



Diocese of North America and Europe

The Mar Thoma

Besorah

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*Happy
Father's
Day!*

EVENTS

Reception to Mar Theethos in NY
July 1, 2012

Diocesan Clergy Family Conference
Venue: Washington MTC
July 3-4, 2012

Diocesan Assembly Meeting
Venue: Washington MTC
July 4-5, 2012

30th Mar Thoma Family Conference
July 5-8, 2012 in Leesburg, Virginia
www.mtfc2012.org

Mar Thoma Jr./Sr. Conference
North East Region
July 19-22 at Ramapo College, NJ

Mar Thoma Voluntary Evangelists
Association National Conference
Hosted by Baltimore MTC
July 20-22, 2012

National Youth Conference
Hosted by Trinity MTC, Houston
August 9-12, 2012

*A father loves
with his heart,
provides
with his hands,
and leaves
a legacy
with his life.*
HOLLEY GERTH

MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOP

A team of “New Generation” Marthomites from North America will be arriving, under the leadership of O. C. Abraham and Nirmala Abraham, at the Aldersgate United Methodist Church on June 14, 2012 to stay there for a week. The *Mowa-Choctaw* Native American community, at Mount Vernon, Alabama, will welcome them, provide accommodation in their houses, cook food and celebrate fellowship together. More than the celebration and fellowship, it is a festival of the Word of God where children gather every day for a week for Vacation Bible School and the adults assemble to hear the Word of God. This mission activity started in 2003 and this year is the 10th Anniversary of this spiritual festival.

This activity is a part of the Church’s outreach mission, as well as an example of ecumenical living. Mission is from God and Jesus Christ is the greatest missionary. He incarnated, preached, taught, healed and gave His life for the redemption of the entire created order. The resurrected Lord appeared to the disciples on the evening of Easter and said, as the Father has sent me, I am sending you. He breathed on them the Holy Spirit. The church continues the Mission of God. The mission to the *Choctaw* community is a humble effort of the Mar Thoma Diocese of North America and Europe. You and I have a role to play here. Mission is to find out a need and respond to it in God's love.

The Mar Thoma Church is an ecumenical church as well. More than the ecumenical relationship that we know of between church denominations, every member of the Church has a role to play in working with others within other geographical areas and amongst their neighbors. Today, we speak about wider ecumenism. *Oikos* is the word from which the thought of ecumenism has evolved. It speaks of a household and in a broader sense the entire inhabited earth.

God's house, where God wants everyone to gather ecumenically, is the Kingdom of God. The church is a gathered community as a sign and symbol of that. Every ecumenical gathering widens our horizon from beyond the walls of the church for a progressive spiritual journey where we acknowledge God as the King and all creatures enjoy equal inheritance in the Kingdom.

May our church life have a healthy growth with a meaningful mission and a joyful celebration in wider ecumenism.

Mar Theodosius, Diocesan Episcopa

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

1. Consider attending/participating in the appropriate events.
2. Support the ‘Manna’ Project & ‘A Tree for a House Project’ in Mexico (\$30 for each tree sponsored). Contact marthomadiocese@gmail.com if you wish to participate by providing food for the residents or by planting a tree.
3. **Pray for:**
 - a. The Diocese of North America and Europe, all the individual members of our church, our vicars, and leaders.
 - b. Our nation as a whole and God’s presence in this world.
 - c. The Alabama Mission VBS taking place June 10-16, 2012. Please uphold all leaders and attendees.
 - d. The 30th North American Family Conference in 2012 at Leesburg, Virginia, from July 5 to 8, 2012.

INDIA MISSION TRIP-2012



By the grace of God the 2012 India Mission Team had the privilege to visit the mission fields in Karnataka, India. The mission team participants included: Mrs. Laila Anie Philip- Convener (Boston, Carmel MTC), Mr. Philip Manuel (Boston, Carmel MTC), Jess M. George (Chicago MTC), Abraham Mathew Cherukara (Boston, Carmel MTC), Tinu E. Jacob (Boston, Carmel MTC), Dr. Sherin Athiyal (Atlanta MTC), Alex Abraham and Joshy Mathew (Dallas MTC, Farmers Branch). Once the team arrived in Bangalore International Airport on May 14th, 2012, we were received by Rev. Jobi Varghese (Director of the Devanahalli Mission), the coordinator of the mission trip and Evangelist, Mr. Renchi Chacko. Where ever we went the team members shared their testimony, prayed or sing songs. We also gave sweets to everybody we visited. The India Mission trip gave first hand information about the programs, activities, and needs of the mission fields in Karnataka. At Hoskote, our mission team also helped with some of the Anniversary projects.



We thank Rev. Jobi Achen for arranging our stay and travel to different Mission fields in Karnataka .Our thanks goes to all the Achens, Kochammas and evangelists for helping with our accommodations, food and travel in India. We also thank Theodosius Thirumeni and Rev. K.E. Geevarghese and all those assisted and supported on the Diocesan level. Above all we thank God for giving us travel mercy.

DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY MEETING

The annual meeting of the Diocesan Assembly of the Diocese of North America and Europe of the Mar Thoma Church will be held at the Mar Thoma Church of Greater Washington, 320 Ethan Allan Avenue, Takoma Park, MD 20912 on Wednesday, July 4, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. & on Thursday July 5, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. All the Diocesan Assembly members are requested to attend the meeting. Rev. Dr. M. C. Thomas, a scholar in the Old Testament will be presenting a paper on 'the Ministry of the Covenant Church'. A copy of the Annual Report of the Diocese is given to each parish and to each assembly member.

VISTORS OF OUR DIOCESE

Rt. Rev. Dr. Thomas Mar Theethos, Diocesan Bishop of Mumbai Diocese of Mar Thoma Church and **Rev. Dr. M. C. Thomas**, Professor of Old Testament Studies, will be visiting our Diocese in the month of July 2012 in connection with 30th Session of the National Family Conference and various other Conferences. The Diocese of North America and Europe of the Mar Thoma Church is arranging a reception to the newly consecrated Bishop Rt. Rev. Dr. Thomas Mar Theethos at the Long Island Mar Thoma Church, New York on Sunday, July 1, 2012 at 5 pm. All are invited to be present. There will be a large gathering to welcome the New Bishop.

CHURCH CONSECRATION



By God's grace, the new worship place for the Orlando Mar Thoma Church, Florida will be consecrated by the Diocesan Episcopa on June 15, 2012. Please uphold Rev. John Kuruvilla, vicar, and the church members in your prayers during this auspicious occasion.

CANADIAN YOUTH CONFERENCE

The 26th Regional Mar Thoma Youth Conference of Canada was held in Ontario on May 11, 12, 13 - 2012 under the auspicious of Canadian Mar Thoma Church. Rt. Rev. Dr. Geevarghese Mar Theodosius, the Diocesan Episcopa inaugurated the Conference and 150 youths attended it. The main theme was **"Run straight towards the goal"**. This year's conference was a gracious and blessed occasion for all and on the final day all the youths submitted their lives to Christ for the mission of the Lord. The main speakers were Theodosius Thirumeni and Rev. C.A. Benjamin (Bangalore).



You are cordially invited to attend the **10th Anniversary of Vacation Bible School at Aldersgate United Methodist Church with the MTC on June 14, 2012 at 6pm.** Since 2003, the MTC has served the MOWA-Choctaw Native American Community in Mt. Vernon, AL. We ask for your prayers and attendance for this mission and the celebration of God's faithfulness and love to His people.



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