayam works with the purpose of conducting public programs of the Sakhyam, programs under the leadership of various sub-committees, weekend programs, and carrying out evangelical witness through music.

Programmes

The various functioned under: Finance & Office Management, Talent Development, Mission & Evangelism, Study Forum, Women's Forum, Ecumenical Action Forum, Dalit Concerns, Sports & Games, Publication Management Committee, Current affairsand Media, Career Guidance & Placement Cell, Mission to Schools & Colleges & De-Addiction, Digital Media & Website, *Swaralayam*, Yuvadeepam & Ripples Editorial Boards, MYSDA and other Sub-Committees.

Foundation Stone Laying Ceremony of Navathi Memorial Shopping Complex

As part of the 85th annual celebrations of the Yuvajana Sakhyam, the foundation stone for the Navathi Memorial Shopping Complex was laid beside M.C. Roadside property, Adoor Mar Thoma Youth Center on April 23rd along with the gathering of representatives of the 85th Annual *prathinindhisangom*. The Most Rev. Dr. Theodosius Mar Thoma Metropolitan blessed the foundation stone and laid the stone at the site where the Navathi Memorial Shopping Complex is being built. Rt. Rev. Dr. Abraham Mar PaulosEpiscopa (Bishop of Adoor Diocese), along with the Vicar Generals, Clergy and Sakhyam friends, and members of the church graced the occasion. The project estimated to be nearly 3 Crore, is a milestone venture in the history of YuvajanaSakhyam.

Inauguration and Youth get-together

The closing ceremony and youth conference of the Theme 2021-2023 were held on June 19, 2022, Sunday, at 4 PM, at Kottarakara Mar Thoma Silver Jubilee Mandiram under the chairmanship of the President Rt. Rev. Dr. Thomas Mar Theethos Episcopa and the President of the Yuvajana Sakhyam, Rev. Dr. Joseph Mar Barnabas Suffragan Metropolitan, led the inauguration of the operational

programs. Mr. Sunny Chacko (Managing Director, Kerala State Financial Corporation) delivered the chief guest address. The winner of the National Florence Nightingale Award, Smt. Susan Chacko, of Mar Thoma Church, Mukhathala was felicitated in the event.

Me Too Against Addiction Campaign

Mission to School and College and De- Addiction Committee formulated and raised its voice against addiction.agonist addiction through various social media , with a programme titles Me too Against Addiction campaign on 2022 June 26.

Managing Committee Retreat

The members of the management committee for the term 2021-2023 actively participated in the retreat conducted on August 14-15, 2022, at Kunnankulam, organized by the DeenBandhu Mission Center. The retreat was presided over by Rev. Dr. Thomas Mar ThimotheosEpiscopa, President of the Management Committee.

Yuvajana Sakhyam Navathi Celebrations Programme

The 90th-anniversary celebrations of the YuvajanaSakhyam, which was established in 1933, , various programs and projects were initiated to rejuvenate the youth movement and to enhance their spiritual growth and development. Seven units of inter-departmental activities, various social welfare programs, service activities, the construction of the Navathi Memorial Shopping Complex, and two other projects were planned in collaboration with the Navathi.

Navathi Celebrations

Sakha Empowerment Program –*Abhimanam en Sakhyam (My Sakhyam My Pride)*

Senior Friends Gathering - *Ormayil en Sakhyam*

Opportunities of Employment in the Village – *Yuvathannadinoppm, veedinoppam*(Youth with the Nation, House with the Family)

Awareness Against Addiction – *Thiruth (Correction)*

Medical Camp – *Sparshanam* (Touch)

Youth in MaramonConvention– *YuvaMaramon*

Publicity for Memorial Projects - *NavathiSuvaneer* (Souvenir)

Projects

Assistance for Building House-*KootinoruKoodu*(A House for fellowship)

Educational Assistance – *Padavukal* (Steps)

Medical Assistance – *Snehahastam*(Loving hands)

Marriage Assistance –*Hridayapoorvam* (From the Heart)

Navathi Memorial Shopping Complex, Adoor

Navathi Inauguration Meeting

The inauguration of the year 2022 took place on September 11th at St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Thiruvalla. The Right Reverend Dr. Thomas Mar Theethos Episcopa, President of the Mar Thoma Church, presided over the conference. Most Rev. Dr. Theodosius Mar Thoma Metropolitan, inauguration of the Navathi celebrations that is to last for the whole year. Sri. V. R. Krishna Teja (District Collector, Alappuzha) delivered the keynote address. Right Rev. Dr.Gregorios Mar StephanosEpiscopa led the opening prayer. Adv. Mathew T Thomas (MLA), SabhaSecretrary Rev. C V Symon, Rev. Dr. George Varghese expressed their words of felicitation. The singing session was led by Mar Thoma Yuvajana Sakhyam Swaralaya, and Kottayam Manganam St. Peters YuvajanaSakhyam.Vice –president Adv. Jerry T Yesudasan presented the Navathi programs.

General Secretary Rev. Philip Mathew welcomed the gathering, Trustee Mr. Ashley M Daniel Delivered the vote of thanks. Very Rev. George Mathew led the closing prayer of the meeting.

Mar Thoma Premier League

Youth, Sports & Games Committee's organized 'Mar Thoma Premier League cricket tournament, volleyball and shuttle tournaments for both the clerical and lay youth. The cricket tournament for the youth was held on October 10th, 2022, Saturday, at St. C.S.S. Higher Secondary School Ground. In the competition, the Chengannur - Mavelikkara Diocesan Youth Team secured the first place and became the Over-all Champions. And the runners up were the Ranni-Nilakala Diocesan team. Adv. Mathew T Thomas inaugurated the meeting and Sabha Secretary Rev. C V Symon gave away the prizes for the winners. The Cricket tournament for clergy was held on 2022 December 2 at ThiruvallMar Thoma College ground. The team from Ranni - Nillakal won the tournament and team from Trivandrum – Kollam came second.

Study Activities

***Vasantholsavam* – Teenagers Camp**

Vasantholsavam Teenagers Camp was conducted at Adoor Mar Thoma Youth Centre from September 16th to 18th, 2022. The main topic was 'REELS'Around 220 members attended the camp,led by the Bishops, Clergy, Sakhyam office-bearers. The classes were systematically prepared to include the contemporary issues, evaluate them, and to find solutions from a Christian perspective.

Study Book

The Study Form opted "*Mar Chrysotathinte Jeevitha-kaalam Veritta Sabdhavum Sanchaaravum*", published by Dr. Thomas Mar Athanasius Memorial Research & Orientation Centre, with the approval of Synod, as the study book for the youth fellowship of the year 2022-2023.

Study Book Workshop

Traning workshops for the study book "*Mar Chrysotathinte Jeevitha-kaalam Veritta Sabdhavum Sanchaaravum*", was conducted online diocese wise.

Study Book Exam

The examination of the study book was also held on March 5th, 2023. The exams were conducted in English and Malayalam, and 543 participated in the Exam. Cash prizes were awarded to the top three scorers and special prizes to those who scored above 80%. Certificates were also given to all who secured marks above 60%.

Ecumenical Activities

CSI, Mar Thoma Youth Assembly – 'TIC- Together in Christ'

Sakyam Ecumenical Action Forum organized "TIC -Together in Christ" involving Mar Thoma, CSI youth members on 2022 November 20 at Mallassery Hall, Trinity CSI Church. Adv. Suresh Koshy (Former Lay trustee) led the main session.

Ecumenical Christmas Carol Evening

Sakyam Ecumenical Action Forum on 2022 December 30, organized Ecumenical Christmas Carol Evening at Kothamangalam St Thomas Mar Thoma Church. Jacobite church, Moovatupuzha Diocese Metropolitan Dr. Mathews Mar Anthimos led the main talk. Kothamangalam MTC choir, Valakom MTC choir, Munnar Centre Choir, Kothamangalam Jacobite Cheriyapalli Choir, YMCA Choir participated in the event.

Ecumenical Musical Fest- ZIMRATH : Song of Praise

Sakyam Ecumenical Action Forum convening the various churches conducted Ecumenical Musical

Fest -'Zimrath' presenting worship chants and songs on 2023 January 2nd at Kallada Mar Thoma Convention Centre . The event had the participation of the Mar Thoma, CSI, Orthodox, Jacobite, Malankara Catholic Choir and was graced with the main message from Rt. Rev. Dr. Gregorios Mar Stephanos Episcopa.

YouthWeek

October 9- 15 was demarcated as the Youth week and Youth Sunday as October 16.'Youth: Grounded, Gifted and Given' was the theme. Study, discussions, discourses at *Sakha,* Centre and Diocese levels were initiated. Deputation along with the Youth week was delegated on October 9.

***Sparshanam* Navathi Medical Camps**

Navathi associated medical camps that were conducted are as follows Ortho Medical Camp led by Dr. Reji Mathew on December 11 at Puthuval St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church Auditorium, Medical camp led by Doctors of Matha Hospital on 2022 December 18 at Perinad Injavila Mar Thoma Church Auditorium, Medical, Ophthalmology and Ortho camp led by Doctors and staff from Rafa Aroma Hospital on 2023 January 8 at Pattamala Mar Thoma Church Auditorium and Medical camp led by doctors from Kims Hospital at Chandanakadav CMSUP School on 2023 January 15.

Mission Activities

Weeekend Program

Mission and Evangelism Sub Committee Weekend events were conducted at Methanam Ebenezer, Kunnakulam Arthat, Puthuparamb St. Luke's, Kottmanpara Bethel

***SukuruthaSandresham*- Lent meditation Videos**

Mission and Evangelism subcommitteeon the days of Great Lent published short video meditations on various social media platforms.

***SukuruthaSancharam* - Lent Meditation Journey**

Mission and Evangelism subcommittee during the Great lent undertook, the Lent Prayers and *Dhyana Yatra* (Meditation Journey) to be conducted in various parishes of Kerala. In different centres within the dioceses, these observances are organized and systematically arranged. Along with prayers, the Lenten practices, meditation, and meaningful devotion are being emphasized. Encouraging the youth with conviction, instilling faith, and cultivating respect for the customs and traditions of the Church, the Mission & Evangelism Committee aims to enrich and solidify the involvement of the youth. In various parishes, the annual Lenten practices are being organized with great dedication.

Two Day Study Camp –Dalit Concern Committee

Under the leadership of Mar Thoma Yuvajana sakhyam and the Dalit Concerns Committee, a two-day study camp was conducted on February 4th and 5th, 2023, at Peringalam Mar Thoma Dhyana Kendram, 75 participants attended the camp. Rev. Philip Mathew inaugurated the event. Dr. Vinil Paul, Rev. B. Thomas, Rev. Lijo C. Joseph, Rev. Liju Alex Varghese, Rev. Premin Iype,Mr. Johnson K. Lukose, led sessions in different fields.

Women Empowerment Activities

Established with the goal of empowering women's presence and leadership in church and the society, under the leadership team of the Vanitha Forum, various initiatives were undertaken.

Formation of Help Cell

Gathering together experts in the field, a Help Desk was established since August 2022, to address and assist women and children facing increasing psychological issues in the .

Poster Gallery

On October 11, International Day of Girl Child *Vanitha* Forum addressing the contemporary context of increasing atrocities against women and raising concern against all forms of violations against women and children, posters were displayed and published in social media platforms asserting that every girl and child is precious.

WOW: Women of Worth- Two Day Women Conference

Vanitha Forum's scheduled a two-day women's conference held on November 18 and 19, 2022. SisṭarDayaBhai inaugurated the event. Emotional, physical and spiritual areas of women were dealt with, within various sessions, with experts providing leadership in their respective fields.

Christmas Lent Meditation

December 1 to 25, 2022, under the leadership of the *Vanitha* forum spiritual messages were shared every day at 6:30 AM through Martha YuvajanaSakhyam YouTube channel and various social media platforms.

International Womens' Day Celebration

The women's forum's leadership on the occasion of International Women's Day on March 8, 2023. A session was organized on Zoom Online Platfrom Dr. Pracey Wilson led the session on the theme "Exodus to the Sakalya Church".

Senior Friends Meeting – *Ormayil en Sakhyam*

As part of the Navathi celebrations of Sakhyam, Mar Thoma Yuvajana Sakhyam organized a gathering of all the senior friends and members, who were actively involved at *Kendram*, Diocese, Centre and *Sakha* level at Adoor Youth Centre on January 2, 2023. Rt. Rev. Dr. Thomas Mar Theethos Episcopa, the presided the meeting, Rt. Rev. Dr. Euyakim Mar Coorlios inaugurated the session.

Yuvajana Sakhyam *Kalamela*

The Youth Forum of Mar Thoma Yuvajana Sakhyam organized the *Kalamela*, January 13-14, 2023, with the active participation of over 55 items in competitions. On January 13 evening, the cultural procession began from Adoor, Kannamcode Mar Thoma Church, The Inaugural session was chaired by Mar Thoma Yuvajana Sakhyam President, Dr. Thomas Mar Theethos Episcopa, it was inaugurated by State Health minister Smt. Veena George, Sri. Rajesh Cherthala was the chief guest for the inaugural session.

Maramon Convention Stall

Maramon Convention stall functioned from February 12 to 19, 2023. The office-bearers handled sakha registrations, 'Yuvadeepam', 'Ripples' subscriptions, and membership registrations, special donations. Calendar distribution, CD stall and Sabha Book Depot were also part of the Sakhyam involvement.

Yuvavedi meeting was conducted on February 16, 17, 18, the theme for the sessions was: 'Youth in the Transitional Era: Challenges and Possibilities'. Mr. S M Vijayanad, Ms. Ann Sosa Thomas IRS, Dr. Shashi Tharoor gave talks.

Young Professional's Meeting

Mar Thoma Yuvajana Sakhyam's Young Professionals Forum took the initiative to organize an event as part of their focus on the young professionals. The event was held on March 8th, 2023, from 4 PM onwards at J.M.M. Study Center, Trivandrum. Rev. Manoj Idicula led the group. As a continuation of this, the initative Young Professionals Meet 2.0 was conducted on March 6th, 2023.

Mar Thoma Yuvajana Sakhyam Society for Development Action (MYSDA)

Mar Thoma Yuvajana Sakhyam Society for Development Action (MYSDA) for the Mar Thoma Youth Fellowship's Social Service Wing is registered as Society for Development Actions

(MYSDA) MYSDA focuses on construction of Missed Building, Marriage, Education, Medical Treatment, Self-Employment Assistance Projects, Development Seminars, Leadership Training Programs, and various developmental activities.

Clean Maramon

Clean Mar Thoma program was initiated under the leadership of yuavajana sakhyam for keeping the Maramon Convention area and surroundings clean. Various Diocese members actively participated and conducted cleanliness activities.

'My Café' – FoodStall

To cater for people of the 2023 Maramon Convention a food stall, 'My Café' was organised. . Breakfast, light meals, and lunch were arranged along with refreshing cold beverages like juice and chilled water. For the attendees of the convention, My Cafe was provided as assistance, and everyone's appreciation was received. As a gesture of appreciation, the Mar Thoma Youth Fellowship honoured the event by collaborating with the *Kalamela* on January 13th and 14th, 2023, at Adoor Youth Centre. The My Café canteen operated during the program.

MYSDA Small Scale Shop (Small Scale Unit)

A small scale unit for the production and distribution od SSU was initiated by MYSDA at with Adoor youth Centre and The initiative in the preparation and distribution of Holy Bread, Wine, Candle, and other items essential for Holy Qurbana, and healthy natural Plantain chips. These are available at the Youth Centre.

Blood Donor's Help Desk

Emphasizing the importance of blood donation and involving interested youth to donate blood, a WhatsApp group was formed. A Blood donor list was formed,and through this, a significant number of people were encouraged to donate blood.

4.6 Department of Sacred Music and Communication

Malankara Mar Thoma Syrian Church's special evangelisticdirectives expressed in musical poetry formulated the vision of DSMC. The prayerful blessed participation of DSMC is in its 53 years since its inception.

Office Bearers

DSMC is blessed by the leadership of Rev. Dr. Abraham Mar Paulos as President, Rev. T. S. Philip as Vice President, Rev. Ashish Thomas George as Director, and Mr. Mathew Kurian as Treasurer this current year.

DSMC Sunday

DSMC Sunday was organized on 2022 May 22nd. Special liturgies for the day were used during worship and song "njan padum yeshuve…" was selected as song for the choir to be sung.

World Music Day 2022

World music day was celebrated on 2022 May 21st at Varicad Sehiyon Mar Thoma Church, organizing a program titles "Showers of Blessing" Former Director Rev. V. M. Mathew started the program by singing along with the choir. The Chief Guest for the occasion, Rev. C. V. Symon (Sabha Secretary), delivered the main message.

The following choirs participated in the event: Varikad Sehiyon Mar Thoma Church Choir, Kozhikode St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church Choir, Kottayam Thannikkal Mar Thoma Church Choir, Maramon Mar Thoma Church Choir, Kottayam TRIO, Childrens Choir led the events. Arathat Kunnamkulam Mar Thoma Church Choir led a session of liturgical songs. Eraviperoor MTC member Soumya and Kuttapuzha Jerusalem MTC member Jonah 's organ recital was also presented.Former DSMC members and stalwarts in the music industry Rev. N I Mathai , P. D. John

Sir, and Prof. Thomas George were gratefully felicitated.

DSMC Media

An online platform under the direction of DSMC, names DSMC MEDIA is performing as the premier quality platform. Live streamed through various social media platforms, including Facebook, YouTube,WhatsApp, and Instagram. These platforms were effectively used to broadcast the program as per requests the parishes, organizations,families. Zoom platform was also made available on demand.

Maramon Convention 2023

Convention, a yearly event, took place from February 12 to 19, 2023. The convention's special programs were broadcasted through the DSMC's official Facebook, YouTube channels, PowerVision, Word to World TV, and other social media platforms.

Similar to the previous year, the choir of 101 members led the singing sessions. This year, the choir selected 14 new songs, the songs were distributed through CD and pendrives. .

A Musical Journey with Jerry Amaldev

October. 1 and 5:30 pm, at Alappuzha St. George Mar Thoma Church, renowned music director Shri. Jerry Amaldev conducted a musical evening, involving the Alappuzha Church Choir

***Pulkootil Pookaalam* 2022**

Pulkootil Pookaalam 2022 was inaugurated by Most Rev. Dr. Theodosius Mar Thoma Metropolitan, Rt. Rev. Dr. Abraham Mar Paulos Episcopa presided over the meeting.The music director, Jakes Bijoy offered felicitation. Along with DSMC Choir, Adoor Diocese Choir, Mundiyapalli St, Stephens Parish Choir, St Thomas Mar Thoma Choir Kozhencherry, Living Stones Quartet, Providence Engineering College Choir performed. Kasarkode Mar Thoma Deaf school, Jothis Special school Mavelikara, Nicholson Syrian Girls High School Thiruvalla performed choreography. Flutist Jossey Alappuzha and Prakash Alexander performed a special musical event.

Choir Registration

According to the church constitution, D S M C is responsible for registering and overseeing the church choirs. Only registered choirs have the privilege to represent the congregation in the choir committee.

DSMC Hi-Def. Studio

DSMC. HD Studio, which has stood as a manifestation of our church's pride for the past 20 years, is our main Studio. Mar Thoma Convention Songs, Diocesan Convention Songs, and other Christian songs are recorded here. Chief Engineer, Er. Ajith E. George, oversees the studio.

DSMC Music Class

DSMC following the Trinity school of Music syllabus provides Piano, keyboard classes. Currently two teachers and 60 students are part of the music class.

DSMC Staff

Mr. Aji G Mathew serves as office accountant and Mr. Subin Varghese functions as office assistant.

DSMC Online Store

All publications of DSMC are available online on the official website of DSMC, which can be accessed from any region of the world. All liturgical songs, staff notation, song books, karaoke, Choir constitution are made available. Online choir registration and media can also be accessed through the official mobile application of DSMC. These medium can be used to stay update with the activities of DSMC.

4.7 Mar Thoma Students Conference

The Mar Thoma Students' Conference convened from May 29th to 31st, 2022, at Kottayam Mar Thoma Syrian Church Theological Seminary. and, Mar Thoma Seminary Higher Secondary School. The central theme of the conference was "Faith Treasures in Changing Times."

The inaugural ceremony was inaugurated by Most Rev. Dr. Theodosius Mar Thoma Metropolitan. The inaugural session was presided over by Rt. Rev. Dr. Abraham Mar Paulos Episcopa. Rt. Rev. Joseph Mar Barnabas Suffragan Metropolitan, Rt. Rev. Thomas Mar Timotheos Episcopa, Rt. Rev. Dr. Gregorios Mar Stephanos led the event.

Representatives from all dioceses numbering around 300 participated in the conference. Mrs. Preena Mathew delivered the keynote address. The Bible study sessions were led by Rev. Dr. John J. Mathews, Rev. Nebu K. Varghese, and others. Seminars on various topics such as theology, climate change, gender issues, media, interests, and I.T. were conducted by Dr. Punnan Kurian, Rev. Mathew Philip, Rev. Anish Thomas Eapen, and others as speakers. Dr. Jeevan Kuruvilla shared his mission experiences. Prashanth Alexander and Ardra Sajan were the special guests for Talent Night. Rt. Rev. Joseph Mar Barnabas Suffragan Metropolitan celebrated the closing service and Holy Communion. The conference was managed by Dr. Joji John Panicker as president and organizing secretary Dr. Rony Rajan Paul and Treasurer Anoop C. John.

