



MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE

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

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August 15, 2023

Your Excellencies, Reverend Fathers and Brothers,

Warm Greetings of the Feast of Assumption and Indian Independence from the MST Generalate!

1. Assuming the Office by Regional Administration

The Regional Directors and the Councillors of the four Mission Regions of the MST assumed their offices on the following dates. Let us cooperate with the new regional teams wholeheartedly.

26/07/2023	St Mary Queen of Missions Region
26/07/2023	St Thomas Region Mandya
29/07/2023	St Alphonsa Region, Sangli
31/07/2023	St Paul Region, Ujjain

2. Orientation Seminar for the GC & RC members

The members of the General Council, Regional Council and Treasurer General gathered at Deepti Generalate from August 7th to 10th, 2023 as stipulated by the *Constitutions and Directives of MST*, (D99.2; C&D 2023) to get initiated and orientated in the administration and personal management. The talks in the input sessions by Rev Dr Joseph Kaduppil and Mr Romid (the CA) were very enriching. Besides, there were sessions in common where matters affecting the MST in General were discussed. In the meeting of Regional teams held separately with the General Council, the issues and the concerns of the respective regions were shared and discussed. They were very fruitful and effective.

3. C&D 2023 comes into Force on September 8, 2023

The members are reminded that the *Constitutions and Directives* promulgated on May 15, 2023, will come into force on September 8, 2023. All the members are earnestly requested to read and meditate on every article of the *Constitutions and Directives* in order to imbibe the spirit of the Particular Law of the Society. In order to familiarise the *Constitutions and Directives* to the members prior to September 8, 2023 study classes are arranged online and offline. The schedule of the classes will be communicated to you from time to time by Fr Ivan Muthanatt, the Councillor in charge of On-going Formation. Since these classes are mandatory for all, the members are requested to join any one of study classes.

4. Holy Qurbana in the Intention of the Director General

According to the new *Constitutions and Directives*, there is a change in the number of Holy *Qurbanas* to be celebrated for *Communion*. "All priest members shall offer three Holy *Qurbanas* every month for the intentions of the Director General till the age of retirement in view of the *Communion*" (D29.1). Therefore, from **September 2023**, all priest members are obliged to celebrate **Five Holy Qurbanas** in the intention of the Director General every

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month, till the age of retirement (i.e. Three for *Communion* and two for the needs of the MST [D23.6]).

5. Constitution of Committees

Various Committees are constituted while some others are re-constituted for the smooth functioning of the Society. The following priest-members are appointed to the various committees. The members are exhorted to approach the respective committees for consultations and guidance in the concerned area. The Grievance Redressal Forum is visualised and constituted to help members and provide them with a forum to share their concerns, ill feelings etc., toward the Regional and Central Administration. The members of the Redressal Cell are bound by professional secrecy and confidentiality.

5.1. General Auditors

Fr. Augustine Marottikudy (Auditor General & Convener)
Fr. George Pottenaniyil
Fr. Cyriac (Pradeepan) Punnaukuzhy
Fr. Sebastian Kurumundayil
Fr. Kurian (Sijomon) Mundaplackel

5.2. Financial Council

Fr. Vincent Kadalikkattilputhenpura (Ex-officio)
Fr. Santhosh Olapurackal (Ex-officio) (Convener)
Fr. Augustine Marottikudy (Ex-officio)
Fr. Joseph Plappallil (Ex-officio)
Fr. John Thettalickal (Ex-officio)
Fr. Joseph (Lijo) Kavunnukattil (Ex-officio)
Fr. Thomas (Joice) Puliyammakkal (Ex-officio)
Fr. Kurian Kochettonnil (Nominee)
Fr. John Madukoly (Nominee)

5.3. Central Construction Committee

Fr. Bibin Vernakunnel (Convener)
Fr. Thomas Karamel
Fr. Thomas Kocheettathott

5.4. Central Committee for Communion

Fr. Jomon Ayyankanal (Convener)
Fr. Santhosh Olappura
Fr. Kurian Kochettonnil

5.5. Grievance Redressal Forum

Fr. Joseph Venattumattam (Convener)
Fr. Kuriakose (Roby) Adappoor
Fr. Jacob Njarolickal

5.6. Committee for Preparing Guidelines for Social Apostolate

Fr. Thomas Chenganariparampil (Convener)
Fr. Sebastian Njalliyil
Fr. John Panthalipadan
Fr. Joseph Vedikkunnel

5.7. Committee for Preparing Financial Policy

Fr. Kuriakose Kunnel (Convener)
Fr. Augustine Marottikudy
Fr. Lijo Kavunnukattil
Fr. Sebastian Elanjimattathil

5.8. Committee for Ongoing formation

Fr. Kuriakose Adappoor (Convener)
Fr. Joseph Unnieppallil
Fr. Anto Munjanattu
Fr. Chandy Kalathoor
Fr. Libin Valiyaparambil

5.9. Safe Environment Committee

Fr. Peter Vattappara (Convener)
Fr. George Kuppayil

5.10. Committee for preparing Guidelines for Christian Community Formation

Fr. Joby Koottumkal (Convener)
Fr. Joseph Cheriampanattu
Fr. Paul Painadath
Fr. Sanoj Pathrapankal



6. Prayer Day for the Members

In the light of the discussions and deliberations in the 11th Ordinary General Assembly on the need of renewal in the Society and based on the suggestions given by the GC & RC meeting, the General Council has decided to assign a day of prayer to each member of the Society. On that day the assigned member may set apart the day for prayer for the renewal of the Society and all other members shall pray for him. The schedule of the prayer days will be intimated to you from time to time. The prayer schedule will begin on September 8, the day the *Constitutions & Directives* comes into effect.

7. MST prayer

We encourage and exhort all the members to recite daily the *Prayer for the Society* personally and in all the Centres of the MST as part of the renewal programme. The soft copy of the already existing prayer will be shared again via email and WhatsApp.

8. On-Going Formation Programme

As part of the On-going formation, a *Three-Day* formation programme is organized from October 23 to 26, 2023, at Deepti Mount for the MST priests who are ordained between December 2018 and January 2023. All are expected to participate in the programme.

9. Preaching and Community Formation Programme

A Two days On-going formation programme is organized for those engaged in preaching and Community building from **October 26 to 27, 2023** at Deepti Mount. Those who are engaged and interested in these ministries may please contact Fr Jomon Ayyankanal, the Councillor in Charge of Mission Expansion to participate and benefit from the programme.

10. Allowance of the Retired Members

As per the new *Constitutions and Directives*, "The MST provides food, accommodation and medical care for the members retired due to old age or sickness. They shall be provided with a monthly stipend equal to the fifty per cent of the ordinary allowance" (D20.1). The members may please note the new Directive regarding the allowance of the retired.

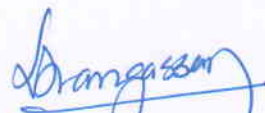
May Mary, our Mother who assumed into Heaven continue to intercede for the Society to continue the Mission of Her Son!

With prayerful wishes,

Yours in Christ Jesus,



Fr Vincent Kadalikattilputhenpura
Director General, MST

Fr Lonappan Arangassery
Secretary General, MST