## ST. LUKE'S MAR THOMA CHURCH

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## General Body Meeting Notice

Dear General Body Member,

The annual general body meeting of the St. Luke's Mar Thoma Church, Florida is scheduled for Sunday March 25th, 2018 immediately after Holy Communion service. Our Vicar, Rev. Bibine Mathew will preside over the meeting. Your prayerful presence is earnestly requested.

## Agendas for the meeting:

- 1. Annual Report for the year 2017.
- 2. Statement of Accounts for the year 2017 and Auditors' Report.
- 3. Budget for the year 2018.
- 4. Election of the Diocesan Assembly Member
- 5. 2019 Southern Regional Family conference
- 6. Any other relevant matters with the permission of the chair.

By Order

## <u>JohnJacob</u>

Mr. John Jacob Secretary of 2017

Please note that any questions on the Annual report and the Statement of accounts and budget must be submitted in writing or email to the vicar or secretary on or before 5pm on March 21<sup>st</sup> 2018. The person(s) submitting the question must be present in the general body to present the question. A maximum of 3 questions will be allowed for each member.



#### Introduction

"For My thoughts are not your thought, nor are your ways My ways, says the Lord, For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts." Isaiah 55:8-9

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to all our fellow parishioners of the St. Luke's Mar Thoma Church. It is with great privilege and honor, on behalf of the Executive committee, I am presenting this Annual report for the year 2017. This year we complete 22 years since the inception of our parish. God has been faithful to us in his steadfast love and we are grateful for his mercy and abundant grace that he has shown each of us this year.

As of 2017 we are under the leadership of His Grace Rt. Rev. Dr. Isaac Mar Philoxenos Episcopa our Diocesan bishop and Rev. Bibine Mathew our Vicar. We have been blessed with their grace, guidance and spiritual leadership through this year.

Through the year, we were blessed by God's abundant grace and mercy and we continue to seek his blessings and love. This year, although we were faced with the wrath of hurricane Irma which could have been devastating at a category 5, God kept us safe and we should be thankful for his mercy. Along with our Vicar and Executive Committee, each of our members, of this parish worked for the betterment of the church. This report is a snippet of our activities for the year 2017 and not the entire list of events for the year.

#### Church

St. Luke's Mar Thoma Church belongs to the Diocese of North America and Europe and is a part of Malankara Mar Thoma Syrian Church, with its headquarters in Thiruvalla, Kerala, India. His Grace Most Rev Dr. Joseph Mar Thoma Metropolitan is our leader and is leading us from Poolateen, in Thiruvalla, India. Our church is blessed with able leaders, especially The Most Rev. Dr. Philipose Mar Chrysostam Valiya Metropolitan, The Metropolitan, Suffragan Metropolitan along other Episcopa's lead us and guide us in their various capacities. We

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acknowledge their leadership and spiritual guidance and continue to pray to God Almighty for their spiritual leadership and health. This year also marked the 100th birthday of our Valiya metropolitan and we are truly blessed and thankful to God for keeping him all these years to serve the kingdom of God.

#### Diocese

St. Luke's Mar Thoma Church is administratively placed in the Southeastern Region of the North America and Europe Diocese. His Grace Rt. Rev. Dr. Isaac Mar Philoxenos Episcopa is our Diocesan Bishop. We as a Diocese and Parish are blessed by the dedicated service of our Bishop and will continue to grow and mature as a Christian Diaspora community.

The Diocese also initiated a program called "Light to Life" which is where members of the Mar Thoma Church are given the opportunity to educate children in India who are in need of finances so as to help with their education. Mr. George Samuel is the representative for this program in our parish by the appointment of our Diocesan Bishop.

The Diocese also has a publication/Magazine which highlights the event in our Diocese and Mr. George Kurian (Diocesan Assembly member) is the representative appointed by the Diocesan Bishop.