4.8 Mar Thoma Retired Clergy Fellowship

In April 2022, various events took place within the MarThoma Parish. The Mar Thoma Church in Mallapally held its conference, and on October 5th, there was the jubilee celebration of Kottarakara Diocese. Additionally, the Fellowship meetings were organized. The Annual General Meeting of the Kerala Bible Institute was conducted from 2023 to 2026, and Rev. Oommen V Varghese was elected as the representative to the Mandalam.In response to the challenges posed by aging and diminishment, efforts were made to support widows and elderly mothers by providing assistance from the welfare fund

RCF publication'News &View' had Rev. Dr. K. V. Simon as its editor. It features timely articles, scriptural studies, church news, and updates on the activities of the Vedika community. Rev. Dr. A. P. Athyal,was entrusted the responsibility of the WhatsappGroup.For the years 2023-2026, the office bearers are as follows: President - Very Rev. Skariah Abraham, Secretary - Rev. Simon Behanan, Treasurer - Rev. Thomas George (Elanthoor).

5. PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

5.1 Mar Thoma Theological Seminary, Kottayam

B.D. Studies:

In the academic year 2022-23, classes commenced on June 27, 2022, with the solemn inauguration and prayerful commencement service the leadership of Rev. Dr. Thomas Mar Theethos, the students of B.D. course started their studies.

Students:

This academic year in the B.D. program, there were 14 students in the first year, 23 students in the second year, 18 students in the third year, and 18 students in the fourth year. Among the four batches, a total of 73 students pursued B.D. studies. For the M.Th. course, there were 13 students, and for the Doctoral program, there were 10 students. Seminars and research activities were conducted during their studies.

Serampore Exam:

In the annual Serampore examination for the academic years 2018-2022, Sri. Kuriakose Lukose, Sri. Jayash George Mathew, Sri. Rojin R. Abraham were the first class students, and along with them, 73 students from the second class successfully completed their B.D. studies.

Retreat:

The faculty retreat was on June 21, led by Rev, Jacob Kurien. The first semester community retreat was on June 28 was led by Fr. Dr. KM George. The second semester community retreat was on October 31, Rt. Rev. Zacharias Mar Severios led the session. The BD final year retreat, a meditation was held on March 22nd, 2023, under the leadership of Very Rev. Mathew John and Rev. Joel Thomas Eapen, guiding the final-year students towards meditation during their last year of B.D. studies.

Examinations:

The B.D. Entrance Examination 2022 was conducted on August 11th and 12th. The Non-Sponsored Entrance Examination was conducted on July 7th and 8th. The B.D. College Examination 2022 was held from October 10th to 20th. The Ram Semester Examination took place from March 6th to 16th, and the Senate Examination was held from April 11th to 28th.

Music Concert:

Georgie Anil Memorial Musical Concert, conducted jointly by Abraham Malpan Society, and the Seminary Choir, was held on August 5th, 2023. Rev. VM Mathew (former DSMC Director) led the main talk.

Public Lecture

A public lecture was convened under the Abraham Malpan Society on 2022 August 22 based on the theme '75 Years of freedom- New Imagination'. Dr, Mohan Varghese delivered the keynote address.

Online Certificate Course

An online certificate course was initiated under the name Institute of theology/Christian Doctrines. The course was inaugurated on 20022 October 17 by the Registrar Senate of Serampore College Dr. Limatula Longkumer. Dr. Arun W. Jones, (Dan and Lillian Hankey Associate Professor and Director of the Master of Theology Programme, Candler School of Theology Emory University, Atlanta) gave the main talk. The course led by the seminary faculty concluded on 2023 January 23.

Mission Lecture/ Visit

Very Rev. C K Mathew led the Mission Lecture held on November 1, 2022. November 2-6 as part of the mission tour BD final year students under the leadership of Rev. Dr. John Philip A, Rev. Dr. V M Mathew visited select mission fields Honowar, Kumta, Basel, Mundugod, Tibetan colony, Soraha, Karwar, Ankola as part of their exposure.

Abraham Malpan Memorial Lecture

Abraham Malpan Memorial Lecture was conducted on 2022 November 11,Dr. Sebastian Joseph led the seminar on the title 'Nehru's India and India's Nehru', which was inaugurated by Most Rev. Dr. Theodosius Mar Thoma Metropolitan

Sermon Competition

Sonu George Thomas (3rd years BD student) bagged the 3rd prize for Fr. Dr. T J Joshua Foundation sermon competition for Episcopal Church theological students.

Community Picnic

Community picnic 2022 November 17th was scheduled towards Idduki area.

Rev. Dr. V P Thomas Volleyball Tournament

Volleyball tournament was conducted from December 2 to 6, involving Orthodox Theological Seminary Kottayam, KUT Seminary Kannamoola, Episcopal Jubilee Institute Kompady, India Baptist theological Seminary Aripraamb, Mar Thoma Seminary Kottayam. Shri. Tiruvanjoor Radhakrishnan MLA inaugurated the tournament. Mar Thoma Seminary Kottayam won the ever-rolling trophy, India Baptist theological Seminary Aripraamb earned the runners-up trophy. Rev. Dr.

M J Joseph distributed the trophies.

Christmas Carol

Christmas Carol service was conducted on December 19, in Seminary auditorium, where Very. Rev. George Mathew gave the main message.

Convocation

The B.D. degree conferment ceremony for the students of the B.D. 2021-22 batch was held on April 29, 2022. . The inauguration was led by Most Rev. Dr. Theodosius Mar Thoma Metropolitan. The graduation address was delivered by Rt. Rev. Dr. Zacharias Mar Aprem Metropolitan. Ten students who completed their studies were awarded the seminary diploma by Most Rev. Dr. Theodosius Mar Thoma Metropolitan. The B.D. 2022-23 batch degree conferment ceremony was scheduled for March 29, 2023. Eighteen students who fulfilled the study requirements were awarded the diploma. Various prizes, cash awards, and medals were distributed to deserving candidates.

Lay Leaders Training

Lay leaders training program was organized on 2023 January 13,14 by the Seminary together with Kunnamkulam –Malabar Diocese at Sri Ravi Varma Mandiram.

Worship/ Meditation

Daily morning and evening prayers, along with Wednesday Holy Communion services, were conducted, Monday and Friday were allocated for sermon class, and sermon evaluation classes. Special services and observances for different occasions, including church festivals, Republic Day,Onam, and Women's Day, were organized.

Practical Training

As part of the practical training, students were sent to different parishes and institutions for exposure to pastoral work and service activities. They actively participated in various social service initiatives, contributing to their practical learning.

Publications

Seminary Journal, 'Journal of theology' and Seminary Magazine '*Chalanam'* were published.

Counselling Programme

A counselling program was conducted to provide students with guidance and support related to pastoral care and counselling. The counseling program was conducted under the leadership Rev. Dr. Abraham P Scariah.

Karukachal Campus

The Faculty Retreat was organized and the campus was reopened on June 21. Pre-theology classes for the year 2022 were conducted from April 18 to May 31. Special training classes were held from June 1 to August 25. The Orientation program for selected students for Theological Studies was conducted from August 31 to September 06. Special training for students who studied seminary classes outside Kerala was organized from October 17 to December 16, 2022, and from March 01 to April 30, 2023. Seminary faculty led the classes. The campus well was deepened, and a pathway leading from the well to the campus was constructed. Farming initiatives were initiated for agricultural purposes. Rev. Dr. Theodosius Mar Thoma Metropolitan, who also serves as the President of the Governing Board, supported the initiatives to make the seminary activities run smoothly. Rev. Dr. V.S. Varghese, the Principal, and Rev. Dr. M.C. Thomas, the Dean of Studies, played key roles in overseeing the activities. Rev. Dr. P. Abraham Skaria led the church services and sacraments. The staff members from various departments, including the office, library, staff quarters, and ground staff, worked collaboratively for the successful implementation of the activities of the Seminary.

5.2 Dr. Alexander Mar Thoma Valiya Metropolitan Memorial Dharma Jyoti Vidya peedam, Faridabad, Haryana

The Dharma Jyoti Vidya peeth, with its special emphasis on ministry and service, was initiated in the year 2000. The seminarians of this institution, having the character of the Mar Thoma Sabha, were trained for priestly ministry. A total of 40 students stayed at the seminary for their study year. Among them, 27 were selected to become deacons of the Mar Thoma Church. In the academic year 2021-22, 12 students successfully passed the final year B.D. examination. Notably, David John Varghese, Roshan Sam Varghese, Jinin S. Varghese, and Ivor Oommen excelled in their studies.

Appreciation to Rev. K.C. Varghese 9visitng faculty), who had earned a doctorate from Kottayam Mahatma Gandhi University.. On July 1, 2022, the students reached the campus and joined the institution. On July 3, 2022, with the celebration of Saint Thomas' Day and the solemnity of the Holy Qurbana, the new academic year was inaugurated. The first semester retreat was organized under the leadership of Rev. Felix, the director of the Commission for Ecumenism and Dialogue, on July9

For practical training during weekends, students were sent to various areas. Training programs were conducted throughout the year. The second year students were sent to different pastoral fields during the summer break for practical training. The annual training program was also conducted this year.

On November 14, 2022, Sunday, Dharma Jyoti Seminary held a special event to revisit its activities. The occasion featured a presentation about the activities of Dharma Jyoti and discussions among the seminarians. The community picnic was organized on October 3, 2022, which drew involvement from around 650 people. Carol Service was held on December 18, 2022. Delhi Diocesan Secretary Rev. Sam Abraham was the guest speaker. The students of the final year, along with Rev. Prince Paul, Rev. Dr. Sunny E. Mathew, attended Maramon convention. Throughout the year, various sports meets, cultural afternoons, musical afternoons, and other national and state-level festivals were conducted with great enthusiasm. The college convocation for the final year students took place on March 26, 2023, presided over by Most Rev. Dr.Euakim Mar Coorlioos Metropolitan,adn the Senate of Serampore College Registrar Rev. Dr. Justin Moses delivered the keynote address.On March 2, 2023, Most Rev. Dr. Theodosius Mar Thoma Metropolitan visited our campus.

The library of the seminary is vast and active. Our campus is a green campus, and organic farming is practiced, cultivating vegetables like wheat, rice, tapioca, green peas, and green gram. This emphasizes the value and importance of nature. The fruits of this effort benefit the society by providing organic produce and fostering the concept of sustainable living. The faculty members, including Rev. Dr. Sunny E. Mathew, Rev. Dr. Mathew K. Muttalali, Rev. T.S. Thomas, Rev. Thomas Joseph, Rev. Mathews George, Rev. Sam Philip, Rev. RegiRaju, Rev. Sajeev Thomas, Rev. Cherian Varghese, and Rev. Justin Jose serve as teaching faculty.

Collaborating with CARD intiating '*Savera* Light to Life Project', tutorial classes, and distribution of necessary materials are organized for students in the village. The students attend Chapel in English, Hindi worships. 'Dharma Abhayan' the magazine is released annually. Hearty thanks is extended at this occasion to The Most Rev. Dr. Theodosius Mar Thoma Metropolitan, Chairman of the Governing Board, and Rev. Dr. Euyakim Mar Coorilos Suffragan Metropolitan, other clergy, vicars, members of the Governing Board,Parish members.

5.3 Mar Thoma Episcopal Jubilee Institute of Evangelism, Kompady, Thiruvalla

To train the youth who were dedicated for the special envoy mission, in 1965, on the occasion of the Diamond Jubilee celebrations of the Episcopal consecration of the Most Rev. Dr. Juhanon Mar Thoma Metropolitan and the Rt. Rev. Dr. Mathews Mar Athanasius Mar Thoma Episcopal Jubilee Institute of Evangelism was inaugurated. Over the past 58 years, by educating countless students and transforming them into trained individuals, they have effectively contributed to the unique services of the church. Many of them have also served in significant roleswithin the church.

Faculty, Part-time Faculty and Office Staff

Faculty members like Rev. Sabu Koshy (Principal), Rev. Dr. Alex Thomas (Bursar), Rev. Binoy Baby (Dean of Studies), Mr. James Mathen (Jeevamrutham Staff) also served in capacity as full time teachers, and Mr. P.M. Mathai until February as subsequently Mr.Rijo Sam Thomas served as office Staff.

Rev. P. Mathew, Rev. Cherian Varghese, Rev. K.C. Varghese, Rev. Philip George, Rev. Denni Philip, Rev. Dr. Feno M. Thomas, Rev. Dr. Kurian Thomas, Rev. Moncy Varghese, Rev. Abraham P. Abraham, Rev. M P. Samuel, Rev. Prakash Abraham, Rev. Blezin K.Mon., Rev. Shibi Varghese, Rev. Raju Ancheri, Rev. Justin John, Mrs. Dr. Pracey Wilson, all worked as part-time faculty members.

Students

A total of 14 students were enrolled in the course. Out of them, 13 studied for the B. Th. course and one for the DRE course. Four completed their studies in June.

Convocation of students for the academic year 2021-22, the was held on April 30th. The Rt. Rev. Joseph Mar Barnabas Suffragan Metropolitan led the service and gave the main speech of the graduation.

For the academic year 2022-23, the convocation of students was held on March 21st. The Rt. Rev. Thomas Mar Timotheos Episcopa gave leadership for the service and gave the main talk.

Opportunities were given to provide leadership for the students in nearby parishes, various activities like environment cleaning, fellowship meetings, tutorial groups, etc. These initiatives were beneficial for the spiritual development and spiritual education of the students.

Worship

Daily morning devotion, midday prayer, evening prayer, Wednesday Holy Communion, Thursday liturgy, and Sunday worship services were organized for the students. The students were provided opportunities to lead these worship services, which played a significant role in their spiritual nourishment, sense of responsibility, and leadership development.Reporting and evaluation of the spiritual life of students related to their involvement in the worship services contribution to the growth of their personal spiritual life, and their commitment to the responsibilities of being messengers of Christ. Special Worships were conducted on Republic Day, Independence Day, Institute Foundation Day, Onam, Christmas, and New Year's Day.

Retreat

This year's retreat was held on June 26th. The retreat was led by Very. Rev. Mathew John,(Vicar General)

Institute Day

This year's Institute Day was celebrated on July 27th. The Institute Day's guest was by Rev. Dr. Aju Mathew.

Mission Tour

On March 11th, a mission tour was conducted towards the Ernakulum area.

Christmas

Christmas celebration was held on 2022 December 18th. The Christmas message was delivered by Tiruvalla MLA Adv. Mathew T Thomas, presided by the Rt. Rev. Gregorios Mar Stephanos Episcopa. Christmas service was led by the students' choir.

Alumni Meeting

Alumni Conference was held from October 4th to 6th. The conference was led by the Rt. Rev.

Gregorios Mar Stephanos Episcopa, Rev. Sabu Koshy was the President, and Evg. Suju David was the Secretary, and Evg. Baby was the Treasurer.

***Jeevamrutham* Bible Correspondence Course**

In the reporting year, 53 members participated in the Bible Correspondence Course '*Jeevamrutham*'.

Development and Construction

The classrooms and veranda of the institute were tiled this year. Office rooms and class rooms were furnished. 1983 Clergy batch Contributed the financial support as part of their Ruby Year.

Practical training

Practical training for students during the vacation was fixed. Hoskote, Pollachi, Narasapuram, Snehatheeram Manjaalumood, Snehakaram Punalur, Kasargod were the places where the training was allocated.

Library

Rev. Charley Jones and Rev. Dr. Mathew Daniel donated books towards the Library. More than ten thousand books are available in the library.

Literary Department Activities

Dr. Libu Abraham (Principal, KozhencherryCollege) inaugurated the Literary and Social Service Program for the year 2022-2023. Literary activities, cultural programs, and competitions were organized.

Agriculture

Fish farming and vegetable farming were conducted successfully within the campus grounds.

Governing Board

Under the leadership of Rt. Rev. Gregorios Mar Stephanos Episcopa, the governing board directs the institute's activities. The governing body was convened twice this year and appropriate decisions were taken towards the functioning of the Institute.

5.4 Juhanon Mar Thoma Study Centre

The vision of clearly defined principles upheld by Kingdom of God, along with strong attitudes, unyielding trust in the world, steadfastness in life's sanctity, lived by John Mar Thoma Metropolitan who, during his lifetime, emerged as an exemplary individual, stands as an exalted legacy. J.M.M Study Center, which with social awareness, awareness of justice, divine perception, Christian faith, and dignified living, has been established

Governing council meeting was convened on June 11, and the budgets were passed. JMM literary Forum met on April 30, and Book discussions and reviews were conducted. Seminar was conducted onEcology along with inauguration of Miyawalki Forest- with the theme "Nature conservation and its relevance". by Dr. C.P. Robert. Rt. Rev. Dr. Joseph mar Barnabas Suffrgan Metropolitan planted the first tree for the forest within the campus

JMM Literary form took up a new Book 'Mar Chrysostom: Bishop across Borders' which was discussed and reviewed. later the next meeting was a Movie screening and its discussion on July 31.

Child empowerment and development classes in association with *Ezhuthupura snehajyothi* August 26,27,28. Civil Service orientation camp and Student Motivation camp was held along with *Vijayavazhi.* Onam Celebration was on September 11. Juhanon Mar Thoma Memorial Lecture was conducted on august 3 at Peeroorkada Ebenezar Mat Thoma Church. Mr. Roy P Thomas IFS led the session. Along with the Navodaya Movement a conference on gender equality was conducted on September 24,25. A study camp on the title 'Disability inclusion in Churches' in association with

KCC and NCCI Engage Disability was conducted on October 18.Trivanthapuram-Kollam Yuvajana Sakhyam *Vanitha* Forum Sub committee together with JMM organized a study camp 'Be empowered and self reliant'. Self Defence team, Kerala Police and Rev. Sajesh Mathews led the sessions. A health awareness camps on the topics'health in your hands ' and ' Amnesia:reasons, symptoms and prevention' were conducted. Ecumenical clergy Lenten retreat involving 8 clergy from various denominations was coordianted. Every month women empowerment sessions were held at JMM .Chirstmas-New Year celebration was conducted in January. Study book was released at Maramon convention bed.

The main building and guest rooms at the centre underwent maintenance and re painting. This centre plays hosts to various organizational, centre, parish , Diocesan council, ecumenical committees. STARD and such various organizations and parishes conduct their retreat here at the centre.

5.5 Dr. Thomas Mar Athanasius Memorial Research and Orientation Centre, Manganam, Kottayam

1. Dr. Thomas Mar Athanasius Memorial Lecture

The commemorative speech for the 36th Dr. Thomas Mar Athanasius Memorial Lecture was conducted on November 28, 2022, via the Zoom platform. The inaugural address was given by Rt. Rev. Dr. Abraham Mar Paulos Episcopa. The initial words for memorial lecture were delivered by Most Rev. Dr. Theodosius Mar Thoma Metropolitan Rt. Rev. Dr. Paul Swaroop led the main talk, focusing on 'Religious Consciousness for Nation Building'.

2. Samarpana 2022

A study gathering for the aspiring dedicated students was jointly organized by the Kottayam-Kochi Voluntary Evangelists Association and the TMAMROC was held from July 8 to 10, 2022. The full-time youth volunteers' study session was inaugurated by Very Rev. Dr. Mathew John, Rev. Dr. Joseph Daniel, Rev. Dr. V. M. Mathew, Rev. Mathew Philip, Rev. T. Babu, Rev. Sunny George Mathew, Rev. Sibi Mathew, Rev. Binoy Baby, Rev. Nishad Issac Chandy, and Ms .Soly Siju Philip led various classes and sessions.

3. National Seminar

A national seminar on 'Religion and Gender Justice'was organized on October 5 and 6, 2022 along with CISRS. Dr. Aruna Gnanadasan, Dr. P. M. Athira, Dr. P. M. Arathi, Dr. Rekha Raj, Dr. Soni George, Dr. Kochurani Abraham, Mrs. Najm Tabshirah, Rev. Dr. Y. T. Vinayaraj led different classes for the seminar participants.

4. Ecological Seminar

Six workshops from all the dioceses of the Mar Thoma Church were organized as a joint venture of the Mar Thoma Ecological Commission and TMAMROC was held from every Monday on Zoom Online Platform from February 20 to March 27, 2022, on the theme 'Church and Ecojustice Witness. The sessions were conducted on Sundays and included various presentations and discussions. The workshop was led by Rt. Rev. Dr. Geevarghese Mar Kurilose, Rev. Dr. Mothy Varkey, Dr. Mathew Koshy Punnakad, Dr. Mini Prasad, Rev. M. P. Samuel, Rev. Viji Varghese Eapen.

5. Mandalam Study Book Classes

The study materials of the dioceses were prepared based on the theme "The Testimony of the Church in the Changing World." Various study sessions on this topic were organized for the study classes using the Mandalam Study Book of the year 2022 as the reference.

6. Mar Chrysostom Library

In the context of the formation of Mar Chrysostom Chair at Mahatma Gandhi University, the life

and teachings of Mar Chrysostom were published in a comprehensive study book titled "*Mar Chrisosthinte Jeevithalookam: Veeritta Shabdavum Sancharavum* was released by Rt. Rev. Dr. Abraham Mar Paulos Episcopa with the first copy present to Justice K. T. Thomas. The English translated copy titled 'Mar Chrysostom: Bishop across Borders' was also relasedBoth books were utilized as Yuvajana Sakhyam study book and exams were conducted on the book.

7. Evangelion Study Gathering

The clergy of Kottayam-Kochi diocese meet every first Wednesday of the month for a study fellowship, titled 'Login to Logos'.

8. Writers Workshop

Writers workshop was organized for the contributors of *Pratidina Veda Padanasahayi* and every day with the Word. Rev. Dr. V M Mathew led session the theme 'Changing Times and Flowering Church' Rev. M C Thomas from the book of Exodus.

