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**To All Vicars, Trustees, Secretaries, Managing Committee Members of the Parishes,
and the dearly beloved Faithful of the Diocese of UK-Europe and Africa,**

Greetings in the name of the blessed Holy Trinity!

I thank God Almighty for the fervent faith and commitment that each of you has displayed towards the well-being of our parishes. It is through this unwavering dedication that we continue to grow as a strong and spiritually vibrant diocese. Together, it is our collective responsibility to uphold the spiritual, integral well-being and growth of all our parishes, for the glory of God and the benefit of our faithful.

This letter is to update all the parishes in the Diocese on some important financial matters and the day-to-day running of the Diocese.

As many of you are aware, we have a Charity Account that was graciously initiated by my predecessor. Every year, the Diocese carries out its charitable endeavors through this account. At present, there are 110 faithful members who are making regular monthly contributions to this fund. Additionally, there are 75 members who contribute to the general account of the Diocese on a monthly basis, which remains the sole regular income that supports the functioning of our Diocese. I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank each of these generous contributors for their kind support.

For our benevolent contributors, I kindly request that you update your details, including the name of your parish and your address. This will enable me to personally remember you in my prayers and to ensure that you receive letters of acknowledgment and receipts. Please send these updates to any of the following email addresses:

office@indianorthodoxuk.org

diocesansecretary@indianorthodoxuk.org

These contributions, along with the annual contributions from the parishes and envelope collections, form the main influx of income on which the Diocese relies for its Charity endeavours and day-to-day operations. Covering such a vast geographical region, with parishes spread across multiple countries, is no small task. It would be a great blessing if any of our faithful could institute a standing order for regular payments to further support the running of the Diocese.

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I would also like to take this opportunity to remind all parishes and faithful members that the General Body of the Diocese has made a significant decision to move to the next stage in establishing a place of retreat. As you know, this place will serve as a spiritual hub for our Church, providing a space for future generations to be spiritually nurtured and strengthened. I encourage you all to continue in prayer and to support this endeavor as we look toward the future with hope.

I would also like to express my heartfelt gratitude to all the parishes and individuals who have contributed towards the Wayanad Charity initiative. Your generosity has made a profound impact, and I am deeply thankful for your commitment to this cause. However, there are still some parishes that have collected funds but have not yet transferred them to the Diocese. Kindly ensure that this is done within the next week. Once all contributions have been received, we will publish a full list and begin the process of transferring the funds to the relevant bodies, as directed by the Headquarters of the Church. For any financial matters, you may reach out to finance@indianorthodoxuk.org.

May the grace of God continue to guide us in our journey together as a Diocese. Once again, I express my sincere gratitude to each of you for your steadfast faith, generosity, and commitment.



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