## **Episcopal visit**

This year we were blessed to have an episcopal visit of 2 of our thirumeni's:-

- Rt. Rev. Dr. Isaac Mar Philexinos Episcopa for giving our first communicants the sacrament of Holy Qurbana and met with the office bearer's and executive committee members of both 2016 and 2017 on Sunday January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017
- Rt. Rev. Dr. Abraham Mar Paulos Episcopa for leading the Regional Sunday school retreat and the Good Friday service on April 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

## Southern Region

- This year Mr. Abey Koshy was elected as the treasurer for the Edavaka Mission activities in the southern region and he hosted the "Thirusanidhiyil" an online prayer meeting that is organized on alternate Mondays at 9 PM.
- Mrs. Sarah Mathew was elected as the Sevika Sangom treasurer for the southern region
- At this year's family conference it was decided that we the St. Luke's MTC will be hosting the 2019 Family Conference. We hope



that all our member's will wholeheartedly work to make it a success.

#### **Parish**

Formed in 1995, the parish to date has 69 families in our parish register. The Parish has a church facility, parsonage building and resident vicar giving able leadership.

We thank all the members for their spiritual and financial support rendered throughout this year.

The parish is blessed with its organizations such as Sunday school, Suvisesha Sevika Sanghom, Voluntary Evangelists' Association (Edavaka Mission), Choir, Young Family Fellowship and Youth fellowship. The details of activities for each organization are discussed in the later part of this report.

#### Vicar

Rev. Bibine Mathew has been our vicar since July 24th 2016. Achen resides in the Parsonage in Coral Springs with Diana Kochamma and children Ruben and Diya.

Rev. Bibine Mathew is from Mundakayam, Kottayam and belongs to the Bethel Mar Thoma Church in Mundakayam, Kerala in India.

Our Vicar's responsibilities are being shared with the Jacksonville Mar Thoma Church where he celebrates Holy Qurbana once a month. Bibine Achen is very keen in fostering Bible study and devotions in the church and at prayer meetings.

He frequently holds fasting prayers and is always there when the need of a parishioner arises with spiritual support, and has enlightened our Sunday worship services with his powerful and spiritually driven sermons. We thank God for the dedication that Achen has to his fellow parishioners and for his selfless and devoted ministry among us.

## Sabha Prathinidhi Mandalam and Diocesan Assembly

As part of the Mar Thoma Church, St. Luke's Mar Thoma Church participates in its diocesan and central level activities. Mr. John Mathai was the Sabha Prathinidhi Mandalam Member and participated in the Mandalam proceedings this calendar year and presented a brief commentary of the activities to the church members. Mr. George Kurian was the Diocesan Assembly Member during this calendar year.



#### General Body & Executive Committee

Rev Bibine Mathew is the president of the executive committee and also the president of the various organizations in our parish.

St. Luke's MTC General Body met 3 times during this report year. On February 26th, 2017 the General Body met to elect the Sabha Pratinidhi Mandalam member and the Diocesan assembly member. At this meeting the Annual report, Annual accounts for 2016 and Budget for 2017 were also presented and passed. On August 27th, 2017 it met to discuss the findings if the Infrastructure Sub-committee findings and on November 19, 2017 to elect the office bearers, committee members and Auditors for 2018.

There was a Palli Yogam that met on September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017 to discuss the possibility of a purchase of the adjacent property. The Executive committee met 9 times this calendar year to plan and execute various activities for the operation of the parish.

# Office bearers, Executive Committee Members & Auditors of 2017 and 2018

We are blessed with these members who have voluntarily dedicated their time to the fulfillment of Parish ministry. St. Luke's Mar Thoma Church is not only proud of them but also have the deepest gratitude for their service last year and for the year 2018.