9. Every Day with the Word

Daily devotionals, reflections, and meditations were published in Malayalam and English throughout the year. 2022 July- October Jeremiah 28-52 & Psalms; 2022 November -2023 February Theme was 'Changing Times and Flowering Church' and 2023 March – June Gospel according to John

10. Parish Ministry

The articles and bible studies published during Maramon Convention by Parish Ministry Pastoral, under the theme 'Ministry in Context of Migration' were included.in the recent volume

11. Camp, Conferences, Study Gatherings

Various study conferences were organized by the centres, dioceses utilizing the facilities of the institute campus. CSS, CARD study conferences were conducted in the campus.

12. Library

Extensive collections of books on various subjects were collected for official studies and research purposes. This year numerous books were acquired to meet the requirements of scholars, theologians, and students. The library is equipped with computers, making it beneficial for researchers and theology students.

5.6 Thomas Mar Athanasius Institute of Counselling

Providing comprehensive wellbeing for 39 years. TMA Institute of Counselling, has been providing valuable services to many irrespective of caste and creed. Beyond counselling services, certificate coursesunder Serampore University's Diploma in Pastorate Counselling, and Masters in Counselling, as well as Psychotherapy courses, are offered in the institute.

Rt. Rev. Dr. Abraham Mar Paulos Episcopa, the current chairman of the governing board, has been leading the administration of the institute. In the report year, the governing board made decisions for the betterment of the institute and also for the welfare of the community. Working as the governing board were members: Very Rev. Mathew John, Rev. P. Y. Mathew John (Diocesan Secretary), Mr. Saji Cherian (Treasurer), Rev. Dr. Joe Joseph Kuruvilla (Director TMAM.), Rev. K. P. Sabu (Director of Mochana), Rev. Varghese Abraham, Mr. Abraham Cherian, Mr. Jomesh Ponnoos, Mr. Korah Kurian, Mr. Kurien Mathew, Dr.Lata Jacob, Mrs. Sini John, and Mr. P. V. Cherian. Mr. Abraham Cherian served as the treasurer.

Director/Faculty

Serving as the institute's director, Rev. Dr. Joe Joseph Kuruvilayil, full-term faculty, Rev. Joseph Mathew, and part-term faculty, Rev. Dr. Jacob. George, Rev. PromodZacharia.

Administrative Staff

For the past 20 years, Ms. Anila Elisabeth Mathew served as administrative assistant. From October 1st onwards, Mrs. Vinila Sara Kurian carried out her service. Mr. John Thomas serves as supervisor."

Counselling Clinic

During the report year, a total of 440 counselling sessions were conducted at the counselling clinic. Among these, 298 individuals were newly registered. Various counselling sessions were conducted, including pre-marital counselling, marital issue resolution, addiction counselling, counselling for stress and depression, and others. The counselling services provided significant assistance in personal development and growth. Counselling sessions were also held for personality development and enhancement. Online Counselling Services were also provided.

Diploma in Clinical Pastoral Counselling

The previous academic year, one student completed diploma courseaffiliated with Serampore University, and 4 more have enrolled for the course this year.

Masters in Counselling and Psychotherapy

A total of 23 students are currently enrolled in the Master's in Counselling and Psychosocial Care course, affiliated with Serampore University. 10 students successfully completed their studies and became eligible for postgraduate degrees.

Counselling Internship Programme

The Counselling Clinic of the institution organized a counselling internship program for two students.

Counselling in School

Under the leadership of various instructors, counseling sessions were conducted in schools affiliated with the institution. Schools like K.E.H.S. Maananam, Lourd's Public School Kottayam, St. Francis School Ettumanur, Seventh-day Adventist School Vadavathoor, Mar Thoma Seminar Higher Secondary School Kottayam, and Baker Vidhyapeeth Kottayam were covered under the program.

Counselling Training Programme

Training program was conducted for counselling in institutions specifically Thiruvananthapuram Hospice Gardens Centre and at the Mallappalli St. Andrews Mar Thoma Church. These programs were organized to improve counselling skills of the delegates.

Psychological test

In accordance with the instructions of the *Vaideeka* Selection Committee of the Mar Thoma Church, and in joint venture with CSI Madhya Kerala Church, psychometric tests were conducted for students who were appearing for the their B.D. studies entrance exams.

Family Empowerment Class

Family empowerment classes were organized in various churches, under the institute namely: Christos Mar Thoma Church, Iruvallipra, St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Thevalli, St. Peter's Mar Thoma Church, Manganoor, Immanuel Mar Thoma Church, Mepral, and St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Marthahalli.

Mission to College

A mentoring program was conducted for the students and faculty of Kottayam CMS College English department at the beginning of the academic year.

Maintenance Works

An amount of 13,23,454/- was spent on maintenance work for the main building of the institution

and the women's hostel during the reporting year.

5.7 Easow Mar Timotheos Centre for Evangelism and Rural Development, Sihora.

This evangelist training institute established in memory of late lamented Easow Mar Timotheos has a legacy of 34 years. About 130 youths, who have completed their training from this institute located within the ashram premises, are now sharing the Christian witness in various places in India.Youths dedicating their lives to the full time ministry of the church are from various mission fields and are trained for 3 years. Every academic is held in two semesters year commencing from July first week. Bro. Joseph Thomas Indore led the retreat held in July this year. Due to Covid-19 no admissions were held for a year, in 1st year we have five students and in 2nd year we have four students, 9 students are currently pursuing their courses. In 2021-22, 3 students completed their training and are placed in Itarsi of Delhi Diocese, Telangana of Chennai-Bangalore Diocese and Shipra a mission centre of Card. Along with orientation in the New Testament, Theology, Christian Education, Faith and Practices of the Church, Mission and Rural Development, training in English and Hindi languages are also included in the course program.

Practical Training.

Saturdays and Sundays are earmarked for practical training. Besides getting exposure at the mission field and leading worship on Sundays the students involve themselves in the activities of the local Sunday Schools. The students lead the Christmas programs held in various mission centres and lead the Sunday school and Youth Meeting at the Sihora Mar Thoma Church. The students are sent to Shipra, Satna and Bilaspur for their practical exposure after the first semester examination.

Rev. Mathew K. Chandy serves as the Principal and Rev. Shibu George, Rev. M Mathew, Evg. Yuhan Mishra, Sr. Saramma Mathew, Sr. T. K. Mariamma renders their services as the faculty. Rev. Daniel Nath, Bible Society of India, Jabalpur Auxiliary led the Diploma Conferring Service for the passing out batch of 2021-22 held on 30th April 2022. The Commissioning Service was held in the midst of the Holy Communion service during the Ashram Day and was led by Rt. Rev. Dr. Euyakim Mar Coorilos Suffragan Metropolitan.

5.8 Easow Mar Timotheos Memorial Evangelist Training Institute , Hoskote.

Easow Mar Timotheos Memorial Evangelist Training Institute, Hoskote established in memory of late lamented Easow Mar Timotheos, has a legacy of Tirumeni's evangelistic zeal. Focusing on the evangelization in the areas of Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana dedicated evangelists are trained and given formation in this institution. Many have completed their formation from this institution and are serving in various mission fields.

Faculty

A team comprising of seven faculty members lead the classes. Rev. Jinson K. Mathew serves as the Principal and Rev. Jince P. Koshy serves as the warden. Currently six students reside in the campus and are receiving their training.Two students have completed their training.

Worship

Worship services in the morning and evening intercessory prayers are an integral part of the institution. In the morning, students gather in the chapel at the institute at 6.30 a.m. for the worship. The students lead the worship service.

Practical Training.

For practical training students are assigned to various villages. Students acquire their training in leading the Worship Services, Prayer Fellowships, Sunday School youth meetings and house visits.

5.9 Church Animation Centre (CHANCE)

This centre was established on 2005 April 5th in commemoration of late Dr. Zacharias Mar Theophilus's silver jubilee of Episcopal consecration . This centre aims to make the local parishes

of the Mar Thoma Church renewed and lively in accordance with the times. As the technology of animation evolved this centre attempted to integrate the church with the digital world. Later on the responsibilities to maintain the church museum was given to the animation centre. The centre evolved its responsibilities in 3 levels namely, energizing the local parishes, maintaining the digital library and maintaining the Church museum

Activities to Empower Local Parishes

1. Deeper Life Conversation Forum

This is a dialogical study program to study and have an awareness on contemporary issues. This forum meets at the last week of every month. The following issues where studied upon. 1. Cognition disabled by Fascism 2. Challenges faced by Secular India and Christian society 3. Christian witness in postmodern world. 4. Possibilities and spheres of witness open postmodernism. 5. The challenges faced by the church due to the weathering away of the youths. 6. Responsibility towards creation- a response to the WCC conference. 7. Post human world and Christian responses. 8. Christian responses to the increasing fascistic tendencies in India.

2. Publication of handbook.

In order to empower the local Parishes, an eighty paged handbook titled Empowering local Parishes -vision, methodology and practice was published. This book was made available to all the clergy after its publication at the annual clergy conference at Charalkunnu. This book brings forward many guidelines for the renewal of the local parish. Workshops based on this book is being conducted at the parish level.

3. Parish level study of Sabha Mandalam study book.

Arrangements were made at the Parish level to study the Sabha Mandalam study Book titled the witness of the church in the changing world. Study in 15 parishes in the diocese of Kottayam-Kochi, Niranam-Maramon, Adoor and Chengannur-Mavelikara were held. Study at the Diocesan level at Kottayam-Kochi and Trivandrum-Kollam were also held. A team of 10 people from the Animation Centre led the classes for two and half hours.

4. Community School

The New Education Policy of India classify education into foundation, pre-primary, middle and secondary levels. It is essential to evaluate if the student has acquired the necessary skills and knowledge in one level before moving into the other. The student should acquire physical, psychological, mental, spiritual and a holistic personality development. Community schools aims at identifying the students who are falling behind and enabling them to grow. Community schools focus on the constant evaluation of the students, empowering them for academic excellence, appointing councillors at Parish levels and to ensure the enrolment and participation of the parents and the Parish in moulding the students. In its primary phase a few rural parishes are chosen on a trial basis for its implementation. The Animation Centre provides training for all such Parishes in these areas.

5. 'Eccclesia Today' Journal.

This new endeavour of the Animation Centre primarily focuses on the empowerment of the local Parishes. This journal documents the various activities of the parishes and facilities the sharing of thoughts and activities to various parishes. The first issue of this journal has 9 different articles focusing on the empowerment of local parishes.

5.10 Mar Thoma Church Museum and Church Reference Library.

The church museum currently has on its exhibits the pictures of late lamented Church fathers, historical documents and antique artefacts. The feasibility to exhibit the church's wide facets is being studied. An attempt is being made to holistically improve the museum by including the details of clergy who were active during and after the reformation, historic mission fields and institutions,

evangelists, women leaders, ecumenical leaders, workers of the diocese, historical events of the local parishes. Lack of space remains a constraint yet the museum is resourceful in spite of it. People from various walks of life are visiting the museum. A chapel suitable for meditation and worship is also the part of the museum.

Most. Rev. Dr. Theodosius Mar Thoma Metropolitan serves as the Chairman and Rev. Oommen V. Varkey serves as the Director of the Local Advisory Board.

In the Old Poolatheen, the headquarters of the Animation Centre, a print library is functioning which preserves the history and heritage of church. A library with a collection of about 1100 books from various subjects like Church History, Ecclesiology and Christology is also functional. An attempt to digitalise various church documents like the historical documents, documents of properties, letters of Church fathers and other historical documents is been done. In order to do that Church Animation Digital Wing (CADWING) has started to work this report year. Committee with digital competence works to achieve this. In order to find out resources from the local Parish a 'Parish Mapping' is also being done.

5.11 Juhanon Mar Thoma & Mathews Mar Athanasius Holistic Development Centre, Ayroor.

In order to commemorate the Mar Thoma church's visionary bishops Juhanon Mar Thoma Metropolitan & Mathews Mar Athanasius Episcopa the centre is functioning at their place of birth, Ayroor near the banks of Pamba river for the past 9 years.

Puzhayoram Pakalveedu.

More than 60 people regularly participate in the activities of the Pakalveedu on every Wednesday.

Home Care /Mobile Medical Unit.

Regular visits are made at the residence of financially backward patients in the catchment areas of Ranni-Nilakkal, Niranam-Maramon and Kottayam-Kochi dioceses and medical advices, lab tests and emergency services are provided.

Medical Assistance.

People requiring medical equipment are provided with medical equipment with the help of people who sponsor new ones or the ones which were used.

Distribution of food kit.

More than 250 families of the patients, in the neighbouring areas, who are financially backward are provided with nutritious food kit.

One time Meal.

More than 60 people who are lonely and not in the state of cooking food are regularly provided with lunch daily.

Hospital food distribution.

Patients and by-standers at Kozhenchery Government Hospital and Cherukolpuzha Government Ayurveda Hospital are provided with lunch twice a week.

Ambulance medical care.

Bedridden patients of the palliative care and patients requiring dialysis are transported to the hospitals like Kumbanad Fellowship and Ranni Government Hospital and back to their homes in the ambulance. Medical bills are also partially paid.

Food kit for children who are affected by cancer.

Cancer patients below the age of 18 are regularly provided with eggs, milk, plantain, nuts and dates.

Sharafat fellowship/Sakshya

Women who are widowed at a young age and those who are lonely are brought together and given employment opportunities.

Christhos Sevanilayam.

Initiatives are taken to begin a rehabilitation home for women named Christhos Sevanilayam at the 90 cent property given by Ayroor C.J. Alexander and family.

Food Fest

This is an initiative to raise funds for the activities of palliative Care unit.

Sneha Veedu

A family from the Mar Thoma Church, handed over their 1.73 acre property at Irumbkuzy in Ezhumatoor Panchayat to build houses for the homeless. Every individual has been given five cents of land. 21 houses measuring 563 sq. ft., a staff quarters measuring 650 sq ft and 1400 yard community centre has been constructed. These houses were dedicated by Most Rev. Dr. Theodosius Mar Thoma Metropolitan and Rt. Rev. Thomas Mar Timotheos Episcopa on 10th April 2023. The health minister of Kerala Mrs.Veena George handed over the documents and keys to the house. The presence of leaders from the social and political front and peoples representatives were also there.

Christmas carol services, awareness classes, Onam celebrations, honouring citizens over 75 years old, career development program and other events are held.

6. COMMITTEES

6.1 Vaideeka Selection Committee.

The Vaideeka Selection Committee convened 6 times this report year and took necessary decisions and executed them. It recommended the Episcopal Synod to grant ordination to 17 students who have completed their theological education in various theological institutions under the sponsorship of the church and 7 students who have completed theological education without the sponsorship of the church. This year the committee selected 19 students to pursue that theological education under the sponsorship of the church. The committee monitored the progress of education of the students sent for theological education and recommended them for continuation of their education and also provided them with guidelines for the same. Mar Thoma Theological Seminary Kottayam has 72 students, Bangalore United Theological College has 5 students, Jabalpur Leonard Theological College has 3 students, Kolkata Bishops college has 1 student, Serampore College has 5 students Chennai Gurukul Lutheran Theological college has 1 student and Faridabad Dharma Jyothi Vidya Peeth has 32 students doing their Theological Education. Most Rev. Dr. Theodosius Mar Thoma Metropolitan serves as the Chairman of the committee and Rev. C V Symon serves as the Secretary of the committee.

6.2 Property and Building Committee.

This year the property and building committee met seven times and executed the following things as per the decision of Sabha Council.

1. Decided to construct the boundary wall for Maramon Silver Jubilee Home.
2. Decided to plaster the wall near Chairman's Road.
3. Gave permission for the construction of the building at MCRD.
4. Decided to refurbish the building in property at Mulakuzha.
5. Decided to fence the boundaries of property at Mulakuzha.
6. Decided to dedicate the Pambayoram Building and rent it out.
7. Decided to paint the Poolatheen.
8. Decided to lay interlock to the way leading to Pambayoram building.

Mr. P.C. Oommen served as the consultant engineer and Mr Saji Perumal served as the overseer and gave their valuable supervision to all the works.

6.3 Service commission.

Service commission is responsible to prepare the rank list and get approval from the Sabha Council regarding the appointments of teaching and non teaching staff to the corporate management schools and teachers training institute of the church. This year, rank list was sent to the Sabha Council for approval for the appointment of lower grade Hindi teachers and the last grade servants. Rt. Rev. Thomas Mar Timotheos serves as the Chairman and Rev. George Cherian serves as the Secretary of this commission. 8 other members form this commission.

6.4 Higher Education Commission.

Eightdifferent colleges of the Mar Thoma Church which function directly under the Church institution and trust of the church are under the ambit of the higher education commission. The members of the commission and principals jointly on the basis of reports from the principal make observations and give the guidelines to the colleges. The commission puts forward the instructions to upgrade the quality of education, research and study. Various changes are being considered in the light of National Education Policy 2020 and Sham B. Menon commission's recommendations. Based on the deliberations, recommendation to make the Arts and Science colleges of the church autonomous has been discussed. Recommendations were made to make necessary changes and adapt to the changing rules and regulations, and to co-opt academic advisory committee, including competent academicians. The annual conference of the teaching staff of the colleges was held under the auspices of Higher Education Commission on March 25th 2023 at Tiruvalla Mar Thoma College. Professor Dr Sabu Thomas, the Vice Chancellor of the Mahatma Gandhi University, inaugurated the meeting. Rt. Rev. Dr. Abraham Mar Paulose presided over the meeting.

6.5 Mar Thoma Theological Commission

Four meetings of Theological Commission were convened over the zoom platform this year. Discussion on the topic such as the lay involvement in the church, ministry among the children, challenges raised by migration, the nature of the Church -its calling and commission, history and development of mission activities of church where held. Rev. Dr. Sham P Thomas, Rev. Joe Joseph Kuruvilla, Dr. Yeshudas Athyal, Dr. George Zachariah and Rev. Jacob P Thomas presented papers on various topics. Based on the discussions on the papers presented, study guidelines have been formulated and their primary studies have been conducted. In order to prepare special worship orders the commission has been requested to convene a meeting of representatives of various organisations. In this commission which is chaired by Most. Rev. Dr. Theodosius Mar Thoma Metropolitan, Very Rev. Dr. K.G. Pothen, Rev. Dr. Alexander M. Isaac, Rev. Dr. Sham P Thomas, Dr. Jesudas Athyal, Dr. Aswathy John, Rev. Dr. V.S. Varughese (convenor) serve as members.

6.6 Mar Thoma Liturgical Commission.

Rt. Rev. Dr. Euyakim Mar Coorilos Suffragan Metropolitan serves as the Chairman of the Liturgical Commission. It prepared the Liturgical Calendar and Lectionary for the year 2023. An order of Service for the funeral of children who could not be baptized was formed and has been sent to the Episcopal Synod for approval. Very Rev. Dr.Easow Mathew serves as the Convenor and Rev Dr. Koshy P. Varughese, Dr. Mariamma James, Rev. Sam Koshy T. are members.

6.7 Mar Thoma Digital Innovations Committee.

The world is going through a digital revolution. It has become almost impossible to stay in touch with each other without the help of technology. Every day, the so-called cutting-edge technology is being replaced by Artificial Intelligence that is capable of making decisions independently of humans. The world is still debating the pros and cons of this technology.

In this age, the question of how to use technology for the purpose of God and the furtherance of the ministry of the Church is very relevant. The Mar Thoma Digital Innovations Committee, working with the EDP (Electronic Data Processing) Department, is focused on answering this question by advancement of technology and its relevance to the Church.

The Church's website (www.marthoma.in) and mobile applications (Marthomian, Mar Thoma Directory) were used by many people this year (approximately 1,65,000 users). The Metropolitan's messages, Kalpanas, general information of the Church and organizations, details of priests and parishes, sermons, hymns from Christian hymns, forms for various purposes, etc. are available from these applications and websites. Instant communication is possible through the official WhatsApp number of the Church. The Holy Qurbana and other events celebrated in various parishes of the Church are webcast live through the Church's website and social media pages.

The following are the official social media pages of the Church: Facebook page - https://www.facebook.com/MalankaraMarThomaSyrianChurch: (62,630 followers); Instagram - @marthomachurch: (3,933 followers); YouTube - https://www.youtube.com/MarThomaSyrianChurch: (52,200 subscribers); Twitter - twitter.com/marthomasabha: (1,211 followers). These are being used successfully.

Last year, the registration for the Mandalam was done quickly and efficiently with the help of the mobile app developed for the Sabha Office.

During the reporting year, in addition to the existing payment gateway, a new payment gateway (payments.marthoma.in) was launched for use by the clergy and parishes of our Church. This system facilitates payments to the Sabha office and other organizations.

A new GST software module has been developed for seamless online payment of GST transactions of dioceses. The software developed for the Sabha Office is functioning efficiently. This software was used in the Sabha Office stall at the Maramon Convention and helped in the smooth running of the office. During the reporting year, the second phase of the software development project—which is for the diocesan offices and parishes—was initiated. The work is in progress.

During the reporting year, an eleven-member committee chaired by Dr. Abraham Mar Paulos Episcopa led the discussions and activities of the Committee.

6.8 Malankara Darshan Channel Programme.

In order to provide spiritual awareness through the media, a channel program named Malankara Darshan was introduced. Programs are telecast through Shalom TV every Saturday at 6 p.m. Meditations, musical programs, musical worship, Maramon Convention messages, counselling programs, health awareness programs and evangelization are telecasted. The Church places it's courtesy towards Shalom TV for its permission to air our programs. Sabha secretary presides over the committee in which Rev. Ashish Thomas George serves as the program director and other commitment activities work.

