

FROM THE APOSTOLIC SEE OF MALANKARA METROPOLITAN DR. THEODOSIUS MAR THOMA



Circular No. 193

Blessings to you all the Vicars, Resident Clergy, Trustees, Members of the Sabha Prathinidhi Mandalam and Members of all the Parishes under our authority.

Dearly beloved in Christ,

The decisions and resolutions of the Sabha Prathinidhi Mandalam that met at the Dr. Alexander Mar Thoma Valiya Metropolitan Smaraka Auditorium, Tiruvalla on 27th, 28th and 29th August 2026 (Thursday, Friday and Saturday) presided over by the Metropolitan, and approved by the Episcopal Synod held on 30th August 2026, as per Clause 107 of the Church Constitution, are hereby published and given below for the information of all. It is hereby informed through this Circular that all affairs of the Church, parishes, and institutions are to be implemented and directed in compliance with them.

May the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Dated 5th September 2026 from Poolatheen, Tiruvalla



Dr. Theodosius Mar Thoma Metropolitan

**The Decisions of the Sabha Prathinidhi Mandalam that met at
Dr. Alexander Mar Thoma Valiya Metropolitan Smaraka Auditorium, Tiruvalla
on 27th, 28th, and 29th August 2026 (Thu, Fri, Sat)**

1. The motion for permission to approve the expenses incurred without or exceeding the budget during the year 2025-2026 in respect of the Church and the institutions was adopted by the Mandalam after explanations and discussions.
2. The Annual report and the audited statement of accounts and balance sheet for the year 2025-2026, already printed and published, each in respect of the Church, the Vaideeka Seminary Kottayam, the Sabha Book Depot Thiruvalla, Malankara Sabha Tharaka, M.T. & E.A. Schools Corporate Management, the Episcopal Jubilee Institute Kompady, JMM Study Centre Mannanthala, TMAM Research & Orientation Centre Manganam, MT Industrial Training Centre Cherukole, Easow Mar Timotheos Centre for Evangelism & Rural Development Sihora, Easow Mar Timotheos Memorial Evangelists' Training Centre Hoskote/Shivanapura and J.M. & M.A. Memorial Centre for Holistic Development, Ayroor were unanimously passed by the Mandalam.
3. Motion of the Sabha Council stating that "This Mandalam resolves to elect three Clergy to the office of Episcopa in the Malankara Mar Thoma Syrian Church" after detailed discussion, the Sabha Prathinidhi Mandalam, by a majority, passed the resolution of the Sabha Council.
4. Motion of the Sabha Council stating that "To conduct elections to the Episcopal Nomination Board according to Clause No. 15 of the Constitution in order to nominate the names of suitable Clergy to the office of Episcopa" the Sabha Prathinidhi Mandalam, passed the resolution of the Sabha Council.
5. The resolutions presented under Clause 113 of the Constitution were withdrawn by the proposer after discussion.
6. The motion, "Permission be given to the Sabha Council to spend during the first six months of 2027-2028, an amount not exceeding 6/12 of what would be spent during the year 2026-2027" was approved by the Mandalam.
7. The Mandalam unanimously approved the Sabha Council's resolution to appoint auditors for the year 2026-27.

Appointed Auditors:

1. M/s. Cheriyan & Cheriyan, Chartered Accountants, Kottayam.
2. M/s. Reji John & Co., Chartered Accountants, Kottayam.
3. M/s. Kuruvilla & Co., Chartered Accountants, Pathanamthitta.
4. M/s. Thomas Mathew & Associates, Chartered Accountants, Tiruvalla.
5. M/s. Thomas Jacob & Co., Chartered Accountants, Trivandrum.
6. M/s. Koshal & Co. Chartered Accountants, Jabalpur (M.P).
7. M/s. Jacob Kovoov & Co., Chartered Accountants, Kochi
8. M/s. K. I. Abraham & Co., Chartered Accountants, Tiruvalla.
9. M/s. Jacob Abraham & Co., Chartered Accountants, Chengannur.
10. M/s. Joseph John & Co Chartered Accountants, Thiruvalla.
11. M/s. Thomas Kenny & Co, Chartered Accountants, Thiruvalla.
12. CA Mathew K. Zachariah, Chartered Accountants, Thiruvalla.
13. M/s. Emil Abraham & Co., Chartered Accountants, Kottarakkara.