## Office bearer's, Executive Committee Members & Auditors of 2017 and 2018

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2017	2018	Title		
Rev. Bibine Mathew	Rev. Bibine Mathew	Vicar and President		
Mr. George Kunchandy	Mr. Mantharayil V. Koshy	Vice President		
Mr. John Jacob	Mr. George Kunchandy	Secretary		
Mr. Shibu Joseph	Mr. Salu Kurian	Trustee		
Mr. Daniel Easo	Mr. Abraham Kalathil	Accountant		
Mr. Alwin George	Mr. Alwin George			
Mr. Shaji Johnson	Mr. Sajeevkumar T.Mathew Mr. Basil Thomas	Lay Leaders		
Mrs. Saramma Varghese	Mrs. Sarah Mathew	South Area Prayer Representative		
Mr. Saji Johnson	Mr. George Samuel	North Area Prayer Representative		
Mr. John Mathai	Mr. John Mathai	Sabha Mandalam Member		
Mr. George Kurian	Mr. George Kurian	Diocesan Assembly Member		
Mr. John Thomas	Mrs. Annie Thomas	Young Family Fellowship		
Dr. Geni Abraham	Mrs. Pearl Abraham	Sunday School		
Mrs. Elizabeth Koruthu	Mrs. Kunjamma Koshy	Sevika Sanghom		
Ms. Sherin Thomas	Mr. Justin Koshy	Youth Fellowship		
Mr. George Abraham	Mr. Saramma Varughese	Choir		
Mr. Abey Koshy	Mr. Dani Abraham	Edavaka Mission		

Mr. Abraham Kalathil	Mr. Jiji Varghese	Auditors
Mr. Alexander Kurian	Mr. Unmesh Baruch	Auditors

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **Baptism**

 Abigail Maryann Kurian, Daughter of Mr. Cyril Kurian and Jensy John Kurian

We take this time to welcome Abigail as a full member of our parish. We also would like to welcome our youngest member Samuel Basil Thomas the son of Mr. Basil Thomas and Mrs. Reny Basil

## **Obituary**

- Dr. George Varghese on April 13th 2017 (68 years)
- Mr. P.G Varghese on July 5th 2017(81 years)
- Mrs. Rachelamma George on December 25th 2017(75 years)

We take this time to share in your sorrow for the families who lost their loved ones this year. We as a parish remember each of you and keep you in our prayers.

#### **New Members**

St. Luke's Mar Thoma Church is proud to announce that following families joined our parish this calendar year:

- Mr. Jijo P. Alex and Mrs. Susan Jacob and their son Ethan J. Alex and daughter Elsa M. Alex (Valakom, Kerala))
- Mr. Sajeevkumar T Mathew and Mrs. Seema Samuel and their daughters Benita T Sanjeev and Dania T Sanjeev (Chennithala, Kerala)

St. Luke's MTC welcomes each of our newly members to our parish and also thank all the members for their hospitality provided to them.

#### First Communicants

This year we as a parish celebrated the day when 13 of our youth received their sacrament of Holy Qurbana for the first time.

This occasion was marked with the presence of our Diocesan Bishop Rt. Rev. Dr. Isaac Mar Philexinos Episcopa who gave them their first communion. We as a parish congratulate them and wish them all success in their lives.



#### The first communicants were:-

Mr. Joel Kurian

Mr. Joshua Kurian

Mr. Shibin Shaji

Miss. Angel Biju

Miss. Aleena George

Mr. Joshua Abraham Jacob

Mr. Rejin George

Mr. Adam Thuruthel John

Miss. Jaime Koshy

Mr. Adithya Daniel Mathews

Mr. Rohit Jiji Varghese

Mr. Kevin Johnson

Mr. Ashwin Johny Thomas



#### PARISH ACTIVITIES

## **Worship Services**

During this calendar year, we had 52 Sunday worship services. Based on the Vicar's presence, Holy Qurbana services were celebrated on 1st, 3rd and 4th week of the month, while the divine worship services were conducted on the 2nd and 5th week of the month. Apart from Sunday, Holy Communion Services were conducted on special occasions. There were a total of 40 Holy Qurbana services in which 22 were in Malayalam and 18 in English. Mr. Shaji Johnson served as Lay leader for Malayalam and Mr. Alwin George served as the Lay leader for English Services.

In the absence of Vicar, divine worship services were led by the Lay Leaders and several church members have voluntarily lead the sermons during these services.