6.9 Mar Thoma School Counselling Programme

By the grace of God the counselling ministry of the church in the schools run by the corporate management is a blessed experience. As the students face various problems, the ministry among them is of primary importance. Many students these days face problems like anxiety, depression, tension and trauma. The counselling ministry enables them to face these problems and handle them accordingly. The counselling ministry empowers the students to face psychological problems and problems in the academic sphere. The counselling program enables them to improve their academic skills and time management.

As many students face exploitation in their relationship, the same influences their personality. Broken friendships and love affairs are major issues they have to face. Counselling program enables them to make meaningful relationships. The counselling program is also helpful to the students who are from broken families, families with financial constraints and other family issues. The students who are facing various issues are given a platform to communicate their issues.

Many students are influenced by the usage of substances. Counselling enables them to reduce the substance abuse and slowly get themselves in the therapeutic atmosphere. The counselling program employs people from various areas to enable them to face their problems.

We are in need of counsellor to work in the schools. We are striving to provide medical care and treatment to the students who are influenced by substance abuse.

6.10 Lehari Vimochana Samithi

Alcohol drugs and other abusive substances damage individuals and society. The church has taken strong stands against the usage and trade of such substances.We have to constantly resist the abuse caused by alcohol and other addictive substances. The younger generation is more affected than the older generation by the substance abuse. In comparison with the college students, school students are more susceptible to using such chemical substances.They undermine the advice and regulations of the older generations in such cases. The usage of substances is beyond age and gender barriers. As per some studies, female children are more susceptible in some cases.

As a Christian response to the social evils, in 1983, Mar Thoma Church began its activity against the stoppage of consumption of alcohol. As the result of the resolution submitted in the Sabha Pradinidhi Mandalam, in 2012 and the discussions following it, in 2015 Mandalam entrusted the Sabha Council to study this further and formulate action plans. A committee was appointed with the title "Social evil awareness campaign committee" and later this became Lahari Vimochana Samithi.

Temperance Sunday.

From 1983 the Mar Thoma Church observes the second Sunday of January as Temperance Sunday.

January 8 was observed as temperance day this year.On the same day a special worship order was used as per the circular number 71 from the Mar Thoma Metropolitan.Many Parishes arranged deputation, rallies, marches, street plays and public meetingsin protestagainst the use of substances.

Maramon Convention Abstinence Stall.

Under the leadership of Lehari Vimojana Samithi the abstinence committee set a stall at the Maramon convention sand bed from February 12th to 19th 2023.Pamphlets of various de-addiction centres were distributed.Rev. Moncy P. Jacob served as the Convenor.

Maramon Convention Exhibition Stall.

Awareness exhibition and awareness campaigns were held at the Maramon Convention venue from February 12th to 19th 2023.

Aim

Awareness against the use of substances amongst adolescence, awareness amongst adolescence and youths about behavioural addiction, creating awareness amongst girl children and women about the impact of substance abuse, providing treatment methodologies to the addicts.

Awareness Exhibition

Exhibitions on the topic of children and addiction was held in which behaviour addiction, chemical addiction, multiple addiction and the usage of tobacco were made aware of.

Awareness Campaign

Campaign named "me too against addiction" and "sticker campaign" was held for the children.For the elders a badge campaign was held along with an exhibition. Pledge against the usage of drugs was held. Posters along with pamphlets and articles were displayed. Rev. Shiji Sam served as the Convenor.

AA Meeting.

A meeting of the Alcoholics Anonymous was held on 15th February 2023, Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. at the Maramon Convention venue. Rt. Rev. Thomas Mar Timotheos presided over the meeting in which the families of people who are free from the usage of substance participated.

Mr. Eecheri Kunjikrishnan delivered the keynote address. Dr. Joshua Mar Ignathious Metropolitan

gave the felicitation address. Rev. Dr. T.T. Zachariah presented the report.

Social Evils Awareness Meeting

A meeting on the Awareness of social evils was held on 15th February 2003 at 5:00 p.m. at Convention venue.

Bishop Mar Thomas Tharayil Delivered main address in the presence of Bishops of our church.

International Day Against Drug Abuse.

June 26th is celebrated as international Day against drug abuse. In order to have a drug free society many parishes and organisations organised for an awareness against the use of drugs.

Sandhram: Workers Training

A training programme for workers battling against the usage of substance was held on 2022 September 16 at JMM Holistic Centre.

Rev. Dr. T.T. Zachariah inaugurated the program and Convenor Rev. Shiji Sam led the sessions. The participants divided themselves into two groups and discussed how communication can be made possible through stories and developed into stories namely “a mother’s lament” and “dark shadow”. Training was given to the participants on awareness and counselling of school and college students.

Training programs were led by the people involved in the de-addiction ministry.

Meeting in response to the social evil.

A meeting against the social evil was held on 24th October 2022 at Elanthoor Valiya Palli.

De-addiction Mission

Various mission are taken up and executed by the sub committees of the body.

Mission to college school and Sunday school.

Every de-addiction centre focuses on the local educational institutions and provides them counselling and awareness.

Mission for public awareness

For the Awareness of general public rallies, marches, street plays, testimonies and public meetings are organised.

Mission to Alcoholics Anonymous.

People who are liberated from the usage of alcohol gather to share their experiences and share the fellowship.

Mission for rehabilitation.

The rehabilitation of the people who are free from there substance abuses is the major focus. Many of our dioceses are carrying out the rehabilitation of such people.

De-addiction centres

Mukti De-addiction Centres, Nadavayal, Wayanad.

Director: Rev. Aji Cherian

Darshana Rehabilitation and De-addiction Centre, Sholayur, Attapadi.

Director: Rev. Jinu Abraham George.

Mochana De-addiction and Counselling Centre, Manganam, Kottayam.

Director: Rev. K.P. Sabu

Navadarshan De-addiction and Counselling Centre, Kidanganoor

Director: Rev. Raj Elias Varghese.

Navajeevakendram Integrated Rehabilitation Centre for Addicts, Malayalapuza

Director: Rev. Moncy P Jacob

Anugraha De-addiction Centre, Adoor.

Director: Rev. Aneesh P Alex

G.J.A.M Ashwas De-addiction Centres, Valakom

Director: Rev. Shiji Sam

Nyrmalya De-addiction, Counselling and National Resource Centres, Peyad, Trivandrum.

Director: Rev. Tittu Thomas.

6.11 Ecological Commission.

As per the decision of the Episcopal Synod in February 2022, Mar Thoma Ecological Commission was formed. Rt. Rev. Dr. Joseph Mar Barnabas Suffragan Metropolitan serves as the Chairman, Rev. Dr. V. M. Mathew serves as the Convenor, Rev. Jose C. Joseph Mathew, Rev. Dr. P.Y. Mathew, Ms. Jeena Jacob. Dr. C P Robert, Mr. Varghese C. Thomas are its members. This Commission met three times to discuss its activities and take necessary decisions. On 22nd April 2022 Earth Day meeting and seminar was held at KVK Thelliyoor. The main theme for this was 'let us rise for this earth'. On 5th June 2022, Ecological Day meeting was held at Kottarakkara Jubilee Mandiram. Annual meeting of the clergy from Mar Thoma and CSI churches was held at Thiruvalla Sabha Council Chamber in October 2022, this was jointly held by the Mar Thoma Ecological Commission and CSI Ecological Department. From February 27, 2023 for continuous sixMondays, seminars were held on the title 'Church and Ecological Justice and Witnessing'; this was jointly organised by the Ecological Commission and TMMROC Manganam.

Vision statement of the Ecological Commission regarding the ecology was published. It was published by Most. Rev. Dr. Theodosius Mar Thoma Metropolitan during the Earth Day celebration held on 22nd April 2022. Green protocols for Parishes, Schools, Colleges institutions and homes were published by the Ecological Commission. Cloth bags printed with ecological messages were gifted to the Pratinidhi Mandalam members by the Ecological Commission. The newsletter of the commission was published by the Chairman on the Ecological Day meeting. A book including 19 ecological Bible Studies were published at the Maramon on February 10th 2023.

6.12 Steering Committee.

The steering committee met 7 times during this report year to discuss the agenda for the Sabha Council and gave its suggestions. Rt. Rev. Dr. Abraham Mar Paulos served as the Chairman.

6.13 Staff Matters Committee

This committee convened elevenmeetings this year.

1. The salary hike was decided to be implemented from 2022 April.
2. It was decided to employ new staff (Clerk General Section, Clerk Account Section, Staff EDP Section, Estate Officer, Part Time Sweeper).
3. The tenure for the list prepared will be 2 years.
4. It was decided to appoint an Accounts Manager.
5. It was decided to appoint an Office Manager.
6. It was decided to give 2% DA from 2023 April.
7. Staff service rules were amended.

6.14 Socio Political Commission.

The Mar Thoma church's Socio Political Commission met during various times to discuss the

various socio-political issues and recorded its responses. Discussions were made on the issues of rising threat to India's democracy, secularism and right to free speech, atrocities against minorities, tribal people, and Dalits, the misuse of constitutional bodies and migration of youths from Kerala. Rt. Rev. Thomas Mar Timotheos serves as the Chairman and Sam Chempakathil serves as the Convenor.

6.15 Legal Affairs Committee.

Legal affairs committee met five times this year. Decisions were executed as per the consultation of the Sabha Council and approval of Episcopal Synod.

7. DIOCESES, PARISHES, CLERGIES AND MANDALAM MEMBERS.

7.1 Dioceses and Parishes.

Diocese Parishes and Congregation

1. Niranam-Maramon 84
2. Kottayam-Kochi 119
3. Ranni-Nilakkal 130
4. Mumbai 76
5. Kottarakkara-Punalur 91
6. Trivandrum-Kollam 94
7. Malaysia-Singapore-Australia-New Zealand 32
8. Chengannur-Mavelikara 92
9. North America - Europe 98
10. Adoor 90
11. Chennai-Bangalore 144
12. Delhi 81
13. Kunnamkulam-Malabar 81

7.2 Parishes Congregations Formed This Year

1. Pulpally
2. Vennpala
3. Jeddah

7.3 Clergy Retiring From Active Service in 2022- 23.

1. Rev. Sabu Koshy
2. Rev. Philip Easow
3. Rev. John Kuruvilla
4. Rev. Dr. Koshy P Varughese
5. Rev. Josen V T
6. Rev. Kuruvilla Philip
7. Rev. Sabu George
8. Rev. Thomas C. Alexander
9. Rev. Dr. Samuel T Varghese
10. Rev. Sam John
11. Rev. P. K. Zachariah
12. Rev. Eapen Cherian

7.4 Clergy - Demised

1. Very Rev. Dr. P P Abraham
2. Rev. P.M Mathew
3. Rev. E John
4. Rev. M N Samuel
5. Rev. G Yohanann

6. Rev. P.G Mathew
7. Rev. Varghese M Thomas
8. Rev. K.M Varghese
9. Rev. V George Mathew
10. Rev. C.G Thomas
11. Rev. P.O Thomas
12. Rev. Jose Varghese

7.5 Mandalam Members - Demised

1. Mr. Mathunny Varghese
2. Mr. Jacob P Chacko
3. Mr. Jose Thomas

7.6 Clergy Entering the Ordained Ministry in 2022-23

		Deacon	Kassessa
1.	Rev. Aby Babu	18.07.2022	29.07.2022
2.	Rev. Ajith K Oommen	18.07.2022	29.07.2022
3.	Rev. Shiju Oomachen	18.07.2022	26.07.2022
4.	Rev. Shinu K Thomas	19.07.2022	28.07.2022
5.	Rev. Solomon B.N.	19.07.2022	30.07.2022
6.	Rev. Vipin John	19.07.2022	01.08.2022
7.	Rev. Christy Thomas Luke	12.10.2022	10.12.2022
8.	Rev. Premin Iype Vengal	12.10.2022	10.12.2022
9.	Rev. Jayesh George Mathew	25.10.2022	21.12.2022
10.	Rev. Liju Thomas	25.10.2022	01.02.2022
11.	Rev. Dan Thomas George	26.10.2022	23.12.2022
12.	Rev. David John Varghese	26.10.2022	23.12.2022
13.	Rev. Jobin Thomas Varghese	26.10.2022	23.12.2022
14.	Rev. George Varghese	29.10.2022	19.12.2022
15.	Rev. Senu Mathew	29.10.2022	19.12.2022
16.	Rev. Jobin Y George	01.11.2022	15.12.2022
17.	Rev. Joemon J	01.11.2022	15.12.2022
18.	Rev. Chinchu T Koshy	04.11.2022	27.12.2022
19.	Rev. Rojin R. Abraham	04.11.2022	26.01.2022
20.	Rev. Roshan Sam Varghese	04.11.2022	27.12.2022
21.	Rev. Binoy Abraham	11.11.2022	28.12.2022
22.	Rev. Sijo Rajan	11.11.2022	27.12.2022
23.	Rev. Bibin P. Roy	20.01.2022	24.02.2023
24.	Rev. Bibin Thomas	20.01.2022	06.02.2023
25.	Rev. Christy M. Kurian	20.01.2022	02.02.2023
26.	Rev. Jelin Abraham Mathew	20.01.2022	07.02.2023

7.7 Annual Clergy Conference.

The Annual Clergy Conference was held from 29th November, 2022 to December 1st, 2022 at Christian Education Centre, Charalkunnu. The conference started at 10:00 a.m. on the 29th November. The conference theme was “The World is Gasping for Breath: Challenges for Pastoral Ministry”. The half yearly clergy conference was held on August 5th, 2022 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. via zoom platform. Most Rev. Dr. Theodosius Mar Thoma Metropolitan inaugurated the conference. The Conference President Rt. Rev. Dr. Abraham Mar Paulos presided over the meeting. Rev. C.V. Symon welcomed the gathering. Demised Clergy were remembered and condolences were offered. Dr. Yesudas Athyal and Rev. Dr. K C Varghese led the main talk. Rev. Sajeev Thomas and Rev. Alex A led the Bible Studies. Dr. Sonia George and Evg. Blesson M. Varghese led the

sessions in relation with the main theme with the title “mission of the church in the contemporary Socio Political context”. Rev. Dr. Jacob K. Samuel presented paper on the title “Responding to the Cultural and Linguistic Plurality in the Church”. Rev. Sam Koshy T and CA Sabu John led classes on various topics. DSMC led the singing session. On the concluding day Rt. Rev. Dr. Joseph Mar Barnabas Suffragan Metropolitan led the holy communion service. The concluding session was led by the Metropolitan. Donation of Rs. 5 lakh was made to the Metropolitan’s Ordination Golden Jubilee Project and Rs. 3 lakh was made to the clergy medical aid fund.

Convener Rev. Johnson C Jacob felicitated the Metropolitan on his Golden Jubilee of Ordination. Treasurer Rev. Dr. Saju Matthew placed on record the vote of thanks. The conference concluded with a prayer by Rt. Rev. Dr. Euyakim Mar Coorilos Suffragan Metropolitan and benediction by the Metropolitan.

Newly Elected Officials: Convenor: Rev. Biju K George, Treasurer: Rev George Yohanann.

7.8 Mar Thoma Church Convention Speakers Conference.

Mar Thoma Convention Speakers Association is a gathering of dedicated clergy and laity focused on the mission of church. About 140 members are part of this association. The preparatory prayer for Maramon Convention was held on 30th January, 2023, Monday at 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Maramon Retreat Centre. Sabha Secretary Rev. C.V. Symon, Evangelistic Association General Secretary Rev. Jiji Mathews, Vice President Mr Joy Pullad led the sessions.

In the General Body held on 2023, March 14 at 10:30 a.m. at Maramon Retreat Centre under the presidency of Sabha Secretary, Rev. C.V. Symon and presence of Evangelistic Association General Secretary Rev. Jiji Mathews, Mr Joy Pullad was elected as the Vice President, Mr. Sam K Uthup was elected as the Secretary, Mr. Sabu Pullad was elected as the Joint Secretary and Mr. Mathews John was elected as the Treasurer for the year 2023-26 along with the representative from various Dioceses.

It was decided to conduct an Annual Conference from 18th to 20th June, 2023 at the Maramon Retreat Centre and a prayer gathering on 2023, August 2nd at the Tharangam Mission Action centre. Most. Rev. Dr. Theodosius Mar Thoma Metropolitan serves as the President and Sabha Secretary Rev. CV. Symon, Evangelistic Association General Secretary Rev. Jiji Mathews serves as the Vice President.

8 EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

8 A. Colleges

8 A 1 Mar Thoma College, Thiruvalla.

Established in the year 1952, the Mar Thoma College Thiruvalla has entered its 71st year of service. This college is accredited with A grade by NAAC. The college lays its emphasis on building a new generation with socio-political and ecological commitments. Rt. Rev. Thomas Mar Timotheos serves as the Manager, Dr. Varghese Mathew serves as the Principal and Dr. George Mathew serves as the treasurer.

The college offers 12 graduate programs and 11 post graduate programs. Of the 15 departments of the college seven departments are categorised as research centres of Mahatma Gandhi University. The pass percentage of the college is 76% for graduate programs and 60% for postgraduate programs. 26 students were awarded ranks by the university for their excellent performance in the examination.

The college has 1586 students on the rolls who are guided by 102 members of the faculty and 52 non teaching staff.

The founders day of the college was celebrated for 3 days from 10th to 12th July, 2022. Worship services, Holy communion service and other programmes were held on these days. Awards were also distributed to meritorious students. An amount of rupees 6 lakhwas given by 1992 PCC H

batch towards the Home for the homeless project.

The Orientation programme for 13 new faculties was held on 18th June 2022.

Women Empowerment Cell & Women's Cell

This initiative organised skill training programmes like "Hey girl, tomorrow needs you", "What is actually in my bag" and also conducteda Mini Marathon in association with different organisations.

NCC

The college held its own Fest and also secured prizes in fests conducted by other colleges. Mr. Joshua Raju, 3rd year B.A English student was selected to represent NCC Kerala and Lakshadweep Directorate in the National Republic Day parade.

NSS

NSS functions in three units and around three hundred active students form its members. A Model Millet Farming ground was formed. Ecology oriented programmes and Blood donation camps were conducted. Food fest was organised for the purpose of 'Home for Homeless'.

IQAC

The body conducted different training programmes for students, teaching and non-teaching staffs. Academic calendar preparation and assessment of academic programmes are some of its activities. A Summer Research Internship programme was also conducted.

Publications and Awards

Dr.Ajesh K. Sakharia (Faculty, Chemistry), Dr. Josmin P. Jose (Faculty, Chemistry), Dr. Reenamol Jia (Faculty, Chemistry) and Dr. Shiney Thomas (Faculty, Malayalam) won awards. Dr. Asharani A. (Guest Faculty), Dr. Mathews Sam (Faculty, History), Dr. Gigi Varghese (Guest Faculty), Dr. Anoop Vijayan (Faculty, Bio Science), Dr. Bincy A. Varghese (Guest Faculty, Commerce) were conferred Doctoral degrees and Dr. Liji Samuel (Faculty, Economics) secured a Post-Doctoral fellowship.

Sports

The College participated actively in sports events held in different places. Ms. Nisari K, Mr. Sarath Babu, Mr. Ambady P, Mr. Sonu T. Chandran secured prizes in different events.

8. A. 2 St. Thomas College, Kozhenchery

Rt. Rv. Dr. Abraham Mar Paulose Epsicopa acts as Manager of the institution. Dr. Roy George K. serves as the Principal and Shri. Abin Thomas Kaithavana serves as the Treasurer of the college.

Courses

1. Degree (Credit & Semester System)

B.A (English, Malayalam, Hindi, Economics, History), B.Sc. (Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Botany, Zoology), B.Com. (Computer Application, Finance & Taxation)

2. Post Graduation Courses

M.A (English, Malayalam, Economics), M.Sc. (Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Botany, Zoology, Statistics), M.Com (Financial Management)

3. Research Department

Zoology, Commerce, Physics, Botany, English

4. Diploma/ Short term Courses

Diploma in GST, Tally with SAP, Post Graduate diploma in Taxation, Certificate course on Nano Science, CMA – U.S.

Academic Result

The college secured 73.47% in Degree courses and 84% in the Post Graduation courses. Meenakshi Binu, Subith Cherian, Mincy M. Thomas, Angel Anna Abraham and Mannas Thomas are rank holders.

Awards

Dr. Riya Mammen (Faculty, Commerce), Dr. Mathews John (Faculty, Commerce) and Dr. Job Mathai (Faculty, Mathematics) secured a Research degree and Dr. Sandhya Sreenivasan, Dr. Vineetha S and Dr. Renji Abraham secured a Doctoral degree.

Students Jiji Stanley (M.Com), Ganesh Prakash (M.A English), Parvathy P.M (M.A Malayalam), Athira V.S (M.Sc Botany), Parvathy M.S (M.Com) and Sneha Mariyam James (M.A Economics) cleared NET examination.

The college is actively participating in sports, NSS and NCC and has started research batches. SCMI, MSA and Evangelical Union give leadership in worship, bible study and discussions. The accredited college journal 'REYONO' is published systematically. Webinars and Clean campus-Green campus initiatives are also actively carried out.

8. A. 3 Christian College, Chengannur

The college passed through historic sixty years and strongly moved forward in academic and non-academic initiatives.

Courses

Degree (Credit & Semester System) - English, History, Economics, B.Com (Computer Application), BBA Logistics, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Botany, Zoology.

Post Graduation – English, Economics, Physics, Analytical Chemistry, Zoology.