14. M/s. Philip Sam Varghese & Co., Chartered Accountants, Kottarakkara.
15. M/s. Philip Cherian & Associates, Chartered Accountants, Bangalore.
8. The following members recommended by the Sabha Council were nominated to the Nicholson School Board for the period 2026-29: Rev. Abey T. Mammen, Prof. Dr. Sheela Elizabeth Mathew (Kuttapuzha) and Prof. Dr. Ajith Varghese George (Chengannoor).
9. The Prathinidhi Mandalam approved the official resolution to nominate clergy to the Sabha Council under Clause 164(5) of the Constitution, to fill vacancies that arose due to transfers between Dioceses. Accordingly, Rev. Thomas Zachariah, who was elected from Chengannur- Mavelikara Diocese, who has resigned and Rev. Dr. Saju Mathew was nominated in his place.
10. Sabha Museum Project: Following discussion, the Sabha Prathinidhi Mandalam unanimously approved the following resolution: “As a continuation of the decision of the Sabha Prathinidhi Mandalam Meeting held in 2025, this Sabha Prathinidhi Mandalam authorises the Sabha Council to implement the Old Sabha Office premises as the Mar Thoma Sabha Museum Project and to entrust the Ajith Isaac Foundation, Bengaluru, under the supervision of the Mar Thoma Sabha Council, with the implementation of the project. It further authorizes the Sabha Council to constitute a company under Section 8 of the Companies Act, under the ownership and full responsibility of the Metropolitan, for the implementation of the project; to commence the construction works at the earliest and complete them within two years; and to present before the Sabha Prathinidhi Mandalam, within two years, a detailed report regarding the management, maintenance and other related matters of the Museum.”
11. The budget for the year 2026-2027, each in respect of the Church, the Vaideeka Seminary Kottayam, the Sabha Book Depot Thiruvalla, Malankara Sabha Tharaka, M.T. & E.A. Schools Corporate Management, the Episcopal Jubilee Institute Kompady, JMM Study Centre Mannanthala, TMAM Research & Orientation Centre Manganam, MT Industrial Training Centre Cherukole, Easow Mar Timotheos Centre for Evangelism & Rural Development Sihora, Easow Mar Timotheos Memorial Evangelists’ Training Centre Hoskote/Shivanapura and J.M. & M.A. Memorial Centre for Holistic Development, Ayroor were unanimously passed by the Mandalam.
12. **Study Book:** A study was conducted in the Mandalam based on the topic, “Peace Building in a Conflict-Ridden World”. It was decided to hold further studies on this topic.
13. The names of the Sabha Council members elected from the various Dioceses for the period 2026-29 are as follows:

Adoor Diocese

Rev. Thomas Yesudasan, Pallickel St Thomas MTC
Mr. Philip Varghese, Iranikudy Immanuel MTC
Mrs. Achamma Varughese, Nooranad Salem MTC
Mr. Jose Tharakan T K, Thevalakkara Immanuel MTC

Chengannur-Mavelikara Diocese

Rev. Jacob K. Mathew, Othara St Andrews MTC
Adv. P. John Thomas, Chengannoor Mar Thoma Valiyapally
Mrs. Geetha Jogy, Puliyoar St. Thomas MTC
Mr. Sam K. Varghese, Ulanad Bethel MTC

Delhi Diocese

Rev. Thomas K. Thomas, Ranchi St Thomas School

Mr. Sunny C. Varughese, New Delhi St. Thomas MTC
Mrs. Susan R. Chacko, New Delhi Jerusalem MTC

Kottarakara-Punalur Diocese

Rev. Benchamin George, Chengamanadu Immanuel MTC
Prof. Dr. Jacob Thomas, Pattamala MTC
Mrs. Mini Mary Abraham, Puthoor Immanuel MTC
Mr. John Kutty K.L , Valakom Mar Thoma Valiyapally

Kottayam-Kochi Diocese

Rev. Shibu Mathew, Mallappally MTC
Mr. Shiju Skariah, Vennikulam Salem MTC
Mrs. Bincy Sunil, Ezhumattoor St. Thomas MTC
Mr. Saji T. Cherian, Mallappally St. Andrews MTC
Mr. Kuruvilla Mathew, Development Department

Kunnamkulam-Malabar Diocese

Rev. Sam. T. Mathew, Palakkad St Thomas MTC
Mr. Kochumammen (Geemon), Puthupady Ebenezer MTC
Mrs. Mariamma Abraham, Muthukulam Christos MTC

Malaysia – Singapore-Australia-New Zealand Diocese

Mr. Sunil Poulse, Wellington Immanuel MTC

Mumbai Diocese

Rev. Jobi Varghese, Pune St. Peters MTC
Mrs. Latha P. Kurian, Panvel St. Peters MTC
Mr. Varghese Philip, Dombivli Ebenezer MTC

Niranam –Maramon Diocese

Rev. Mathew K. Jackson, Kavumbhagom Ebenezer MTC
Mr. Anish Kunnapuzha, Maramon MTC
Mrs. Rani J. John, Annavattom Ebenezer MTC
Mr. Abey Jacob, Kumbanad Salem MTC

North America Diocese

Rev. Biju P. Simon, New York St. Johns MTC
Dr. Eapen Daniel, Philadelphia Christos MTC
Mrs. Sheline Anna John Varghese, Houston St. Thomas MTC

Ranni-Nilackal Diocese

Rev. Alexander Tharakan, Keekozhoor East MTC
Mr. Fredy Oommen, Vadasserikara St. Andrews MTC
Mrs. Aleyamma Zachariah, Kottanad Trinity MTC
Mr. Sunesh Jose, Kottanad Trinity MTC
Mr. Sam. C. Koshy, Omalloor MTC

Trivandrum-Kollam Diocese

Rev. Dr. K. Salomon, Mar Thoma Hospital Guidance and Counseling Centre
Mr. Shibu Varghese, Aylara St. Thomas MTC
Mrs. Jency Manu, Ayoor Salem MTC

UK-Europe Africa Diocese

Rev. Thomas George, Dublin South Ebenezer MTC
Adv. Jacob P. Abraham, London St. Johns MTC
Mrs. Baby John, Midlands Hermon MTC

Gulf Region

Mr. Koshy Samuel P., Bahrain MTC

The cancellation of the election of the Sabha Council members from the Chennai–Bangalore Diocese was reported to the Mandalam, and the same was communicated to all concerned through Circular No. 192.

