



MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE

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

Circular No XI-02/2023

May 29, 2023

Your Excellencies, Rev. Fathers and dear Brothers,
Warm and prayerful greetings from Deepti Bhavan!

Conclusion of the 11th Ordinary General Assembly

The 11th Ordinary General Assembly of the Missionary Society of St Thomas the Apostle, which commenced on 15th May 2023 at Deepti Bhavan, Melampara, was formally concluded on 27th May 2023 at 11.30 p.m. There were altogether 50 members including two bishops who constituted the 11th Ordinary General Assembly. The Director General and the treasurer General presented the Reports followed by the elections. There were altogether 37 sessions which were presided over by the Directors General. The agenda discussions were moderated by the members of the General team by turn. The assembly discussed all the points in the agenda as well as the additional agenda points sent to the Director General. It evaluated the nature and purpose of the Society, the lifestyle and apostolate of MST, formation, the structure and Government of the Society, temporalities and various tendencies disturbing the morale of the Society. The Assembly suggested many remedial measures in the form of resolutions, decisions and mind of the assembly.

Monthly Allowance

The General Assembly decided to raise monthly allowance of the members to Rs 12000/- per month from which Rs 1200.00 (10%) will be deducted towards Society's *Health Insurance Fund* as stipulated in the new C&D 30. The expenses of the mess will be met by the respective mission centre/ institution and Rs 3000/- would be allocated from the Region or the Centre towards the mess expenses. The allowance will come into effect from July 2023.

Study classes on the New Constitutions and Directives

The secretariat is in the process of printing the newly promulgated Constitutions and Directives as well as the detailed report of the General Assembly 2023 at the earliest. Study classes on the new *Constitutions and Directives* which comes into effect on the 8th of September, 2023, will be organised for all members in different Regions and places, either physically or online. The details of the input sessions will be intimated to you later by the General Councillor in Charge of On-going Formation.

Wishing you all God's abundant blessings and requesting your prayers,

Yours in Christ Jesus,

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