Academic Result

B.A (26%), B.Com. (48%), B.Sc. (59%), M.A (60%), M.Sc. (66%).

Achievements

Students Hemanth (3rd year Zoology), Adithya. S (Economics), Malu .S (History), Anamika Radhakrishnan (Economics) and Adithya .S (English) won prizes in various events.

Unnimaya and Lakshmi .M secured University Merit Scholarship. M. Kavyapriya and Saritha .P secured Fifth and Sixth ranks respectively in Analytical Chemistry stream.

The faculty of the college Anish. S, Basil Thomas secured a Doctoral degree. Dr. Sunila Abraham, Dr. Johnson Baby, Dr. Prinson P. Samuel, Dr. Hysen Thomas, Dr. Aby Thomas, Dr. Abhilash R, Dr. Anaj Somaraj, Dr. A. Abraham, Dr. Rani Abraham, Dr. Jisha John, Dr. Biju Thomas and Dr. Jyothi Kanjan secured achievements in various fronts.

Different programmes, training and orientation sessions, environment and women related initiatives and developmental activities were carried out smoothly and efficiently.

8. A. 4 Mar Thoma College, Chungathara

The college is in its forty-third year. Eight Degree courses, three Post Graduation courses and one Research centre is functioning in the college. The college is included in the list of National Minority Commission. Rt. Rev. Dr. Thomas Mar Theethos acts as Manager of the institution. IQAC effectively coordinates activities related to NAAC accreditation. Three faculty members of the Commerce Research centre received Doctoral degrees. Rev. S. George serves as the College Bursar and Dr. Rajeev Thomas serves as the Principal of the institution.

8. A. 5 Titus Second Teachers College, Tiruvalla

Established in 1957, this institution is the only aided B.Ed college of the Mar Thoma Church. Orientation sessions, anti-drug day celebration, women cell initiatives, administrative language week-long celebration programmes, and art fest were actively carried out by the college. Coaching classes, literary and debating society, moral and religious association, social service league, nature club are some of the associations functioning in the college. Fifty students for B.Ed and sixteen students for M.Ed got admission in the current year. Cent percentage result was secured by the College for both the courses. Thirteen from B.Ed and three from M.Ed secured top positions in University results. Rt. Rev. Dr. Abraham Mar Paulose Epsicopa acts as the Manager, Dr. Anitha Mathai serves as the Principal and Lipin Mathew serves as the Treasurer of the college.

8. B M.T &E.A Schools Corporate Management

Eight Higher Secondary Schools, fifteen High Schools, one Teachers Training Institute, fifteen Upper Primary Schools and one hundred and twelve Lower Primary Schools function under the management. Appointment, transfer, utilisation of school development fund and carrying out quality improvement programmes form the main task of the management. Rt. Rev. Dr. Joseph Mar Barnabas Suffragan Metropolitan acts as the Governing Board Chairman and Smt. Lallykutty P. serves as Corporate Manager and Smt. Valsamma George serves as Deputy Manager along with four staff members.

8. B. 1 Mar Thoma Seminary Higher Secondary School, Kottayam

The school has completed One hundred and twenty seven yearsand has achieved Cent percent result in SSLC and 78% in Higher Secondary section. Five students from SSLC and Higher secondary section secured full A+. Different clubs, NCC, SPC, NSS, Bharat Scout and Guide, Junior Red Cross actively function in the school. Student counselling is led by Mar Thoma Sabha Counselling Department. Shri. Binu Abraham acts as the Headmaster, Shri. Stanley Thomas serves as the Principal and Shri. Moncy George P. serves as the Headmaster of the High School.

8. B.2 Mar Thoma Higher Secondary School, Pathanamthitta

A total of one thousand two hundred and ten children in Upper Primary, High School and two hundred and ninety students in Higher Secondary are studying in the current academic year. Celebration of significant days, a great library facility and a new unit of SPC in the Higher Secondary section makes the school more relevant. The school got a championship in the District Sports Meet and Akshaya Shivakumar received an Individual Championship. The school has achieved an academic result of 100% in S.S.L.C, 95.45% (Science) and 93.18% (Commerce). Shri. Sajan George Thomas, Smt. Kunjamma P. served as Principals and Smt. Suma Abraham served as Headmistress.

8. B. 3 St. Thomas Higher Secondary School, Keezhillam

The school completed a glorious one hundred years. There are a total of two hundred and eighty eight students in Upper Primary and High school and four hundred and twenty three students in Higher Secondary in the current year. The school has achieved an academic result of 100% in S.S.L.C and 89% (Science) and 92% (Commerce). The school got ‘A’ grade for Daphmuttu in the State Youth Festival. Club activities and camp programmes are actively carried out by the school. Altogether ten students from the High School section received ‘Rajya Puraskar’. Rt. Rev. Dr. Abraham Mar PaulosEpiscopa acts as President of the School and Rev. Simon Kurien as Treasurer. Shri. Biju G. serves as the Principal and Shri. Shaji Mathew K. serves as Headmaster.

8. B. 4 S.C. Seminary Higher Secondary School, Tiruvalla

The school completed one hundred and twenty one glorious years. There are three hundred and ninety eight students in Higher Secondary and a total of seven hundred and sixty seven students in the Upper Primary and High School section. The school has achieved an academic result of 100% in S.S.L.C and 93.9% (Science) and 96.07% (Commerce). The school got significant prizes in Sub-district, Inter-state and National (Women’s Hockey) Sports Meets.

8. B. 5 Ashramam Higher Secondary School, Perumbavoor

A school with a history of ninety two years. The school has achieved an academic result of 100% in S.S.L.C and 84% (Science) and 90% (Humanities). The school has NCC, NSS units and different club activities and enthusiastically participates in district school events. Shri. Sajan George Thomas serves as the Principal and Smt. Simi M. Jacob acts as the Headmistress.

8. B. 6 Mar Thoma Higher Secondary School, Venmony

The school completed its one hundred and third year. The school has achieved an academic result of 100% in S.S.L.C and 97.8% (Science) and 90.27% (Commerce). Students Ms. Joyis Shibu, Ms. Sahala Sadhique, Ms. Aishwarya Rajesh, Liyon Yeshudas George and Ms. Riya Thankam Koshy won different prizes. There are seven hundred and thirty students in the High School section and three hundred and forty five students in the Higher Secondary section. Shri. Jiji Mathew Skariya serves as the Principal and Shri. Saji Alex acts as the Headmaster of the School.

8. B. 7 Mar ThomaVocational Higher Secondary School, Kunnam

The school achieved 100% result in S.S.L.C and students Nayanamol T.S, Sreelakshmi S. Nair and Saneeja Shanavas got full A+. Ms. Justina Sajan got full A+ in the VHSE section. The school won prizes in various events of Sports, Youth Festival and Work Experience. Students Shreya Arunkumar, Shijin Shiby, Ann Mary Raj, Albin Suresh Tom and Amrutha S. won prizes. In the teachers competition, Smt. Soumya Elizabeth Varghese and Smt. Rani John won prizes. The LAC led by Rt. Rev. Thomas Mar Thimotheos, Rev. John Kuruvila, Jiji Mathews, Prof. Jolly Ani Abraham, Smt. Lallykutty (Manager), Shri. Philip Thomas, Shri. Subin K. Thomas gives leadership to the school. Shri. Robin G. Alex serves as the Principal and Smt. Beena K. acts as the Headmistress.

8. B. 8 Mar Thoma Higher Secondary School, Valakom

The school completed ninety nine years and is in its centenary year. A total of eight hundred and ninety three students in the Upper Primary and High School sections and two hundred and twenty five students in Higher Secondary school are currently pursuing their studies. The school has achieved an academic result of 99.5% (S.S.L.C), 100% (Science), 69% (Commerce). The school maintains its high standard in academic and non academic activities. The school gained overall championship in the Sub-District Sports Meet for the thirteenth consecutive year. Master Aby Mathew, Ms. Alakanadha Anilkumar, Ms. Ann B. John won prizes. Various club initiatives are also undertaken by the school.

8. B. 9 Mar Thoma Girls High School, Kottarakkara

The school constructed a house for one of its students and is completing a glorious hundred years. The school achieved 100% result in S.S.L.C. The school gained a significant number of prizes in the fields of Sports, Work Experience, Social Outreach programmes, PTA award, Best School, Red Cross and Rajyapuraskar.

8. B. 10 A.M.M High School, Karavaloor

A total of eight hundred and thirty three students in Upper Primary and High School sections are studying in the school. The school achieved 99% result in S.S.L.C. Training camps, law awareness, disaster mitigation, personality development and child rights classes were held in the school. Different days of significance were celebrated by the school with active participation.

8. B. 11 M.T.S. Girls High School, Aanaprambal

There are one hundred and seventeen students pursuing education from standard fifth to tenth. The school achieved 100% result in S.S.L.C. The school won prizes and achievements in Youth Festival, Work Experience, Sports in Sub-district level. Smt. Reni Varghese serves as the Headmistress of the school.

8. B. 12 T.M.T High School, Thalavady

The school has a history of one hundred and three years. One hundred and twenty three students are pursuing school education here. The school was selected as the second best 'Seed Club' in Kuttanad. Some of the students secured high achievements in different examinations.

8. B. 13 Mar Thoma High School, Channapetta

The school completed seventy years and achieved 100% result in S.S.L.C for the current academic year. Different club initiatives like SPC, Little Kites, JRC are actively ongoing and cater to the school development. The school got an 'A' grade for being the Best School in the district ('Nalla Padam'). Vegetable cultivation, remarkable achievements in Sub-district Sports Meet, Camps, Workshops are notable events of the school.

8. B. 14 Gurukulam Higher Secondary School, Edakkulam

The school achieved 100% result in S.S.L.C and 72% in the Higher Secondary Examination. The school performed and bagged prizes in various competitions in the Sub-district level. A boarding home is also functioningin the school campus. Smt. Shirly John serves as the H.M/Principal in-charge.

8. B. 15 M. M. M High School, Othera

Founded in 1964, the school carries out various academic and non-academic programmes. The club activities and days of significance were celebrated by the school. For the consecutive ninth year, the school achieved 100% result in S.S.L.C. Master Joyal John participated in the State Youth Festival from sub-junior level. Awareness classes against drug addictions and counselling sessions are systematically carried out by the school. Shri. Shaji Mathew K. serves as the Principal of the School.

8. B. 16 St. Thomas Teacher Training Institute, Thiruvalla

Glorious ninety eight years is being completed by the institute. The institute gained overall championship in the Revenue District Level Youth Festival for the consecutive fifth time. The student Ruth Sara Koshy gained the Individual Championship. Dr. Rinu Elizabeth Philip, former student was appointed as assistant professor (Hindi Dept.) of Perumbavoor Mar Thoma Women's College. A total of sixty six students are pursuing their studies in the institute. Most Rev. Dr. Geevarghese Mar Theodosius Metropolitan acts as the Chairman and Rev. Binoy Baby serves as the President of the PTA. Smt. P. Lallykutty serves as the Manager and Smt. Mariyam Thomas serves as the Principal of the institute.

8. B. 17 St. George U.P School, Vazhoor

The school focuses to improve the potential of the students by way of learning activities at school and in society. A visual presentation was carried out by the school at different places against drug addictions. Cent percent result was achieved in LSS scholarship examination. The school has a strength of sixty students in the current academic year.

8. B. 18 Pre Primary Teachers Training Institute

The institute has completed forty three years. The duration of the course offered from the institute is two years and is only meant for women. Different activities were conducted as part of non-academic initiatives. Smt. Ida Cham Kurien serves as the Principal of the institute.

8.C Technical Educational Activities

8. C.1 Mar Thoma Industrial Training Institute, Cherukole, Kozhenchery

The institute was founded in 1964. The institute has equipped lakhs of students to get jobs in various trades during the past years. Thirty five students are getting training in the fields of electrician and civil. Campus interview is facilitated for the students in association with Govt. ITI.

Rt. Rev. Dr. Gregorios Mar Stephanos Episcopa heads the Governing Board of the Institute. Shri. Varghese Thomas Neduvelil served as Administrator, Shri. Santhosh Mathew acts as Bursar and Smt. Shobha P.V. serves as the Principal of the institute. The academic result (2021 July) was Craftsman (100 %), Electrician (100 %).

8D. Other Educational Activities

8D.1 Mar Thoma Schools Teachers Association

Mar Thoma Schools Teachers Association, High School and Higher Secondary Schools under Mar Thoma Corporate Management, has been in operation for 93 years. Along with teacher empowerment and academic support, the association also conducts activities for the development of curricular and extracurricular skills of the students. These are aimed to improve the quality of education of these institutions. The 92nd Annual Meeting of the Association was held on 22/4/2022 at VGM Hall, Tiruvalla and the office bearers for 2022-23 were elected. Farewell was given on 10th of June 2022 to the principals, and teachers who retired from service in the year 2021-22. Mar Thoma Sabha President His Grace The Most. Rt. Rev. Dr. Theodosius Mar Thoma Metropolitan inaugurated the Conference. It is a matter of pride that more than 150 children participated won the scholarship. 2022 March S. S. L. C. The students of the Mar Thoma Corporate Management Schools who achieved excellent results were felicitated at Kottarakkara Jubilee Mandhiram.

Prizes were also given to those who achieved high marks in the S. S. L. C. and Plus 2 exams who were the children of the teachers of the management school. After a break Boys & Girls Camp was conducted from 2nd to 4th September at Niconson School, Tiruvalla. 165 children participated.

8D 2. Mar Thoma Primary school teachers Association

In the year 2022-23 the activities of the association were carried out smoothly. A WhatsApp group was started involving all the primary schools and the information was shared. The 44th State Annual Conference was held on Tuesday, April 11, 2020 at Tiruvalla ACSHS Prayer Hall with Rt. Rev. Joseph Mar Barnabas Suffagran Metropolitan Tirumeni was present. Farewell was also given to 19 teachers who retired from active service. Then Mrs. Geethamma M.G. Mrs. Dey CP as President. Daniel Yale served as secretary and Mrs. Limol served as treasurer.

9. Social welfare activities

9.1. Navodaya movement society

Due to the tireless work of the last few years, this year it was possible to bring in a lot of resources for the activities of the society. With very limited facilities, Navodaya has been able to give new dimensions to the existence, life and living conditions of transgenders in and through many different projects.

Trans Farm

This is a project that provides an opportunity to live safely in one's own country by working in the soil or through an animal shelter. There are more than 10 Trans-farms operating across Kerala. Transgenders give up sex work and lives a normal life. Some cultivate on their own land and some on leased land. Navodaya brings the necessary crops and livestock.

Busy Trans

This is a business venture started to help transgenders to find self-employment, earn income and encourage their transgender friends for the same. Training is provided in courses like fashion designing, cooking, mobile repairing, beautician. Those who are not ready to give employment to those who have passed the training are encouraged to start their own business. At present over 26 enterprises are functioning.

Bloom-fest 2022

Bloom Fest is a project created to spread the fragrance of hope and a community experience to the transgenders in Kerala. Dispersed trans persons are brought together on a district basis. Bloom fest is a platform to share their problems and joys, bring unity among them and advance socially and culturally. At present 6 Bloom Fests have been conducted.

Open Heart

Navodaya Movement aims to create public awareness towards the transgender community through the Open Heart Project. Students who approach things without prejudices mind have been selected for various tasks of the project. Open heart program was conducted in 10 schools and colleges. Thousands are reached through social media such as newsletters, brochures, videos, Facebook and Instagram. 75 percent of transgenders drop out of school due to humiliation from classmates and teachers. And the difference between mind and body leads them to mental difficulties. Navodaya Movement aims to solve these issues through this project.

'Chuvadu'

To bring the transgender community under one umbrella, the central government has introduced a unified identity card. This card must be owned to avail benefits. It costs Rs.1000 per person. Also need to know technical aspects to get online facilities. Those who lack education and financial resources do not have the capacity to do so. On this occasion, a campaign called Navodaya Chuvad was launched to help take the card by providing free technical assistance. Camp will be organized in 6 districts More than 200 people were given free cards.

Community works

The current situation is that transgenders are scattered all over Kerala. Navodaya was able to become a support for those who are living alone in life. Navodaya was able to realize the dream of a home for 4 transgender friends. Navodaya Scholarship has enabled 11 transgender students to complete their studies and purchase study materials and laptops. Many trans people have been treated and brought back to life. Self-help groups were formed in Thiruvananthapuram and Kollam under the leadership of Navodaya. A Mazhavil Savings Account has also been launched with ISAF Bank exclusively for Transgenders with the intention of inculcating the habit of saving. 100-(08 members organized the campaign. Educated trans people were given training and enabled to get jobs in big companies. Christmas dinner and kits were distributed to transgenders in Dindigal district as part of bringing the marginalized trans community together in other states. Mar Thoma Sabha Office is its head office, and an admin office is functioning at Kalamassery, Ernakulam and the project Coordinator is Shri Pranav Joseph

9.2 Mar Thoma Medical Mission

'Go and heal the sick' (Matthew 10:8) is the command of the Lord. Over the past 60 years, Mar Thoma Medical Mission and the various hospitals working under it have been able to realize the challenges of the times and provide consistent service. Accurate diagnosis, cost-effective treatment and patient care are the need of the day. Marthomma Medical Mission's work brings a lot of hope to people living on the fringes of society. Katanam St. Thomas Mission Hospital, Kumbanad Mar Chrysostom Memorial Mission Hospital and Chunkatthara Marthomma Mission Hospital are the major hospitals under the responsibility of the Medical Mission. Through medical camps, free treatment schemes, mobile clinics, palliative care, ambulance services, community health centers etc., it reaches the common man in the society. Dialysis units in our hospitals continue to benefit many people. Students study in Vellore and Ludhiana Christian Medical Colleges with the sponsorship of the church.

The first Sunday of February was observed as Medical Mission Sunday. The main source of income for the medical mission is the thanksgiving received on that day Medical Mission Golden Jubilee activities started during the reporting year The Golden Jubilee was inaugurated on December 5 at Katanam St. Thomas Mission Hospital. A new Cancer Treatment Unit was inaugurated by Smrimati

Veena George. Medical Mission Governing Board members, H. A. C. Members, administrators of hospitals, doctors and other workers are all very valuable. Rev. Shibu Samuel, Medical Mission as Secretary. Rev. C. V. Simon also serves as treasurer.

9.3 St. Thomas Mission Hospital, Katanam

The hospital began in the year 1948 on the four-acre land donated by Dr. C G. Kuriyan. It was with the prayers and blessings of His Grace Yohanon Mar Thoma Metropolitan, the Katanam St. Thomas Mission Hospital was inaugurated. Later, the congregation purchased another 16 acres of land to expand the operations of the hospital. This year the hospital is completing 75 years of service. The hospital is a 250-bed secondary care center with 35 doctors in medical and surgical specialties with casualty, pharmacy, laboratory, X-ray ECG, CT scan, mortuary and ambulance services available to the public 24 hours a day. The maintenance department and biomedical department provide necessary support services while the hospital is operational. The Department of Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation works in collaboration with the Orthopedic Department. A canteen is functioning for public in the campus. A total of 1,17,516 out-patients and 7,510 in-patients availed the services. The cardiology department performed 1125 echocardiograms, 242 TMTs and 2,097 surgeries this year. In addition, 144 patients were rehabilitated by the Deaddiction Center. 1037 patients were identified by the CT scan center.

Hospital Administration Committee (HAC)

Committee Chairman Hid Grace Rt. Rev. Dr. Abraham Mar Paulose Episcopa. There are 14 members in the committee. The committee met six times last year.

Executive Committee

This committee meets twice a month for emergency meetings A meeting is also held on affairs.

Medical camps

39 medical camps were organized under the auspices of ophthalmic, dental, medical, oncology and orthopedic departments under the auspices of various churches and social organizations. A total of 3,636 patients benefited from these camps.

Sub Center Clinics

at Kappil, Pallikal, Vathikulam, Pallipad, Thamaraku Hospital sub-centres are at Lam and Puthupally Clinics operate.

Kidney Dialysis Mission

During the current year 3676 patients underwent dialysis and provided free dialysis to sponsored patients. 850 for center dialysis

The Celebrations

An Independence Day program was organized on 15 August 2022 at 8:30 am in the hospital ground. On September 2, 2022, the campus celebrated with Onam games. The hospital and institutes organized Christmas programs on December 22nd evening at the College of Pharmacy Auditorium. On 26 January 2023 at 8:00 AM, the Republic Day program was organized by hoisting the flag.

Sewage Treatment Plant (STP):

A sewage treatment plant works by excavating the ground for sewage collection tanks.

Mar Thoma Medical Mission Golden Jubilee

Golden Jubilee Celebrations of Mar Thoma Medical Mission at the Dr. Joseph Mar Thoma Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences Auditorium, was inaugurated by Finance Minister Shri K. N. Bala Gopal on December 5th 2023. Minister of Health Mrs. Veena George inaugurated the STMH Carcinos Cancer Care Centre.

9.4 Mar Chrysostom Fellowship Mission Hospital, Kumbanad

Today, the hospital has completed 77 years since its inception for the healthcare of common people in Kumbanad and its surrounding areas. 16 consultant doctors and 6 resident medical officers are working in 16 departments in this hospital. The services of expert doctors in General Medicine, General Surgery, Orthopedics, ENT, Urology, Nephrology, Pediatrics, Dermatology, Gynecology, Cardiology, Eye Department and Anesthesia are available here. All orthopedic surgeries are done here at low cost under the guidance of expert doctors.