#### **Diocesan Sunday Service**

Diocesan Sunday was celebrated on March  $5^{\rm th}$  2017, as per the kalpana from the Diocesan Bishop. The Sunday was used to create awareness among the church members about the Ministry work done at the Diocesan level. Rev. Aji Varghese from Lubbock MTC, Texas led the Diocesan Sunday services. In his sermon Achen talked about the various activities undertaken by the Diocese and also explained about the role of members in supporting the missionary work. Sunday Offertory and Special collection of \$ 1200.00 was sent to Diocese to support the diocesan ministry.

#### **Passion Week Services**

The 50 day lent started on February 26<sup>th</sup> 2017with a Holy Qurbana. On March 26<sup>th</sup> we had a Holy Qurbana to mark the 25<sup>th</sup> day of lent (*Paathi Noyambu*). Evening lent services were conducted between March 22<sup>nd</sup> and April 16<sup>th</sup> 2017 at the homes of our parishioners led by our Vicar Rev. Bibine Mathew. The 40th day of lent (*Nappatham Velli*) was marked with Holy Qurbana Service on April 7<sup>th</sup> 2017. There were evening services (*Sandya Namaskaram*) in church from April 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> 2017 as well. Rev. Bibine Mathew celebrated Holy Qurbana on Maundy Thursday on April 13<sup>th</sup> 2017. This year a Good Samaritan fund was initiated on the behest of our vicar and executive committee which began during the lent season and this offering is to provide financial support to people in need. We were blessed to have Rt. Rev. Dr. Abraham Mar Paulos Episcopa lead the Good Friday service on April 14<sup>th</sup> 2017.



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The  $1^{\rm st}$  and  $3^{\rm rd}$  part of Good Friday service was performed in Malayalam and  $2^{\rm nd}$  part was in English. We celebrated Easter service on April  $16^{\rm th}$  2017 with Holy Qurbana led by our vicar. After service we had cutting of cake and a fellowship lunch.

#### Thanksgiving Service

Thanksgiving service was held on November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at church and was led by our vicar Rev. Bibine Mathew. A slide show of what thanksgiving day in the United States of America is, and how it came to be celebrated as a day for family and also a day to thank God for his abundant mercy and love towards us. We as a parish took this day to celebrate our togetherness, and thank God for his grace and blessings during this year. At the end we had a traditional Turkey dinner with all the fixings to accompany.

#### Christmas carol service

Christmas carol service was held on December 23rd and Rev.Fr. Kuriakose Puthuppady was the main guest and speaker for the evening who delivered the Christmas Message. Rev. Bibine Mathew presided over the meeting. All Parish organizations, especially Sunday school students, Choir and Youth Group took active role in Christmas carol services in performing the plays and songs. We were blessed with songs by the choir in Malayalam and English, Plays/Group Dance/skits by the Sunday school, Songs by the Sevika sanghom, and Skit by the Young family fellowship, and Valla Pattu by the Edavaka mission and the nativity scene by the Sunday school.

At the end of the service we had a visit from the North Pole where Santa Claus and his elf shared candy with the children and spread the cheer and Joy of Christmas. We had cake cutting and Christmas dinner afterwards.

## Watch night service

Watch night service was conducted on December 31<sup>st at</sup> 10:30 PM in our church. Rev. Bibine Mathew led and celebrated Holy Qurbana Service in the year of 2018. Members spent their time for personal testimonies and prayed for the blessing received throughout the year. A candle light vigil was also conducted to commemorate the coming of New Year. Snacks were provided at the end of the service.

Apart from the above services special services were held according to the Sabha calendar to commemorate various organizations' day, such as Sunday school

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Sunday, Sevika Sanghom Sunday, Youth Sunday, Young Family Fellowship Sunday, Choir Sunday and Edavaka mission Sunday.

#### **Prayer Meetings**

St. Luke's Mar Thoma Church consists of two prayer groups the North Area and the South Area. Prayer meetings were conducted on Saturday evenings at 7pm with the vicar present. There have also been various fasting prayers on Friday morning between 10 am and 12 pm at the homes of parishioners or at the church. Prayer meetings were coordinated by the respective area prayer representatives and attended by all members. These prayer meetings were always a time of praising God for his abundant blessings and Bible devotion.

