



MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE

Deepti Bhavan, Melampara - 686 578, Kottayam Dt. Kerala, India

Circular No XI-01/2023-2028

22 May, 2023

Your Excellencies and Reverend Fathers, Deacons and Brothers,

I am happy to share with you some of the important pieces of information and certain historical happenings related to the MST.

1. Inauguration of the Eleventh Ordinary General Assembly-2023.

The Delegates to the Eleventh Ordinary General Assembly-2023, which was convened to be held from 15th May 2023, arrived the Generalate by 4.00 pm and was formally inaugurated by His Beatitude, the Father and Head of our Church, Mar George Cardinal Alencherry on the 15th of May 2023 at 6.30 pm after the Evening prayer (Ramsa). The Cardinal said in the inaugural message that there is hierarchy at all levels, both in the Church and in the Civil Society. He highlighted that in the Church the hierarchy is to be understood as hierarchy of service.

2. Promulgation of the New *Constitutions and Directives* of MST.

I am glad to inform you that the revised *Constitutions and Directives* of MST was approved by the Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church on the 13th of May 2023. Very Rev. Fr Antony Perumanoor, the Director General formally promulgated the *Constitutions and Directives* of MST on the 15th of May 2023 by reading the Decree of Promulgation in the presence of His Beatitude George Cardinal Alencherry and the delegates of the General Assembly 2023. The newly promulgated *Constitutions and Directives* of MST will come into force on the 8th of September 2023.

The Society is very much indebted to the reverend fathers who worked hard behind the preparation of the various drafts as well as the respected the members of the Extra-Ordinary General Assembly which passed the *Constitutions and Directives* in two sessions from May 1-18 and September 25 to October 14.

3. Presentation of the Reports by the General Administration

The Director General, Very Rev. Fr Antony Perumanoor presented on 17th May a detailed quinquennial report of the spiritual and temporal status of the Society signed by himself and the councillors (C71.a). It was followed by the presentation of a detailed statement of the temporalities of the Society giving well-ordered accounts of receipts and expenditures signed by himself, the Director General and the Councillors as stipulated by C71.b.

4. Election of the Director General and His Team

The Director General and his team for the ensuing period 2023-2028 were elected in the evening session which commenced at 6.00 pm on the 17th of May 2023. The names of Director General and the members of the General Council and the Treasurer General elected for a period of five years in the 11th Ordinary General Assembly of the Missionary Society of St Thomas the Apostle and their portfolios are as follows:

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Office	Name	Portfolios
Director General	Very Rev. Fr Vincent Kadalikattilputhenpura	
Vice Director General and 1 st Councillor	Rev Fr Joseph Thekkekarott	Formation & Vocation Promotion, Santhome Fellowship & Associate Missionaries, <i>Santhome Mission</i> , Chapel & Liturgy
Second Councillor	Rev. Fr George [Ivan] Muthanatt	On-Going Formation, Education and Social Apostolate
Third Councillor	Rev. Fr Joseph (Jomon) Ayyankanal	Communion and Priests Welfare, Mission Expansion and Evangelisation, Communication and Mission Animation
Secretary General and Fourth Councillor	Rev. Fr Lonappan Arangassery	News Bulletin: <i>MST World</i> , Benefactors, and Oversees Ministry
Treasurer General	Rev. Fr Thomas (Santhosh) Olapurackal	Finance and Temporalities

I take this opportunity to thank, on behalf of all the members of the MST, Rev. Fr Antony Perumanoor and the members of his team - Rev. Fr Francis Kureeckal, Rev. Fr Thomas Karamel, Rev. Fr Justin Vettukallel, Rev. Fr Peter Kavumpuram and Rev. Fr Kuriakose Kunnel - for all the valuable services they rendered to the Missionary Society of St Thomas the Apostle during the past five years of their term in office.

5. Appointment of the Committee for the Election of the Panel of Regional Directors

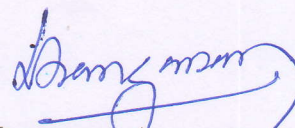
In accordance with D 116,b,i, opted by the 11th General Assembly, a committee consisting of three members - Fr Sebastian Kizhakkeyil (Convenor), Fr Varghese Monoth (member) Fr Kurian Vazhuthanapallil (Member) – is appointed to conduct the election of the panels of three each for the appointment of the Regional Directors of the four MST Regions (St Paul's Region, Ujjain, St Thomas Region, Mandya, St Alphonsa Region, Sangli and St Mary Queen of the Mission Region, Delhi). They are asked to submit the list of the panels by 15th July, 2023.

Wishing you all God's abundant blessings and requesting your precious prayers and whole hearted co-operation for fulfilling the responsibilities entrusted to me and the General team,

Yours sincerely in Jesus,



Fr Vincent Kadalikattilputhenpura
Director General, MST

Fr Lonappan Arangassery
Secretary General, MST