Dr. Joseph Mar Thoma Dialysis Center

Renal Dialysis is provided free of charge to patients who require dialysis. Abu Dhabi Mar Thoma Foundation presented four dialysis machines as a 40th anniversary gift. Then Doha Mar Thoma Parish, Kuwait Center Voluntary Evangelism Group, Venmani Mar Thoma Parish, Dammam Mar Thoma Youth Union, Epiphany Mar Thoma Youth Union, Iraviperur Immanuel Mar Thoma Parish, Kuwait Marafi Foundation, Kozhanchery St. Thomas Mar Thoma Parish, New York Epiphany Mar Thoma Parish. Mamma parishioner Mrs. Mariamma Kosi & Shri. Jobi Koshy and gave dialysis machine. Thanks to them. Out of 8022 dialysis done this year, 7000 were done free of charge. Thank you to the parishioners, organizations, individuals who love this hospital and those who came to Mara Man Manappuram Stall and donated.

Commemoration

Mar Chrysostom Remembrance Conference was held on May 27, 2022 at the Mar Chrysostom Fellowship Mission Hospital under the patronage of Niranam Maraman Diocese.

Mobile Clinic

G A mobile clinic is run for those who cannot go to the hospital to get treatment. A medical team led by a doctor visits patients' homes and treats them and diagnoses the disease. Arrangements are made for transport to the hospital if necessary. Every month this medical team visits the homes of the needy patients and treats them. In times of need, the medical team from the hospital comes to their homes and conducts treatment. 20 km from Kumbanad. This service is now available in the periphery.

Blood Bank

The blood bank operating in our hospital is not only for the patients who come here. Those who are willing to donate blood can go to the blood bank and donate blood

Government/ non-governmental insurance scheme

Free treatment is being provided. The services of various insurance companies are also available here. Kerala government Medi-safe service as well.

Maramon Convention clinic

During the 128th Maramon Convention, the Chrysostom Fellowship Mission Hospital opened a clinic there. This year, medical aid was also provided to many people who attended the convention. Ambulance service was also arranged at Maramon Manalpuram. Mathew M, Varughese donates Maruti EECO van at Palliative Maramon Nhatukala at Asuprati given Thanks to that family.

Dr. Alexander Mar Thoma Memorial Centre

In cases where the children are unable to stay with their elderly parents and take care of them, all the medical assistance and home-like care they need is provided here. Delicious food, clean and peaceful environment, facility for worship and prayer, facility to meet and spend time with relatives, physiotherapy, counseling and dietician services are also available here. Full-time home nursing care is available for those in need. Moreover, the service of geriatric nurses is also a specialty here. Currently 105 people are living happily in this establishment. More than 70 staff, including a doctor and nurses, work here to provide all the medical assistance they need under the direct supervision of

a first-grade hospital.

Progressive Activities

Arrangements are being made to start the construction of a new building with all modern facilities so that common people can get all kinds of care. A plot of 37.5 cents was purchased for this purpose at a cost of Rs.1,02,35,500. The plan and estimate of the hospital H.A.C. The Mar Thoma Medical Mission was approved by the Church Council and the Episcopal Synod. Expected expenditure of Rs. 30 The hospital's D ward has been modernized at a cost of Rs 12 lakh. The mess has been modernized at a cost of Rs 12 lakhs. A.M.M. Fire & Safety works have been completed at the Centre.

9.5 Mar Thoma Mission Hospital, Chunkathara

In 1948 Dr. Yohannon Mar Thoma Metropolitan and Dr. Episcopal Silver Jubilee Commemoration of Mathews Mar Athanasios Bishop the Chunkathara Mar Thoma Mission Hospital was inaugurated. It has been providing services for the last 5 years. 24 hour emergency department, a full Time Orthopedic Department: General Medicine Department, Pediatric Department and General Surgery, ENT and Oncology Department twice a week. 16 doctors and 21 nursing staff are serving in 80 different departments, providing the services of doctors in Pulmonology, Neurology, Urology and Dermatology once a week. Pharmacy, X-Ray, Laboratory, ICU, NICU Operation Theatre, Labor Room, 45 IP beds with 2 A/C rooms, Dialysis, Fixed & Mobile Mortuary and Ambulance services are provided. 21 patients are using the dialysis service in two shifts daily. Insurance services are also provided to the patients.

In the year 2022-2023, 2969 patients could avail dialysis services. Kuwait-based Marafi Foundation donated 2 new machines and Doha Emmanuel Mar Thoma Church donated 1 machine. Including these, 10 machines can serve around 30 patients. MEDISEP insurance is also available for treatments. KASP/RSBY Health Insurance provides facilities for Dialysis, Orthopedics, General Surgery. Section laid Free medical camp Free Orthopedic, ENT, General Medicine and Oncology Medical Camps are organized by the school in association with NSS and free bone strength test, medicines and services of physiotherapist are provided in the camp. 50% discount on x-ray and lab. Around 200 people participated and availed the camp service.

10. Development Activities

10.1. Development Department

Development Department is a movement started in 1977 in the Church. The Constituent Assembly of the Church which met in 2022 recognized the Development Department as a recognized organization of the Church. The development team aims at holistic development of the neglected by providing them with the necessary conditions and opportunities to grow towards self-sufficiency through value-based utilization of available resources and self-employment initiatives. Various action programs are also conducted with an emphasis on tackling environmental issues including climate change and creating awareness against social scourges such as exploitation, discrimination and drug addiction. The formation of parish development groups is motivated by the vision of the church that each parish should stand as salt and light in its area. Through the development committee, projects such as light savings scheme, waste management systems, value added product manufacturing training, health care schemes, organic farming methods and environmental awareness are being implemented. 2nd week of July is observed as Development Week and 5th Nov Sunday as Development Day.

10.2 Backward Community Development Commission (BCDC)

The Backward Classes Development Commission, which works towards the welfare and progress of the people belonging to the backward classes of the Mar Thoma Church, has functioned efficiently. A total of Rs 4,50,000 was given including Rs 3,00,000 to 25 families for house repairs and Rs 1,50,000 to 10 victims as educational assistance. A career guidance class for students

studying from 8th to 12th standard in collaboration with Sabha's Center for Excellence and Career Guidance is conducted during mid-summer vacation at Thiruvalla at the Alexander Mar Thoma Memorial Auditorium.

10.3 Christian Agency for Rural Development

CARD is the social service wing of the Mar Thoma Church, started as a registered society in 1977 and today it is working through various projects in the states of Kerala, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Orissa and Chhattisgarh. 2370 children are being helped in their studies through the CARD Light to Life Project with the help of the North American Board of Education. Free study materials were distributed to 1500 children. Under the auspices of Card, St. Thomas English Medium School with 1152 students in Kshipra village of Madhya Pradesh has achieved good success in the board examination of the last academic year.

The card also participates in TB prevention programs and anti-tobacco campaigns. Rural handicrafts Tiruvalla Gramolpannam showroom is functioning for distribution of products. Through village power, a biogas plant for waste treatment and rainwater harvesting for drinking water are installed. In addition, school bag, notebook and kooda (kit) are also provided under the educational assistance scheme. Furniture required by Parishes, Institutions - available at CARD's Haripad unit. Attractive and durable furniture is manufactured and supplied by Haripad unit. Various schemes are being implemented for the upliftment of cane workers, artisans and women who work in tailoring. Abu Dhabi Mar Thoma in collaboration with the youth population through the program 66 aimed at the comprehensive development of the tribal villages of Plapalli and Manjthot region, various welfare programs. 6 Songs are being performed. In collaboration with ACT Alliance, 3000 families in flood affected areas of Assam have been helped.

11. Alcohol withdrawal treatment and rehabilitation activities

11.1. Drug addiction liberation treatment Center, Manganam

Awareness classes are arranged from 10 am to 1 pm on all days except Sunday as per specially prepared syllabus. Six teachers from various fields led the classes.

Alcoholics Anonymous

A meeting is being held on every Thursdays. During the reporting year, 47 meetings were held in compliance with the norms of Covid-19. A monthly gathering for those who left treatment was arranged every third Wednesday morning.

11.3 Navajivanum, Malayalapuzha Navjiva Kendra De-Addiction and Rehabilitation Center

A movement started in Malayalapuzha in 1989. This institution functions as a part of Kripa Samiti of Ranni Nilakkal Diocese. This movement was formed as a result of the activities of the Mar Thoma Evangelistic Group.

Treatment

Drug addiction patients are treated for 21-31 days. Through detoxification, yoga, prayer, meditation, individual and family counselling, medication, psycho-education and psychotherapy, the physical and mental levels of each drug addict are coordinated and lead to a normal life. During the reporting year, 150 people were treated.

AA meetings

Those who have returned home after completing treatment visit the institution every month to receive instructions for survival. AA is conducted on the first Wednesday of every month. Meetings were held at the institution.

Rehabilitation

Relapsed drug addicts, mentally and physically damaged by deadly drugs avail short & long term

rehabilitation facilities. Paper bag manufacturing, cattle rearing, poultry farming, chapati unit and agriculture are being carried out as part of rehabilitation. About 100 people availed the rehabilitation facility during the said year. Now 48 people are living in the rehabilitation center.

Alcohol Abstinence Committee

The Alcohol Abstinence Committee worked in conjunction with the gospel preaching group at the Maramon Convention. As part of the exhibition activities at Manappuram.

De-addiction committee

Drunkenness for the church's de-addiction activities Vimochan Samiti is leading. On January 8, Anti-Drug Day, Sunday school teachers and volunteers led worship and ministry at the different parishes in the Diocese, in conjunction with the Diocesan Convention, a campaign was organized.

Awareness programs

Awareness programs were conducted in about 25 schools during the year. Street drama in 40 locations It was possible to do.

Finance

Donations received from Diocese, during the Maramon conventions and from churches and evangelical preaching groups. financial Grants received are major sources of income.

12. Charitable Activities

12.1 MCRD Telliyoor

MCRD is a movement started on 15th October 1981 to commemorate the silver jubilee of His Holiness The Thomas Mar Athanasios Suffragan Metropolitan. Started by training differently-abled children to rehabilitate them and bring them into the mainstream of society, this institution now has 112 children being trained both in and out of hostels. More than 30 teaching and non-teaching staff are working in this institution. Training is imparted as per the syllabus of SCERT under Education Department. The classes starting at 9.30 am provide basic education along with work-based learning in making wax horse, black cumin, carry bags, handicrafts, lotion, tailoring and agro animal husbandry training. Aerobics, yoga and artistic programs are conducted for their personal development. Senior Boys, Junior Boys and Girls Hostels are also segregated into categories. Vehicle facility has been arranged for the children in nearby areas. del Intervention, Speech and Occupational Physiotherapy under the leadership of the best experts and behavior therapy with the help of a psychologist are available to children and outside workers. The academic year 2022-23 has started in the first week of June. This year awareness programs were conducted at parish level and public level on special days. Art and sports competitions of special schools were conducted at the district and state level and our children made their mark in their respective fields. Children participated in the State Olympics sports competition and showcased their skills. As part of the celebration, more than 200 children in all the special schools of the district An artistic competition called GOAL was conducted Covid crises All survived During the year Onam celebrations are different It was held for three days in association with Residents Association, parishes and institutions. A special class was held for parish priests in the vicinity and Rev. Roy Vadakkel conducted the classes.

12.2 Navjeevan Centre, Mumbai

Navajeevan Center is a project of the Mumbai Diocese of the Mar Thoma Church for the needy women and children of the Red- light areas of Kamathipura, Bhiwandi and Sigalli in and around Mumbai. Founded in 1994, Navjeevan Center has completed 28 years of service between the exploited and the underprivileged. Navjeevan Center originated from Abhi Dr. Isaac Mar Philexinos Episcopa and the youth union members of the then Western India Zonal Assembly, Mumbai Diocese, were lay leaders through their vision and leadership. The initial activities at Kamathipura grew into the first phase of care for children from the Ret area. Later a hostel was started for these

children at Vapi Sarvajanik Hospital. In 2000, the children were shifted to Navajeevan Village Campus in Khapi, Murbad Taluk. Navajeevan Village, a licensed child care institution, places children in homes under the SOS scheme. With the blessings of Almighty God and loving RLA Centers, Navjeevan Village, Navjyoti School and Extension Program in its journey of 28 years, Navjeevan Center has grown to provide rehabilitation and new life to many mothers and children over the years

1.1 Navajeevan Village

Located in Murbad Taluk of Thane District, Maharashtra, Navajeevan Village is a government licensed child care institution providing a safe and secure environment to the children of commercially and sexually exploited women for the past 28 years. The activities of the village are carried out in conjunction with the Juvenile Justice Act, 2015. Compulsory surrender of children and renewal of order to Department of Women and Child Development (DWCD) and Child Welfare Committee (CWC) respectively. Submitted. The village is currently licensed to accommodate 100 children. The village provides medical care, education and helps their mothers build a better life for themselves and their families. Navajeevan village is a self-supporting village which consists of 08 houses for children, 04 for boys and 04 for girls, and a school, library, computer lab, playground, animal husbandry and agriculture. In addition, Navjeevan also provides vocational training, counseling and legal aid services to women and children living in the village. Over the years, Navajeevan Village has continued to expand its services and helped dozens of families in need.

NAVJYOTI ENGLISH MEDIUM SCHOOL

Navjyoti English Medium School is affiliated to Maharashtra State Board of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education. In this academic year, 210 children studied in classes from nursery to class 10. The faculty consists of 16 trained members, volunteer teachers and support staff. Students appeared for the SSLC Board Exam held in March 2022. 20 out of which Shrad Pawar stood first in Navjyoti School and Renuka Natekar was the topper in Navjeevan Village with 100% pass. The school has also participated in various scholarship programs for students at the primary and secondary levels. Navjyoti School provides many opportunities to the students to develop their skills as well as co-curricular activities like drawing, elocution, singing, dancing, annual sports fair, yoga, physical training and library hours. The students who achieved good results in the annual sports fair were selected and participated in Inter-Sul football matches and athletics. Various workshops and training programs have been initiated for school teachers. For the academic year 2022, Navjyoti School has been awarded the Swachh Vidyalaya Award for Health Care Programs established by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India to recognize, inspire and celebrate excellence in hygiene and sanitation practices in schools.

Health care programs

The Medical Aid Clinic in the campus has played an important role in providing medical aid and support to our children and villagers. This has improved the overall health and well-being of our children and society. The clinic provides general medical examinations and advice on health issues such as nutrition, hygiene and lifestyle. Periodic health checkups are conducted to monitor the health of our children. The clinic offers more than just first aid and medical treatment for any injury or illness, it helps in educating students about nutritional values and healthy lifestyle. Apart from these programmes, medical camps and health checkups are conducted at monthly intervals to record the health status and physical concerns of all the children. Nutrition and food program, it also includes education about healthy eating habits. The aim is to help children understand the importance of a balanced diet and the benefits of eating nutritious food, and encourages children to participate in physical activities such as sports, games, exercise, yoga and zumba

Psychological and social care

Psychological and social development is an important part of a child's growth and development. This includes ensuring that the child has good relationships with family, peers and other adults in

the child's life. As part of psychological care, the child regularly checks in with social workers. It also involves teaching the child the skills needed to engage in healthy relationships and interact well with others.

Children's Parliament

The Children's Parliament consists of a Speaker and 07 Cabinet Ministers. The objective of Children's Parliament is to develop a child to understand and appreciate the importance of democracy. Parliament is a platform for children to express their opinions and learn about different systems of government, a way for children to work together in a democratic way. Parliament provides opportunities for children to participate meaningfully and constructively in the decision-making process of local government.

Special Projects

Installation of Solar Panels: In summer One of the main challenges faced by Navjeevan was the shortage of electricity. Installing a solar power plant in the campus is very beneficial in all areas as it not only saves electricity but also contributes to the environment.

Bridge Lifting

During monsoons, after heavy rains, Navajeevan village is completely isolated from the mainland, as this has been the biggest challenge facing Navajeevan in recent years. In order to maintain dry access to the road entering the village, it was necessary to raise the low roads and bridges. As a result, this year the height of the bridge was increased by 6 feet and this special project was implemented

1.2 Extension Home

The Navjeevan Center Extension Home is an aftercare home for adult girls who have completed 18 years of age. The aim of the program is to help them become socially and economically independent by providing higher education opportunities and job placements with an emphasis on their reintegration into society. By April 2022, the expansion had 15 players Runu. Throughout the year, seven people left the job. One had completed B.Com and was pursuing M.Com. Three completed hospitality courses and worked in the hotel industry. Four 18-year-old youth joined the extension program. Throughout the year, various programs and workshops including Spoken English, Computer Training Courses, Special Tuition, Vocational Training Programs, Role Play, Presentations, Recreational Activities, Movie Reviews, etc. were held. And presentations on my journey to success, cyber security workshop and medical camp for youth Organized.

13 RLA Programme:

The total number of children in the three centers namely Kamatipura, Ketwadi and Bhiwandi is 66 children. The main focus of this program is as follows: Basic care program, Kutika to promote children's health, growth and development. The primary care program aims to and providing nutritious food to children Supporting their growth and development Promote healthy eating habits This includes Education: All children of school-going age are admitted to the municipal school. A child has received permission from CWC to move to Navajeevan Village for higher education. All young children under the age of five attended the Bal Wadi and were taught at the centre. Health Care In the month of September, a comprehensive health check-up including CBC Mondo and Chest X-ray was conducted for all children at Sabu Siddique Hospital. didn't come Conducted during the free month of children living in Swadi and Kamatipura. Inspection Oct Psychosocial program: Crafts training was beneficial for children. Because it allows them to express themselves in a safe and encouraging environment while improving their creative skills. Dyeing and coloring are often used in art therapy with children. A portrait competition was conducted for children on the theme 'My life is beautiful'. Children actively participated in it S and got an opportunity to showcase their artistic talents. Mothers Program: Monthly to understand and discuss various issues affecting their lives.

12.3 Dalit Education Scheme

5,42,000 rupees were spent from the church center during the reporting year for the educational advancement of Mar Thoma church members as part of the evangelistic work. 8 Children are educated by staying in different boarding homes of the Church. Educational assistance under this scheme is provided to the meritorious children studying from 8th to 10th standard. In the said year, as per the special instructions of the Metropolitan, 5 children studying in higher secondary have been given assistance from this fund. Also, donations from parishioners and well-wishers are also used for this purpose. As the daily expenses of the children living and studying in boarding homes are increasing, more funds have to be found for this scheme. Therefore parishioners, well-wishers and donations and endowments are requested to make this initiative a success.

12.4 Shantigiri Ashram, Aluva

This monastery was founded under the leadership of Blessed Zacharias Mar Theophilos Suffragan Metropolitan with the motto Peace in Unity. An institution for people irrespective of caste and creed, Shantigiri welcomes everyone and helps people regain inner peace and harmony to strive for a higher vision. The picturesque campus provides a natural environment for meditation and camps. A large number of trees, plants, flowers, animals, birds and fishes are an essential part of this eco-friendly campus. More than 3000 people availed this facility during the year under report. The vision of Shantigiri is communion with God Unity with humans and nature Compassion for humans.

Activities, programs, Meditation and Prayer, Counseling, Yoga Center, Dental Clinic, Palliative, Cancer Care, Educational Support, Social Awareness Programs, Social Welfare Programs, Facilities and Attractions Shantigiri has accommodation for more than 200 people are all the facilities in the Ashram. We have dormitories, 27 double rooms AC, non-AC, AC cottages and suite rooms. We have three halls. The chapel in the center is used for worship and meditation. Our attractions are agriculture, fish farming, bird feeding, environment friendly, peaceful and beautiful campus. Thrift and Credit Scheme (STACS) is where more than 350 women are a part of. They are given loans and help to start self-employment schemes. Waste water management Wastewater is treated and reused for various purposes. Waste water is recycled and used for plants and grass.

Programs

Prayer and Meditation, counselling, yoga centre, dental clinic, palliative care, cancer care, educational aid, social awareness programs, social welfare programs.

Facilities and Attractions

The Shantigiri Ashram has accommodation for more than 200 people which include dormitories, 27 double rooms (both AC and non-AC), AC cottages and Suite rooms. We also have three halls and the chapel in the middle is used for meditations and worship. Agriculture, pisciculture, bird farming, environment friendly and peaceful campus are our major attractions.

Thrift and Credit Scheme (STACS)

Over 350 women are part of this small savings scheme and this scheme aids them to start self-employment programs for their empowerment.

Waste Water Management

Waste water management helps in re-using the waste water for various uses like watering the trees and the gardens.

Rain Water Harvesting

The underground water is recharged by building big water tanks thus collecting water for other purposes.

Boiler Plant

A boiler plant is constructed for steam cooking by using waste branches of tree and other materials.

Dr. Zacharias Mar Theophilus Memorial Museum

A museum describing the vision and life of Dr. Zacharias Mar Theophilus Suffragan Metropolitan, the founder of Santhigiri Ashram is functioningin the campus. It illustrates the dreams and ideologies of Thirumeni and further helps the visitors to know more about Thirumeni. The need of ashrams and the obligation for a rightful ecumenical relations among churches and Thirumeni's perspectives on ecumenical relationsare clearly projected here.

Fish Farming

We have a fish farm used for controlled breeding and rearing of fish.

Animal Farm

Emu, sheep, Rabbits, Guinea pigs, Turkey, Ducks, Hens and different varieties of birds are taken care in our farm.

Maramon Convention

We have a stall in the Maramon Convention sand-bed every year to introduce our pain and palliative care programs and community oriented programs to the people.

Ashram Day

The 29th Ashram day of Santhigiri ashram was held on September 17th, 2022. Most. Rev. Dr. Theodosius Mar Thoma Metropolitan Thirumeni presided over the meeting and the meeting commemorated the life and the ministry of late lamented Dr. Zacharias Mar Theophilus Suffragan Metropolitan Thirumeni.