#### One day parish retreat

The St. Luke's Mar Thoma Church One day retreat was held on Saturday, July 29th, 2017 at the John Prince Park in Lake Worth, Florida. This was the first one day retreat outside of our church. A total of 28 Families consisting of about 80 people attended the retreat. Mr. Prentice Cherian from Tampa led the Joint session and sessions for our children while Rev. Bibine Mathew led the session for adults.

Dr. Thomas Abraham(Sajjan) presented an in depth study of Advanced Care Planning dealing with Medical ethics, Living will, Hospice and other relevant topics for the aged people.

This was an interesting subject to make aware of the future needs of our members. Many of our members asked questions and participated in the Discussion.

Dr. Geni Abraham Discussed about the Functional Nutrition Fundamentals and the importance of intake of our food in relation to the health issues. This was an important source of knowledge to our members to keep their body in good shape.

Mr. Saji Johnson took the leadership for our Talent Hour. Young and Old participated in the fun loving and entertaining event, which energized everyone and received the best medicine from their laughter.

The retreat was held outdoors in a park environment and every one enjoyed the natural beauty, intermittent cool breeze and a source of nature and its supplementation. Overall the Retreat was a blessed occasion for Spiritual, mental, physical, and emotional enhancement and renewal. The retreat was coordinated by Mr. John Mathai and we thank him for his efforts to make it a success.



## **Vacation Bible School (VBS)**

This year our VBS was from Thursday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> through Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup>. Our former Sunday school student Mr. Alwin George gave the leadership for the VBS this year. This year's VBS theme was "Victory is won through Jesus". All the youth and kids made posters and pamphlets on the basis of this VBS theme. Worship sessions were led by Mrs. Pearl Abraham and team. Mrs. Diana Bibine Mathew and Mrs. Donna Vineeth taught and engaged the children from Kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade in various activities during VBS and the Youth to engage the older kids in various VBS activities. The VBS praise and worship sessions were really a blessing for everyone. The last day of the VBS was at Burt Aaronson South County Regional Park.

#### **Annual Convention**

Our Annual Convention was held on October 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017(Friday through Sunday). Br. Sabu Variayapuram an evangelist from India was the main speaker.

It was a time of praise and adoration of God's grace towards our parish and our families. Convention was a blessing and was attended by our members and also members from our sister parishes.

On Saturday, October 14th, during the time of our Parish convention, Sunday school was able to organize another retreat for the Sunday school kids and it was led by Ms. Mariam Hensey Varghese and the Young Family Fellowship organized a meeting on the same day and was led by Br. Sabu Variayapuram, the convention speaker. Refreshments were served at the end of day of the convention.

## Prathinidhi Mandalam Meeting 2017

The annual General Body of the Malankara Mar Thoma Syrian Church, Sabha Prathinidhi Mandalam was held on September 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> &7<sup>th</sup> of 2017 at the Dr. Alexander Mar Thoma Valiya Metropolitan Smaraka Auditorium in Thiruvalla. His Grace the Most Rt. Rev. Dr. Joseph Mar Thoma Metropolitan presided over the meeting. Dr. Mathews George Chunakara, General Secretary of Christian Conference of Asia led the devotion, recollected the long term relation between the Mar Thoma Church and CCA.

His Grace Dr. Joseph Mar Thoma Metropolitan delivered the Presidential address. The Sabha Secretary Rev. Oommen Philip presented the Annual report and Accounts of Sabha for the year 2016-2017. Adv. Prakash P. Thomas, Lay Trustee and Treasurer presented the annual budget of Rs. 116 crores. Clergy Trustee Rev. Lal Cherian presented the Statutory Auditor's Panel for 2017-2018.



The election was held on September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017 and the following persons were elected as the office bearers of the Church for 2017-2010:- Sabha Secretary: Rev. K.G. Joseph, Clergy Trustee and Treasurer: Rev. Thomas C. Alexander, Lay Trustee and Treasurer P.P Achenkunju.

Rev. Oommen Philip expressed the vote of thanks to the Mandalam and the meeting was concluded by the prayer and Benediction by His Grace Joseph Mar Thoma Metropolitan. This was reported by Our Mandalam member Mr. John Mathai who attended the above meeting.

