



The Mar Thoma Church of Dallas, Carrollton

A Brief Narrative on Our Church Finances

In 2006 our church bought this facility for little over \$1.4 million. At that time, we took a loan of \$1 million. The rest of the money for the purchase and various construction projects were raised by selling the old facility in Grand Prairie, and contributions from the family members of the church. The general body (GB) held on December 18, 2005, decided that every household encourage to contribute a minimum of \$2000 towards this building fund. Later, the GB held on April 23, 2006, decided that all new members joining our church encourage to pay a minimum of \$2000 per household towards the building fund of the church. We appreciate your donation of minimum amount of \$2000 to the building fund.

Like all other churches, our church today has several financial obligations, mortgage payments, vicar's salary and expenses, utility bills, facility maintenance, dues to the Diocese and the Sabha, etc. For example, we have a monthly mortgage payment of \$13,000; the average monthly bill for utilities comes to \$6000; the coffee and refreshments we serve as the church cost us \$600 per month; yearly we sent \$110 for each member of our church to the diocese as part of the church dues. To run the facility and meet these entire obligations, our church requires an income of \$25,000 per month. Because of this the trustees have a hard time meeting these obligations, especially during the summer months, where we have consistently seen 'dry periods' in the income.

While there are no mandatory requirements for how much a member should contribute, we all take pride in what we can willfully give. It is a reflection of the Holy Spirit transforming our hearts to do the right thing.



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Application for Membership

Applicant:

First Name: _____ Middle Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Nickname: _____ Native Town: _____ House Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Applicant's Spouse:

Marriage Date: _____

First Name: _____ Middle Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Nickname: _____ Native Town: _____ House Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Current US Address:

Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Address in India: _____

Home Parish in India: _____

Children & dependents:

No	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Relationship	Date of Birth	Marriage Date	Baptized? Y/N

Declaration: Myself, the undersigned, and all the individuals whose name are given above, are/request to be bona-fide members of the Mar Thoma Church. The information given in this form is true to be best of my knowledge. We request the worship, fellowship and other sacramental services of the Church through the Mar Thoma Church of Dallas, Carrollton parish. We assure regular and active participation in all the missionary and organizational activities of the Church and Parish. We promise to share our time and material resources for the substance of the Parish.

Date: _____

Signature of the Applicant

For Church Office use Only:

Prayer Group: _____

Account No: _____

Remark from the Vicar: Statement: TC/NOC/Baptism Certificate / Marriage Certificate Attached

Date

Signature of the Vicar



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Pledge Form

“Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”
2 Corinthians 9:7

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Building Fund Pledge

New members are requested to pay a minimum of \$2000 (per household) towards Building funds, as per the decision of the church general body. This amount may be paid in full or installments by filling the year and the amount in the table below. Use the “other” row for payments that do not follow yearly pattern. Please read the attached narrative and contact the Trustees for more information on the Building Funds Pledge.

Year	Amount	Year	Amount
Other			

We appreciate your donation of minimum amount of \$2000 to the building fund.

Monthly Subscription Pledge

I pledge to contribute the amount mentioned below towards my MONTHLY subscription for the church (Please check one):

\$100 \$150 \$200 \$250 \$300 \$350 Other _____

Frequency of payment (Please check one):

Every Month Accrued amount every 2 month Accrued amount every quarter

If the church does not receive this amount in the agreed time the Trustees can (Please check at least one):

Send an email Send a letter Notify me in the church

Signature

Date

For Office Use

Received Date _____

Received By: _____

Account Number: _____

Thank you for your generous pledge. God bless you!!

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Contribution Statement

Member Name:

Date:

Address:

Item	Description	Amount Paid
Pledge	Monthly Pledge	
Birthday	Birthday Offertory	
Wedding Anniversary	Wedding Anniversary Offertory	
Self-Denial (Uposhanavaram)	Collection to support the mission work	
Rasseessa	\$2 per adult	
Diocesan Collection	Split the Diocese allocated amount to our church per family (check with church Trustee for the amount)	
Vicar Transfer	Amount towards reserved fund for vicar transfer per family (check with church Trustee for the amount)	
Light to Life	Amount for Education support	
Building Fund	Restricted fund for future projects	
	Total	

Thank you for your generous donation – We appreciate it very much.



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Instructions for Filling the Application Form

- 1) Please complete all the appropriate fields in the form in CAPITAL letters.
- 2) Name of the individuals should match the legal names as stated in the government issued document such state driver's license, Passport, or other immigration document. This is necessary to properly document and report to the IRS any financial contributions you provide to the church.
- 3) If the applicant is a Mar Thomite, a Transfer Certificate (TC) or Non-Objection Certificate (NOC) from the previous parish must be submitted along with this application form.
- 4) If applicant is not a Mar Thomite, the statement accepting the faith and practices of the Mar Thoma church must be included with this application form.
- 5) Optional email of children and dependents

Name	Email

Note: If any questions or need assistance filling out the application form, please contact one of the following. Thank you.

Vicar - vicar@mtcd.org
Trustees - trustees@mtcd.org
Secretary - secretary@mtcd.org