12.5 Snehakaram Project

Snehakaram is a project initiated by the church commemorating the 80th birthday celebration of Dr. Joseph Mar Thoma Metropolitan. It was started with a view to help the poor patients to combat the high and constantly escalating expenses needed for the treatment of major ailments like cancer, AIDS and diseases related to heart, lungs and kidneys. A committee of highly qualified doctors verify the applications so that the genuine patients could be benefited.

In the report year, the above committee met under the leadership of the Metropolitan Thirumeni three times and a total of 44,46,000 was dispersed to 240 needed patients.

12.6 Bhoo-bhavana danam Movement

Started in 1968 , by late lamented Dr. Yuhanon Mar Thoma Metropolitan Thirumeni, over the years, the church was able to help poor people without a shelter to build a home for themselves. Through this movement, more than 8850 homes were build for people in and outside Kerala irrespective of caste, religion and cultural differences. In the report year,Rs43,76,492 was spent for this cause. The main contributions to this fund is through special offertory and other donations. In the report year, we received 23,64,507 as offertory and we expect 35 lakh in the current year for this cause.

A committee under the leadership of the Metropolitan Thirumeni is giving able leadership to these activities. In the current financial year, it has been decided to merge the houses of this project to the Abhayam project in connection to the Golden Jubilee year of the Metropolitan.

12.7 Destitute Homes (Mandirams)

1. Episcopal Silver Jubilee Mandiram, Kottarakara

The Episcopal Silver Jubilee Mandiram was started on 27th August,1966, as a memorial to mark the Episcopal Jubilee Celebrations of late lamented Dr. Yunhanon Mar Thoma Metropolitan and Dr. Mathews Mar Athanasius Episcopa Thirumeni to serve the unwanted and the destitute in our society. The people in old age as well as the destitute who has no place to go are given shelter here.

Started with 2 members, the mandiram has now given shelter to over 686 people until now. Presently, we have 94 members in our home irrespective of caste, colour and culture, which includes 46 males and 48 females. Located in the Kottarakara-Punalur diocese of the Mar Thoma Church, the Episcopal Jubilee Mandiram, Kottarakara is completing 57 years of its glorious witness and service. In the report year, under the able leadership of the President, Rt. Rev. Joseph Mar Barnabas Suffragan Metropolitan, Superintendent, Rev. Shibu Samuel and the Treasurer, Shri. P. M. Thomaskutty, the Mandiram is working gracefully for the glory of God.

Mandiram Day Celebration

The 57th Annual Meeting of the Mandiram was held on 21st August, 2022. Rev. Daniel Varghese, the former Superintendent celebrated the Holy Communion. Rt. Rev. Joseph Mar Barnabas Suffragan Metropolitan presided over the public meeting and Shri. Blessy Iype Thomas, film director delivered the main address during the meeting.

Christmasravu 2022

The Christmas carol night for the report year was held on 3rd December at the Mandiram Chapel and the meeting was presided over by Rt. Rev. Joseph Mar Barnabas Suffragan Metropolitan. The General Secretary of Thiruvanathapuram Shanitigiri Ashram, Swami Gururethnam Jnana Thapaswi delivered the Christmas message.

Worship

The Holy Communion is celebrated in the Mandiram chapel on every first Sunday of the month and on special occasions. Ordinary service is conducted on rest of the Sundays. Every day, morning and evening, worships are held in the chapel and fasting prayers are conducted on every Friday. Intercessory prayers are also conducted for specific prayer points.

Horticulture Therapy Unit

As a part of the Horticulture Therapy Unit, the mandiram family members actively participate in agriculture and gardening. They also contribute their time in nurturing Hens, Rabbits, Ducks and various types of birds.

Physiotherapy Unit

The Physiotherapy unit works to stabilise the physical health of the mandiram members.

Snehamrutham Project

This project was initiated to mark the Episcopal Silver Jubilee Anniversary of Rt. Rev. Dr. Euyakim Mar Coorilos Suffragan Metropolitan. The project now completes nine years providing food to needy in the streets of Kottarakkara town and the patients and bystanders of the Kottarakkara and Punalur District Hospitals.

Celebrations

The mandiram members celebrated the Independence day and Republic Day this year. Vicar General Very Rev. K Y Jacob hoisted the flag and gave the message during the occasion of Independence day. Rt. Rev. Joseph Mar Barnabas Suffragan Metropolitan Thirumeni hoisted the flag and gave the republic day message. Other festivals like Onam, Deepavali and occasions like Nurses day and Hospice day were also celebrated. October first Sunday was celebrated as the Senior Citizens' Sunday in connection to the International Senior Citizens' Day.

Mandirams' Family Fellowship

A fellowship meeting comprising all the 13 destitute homes under the Mar Thoma Church was held at the Mandiram campus on December 10 th, 2022. Vicar General Very Rev. K Y Jacob delivered the main address during the meeting.

Hospice Service

Its been more than two and a half decades since hospice services have started in the mandiram. It was started in 1997 to give shelter and services to the old age people so that they could live the rest of their lives happily and peacefully. The bed ridden patients are also taken care of here and till now more than 170 people have been benefited from this service. Presently there are 36 patients in hospice department and they are treated with the help of Tata Memorial Hospital, Mumbai.

Pain and Palliative Care

The Pain and Palliative care unit was started to mark the Golden Jubilee celebrations of the Jubilee Mandiram. Presently 7 units of pain and palliative care are working in connection with the Jubilee Mandiram.

E C P (Educational Care Project)

There are 15 poor but smart and efficient children who are studying as a part of this project. One student is also studying Hearing and Speech therapy at MarThoma College of Special Education, Kasaragod.

As a part of this project, 7 students are studying in Hoskote Mission Institute of Nursing, 2 students in Assissi Atonement Nursing College, Perumbuzha and 1 student in St. Thomas Nursing College, Kattanam. This project is run by the contributions of the parishes of the Kottarakara Centre and from other well-wishers. These students actively participates in the various programs of the diocesan convention.

Service Agency

The service agency was started in the mandiram campus from the month of July, 2022 and it helps in the distribution of Holy Bible, various worship orders and the materials required for the Holy Communion.

2. Pratheeksha Bhavan, Mylapra

Included in the Kripa Samithi of the Ranni-Nilackal Diocese of the Marthoma Church, Pratheeksha bhavan is home to the unprivileged above 60 years of age who are deprived of their basic necessities. It was build by Kavadassheril Shri. Abraham Jacob in the memory of his father and it started functioning in 2002 and was handed over to the Ranni-Nilackal diocese in 2003. Presently 22 old aged people are residing at the home irrespective of their racial and caste differences.

Leadership

Rt. Rev. Thomas Mar Timetheos Episcopa is giving able leadership as the president of the home. Rev. Ajin Mathew Varghese is the present director of the Pratheeksha Bhavan.

Worship

The morning and evening devotions and worships are held everyday at 7:30 am and 7 pm respectively and the intercessory prayers are held at 12 noon everyday. The Holy Communion is held on any one Sunday of a month and the divine service is held on rest of the Sundays.

Programs

Onam, Independence Day, Republic Day and the Senior citizens' Day were celebrated in the current year.

Partheeksha Bhavan Convention and Institution Day Celebration

The Pratheeksha bhavan convention was held from 8-10th December, 2022 in the Pratheeksha bhavan premises. Rt. Rev. Thomas Mar Timotheos Episcopa inaugurated the meetings and Very. Rev. Dr. Easow Mathew, Rev. Thomas Joseph and Evg. Mathew K Thambi delivered the main messages during the 3 days convention.

On December 19, children from Thavalpara Children's Home visited the campus and participated in

the Christmas celebration which was a moment of happiness and joy for the inmates of the Pratheeksha bhavan. Rev. Moncy P. Jacob, the director of the Navjeevan Kendram, Malayalapuzha delivered the Christmas message. A meeting was arranged on 31st December as an occasion for the inmates to proclaim their witness and faith in God. New clothes were distributed to the inmates as new year gifts.

Agriculture and Animal Nurturing

Cattle and Hens are being nurtured in the campus along with various agricultural products. The whole process helps to stabilize the physical and mental health of the inmates.

Biblia Fellowship

The regional clergy evangelion study of the diocese was held on 28th June, 2002 at Pratheeksha bhavan.

Director's Quarters Construction

The dedication service of Geevarghese Mar Athanasius Memorial Quarters was conducted by His Lordship Rt. Rev. Thomas Mar Timotheos Episcopa on March 7th 2023.

Mandiram Fellowship

The Joint Fellowship Meeting of all the 13 destitute homes under the Mar Thoma Church was held at Mandiram on 3rd December, 2022. His Lordship Rt. Rev. Dr. Mathews Mar Makarios Episcopa, the President of the Mandiram Fellowship, inaugurated the meeting. Rev. Anu Thomas led the classes and 25 members from various homes participated in the meeting.

Mandiram Kalamela

The Mandiram Kalamela was conducted on 11th March, 2023 at Asraya Old Age Home, Mallapally. The inmates from Pratheeksha bhavan actively participated in the competitions and secured the Overall Champions trophy.

Chappathi Fellowship

Youths from Muthupezhungel, Vakayar, Kumbazha Bethel and Pathanamthitta Centre Sakhyam Members and Achens visited the Mandiram and conducted various cultural programs.

3. Dharmagiri Mandiram, Kumbanad

The Dharmagiri Mandiram, Kumbanad was started by the Mar Thoma Evangelistic Association of the Mar Thoma Church.

In 1944, the Mar Thoma Evangelistic Association decided to start a destitute home for the underprivileged in the society. A vibrant group comprising of Very Rev. K. E. Oommen, Shri. P T Thomas Puzhikalayil, Shri . C. M. Chacko Charivukalayil, Shri. Kochoyichan Kalamannil found a suitable site in Kumbanad and the dedication service of the Mandiram was conducted by Late Lamented Dr. Yuhanon Mar Thoma Metropolitan on 2nd February, 1948. In 1949, a number of sheds were build for the stay of the inmates and the volunteers. In 1950, Shri. M. K. Varghese took charge of the mandiram and his tenure saw a blessed growth of the Mandiram. Later separate dormitories for men and women, chapel, kitchen, dining hall and quarters for Sevinis were built.

Managing Committee

Presently, Rev. K. S. Mathews (Superintendent), Rev. Alexander A. Thomas (President), Shri. Rajan Varghese (Secretary) and Shri. John K. Abraham (Treasurer) are giving quality leadership to all the activities of the mandiram. There are 17 volunteers working with full dedication and service attitude towards the mandiram and its inmates.

Mandiram Members

Poor and destitutes above the age of 60 years are given membership in the mandiram. In some

special cases, the physically and mentally challenged below the age of 60 are also given membership here. Majority of the mandiram members are sick and physically weak. Presently there are 83 inmates in the mandiram who are given all the facilities of the mandiram free of cost.

Shanthibhavan

This home accommodates those people who are financially stable but are all alone in their life situations and nobody to look after. Such people are given fellowship and friendly and peaceful atmosphere to live in here. Presently there 15 members residing in the home.

Worship

Every day morning and evening worships are held at the Mandiram Chapel. The Holy Communion service is celebrated on two Sundays in a month and the divine services are held during rest of the Sundays. The Holy Communion services are also held on special occasions. For those inmates who are unable to come to the chapel due to physical illness, speakers are connected in their respective wards for their participation.

Maramon Convention Food Stall

Every year, a food stall is set in the Maramon Convention sand bed as a facility.

Sources of Income

The parishes in the Eraviperoor, Edayaranmula, Maramon, Venmony, Chenganur and Mavelikara centres and 12 parishes from abroad forms the major support system of the mandiram. The Good Friday offertories from the above said parishes are set apart specifically for the mandiram activities. There are also well wishers who sponsor a one time food on their special occasions. A part of the vegetables required for the use in mandiram are produced in the mandiram itself. There is a dairy unit working in the mandiram which provides the required milk for the use in mandiram and the excess milk is given is given to the Fellowship Hospital, Kumbanad.

4. Carmel Mandiram, Ayroor

The Carmel Mandiram in Ayroor was started in 1953 under the banner of Mar Thoma Evangelistic Association. It was the vision of our forefathers and mothers to help those people in the region of Ayroor who are affected by the imapcts of the Second World War. A society named 'Friend In Need' later paved way to the origin of the Carmel Mandiram. Carmel Mandiram, Balika Bhavan, Ashram and Pain and Palliative care are the four services offered here which accommodates more than 180 inmates. The main sources of income here is the donations received once in two years from the parish assigned by the Metropolitan, special food donations, the interests received from various endowments, *Petti pirivu*, Good Friday offertories and profit received from agriculture and cattle farming. This year is celebrated as the *Sapthathi* year of the mandiram. Sapthathi Memorial Mandiram, Souvenir and various other programs are planned this year. The managing committee for the report financial year includes Re. Reny K. Abraham as President, Rev. Thomas P. Chandy as Secretary and Shri. Samkutty Ayyankavil as Treasurer.

5. Shri. Ravi Varma Mandiram, Thrissur

Seven men and 8 women between the age group of 60-80 years and nobody to look after are staying in the mandiram. There is a camp centre, students' hostel, guest house, dairy farm and agricultural set-ups in the mandiram. In the report year, a boundary wall was built for the security and all the buildings were equipped with solar panels. The funds for the Solar Power Project was availed with the CSR funds of the Federal Bank. The main sources of income includes the Good Friday offertories, special donations, sponsorships and special food donations. Presently, Rev. Varghese Philip (Superintendent), Shri. C. G. Johnson (Secretary) and Dr. K. C. Chacko (Treasurer) are giving able services to the mandiram.

6. J. M. M. Jubilee Mandiram, Anaprambal

The Jubilee Mandiram was started in 1971 as a main social welfare institution of the Niranam-Maramon diocese of the Mar Thoma Church mainly focussing on providing shelter and service to the old aged people. Registered under the Social Welfare Wing of the Kerala Government, this institution is doing commendable service in the present times. The work of a new block which includes Senior Citizens' Couple Room and a new Mediation centre is in progress in the report year. The Mandiram Governing Board makes sure that all the activities of the mandiram are running smoothly. Special food sponsorship is a medium of income for the mandiram. Also, the rooms in the new block is available for the sponsorship by the well wishers. The main source of income is the Good Friday offertories from the assigned parishes.

7. Mar Thoma Shanitbhavan, Vavvakavu

The Mar Thoma Shantibhavan was started in 2011 in Vavvakavu near Karunagapalli under the Adoor diocese of the Mar Thoma church to cater to the people who are depressed, sad and have lost all hopes for their life and future. The total accommodation of the centre is 30 and presently 27 inmates are living there. Everyday morning and evening worships are held at the centre. In the report year, Senior Citizens' day, Onam celebrations, Family Get Together and Kalamela were conducted. The work is in progress for the construction of a new building. His Lordship Rt. Rev. Dr. Abraham Mar Paulos Episcopa as President, Rev. Thomas Koshy as Secretary and Shri. Varghese Tharakan are giving effective leadership in all the activities of the centre.

8. Aasraya Vayojana Mandiram, Mallapally

The Aasraya Vayojana Mandiram was started as a joint venture of the 25 parishes of the Mallapally centre on 30th April, 2000 under the Kottayam-Kochi diocese of the Mar Thoma church. It is a project of the registered society of the Mallapally centre and its has proven to be a witness of love and care for the last 22 years.

Annual General Body Meeting

The Annual General Body Meeting of the Aasraya Vayojana Mandiram was held on 19th August, 2022. The accounts, balance sheet, auditor's report and the annual budget for the session 2022-23 was unanimously passed.

Office- Bearers

Most Rev. Dr. Theodosius Mar Thoma Metropolitan as Patron, His Lordship Rt. Rev. Dr. Abraham Mar Paulos Episcopa as President, Very Rev. George Zachariah P. as the working President, Prof. Dr. Jacob George as Secretary and Shri. Josy Kurian as Treasurer are giving tremendous leadership to all the activities of the Mandiram.

Aasraya Family

There were 37 old age mothers in the Aasraya family out of which 6 were taken to eternity. So presently there are 31 mothers in the Aasraya family.

Donations

In the report year, an amount of 12,62,300 were received as donations for the various activities of the home. For medical aid, 3,02,820, 15,000 for buying new dresses for the inmates, 84,300 for Christmas Carol Service, 38,700 as special donation, 21,000 as building fund, 1,68,000 for buying ambulance, 50,000 as sponsorship, 26,20,000 as special food sponsorship and 2,75,000 as endowment fund were received. Contributions like food products, agricultural products and dresses were also received in the report year.

Parish Contributions, Grant from Diocese and Good Friday Offertory

The contributions from various parishes of the centre came up to 71,200. Grant from the diocese was 15,000 and as Good Friday offertories 4,20,671 were received.

The Annual General Body Meeting was held on 26th November. The Christmas Carol Service was

held on 18th December in which Most. Rev. Zacharias Mar Anthonios of the Malankara Orthodox Church gave the message.

A program under the auspices of Deshabhimani Newspaper "Ammanilavu" was conducted on 4th February, 2023 in which various cultural programmes and love feast were planned and held.

The Mandiram also received the Haritha Award of the Mar Thoma Church.

Snehajyothi Balikabhavan

In the report year, 12 girls are staying in the Snehajyothi Balikabhavan in Aasraya under the Kottayam-Kochi diocese. They are studying in Nedumangad C.M.S school. The home has got the required permissions from Orphanage Control Board and registration from Juvenile Justice to accommodate 25 children in our home.

Gilead Care Home

The members of Thelliyoor Salem MTC Shri. Ronsy Mathai, Thattakkatil Peace Cottage and his wife Smt. Lovely Ani Koshy have donated their 52 R land for a pain and palliative care unit set up. His Lordship Rt. Rev. Dr. Abraham Mar Paulos Episcopa blessed its foundation stone 24th May, 2022.

13. Mar Thoma Public Charitable Trust

13.1 Charitable Trust

The Mar Thoma Charitable trust was registered on 27th October, 1981. Located near the Mar Thoma Sabha Office in Thiruvalla, the trust is catering to various types of works in the society. The main thrust of the trust is Old age homes, self employment projects, social schemes and the educational fields.

The funds in the trust are utilised for social welfare works. An amount of 20786 received as interest from the endowment funds is used for the education of the differently abled children. An amount of 80,425 was used for the education of the children in various institutions and an amount of 14,483 was given as the *sadhujana sahayam.*

Apart from the interests received from the endowments, donations from well wishers are used for the medical aid and educational aid of the needy ones. Last year 3,95,000 were received as donations, out of which 1,10,000 were given for medical aid, marriage aid and educational aid. As a part of the Disaster relief funds, an amount of 3,20,000 was given for the repair of a house. As a part of mission work, our members donated funds towardsThiruvannathapuram Guidance Centre,Salem Orphanage, Manjadi and for the nursing course of girl students.

An amount 68,27,705 was received from the North America-Europe diocese and Malaysia - Singapore diocese for various charity works of the trust and it was dispersed to the needful institutions by accepting required bills from them. To mark the Golden Jubilee year of the ordination of Most. Rev. Dr. Theodosius Mar Thoma Metropolitan, 2,30,850 were received for educational project (lakshya) and 7,12,986 were received for building homes for homeless (abhaya). As per the decision of the committee held on 9th August 2022, 4,00,000 was given to buy a generator for Snehabhavan and 6,60,000 were dispersed as Covid aid.

Trust Members

1. Most. Rev. Dr. Theodosius Mar Thoma Metropolitan
2. Rev. C.V. Simon
3. Shri. Rajan Jacob
4. Rev. Monsy K. Philip
5. CA Shri. Anil Cherian
6. Shri. John Mathew
7. Shri. Manoj Mathew M.

8. Shri. Varghese P. Thomas
9. Shri. M. J. Babu

Snehabhavan

Snehabhavancomes under the Charitable Trust. This institutelocated in Manjadi, Thiruvalla takes care of the old age people. Presently there 10 inmates in the home which also includes a family. In the report year, Rev. Eapen Cherian, Prof. Achamma Mathew, Dr. Philip Thomas and Shri. Varghese P. Thomas were elected as the trust committee members.

Most. Rev. Dr. Theodosius Mar Thoma Metropolitan (Chairperson), Rev. C.V. Simon (Secretary) and Shri. Rajan Jacob (Treasurer)are giving commendable leadership in the functioning of the home.

The facility of 80 G tax reduction is available for the well wishers of the home.

13.2 Snehabhavan

The evolution of the nuclear family system and the migration of the students to abroad for higher studies have left many parents lonely and disheartened. Though financially stable, yet their loneliness is taking them to various kinds of mental and physical illness. Snehabhavan was started with a vision to provide love and care to such parents who experience loneliness in their lives.

Managing Committee

Most Rev. Dr. Theodosius Mar Thoma Metropolitan is the President of home with Sabha Secretary as Vice-President. The clergy trustee, lay trustee, members nominated by the charitable trust, one member nominated by the Governing Board and the Superintendent manage the activities of the home. Smt. Sindhu Varghese serves as the Superintendent of the home'

2021-22 AGM

The AGM of the Snehabhavan was held on 17th August, 2022 under the Presidentship of the Mar Thoma Metropolitan. The report, the accounts, the supplementary budget and the annual budget for the next year was passed after relevant discussions.

Worship and Counselling

Rev. Simon Behenan serves as the counsellor of the home and he focusses on both individual and group counselling for the members of the home. Achen also celebrates Holy Qurbana once in a month for the inmates of the home. Easter Service was led by Rev. Monsi K. Philip. Everyday morning and evening worships are held at 8 am and 7 pm respectively.