#### **CELEBRATIONS**

#### World Day of Prayer

World day of prayer (WDP) is a worldwide ecumenical movement of women of many traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year on the first Friday of March. Each year a different country serves as the writer of the WDP worship service. For 2017 the women of Philippines invited us to consider these words "Am I being unfair to you".

The St. Luke's MTC celebrated the world day of prayer on Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2017 Rev. Bibine Mathew and Rev. Aji Varghese led the meeting and Mrs. Diana Bibine gave the message based on the theme. The meeting was organized by the Sevika Sanghom and Edavaka Mission members.

## Mothers' Day Celebration

Mother's day was celebrated on Sunday, May 21st 2017 immediately after the worship service. Sunday school coordinated the program and each mother was recognized for her loving, caring, and sharing. To honor the Mothers, the children sang a song dedicated to their Mothers, said loving words for the moms, and presented flowers to their Mothers.

## Fathers' Day Celebration

Father's day was celebrated on Sunday June 18<sup>th</sup> 2017 immediately after the worship service. The Sunday school coordinated the program and the Children appreciated their Father's love and guidance. The Sunday school kids made crafty presents for their Dads and the youth representatives said loving words of appreciation and honored them which was followed by the screening of a song to appreciate fatherhood.

#### **Student Dedication Service**



Student dedication service was conducted on August 28<sup>th</sup> 2017, Sunday during the Holy Qurbana service. The dedication service was led by Rev. Bibine Mathew. Our school and college students took part in the dedication service and thanksgiving offering was collected to the amount of \$965.00. This year our 6 kids graduated from the school and went to colleges. The funds collected were used for the education of a nursing student in Kottayam, Kerala. The previous year's (2016) collected fund was also donated in 2017 to Gram Jyothi Educational society in Jabalpur, India.

#### **Harvest Festival**

Harvest festival was set up on Sunday September 24<sup>th,</sup> 2017, Sunday immediately after the Holy Qurbana service. The program was coordinated by the Secretary. The members brought their offering that included land produce, handicrafts and baked goods, which were auctioned off. Kerala traditional food items were also sold. We expressed our gratitude to Mr. Jiji Varughese for leading and Mr. George Abraham for helping the auction. Also, we thank Mr. Shibu Joseph and Mr. Daniel Easo for helping with the accounts. With the generous support of the members we were able to collect \$6439.00. The proceeds were used towards the various operational expenses of the parish. We appreciate the members for their voluntary contributions and look forward to have the same spirit of giving in the coming years.

## Parish Day and Family Sunday Celebrations

Our 22<sup>nd</sup> Parish day celebration was conducted on October 15<sup>th</sup> 2017, Sunday immediately after the Holy Qurbana service. This was also our family Sunday with emphasis on the importance of the family within the church. We were honored to have the presence of Br. Sabu Variyapuram, Evangelist from India as our chief guest. The meeting was presided by the Vicar, Rev. Bibine Mathew and Br. Sabu Variyapuram who gave the Parish Day Message.

The secretary Mr. John Jacob, presented the Parish Activity report. The thanksgiving offertory was taken at the end with each family offering their one-day income towards the church fund. \$9445.00 was collected from the one day income offertory. Meeting ended with a fellowship lunch.

## Sub Regional one day conference

Our parish hosted a one day Sub regional conference on November 18<sup>th</sup> 2017. It was organized by the Edavaka Mission, Sevika Sanghom and Choir. We had participation from 4 parishes in Florida which were the Jacksonville MTC, St.



Mark's MTC (Tampa), Mar Thoma church of South Florida MTC (Davie) and our parish St. Luke's MTC (Margate). The conference was led by our vicar Rev. Bibine Mathew and the guest speakers for the conference were Rev. Varghese K Mathew, Rev. Skaria Mathew, and Evangelist. K.V.Mathai, Elanthoor, Kerala. We had over 150 attendees and were blessed with the messages delivered by the speakers.

