

THE INDIAN (MALANKARA) ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Blessings to the Vicars, Parish/Congregation office bearers, elected Malankara Syrian Christian Association representatives and current Sabha Managing Committee members;

Dearly beloved in Lord,

Further to the Kalpana No.230/2022 by the Catholicos of the East and Malankara Metropolitan, it is hereby given notice that the diocesan meeting to make nominations of one Priest and two Laymen to be elected as the new Malankara Syrian Christian Association Managing Committee members from our diocese will be held on 14 July 2022 10AM (UK Time) on internet platform. On behalf of the Catholicos of the East and Malankara Metropolitan We will be presiding over the meeting.

We have a greater responsibility to find and encourage sincere and committed persons who could positively contribute towards the Spiritual and Administrative empowerment of Our Holy Church. The candidates shall remember that all the elections to any Church positions and portfolios received thereafter will be considered as an opportunity to serve the Church. Everyone should refrain from unhealthy campaigning and related activities else it will affect the integrity and goodwill of our Church.

Elected Malankara Association representatives from the Parishes/ Congregations, Vicars and existing Sabha Managing committee members are eligible to attend the meeting and exercise their votes, if necessary. The final list of eligible members would be announced from the Catholicate office by 04 July 2022. If more than allowable number of members are contesting to the positions, an election will be conducted by online secret ballot. Let us thank God Almighty for the advanced technology available for us. On behalf of the diocese We would like to express our gratitude to H.H The Catholicos for allowing us to avail the service of the software company who are managing the Malankara Christian Association meeting and election to be held at Mount Tabore Dayara, Pathanapuram on 04 August, to conduct the online diocesan meeting and election. This would be a good gesture for our diocese in particular, such a way that all the eligible members living across 4 continents could attend the meeting and exercise their privilege at the same time. Also, it is a great opportunity for us to contribute our humble part towards a green world by reducing the fuel usage and saving significant amount of time and energy on long travel otherwise. Despite that we have to

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incur some nominal financial liabilities to cater the online meeting. To meet the infrastructural expenses and fees, each Parish/ Congregation shall remit an amount of GBP/Euro 10.00 each per person for the total number of eligible members from your unit and for the Vicar. For example, if a parish have 2 eligible members, an amount of £30.00 (3x10) should be remitted to the diocese account and the payment shall be transferred on or before 11 July 2022. For transferring the payment, the bank details are; for UK transfer, Account name: DIOCEUK, HSBC bank, Account number 81441876 sort code 402007. For Outside UK transfer, Account name: DIOCEUK EURO, HSBC bank, Account number: 76903868, sort code 401276, IBAN: GB26HBUK40127676903868, BIC: HBUKGB4B. Please do make a reference to the payment by adding 'ASC prefix your Parish code' as per the final eligibility list published from Catholicate office. For example, Aberdeen Parish should add the reference as UEA01ASC. The detailed procedure for the meeting and the election process will be issued to the eligible members in due course.

Capt. Siby Mathai, Vengalil Mammen Villa, Chengannur is appointed as the Returning Officer for the election. We hereby constitute a committee with below mentioned members to support Us and the Returning officer for the smooth functioning of the election process.

Fr Happy Jacob- Diocesan Secretary

Mr. Saji Varghese- PRO

Mr. Thomas George- Online Voting Systems Manager


The election for the nomination to Malankara Syrian Christian Association Managing committee will be conducted as per the guidelines issued from the Catholicate office on 2 June 2022. If any of our Church members wish to contest to be elected as Sabha Managing committee member nominee, they shall submit the duly filled nomination form on or before 10 AM on 11 July 2022. Further to the Scrutiny, approval/rejection of the nomination form will be intimated by 5 PM on 11 July 2022. Any candidates wish to withdraw their nomination, that should be informed by 5 PM on 12 July and the final list of candidates will be announced on 10 PM on 12 July 2022. Nomination forms will be available from the diocesan office on request. All the times mentioned above in this Kalpana should be considered as the UK Summer time (BST).

All communications on this regard including but not limited to submission of authorisation forms, request for nomination forms, Submission of duly filled nomination forms, withdrawal of nomination and any grievances shall be sent to the Diocesan Metropolitan or the Returning Officer by email to diocesan office via email office@indianorthodoxuk.org

If any of the Parish have not yet submitted the copies of the Form A /B and the *Adhikara Pathram* to diocesan office, please forward the copies at the earliest possible.

God Bless

Your Spiritual Father and Shepherd


+ Mathews Mar Thimothios Metropolitan