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Blessings to all the Vicars, office bearers, faithful of all the Parishes in the Diocese of UK-Europe and Africa in the name of the blessed Holy Trinity.

With gratitude to God Almighty, I am pleased to appoint the following clergy as Zonal Presidents of the Orthodox Christian Youth Movement (OCYM) in their respective zones:

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| • North Zone, UK | – Fr. Tiji Thankachan |
| • Central Zone, UK | – Fr. Ricku S. Cherian |
| • South Zone, UK | – Fr. Mobin Varghese |
| • Irish Zone | – Fr. Stanley David James |
| • EU and Eastern Europe | – Fr. Aswin Varghese Eappen |
| • Africa | – Fr. Jobin Mammen Cherian |

These appointments are made with the purpose of strengthening the mission of the Church among our youth at a micro-local level, ensuring that our faith and doctrine are deeply rooted in every part of our Diocese. The role of Zonal Presidents is not merely administrative but profoundly pastoral, with a vision to bring together those who are distant and lost, offering them a space of belonging and spiritual growth within the Church.

As Zonal Presidents, I entrust them with the responsibility of diligently working together in close liaison with the Diocesan- Vice President, ensuring coordination, unity, and effectiveness in your mission. You are encouraged to organise zonal-level programmes, fostering deeper engagement, discipleship, and leadership among our youth. Your service in this ministry should be marked by love, humility, and unwavering commitment to the apostolic faith.

I urge you all to carry out this mission with zeal, ensuring that OCYM remains a vibrant and spiritually enriching movement that upholds the ethos of our Holy Church. May the Lord guide your steps, and may the intercessions of the Saints strengthen you in this sacred task.

Yours in Christ,

+ Metropolitan Abraham Stephanos