

THE MAR THOMA SYRIAN CHURCH OF MALABAR CHENNAI – BANGALORE DIOCESE

No: 77, 6th Avenue, Harrington Road, Chetpet, Chennai, Tamil Nadu - 600 031



Circular No: 21 CBD/DB/S21/M06/2014

Election Notification of Rt.Rev.Dr.Isaac Mar Philoxenos, the Diocesan Bishop to all the Parishes and Diocesan Assembly Members of the Chennai - Bangalore Diocese.

Blessings to the members of the Chennai- Bangalore Diocese.

The tenure of the present Diocesan Council will be over by the next meeting of the Diocesan Assembly to be held on Friday 25th July, 2014. As per the constitution 293(2) elections of all the members of the new Diocesan Council must be completed before the end of the first meeting of the Diocesan Assembly.

According to constitution 294(2), the Diocesan Assembly has to elect at least one representative from each centre (1.Abu Dhabi, 2.Andamans, 3.Ankola, 4.Bangalore, 5.Chennai, 6.Coimbatore, 7.Devanahalli, 8.Hyderabad-Secunderabad, 9.Mundugod, 10.Rayalseema) not exceeding 24 (Twenty Four) members, in addition to Diocesan Secretary and Treasurer to the Diocesan Council. The elected body must include at least 4 (four) women members and at least one representatives from the members who joined the church as part of the mission work. As per the constitutional clause 295, (50%) fifty percent of members must be newly elected. Those who have been elected consecutively for three terms (9 Years) are not allowed to stand for the election to the Diocesan Council now.

The election to the new council will be conducted on the day of Diocesan Assembly, to be held at The Jerusalem Mar Thoma Syrian Church, Anna Nagar, Chennai from 2 PM to 4 PM on 25th July 2014.

Ballot boxes will be used for election. The following rules and regulations framed by the diocesan council will be observed:

1. Assembly members must take part in the election procedure with prayer and commitment.
2. The candidates who stand for election must be persons with good character, ready to participate in the god given mission of the church.
3. The elections to the Diocesan Council will be held under the leadership of the Diocesan Episcopa, whose decision will be final in all matters relating to the election.
4. Rev.K.G.Joseph, Vicar, Madras Mar Thoma Syrian Church, Chetpet, Chennai is appointed as the returning officer to supervise the election procedure. Polling officers will be appointed by the returning officer if and when required. The returning officer will assist the Diocesan Episcopa in the discharge of the duties in compiling the voters list and in conducting the election to the Diocesan Council.
5. Complaints, if any regarding the decisions of the Returning Officer may be reported to the Diocesan Episcopa and his decision will be final.
6. The names of candidates to the Diocesan Assembly proposed from Parishes or Institutions must reach the Diocesan Office before 4 PM on Tuesday 24th June, 2014 and the Voters list will

be published in the Diocesan Office at 5 PM Wednesday on 25th June, 2014. Any complaint regarding the voters list must be reported to the Diocesan Episcopa before 5 PM on Friday 4th July 2014. The decisions of the Diocesan Episcopa will be final. The Final voters list will be published by 5 PM on Saturday 5th July 2014 at the Diocesan Office.

7. Copies of the voters list can be purchased from the Diocesan office at a price of Rs.10/-.
8. Only the Members of the Diocesan Assembly who are in the voters list are eligible to vote, nominate and contest the election. The serial number of candidates given in the nomination form should be the same as in the voters list.
9. The nominations in the prescribed format must reach the Diocesan Office before 4 PM on Friday 18th July 2014. The nominations reaching after the stipulated time will not be accepted.
10. The candidates name and the name of his/her parish must be given in the nomination form, in the ballot paper and in the voters list. Clergy should give the name of the parish, institution or the mission in which they are working.
11. Nominations will be scrutinized by the Returning Officer on Friday 18th July 2014 in the Diocesan Office.
12. The scrutinized list will be displayed in the Diocesan office on the same day.
13. The deadline for withdrawal of nominations in writing will be before 4 PM on Monday 21st July 2014.
14. The final list of the candidates will be displayed at 5 PM on Monday 21st July 2014 in the Diocesan Office.
15. No campaigning will be allowed on the campus on Election Day.
16. The Returning Officer has the right to take decision on the stock, in respect of the election.
17. If there are not enough number of nominations for any position the nomination received will be declared elected.
18. If there are not enough candidates, an effort will be taken to fill the vacancies on the floor of the Diocesan Assembly.
19. The counting of votes will be done after the election on Friday 25th July 2014 and the Returning Officer will declare the result after the counting.
20. The format for the Nomination form is enclosed with this circular.

The election should be conducted without divisiveness and polarization, in a manner that will bring glory to God. You are hereby exhorted to elect persons who bear true and faithful allegiance to the Church and the Sabha Constitution, who will conscientiously abide by the faith, teaching and practices of the Church and will honorably and loyally discharge their duties during the time pertaining to the office for which he/she is elected as Members to the Diocesan council.

May the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Dated 12th June 2014 from the Mar Thoma Bhavan, Chennai



Dr. Isaac Mar Philoxenos Episcopa
Diocesan Bishop
Chennai - Bangalore Diocese



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Circular No: 22 CBD/DB/S22/M06/2014

Notification of Election Procedures of the Office Bearers and Diocesan Council members to be held during the Diocesan Assembly scheduled on 25th July 2014 at The Jerusalem Mar Thoma Syrian Church, Anna Nagar, Chennai.

Blessings to the members of the Chennai- Bangalore Diocese.

Subsequent to the Circular No.22 dated 12th June 2014, given below are the regulations governing the conduct of the election of Office bearers and Diocesan Council members.

1. Election to the following posts for the term 2014 – 2017 will be held during the Diocesan Assembly meeting scheduled on Friday, the 25th of July 2014 at The Jerusalem Mar Thoma Syrian Church, Anna Nagar, Chennai.

Post	No
Diocesan Secretary	1 (One)
Diocesan Treasurer	1 (One)
Diocesan Council Members	24 (Twenty Four)

2. The Diocesan Assembly has to elect at least one representative from each centre (1.Abu Dhabi, 2.Andamans, 3.Ankola, 4.Bangalore, 5.Chennai, 6.Coimbatore, 7.Devanahalli, 8.Hyderabad-Secunderabad, 9.Mundugod, 10.Rayalseema) not exceeding 24 (Twenty Four) members, in addition to Diocesan Secretary and Treasurer to the Diocesan Council.
3. The elected body must include at least 4 (four) women members and at least one representatives from the members who joined the church as part of the mission work.
4. As per the constitutional clause 295, (50%) fifty percent of members must be newly elected.
5. Those who have been elected consecutively for three terms (9 Years) are not allowed to stand for the election to the Diocesan Council now.

May the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Dated 23rd June 2014 from the Mar Thoma Bhavan, Chennai

Dr.Isaac Mar Philoxenos Episcopa
Diocesan Bishop
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**Malankara Mar Thoma Syrian Church
Chennai – Bangalore Diocese
Diocesan Council Nomination Form**

Name of the post

Name & Address Of the Candidate	M/F	Reg.No	Parish	Centre	Signature
Proposed by: Name &Address	M/F	Reg.No	Parish	Centre	Signature
Seconded by: Name &Address	M/F	Reg.No	Parish	Centre	Signature

I agree to be a candidate for the post said above.

Name of the Candidate

Address

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Place:.....

Date:.....

Signature.....

Note:- 1. The 'Register Number' must be exactly the same as in the voters list. The same number will be shown on the attendance slip.