As per Clause 164(1) (a) of the Constitution, which provides that five members of the Sabha Council shall be from among those who have become members of the Church as a result of its missionary work, the following persons were appointed as members of the Sabha Council based on the percentage of votes received by them.

1. Adv. Sumi D. David , Adoor Diocese (Female)
2. Mr. Jacob Mathew, Ranni- Nilackal Diocese
3. Mrs. K. Santha, Trivandrum- Kollam Diocese (Female)
4. Mr. Manoj M. Mathew, Chengannur – Mavelikara Diocese
5. Mr. Jinesh M. S., Niranam- Maramon Diocese

14. The following persons were elected unopposed to the respective offices for the period 2026–2029:

Clergy Trustee: Rev. Dr. K. Thomas, Kottarakkara – Punalur Diocesan Counselling Centre

Lay Trustee & Treasurer: Dr. Koshy Mathai, Othara St. Paul's Mar Thoma Church

15. The results of the election held for the following positions for the period 2026–2029, after counting of the votes, were as follows:

Sabha Secretary: Rev. Danial Varghese (Pullad Zion Mar Thoma Church)

Vaidika Selection Committee:

Clergy Representatives:

1. Rev. Geevarghese K. E.
2. Rev. Sajeev Thomas
3. Rev. Reji Yohannan
4. Rev. Dr. John G. Mathews

Lay Representatives:

1. Prof. Alexander K. Samuel
2. Mr. Gigy Mathew Scariah
3. Dr. Lino A. Tharakan
4. Dr. Kuncheria P. Isaac
5. Dr. Mathews George Chunakkara
6. Mr. Jacob Samuel
7. Adv. Binu V. Eappen
8. Mr. Jennings Jacob

16. The following persons were elected to the Episcopal Nomination Board:

Clergy Representatives:

1. Rev. Bobby Mathew
2. Rev. Abey T. Mammen
3. Rev. Geevarghese K. E.
4. Rev. Abey K. Joshua
5. Rev. Dr. A. John Philip
6. Very Rev. Thomas K. Jacob
7. Rev. C. V. Symon
8. Rev. V. T. Yesudasan

Lay Representatives:

1. Prof. Dr. Jacob George Mallappally
2. Mr. T. C. Benjamin, IAS (Retd.)
3. Dr. Mathews George Chunakkara
4. Dr. Abey Thomas Varikad
5. Mr. Toby John Varghese
6. Adv. Jacob John

7. Prof. Dr. Jacob Thomas
8. Prof. K. C. Zacharia
9. Prof. Dr. Manu Thomas
10. Mrs. Jency Manu
11. Prof. Adv. Abraham Joseph
12. Adv. Oommen Thomas
13. Adv. Binu V. Eappen
14. Mr. Jose P. Vayakal

Special Mandalam

The constitutional amendments and other decisions presented and approved in the Special Prathinidhi Mandalam held on Friday, 28th August 2026, at the Dr. Alexander Mar Thoma Valiya Metropolitan Memorial Auditorium, Thiruvalla.

With regard to the amendment proposals presented under Clause 390 of the Constitution:

1. Clause 340, 340(2), 340(3), 340(5), 350, 76, 323, 319, 390: After discussion, since the proposers of these resolutions informed the Mandalam that the original resolutions were being withdrawn, Metropolitan declared that the proposed amendments would not stand. The Metropolitan announced that, since the original resolutions had been withdrawn, the amendment proposals to the amendments could not stand.

Taking into consideration the matters of the discussions that arose in the Sabha Prathinidhi Mandalam, the Mandalam unanimously approved, in the form of a resolution, the following suggestion of the Metropolitan: “The newly constituted Sabha Council should propose a plan for using modern technologies, including for voting and shall be presented at the next Sabha Prathinidhi Mandalam”

2. Clause 106: After discussion, the proposer informed the Mandalam that the resolutions will not being withdrawn. Accordingly, the original resolution and the amendment proposals to the resolution were put to vote, and the resolution was rejected by a majority.

3. Clause 36: The Metropolitan informed the Mandalam that Clause 36 of the Constitution relates to the oath administered by representatives belonging to the Elected Clergy before the Metropolitan, and that accepting the proposed amendment in its entirety at this stage could lead to difficulties in the future. Accordingly, the Metropolitan announced that the original resolution and the amendment proposals had been rejected. The Sabha Prathinidhi Mandalam approved the decision.