Healing Ministry

The Physical and mental health of the inmates are taken care of by expert and qualified doctors. Doctors and nurses from Mar Chrysostom Fellowship Hospital, Kumbanad visit the home once in a month and do the needful for the good health of the inmates. Dr. Philip Thomas from Believers City Clinic (Governing Board Member) visits the home once in a month and takes care of the inmates.

Christmas Carols

The Christmas Carol service was held on 20th December, 2022 in which Thiruvalla Pilgrims Voice and Pallam Master Voice led melodious carols.

Members

Presently there are 12 inmates in the home comprising 4 men and 8 women.

Permanent Assets and Repair Works

A generator, a motor and a meter is set up in the campus to ensure full time electricity and water supply. The renovation works of 2 double rooms and 4 single rooms was also completed. The painting works of the dining hall was also completed. Sheet work was done on the roof of chapel to

ensure no-leakage from the top. Two new chairs and other materials required in the chapel were also bought.

14. Mar Thoma Dayara/ Sanyasini Samooham

14.1 Dayara community

The hermit category of the Malankara Mar Thoma Syrian Church was started in 1996. His Lordship Rt. Rev. Dr. Euyakim Mar Coorilos Suffragan Metropolitan as President, Rev. P. Philip as Acharya, Rev. Issac Mathew and Rev. Sanil M. Alexander as members are giving able leadership. Shri. Sujith Mammen is staying there as dayara for almost a year.

Worship services for 7 yamas, prayers every Tuesday, Holy Communion services on Wednesdays and special occasions of the church are held regularly. The clergy in the dayara are serving in Puthukad Bethel MTC, Chaliyakara Immanuel MTC, Urukunnu Ebenezer MTC and Elampal Sehion MTC. Rev. Sanil M. Alexander has completed his D.Th from Vadavathoor seminary.

To mark the Centenary celebrations of St. Thomas MTC, Kollam, a retreat hall was built in the dayara and the dedication service of the hall was held on 16th August, 2022 by Most Rev. Dr. Theodosius Mar Thoma Metropolitan in the esteemed presence of His Lordship Rt. Rev. Joseph Mar Barnabas Suffragan Metropolitan. The old chapel of the dayara was also renovated and the concrete of the roof of the building near to chapel was also completed. The foundation stone of the Meditation Home was laid on 12 th April, 2023 by dayara President His Lordship Rt. Rev. Dr. Euyakim Coorilos Suffragan Metropolitan to mark the Golden Jubilee Year of the Abu Dhabi Mar Thoma Yuvajana Sakhyam.

The dayara community looks after the activities of the boys home. Presently 25 students are staying there and studying. Mr. Shaju R. is pursuing theological studies from Jabalpur Theological College and is in his second year. Mr. Stanley Joseph is pursuing M.A. from Punjab Central University. Two students are studying ITI and one student is pursuing his degree. Students from 5th standard onwards are studying here.

The buildings of the V.O.U.P school built for the children in boys home were renovated. More 200 students from pre-primary to class VII are studying here. The dayara home is self-sufficient in its agricultural food products and milk because of its dairy farm and agriculture. Organic farming is encouraged and the agricultural products are supplied to the visitors. Regular parish visits are done to make our members aware about the activities of dayara.

14.2 Mar Thoma Sanyasini Samooham

Mar Thoma Sanyasini Samooham of the Mar Thoma Church was started in 2001. God Almighty has enabled this movement to witness God with full dedication and commitment for the past 21 years.

The thanksgiving service of the Sanyasini Samooham was held on 6th January 2022 at Shanti Ashram Chapel at 7;30 am under the esteemed leadership of the Mar Thoma Metropolitan. Rev. David Daniel, Rev. K.A. Thomas, Rev. Manjunath Sundar, Rev. Ashish George Thomas and Rev. Blesson Philip Thomas were also present. The Holy Communion was also celebrated during the occasion.

His Lordship Rt. Rev. Dr. Abraham Mar Paulos Episcopa is the President of the Sanyasini samooham and Sister P.T. Mariamma is serving as the Superior. Sister Omana Mariam and Sister Elizabeth Chandy are working as members.

Activities

Meditation, worships, bible studies and intercessory prayers are held everyday from 12 noon to 1 pm and on every Tuesday from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm.Elanthoor centre conducts the prayer meetings. Bread, wine, incense and the candles required in various parishes are made here and distributed as per the needs.

Activities Among Children

Sunday Schools and Prayer Cells are conducted regularly. One day camp for the senior students was conducted on 26th November, 2022 and around 30 students participated in it.

Tailoring Unit

Tailoring trainings are held and cassock and kappa are stitched and sold.

15. Publications

15.1 Sabha Book Depot

The church publications, Sabha diary, yearly scripture portions and other Christian publications are sold in the book depot. Parish registers and records, publications of CSS, Animation Centre, Christian cassettes, the bread and wine, incense and candles are also sold here. The publications are sold during Maramon Convention and other conventions at discounted rates.

In the report year, products worth 9051056. 68 were sold, which is 5770970.68 more than the previous year. An amount 25 lakh was paid to the Sabha Office. Rev. C.V. Simon as Secretary, Rev. Shaji Thomas as Convenor and Shri. Biju P. George as Manager are giving sincere services towards its activities.

15.2 Malankara Sabha Tharaka

Its been 130 years since Malankara Sabha Tharaka, the face of the Mar Thoma Church has started functioning. It was started in the month of January 1893, and since then every year , the month of January is observed as the Tharaka month. The main focus of the tharaka is to make the church members aware of the church and its faith and customs, our liturgy and sacraments, our responsibility towards the church , society , nature and to make people efficient enough to channelize themselves towards understanding the above said things. Every issue of the Sabha Tharaka consists of the letter from the Metropolitan, letter from the President Bishop, theologies, counselling, church news, write ups, book reviews etc. Sabha Tharaka is published on 2nd of every month.

The Sabha Tharaka stall is set up during Maramon Convention to renew the memberships and to add new members as users of tharaka. Promoters assigned from each diocese visit the parishes and encourage people to become members and promoters of tharaka. The promoters' meeting was held on Feb14th ,2023, during Maramon Convention. Six new promoters were added into the group. The English version of Sabha Tharaka (hard copy) for the very first time was released by the Mar Thoma Metropolitan on 13 th September, 2022 during the Sabha mandalam meeting at Dr. Alexander Mar Thoma Auditorium. Following it, every month the e-copy of Sabha tharaka in English is made available online and this has attracted youth towards this publication. One can use the website of the tharaka for the online payment (Razor Pay) to become members of e-tharaka, both in English and Malayalam. Most Rev. Dr.Theodosius Mar Thoma Metropolitan is giving lots of encouragement for the growth of Sabha Tharaka. Respected Episcopal Synod and the Sabha Council are giving proper guidance to this cause. His Lordship Rt. Rev. Dr. Mathews Mar Makarios Episcopa is the chairperson of the tharaka. Rev. Dr. T.T. Zachariah is serving as the Manager and Rev. Dr. Ranjan John Nellimootil is the chief editor of the tharaka. The Managing Committee comprises of 8 members and the Publishing Committee includes 7 members. Sincere appreciations also goes to the 7 members of the translation panel for their hard work and commitment. The works of the Sabha Tharaka office staff is also much appreciated.

15.3 Mar Thoma Publication Society

The Mar Thoma Publication Society is the official publication society of the church and has started functioning since 2002. This society includes Mar Thoma church, Mar Thoma Sunday School Samajam, Mar Thoma Evangelistic Association, Yuvajana Sakhyam, Voluntary Evangelist Association, Development department and DSMC. The Secretaries and the Trustees of the all the

organisations which has membership in the society and the sabha council members comprises its General Body and the Executive Board elected by the General Body makes the decisions of the society. Most Rev. Dr. Theodosius Mar Thoma Metropolitan as President, Rev. Sibi T Mathews as Secretary and Dr. Koshy Mathai as Treasurer are giving able leaderships to the society.

15.4 Mar Thoma Press

The Mar Thoma Press works under the Mar Thoma Publication Society. Its focus is to work towards the establishment of the kingdom of God through the print media. Presently, we have facilities to print the materials concerning the church and its organisations. The worship orders, song books and the materials required in the Sabha Office are printed here. Along with this, publications of the diocese, parish reports, souvenirs, Sunday School books, Sakhyam calendars and other write ups are also printed in our press with utmost quality and precision. Rev. Sibi T. Mathews is serving as the director of the press.

16. Rekhiyam Project

This project is the result of the vision of our late Dr. Joseph Mar Thoma Metropolitan and it started functioning from 1st January, 2017. Its main focus is to safe guard the assets of the institutions and organisations of the church, to maintain its record and to bring into legal notice, assets which doesn't carry enough documents. The required taxes of the parishes and its assets are to be paid to the government and in case of any hindrance, it needs to be reported to the Sabha Office. In case of assets which doesn't have enough documents, it will be taken under the charge of the Government. For those parishes in Kerala which doesn't have any documents for the assets in their ownership , they need to apply for their original records as per the circular 40/2020 of the Kerala Government dated 29/01/2020. Therefore all the responsible authorities of the respective parishes and institutions may please make sure to collect all the necessary documents concerning the properties of the parish or institution by paying required fees at the Village Office. Shri. Koshy Abraham (retired Sub-Registrar) is serving as the coordinator of the project.

17. Funds

Provident Fund: This facility is available for all the clergy in active service and for the office staff. 10% of the basic salary of the beneficiary and 10% from the parish or institution in charge; overall 20% every month is submitted as the provident fund portion. In the report year 5,10,87,240, 13 were received in this regard. 4,60,16, 415, 38 were receive as interest from permanent funds. In the report year, an amount of 3,21,66,941,06 were dispersed as Provident Fund to the clergy and the staff.

Pension Fund: This fund is used to provide pension every month to the retired clergy, widows and the baskiyamos who do not have a source of income. 15% of the basic salary every month is to be paid in this regard by the serving parish or institution. In the report year, 3,35,52,852,06 were received in this regard and 4,72,22,172 was dispersed also.

Medical Aid Fund and Medical Scheme for the Clergy

21,23,656 were received as the Medical Aid Treatment Fund in the report year. To the medical fund of the clergy, 4% of the basic salary of the clergy is to be submitted by the beneficiary as well as the serving parish or institution. The Medical Insurance (in patient) is clubbed with ICICI Lombard Insurance and is active from 1st January, 2023. The subscription to this fund from both clergy and the serving parish or institution is 4 % of the basic salary. In the report year, an amount of 2,66,82,195.82 was received as the subscription and the amount spent was 3,02,60,444.

Salary Adjustment Fund:

This fund is utilised to support the clergy whose serving parish is not so financially sound. It is a mandate every parish or institution should deposit the serving clergy's one month basic salary as SAF at the respective diocesan office. 20% of the fund collected at the diocesan office should be deposited at the Sabha office as per the decision by the Respected Episcopal Synod. For the outside

India dioceses, 50 % of the fund should be deposited at the Sabha office. In some special circumstances, this fund is utilized to help even those clergy who does not come under any diocese.

Clergymen Family Aid Reserve Fund:

This fund is utilized to provide allowance to those clergy's baskiyamos who died while in active service. In the report year, an amount of 7,68,749 was spent for this cause. The main sources of income in this regard are the interests from the fixed deposits and grants from the church. An amount of 5, 14,120 was received as income in the report year.

Marriage Aid Fund:

This fund is mainly utilized to help for the marriages of those people who are financially backward and the fund is also utilized for pre-marital counselling expenses. In the report year, 3,80,000 was spent from this fund.

Snehakaram:

To mark the 80 th birthday of the Late lamented Dr. Joseph Mar Thoma Metropolitan, the church initiated a fund to help those economic backward people who are struggling with chronic diseases. An amount of 41,47,970 was received as interest from the fixed deposits and an amount of 44,46,000 was disbursed to the deserving candidates after considering various applications.

Natural Disaster Relief Fund:

This fund was started to help those affected by natural disasters. Our members are humbly requested to contribute to this fund as our obligation towards this cause.

Endowment Funds:

The interest received from the endowment / trust/ reserve funds were utilized to give various scholarships and to support certain institutions. In the report year, an amount of 1,63,638 was received as endowment funds.

18. Sabha Office

Sabha Secretary Rev. C. V. Symon, clergy Trustee Rev. Monsi K. Philip, lay trustee and treasurer Shri. Rajan Jacob takes care of the responsibilities in the office.

Engineer P.C. Oommen, Aluva works as the consulting engineer. Shri. Koshy Abraham is in charge of the documents related concerns of the church. In the report, 30 staff had worked in various departments of the Sabha Office. Shri. T. M. Joseph serves as the office manager. Rev. Georvin Joseph and Rev. Ani Alex Kurian served as finance manager and system manager respectively. Shri. Saji Varghese and Smt. Latha Thomas serves as the deputy managers. Also, the security and the cleaning staff are also there. The dedication, cooperation and the service attitude of every staff member creates a good working atmosphere in the office. The day at the Sabha office starts with a prayer at 10 am and then everybody disperse for their respective works.

19. Financial Matters

The main revenue income of the church are as follows : rent received from church auditorium and various buildings and other spaces of church, interests received from bank deposits, nityachilavu, rassissa, marriage licence fees, tithe offertories, kaimuthu (20%), income from SCS and from other properties, donations etc.

The main revenue income is the rent received from the buildings and properties of the church. In the report year, an amount of 2,19,41,099 was received in this regard. An amount of 10,78,455 was received as nityachilavu and 22,68,699 was received as rassissa in the report year. Also 4,34,568 as kaimuthu (20%), 11,84,550 as marriage license fees and 3,86,982 as income from SCS and other properties and assets were received in the report year.

One of the other main sources of income of church is the interest from the fixed deposits and

Savings Bank accounts of the church. 98,33,584 was received as interest in this regard. As the interest rates are coming down, more amount was deposited as FDs and the interest received was more than the budgeted amount.

In the Snehakaram project to help people with chronic diseases, this year 41,47,970 was received as interest from FDs and 44,46,000 was utilized for the cause. The low interest rates have definitely affected the income from the interests. More amount needs to be invested so that we receive higher interest amount to take the project ahead effectively.

The interest free loan given by the teachers of the Higher Secondary School under the Mar Thoma Church is paid back after 10 years. In the report year an amount of 28,90,477.90 was spent in this regard.

The PF scheme of the clergy and the employees of the Sabha office is taken care of by the church. 10 % of the basic salary as subscription from both clergy and the serving parish is paid to this fund.

In the pension fund which is used to give pension to retired clergy as well as to widowed baskiyamos who doesn't have a regular income, an amount of Rs 4,72,22,172 was spent in the report year. All the parishes and institutions are requested to pay the subscription of pension fund (15% of basic salary of clergy) at the Sabha office appropriately.

The Metropolitan's fund is used to provide home for the homeless and land for the landless. Bhoobhavana danam is yet another social welfare project of the Mar Thoma church. Individual donations and offertory from the parishes and institutions are expected to run the project smoothly ahead.

The Abhaya project (home for homeless) and lakshya project (educational aid) as part of Golden Jubilee Celebrations of the Ordination of our beloved Metropolitan is going ahead well by the grace of God.

From the Medical Aid scheme for clergy and office staff, in the report year an amount of 3,02,60,444 was spent.

The Medical Insurance Scheme of clergy in collaboration with ICICI Lombard Insurance was started from 1st January, 2023.

From the special loan scheme for the sabha office staff, an amount of 6,00,000 was spent in the report year. For the balawadis outside Kerala, an amount of 7,00,00 was approved as grant.

In the assets fund of Chrysostom Mar Thoma Valya Metropolitan, an amount of 23,74,621 was received in the report year.

The interests from the various endowment funds are used for various social activities of the church. In the report year, an amount of 1,63,638 was received in this regard.

In the report year, there was a significant decrease in the revenue income of the church which has definitely affected various activities of the church. There has to be initiatives to increase the revenue income of the church to meet the regular inflations in the times ahead and we expect continuous prayers and support from the parishes, institutions and from the well wishers.

Words of Gratitude

I wholeheartedly praise and thank God Almighty for all the grace and wonders He has showered upon all the mission and witnessing activities of our church throughout the last year. Also, I extend sincere words of gratitude to all those who have given valuable suggestions and encouraging words to make our activities more blessed. I truly thank Most Rev. Dr. Theodosius Mar Thoma Metropolitan for his unending guidance and excellent leadership in all the activities of the church. To our dear Dr. Euyakim Mar Coorilos and Joseph Mar Barnabas Suffragan Metropolitans, our bishops, Thomas Mar Timotheos, Dr. Isaac Mar Philoxenos, Dr. Abraham Mar Paulos, Dr. Mathews Mar Makarios, Dr. Gregorios Mar Stephanos and Dr. Thomas Mar Theethos, I offer them my

overwhelming thanks and regards for their commitment and leadership. I sincerely thank my co-workers Rev. Monsi K. Philip (clergy trustee) and Shri. Rajan Jacob (laity trustee) for their cooperation and assistance to make our work smoother and efficient.

I extend my heartfelt words of gratitude to all Sabha Council members and sub-committee members for all their support and deliberations. To the internal and external auditors, consultant engineers, legal affairs committee members, all the office staff, respected Sabha Mandalam members, clergy, evangelist, all our faithful members of our church, for their utmost dedication and sincerity, I extend my sincere words of appreciation. The church excels ahead only by the power of unity and prayer. I praise and thank God Almighty for this blessed opportunity, to serve our church and participate in its mission activities; once again extending sincere words of thanks and appreciation to one and all.

Conclusion

The redemption of the entire creation is the responsibility entrusted to us by God. We have to work faithfully as good stewards towards the building up of the kingdom of God. Our mission and our witness becomes relevant only by our positive engagements depending upon the will of God. Our main responsibility is to make our faith community understand the relevance of our Christian faith in the contemporary times. This redemption is possible by contextualising our faith and mission. Let us be strong and unshakeable in our faith and let us truly believe that our efforts, trusting in God, will not go in vain,so that we always prosper in our faith in God and our mission activities will be more blessed than ever. I conclude this report for the year 2022-23 with the prayer that God Almighty,help us to excel more in our ways of justice and righteousness, and with joy of Holy Spirit for the fruitful building up of kingdom of God.

For the Sabha Council

Rev. C.V. Symon
Sabha Secretary

Thiruvalla
21/07/2023

ATTENDANCE OF THE SABHA COUNCIL MEMBERS

In the report year, the Sabha Council met 11 times.

1.	Most Rev. Dr. Theodosius Mar Thoma Metropolitan	10
2.	Rt. Rev. Dr. Euyakim Mar Coorilos Sffragan Metropolitan	08
3.	Rt. Rev. Joseph Mar Barnabas Suffragan Metropolitan	10
4.	Rt. Rev. Thomas Mar Thimotheos Episcopa	10
5.	Rt. Rev. Dr. Isaac Mar Philoxenos Episcopa	05
6.	Rt. Rev. Dr. Abraham Mar Paulos Episcopa	08
7.	Rt. Rev. Dr. Mathews Mar Makarios Episcopa	07
8.	Rt. Rev. Dr. Gregorios Mar Stephanos Episcopa	09
9.	Rt. Rev. Dr. Thomas Mar Theethos Episcopa	05
10.	Very Rev. George Mathew	10
11.	Rev. C. V. Symon	11
12.	Rev. Monsi K. Philip	11
13.	Mr. Rajan Jacob	11
14.	Rev. Binu J. Varghese	04
15.	Rev. Bobby Philip	08
16.	Rev. S. George	07
17.	Rev. George Thomas (Niranam)	10
18.	Rev. Johnson Philip	10
19.	Rev. Dr. Mathew K. Muthalaly	06
20.	Rev. Prasad Mathew	10

21. Rev. Dr. Renjan John 10
22. Rev. Shaji Thomas Nadukeparampil 10
23. Rev. Varghese Mathew (Kalyan) 08
24. Rev. P. J. Varghese 11
25. Rev. Dr. T. T.Zachariah 11
26. Mr. Abin Thomas 11
27. Mr. K. G. Abraham 11
28. Mr. Abraham Thomas 08
29. Mr. Aby Varghese John 06
30. Mrs. Anila Sunil 06
31. Dr. Anna Mathew 11
32. Adv. Anzil Zacharia Komattu 11
33. Mr. Baby Mathew T. 04
34. Mr. Benny Puthenparampil (Thomas Mathew) 11
35. Mr. P. E. Binu 11
36. Mrs. Checha John 08
37. Mr. Eapen Mathew 10
38. Ms. Geemol Varghese 09
39. Mr. George Varghese 06
40. Mr. Jayaraj R. 09
41. Mrs. Jessy Jose 08
42. Mr. Jiju Oommen 10
43. Dr. John Mathew (Roy) 08
44. Mr. John Titus 06
45. Prof. Jolly Annie Abraham 11
46. Mr. Joseph Varghese 11
47. Mrs. Joyamma Koshy 11
48. Mrs. Latha Mary C. Mathew 11
49. Mr. M.A. Mathai 11
50. Mr. Manoj Mathew M. 10
51. Ms. Mariamma Solomon 11
52. Dr. Mary Abraham Mathews 09
53. Dr. Mathews George Chunakara 08
54. Mr. Modi P. George Pathiyoor 11
55. Mrs. Reji Thomas 11
56. Mr. Sam C. Koshy 11
57. Dr. Selin Abraham 08
58. Mr. Shajan M. George 09
59. Mr. Shaji Thankachen 10
60. Mr. Sunny Abraham 11
61. Mr. Thomas Alexander (Sam Chempakathil) 11
62. Capt. J. M. Thomas 08