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Blessings to the Vicars and all the members of the MMVS of the Diocese of UK-Europe and Africa in the name of the blessed Holy Trinity

Dearly beloved in Christ,

“Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord.” (1 Corinthians 12:4-5)

With prayerful greetings, I write to confirm and approve the newly elected Office Bearers of the Diocesan Marth Mariam Vanitha Samajam (MMVS), duly elected as recorded in the communication submitted from MMVS, following the Annual Conference held on 18 October 2025, and the respective Zonal Conferences conducted in 2025.

Confirmed Diocesan Office Bearers

- General Secretary: Mrs. Bindu Benoyi
(St. George Indian Orthodox Church, Manchester)
- Treasurer: Mrs. Sony Jerrin
(St. John the Baptist Indian Orthodox Church, Stoke-on-Trent)

Confirmed Zonal Secretaries

UK South Zone

(Zonal Conference - 17 May 2025)

1. Mrs. Ruby Samuel
(St. Stephen's Indian Orthodox Church, Woking)

(Additionally entrusted with the responsibility of Prayer Coordinator of MMVS for the whole Diocese)

2. Mrs. Asha Mathew
(St. George Indian Orthodox Church, City of London)

UK Central Zone

(Zonal Conference - 7 June 2025)

1. Mrs. Bindu Varghese
(St. Stephen's Indian Orthodox Church, Birmingham)
2. Mrs. Tintu Jose
(Holy Innocents Indian Orthodox Church, South Wales)

UK North Zone

(Zonal Conference - 5 July 2025)

1. Mrs. Sheela Issac
(St. Behanan's Indian Orthodox Church, North Wales)
2. Mrs. Ruby Sibb
(St. John the Baptist Indian Orthodox Church, Stoke-on-Trent)

I also wish to place on record that the Zonal Secretaries serving outside the UK shall continue in their respective responsibilities, and I gratefully acknowledge their ongoing service and commitment to MMVS.

At this time, I also express my profuse and heartfelt gratitude to the outgoing Office Bearers, who have served MMVS with love, devotion, and sincerity. I wish to make special mention of Mrs. Ruby Denin, the outgoing General Secretary, and thank her deeply for her dedication, steadfastness, and the many services she has rendered for the growth and spiritual flourishing of MMVS in our Diocese.

In the same spirit, I also thankfully acknowledge the devoted and faithful services rendered by Mrs. Lini Kurian, the outgoing Treasurer, whose commitment and diligence have been a blessing to the organisation.

I also place on record my sincere appreciation to Binu P J Achen for his selfless services, pastoral support, and encouragement offered to MMVS, strengthening the organisation in its spiritual discipline and sense of purpose.

To the newly confirmed Office Bearers, I offer my prayerful congratulations. I exhort you to carry forward this ministry with diligence, unity and humility, keeping Christ at the centre of every initiative. The spiritual activities of MMVS are of immense value to our Diocese: they nurture a deep spiritual culture, strengthen Christian homes, encourage prayer and worship, and enrich the life of our parishes through faithful participation and service.

May the intercessions of the Holy Theotokos, and the prayers of all the Saints, strengthen you in this calling; and may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ guide you in every good work.

Assuring you of my prayers and blessings,

With love in Christ,



+ Metropolitan Abraham Stephanos