

# THE INDIAN (MALANKARA) ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**Blessings to the Vicars, Managing Committee members and all the faithful members of  
All the Parishes of Diocese of UK-Europe and Africa- Ireland Region:**

Dearly beloved in the name of Holy Triune God,

With all gratitude to Lord Almighty for His abundant Grace and blessings, We are pleased to see the successful convening of the regional general body meeting for the Ireland region held on 03 September 2016. We are overwhelmed to acknowledge the positive response and participation of our Priests and faithful members for their sincere outlook towards the growth and good will of our Church in Ireland. The general body unanimously uphold Our vision to aim for a united approach and collective functioning of our Parishes for the betterment and goodwill of our Church and for the Spiritual empowerment of our members in the region.

We would like to announce the following decisions concurred in the regional general body meeting held on 03 September at St Thomas IOC Dublin under Our chair.

1. Rev. Fr. George Thankachen is elected as the Diocesan Regional Secretary- Ireland Region
2. Annual Family Conference and Youth Camp for the whole Ireland region would be conducted every year.
3. Annual Family conference and Youth Camp for the year 2017 would be held at a suitable venue on 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of August 2017. A core committee consisting of members, namely Mr Shaji P John (Waterford), Mr Thomas Mathew (Dublin), and Mr Remith Raju (Belfast) with Fr. T George as the General Convener has been constituted to take the initiative in organising the Family Conference of Pan-Ireland.
4. It is decided to have a centralised and co-ordinated system of functioning of the Sunday Schools in Ireland region in tandem with the present system in the UK region. OVBS, Talent competition, Children's meet and Annual Sunday school examinations would be conducted in centralised under the governance of the OSSAE regional office.

We hereby nominate and appoint the following office bearers for the Ireland region

Revd Fr George Thankachen	Vice President Counselling Wing and Prayer Fellowship
Revd Fr Ninan P Kuriakose	Vice President Women's Fellowship and Divyabodhanam
Revd Fr Eldo Varghese	Vice President Sunday School and Altar Assistant
Revd Fr Anish K Sam	Vice President Youth & MGOCSM and Sports wing

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Mr Wilson T George St Gregorios IOC Belfast	OSSAE- Regional Coordinator
Mr John Mathew St Thomas IOC Dublin	OSSAE -Associate Regional Coordinator
Mr Remit Raju St Gregorios IOC Belfast	Youth and MGOCSM-Regional Organiser
Mr Benny George St Peters and St Pauls IOC Doghedra	Prayer Fellowship-Regional Organiser

We urge all of you to welcome the newly appointed office bearers with pleasure and extend them all the necessary support and cooperation for the successful functioning of the organisations.

On a different note, We hereby inform you that St Gregorios Indian Orthodox Church, Belfast is included as part of the Ireland region with effect from 01 November 2016.

We take this opportunity express Our sincere gratitude to Vicar, Managing committee members and all the faithful members of St Thomas IOC Dublin for hosting the regional general body and for their generous hospitality.

May God Bless you all

Your shepherd and Spiritual Father in Christ

  
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