#### **Annual Church Picnic**

Our Annual church picnic was held at Quiet Waters Park in Deerfield Beach on Saturday November 4<sup>th</sup> 2017. Rev. Bibine Mathew inaugurated the picnic with a prayer. The perfect weather and incredible food were some of the highlights of the picnic. Various games were conducted under the leadership of the Youth Group. Picnic was coordinated by the Secretary and the Trustees. We appreciate all the members and guests who attended and made the picnic very lively and enjoyable. We also express our heartfelt thanks to all the members who have helped with food preparation and cleanup activities.

## House-to-House Caroling

Like every year during the Christmas season our voluntary carol group visited our parish member's homes to sing carol songs and share the Christmas message. Carol rounds were done on November 26<sup>th</sup>, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

This report year Mr. Saji Johnson coordinated the North area caroling and Mrs. Saramma Varghese coordinated the south area caroling. We express our gratitude to choir members for their leadership. The voluntary donation collected was \$7825.00. We thank all the members who have helped us to manage the carol rounds smoothly and efficiently and also for all the members for their hearty hospitality and financial support.



#### PARISH ORGANIZATIONS ACTIVITIES

St. Luke MTC has following organizations that foster Christian fellowship and values among its members. As different organs of the body, they complement each other in its missions. Our Vicar is the president of these individual organizations. Rev. Bibine Mathew served as the President for the year 2017

#### **Sunday School**

"Teach me, O Lord, to follow your decrees; then I will keep them to the end. Give me understanding, and I will keep your law and obey it with all my heart. Direct me in the path of your commands, for there I find delight." Psalms 119:33-35

The St. Luke's Mar Thoma Sunday School was started in Year 1995. We have Sunday school on every Sunday at 9.00 am, which starts with Praise and Worship and after that students go to their respective class. We have classes starting from Nursery till 10<sup>th</sup> grade. Currently we have 45 students enrolled in our Sunday school with 10 main teachers, and 12 serve as the backup teachers. We follow the curriculum of Mar Thoma church of North America and Europe Diocese. Our Sunday school children are a great blessing for our church. Some of our older children/teens assist during English worship and actively participate in the English Choir.

We had our Sunday school teachers meeting in March of this year. We elected Dr. Geni Abraham as the superintendent, Mrs. Annie Thomas as the Secretary, and Mr. Justin Koshy is the Treasurer for the Sunday school. Dr. Geni Abraham was also elected as the Sunday school representative to our church executive committee. We are blessed to have Rev. Bibine Mathew as the President of our Sunday school.

This year Sunday School Parents and teachers meeting was held on April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017. This meeting was to discuss and decide on various Sunday school activities throughout this calendar year and elections for the office bearers for Year 2017. Sunday School Teachers meeting was held on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 after the service. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss about the Diocesan exam questions, Sunday School Text book revisions, planning of Sunday school and Youth Retreat, Halleluiah night, and Christmas program.

The Sunday school also organized various activities through the year of 2017 like the Vacation Bible school(VBS), Mother's day, Father's day, Student dedication,



Talent night and Christmas carol programs. We celebrated talent night on Saturday, October 28th along with Hallelujah night. It was conducted by Mr. Alwin George. All our young kids performed varieties of programs.

Our Christmas carol service was held on December 24<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. All our Sunday school participated in various events. Our Sunday school teachers and several parents volunteered to train the kids to participate in several activities from nativity scene, Christmas themed skits, and other performances.

Following were the people who helped kids in practicing each program.

- ➤ Nativity Show: Nursery 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: Sunday school Teachers
- ➤ Dance :Nursery 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders: Mrs. Diana Bibine Mathew and Mrs. Ann Daniel
- ➤ Group song 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders: Joel Kurian and Mohan Abraham
- ➤ Skit: 3<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Alwin George
- ➤ Dance: 5<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> Grade: Despina Varghese
- ➤ Skit: 8<sup>th</sup> 10 Grade: Pearl Abraham

On behalf of Sunday school, we organized food drive for people affected by Hurricane Irma in September of 2017. We were able to donate canned foods and donated \$200 to the International Street Outreach Center, Sunrise, Florida. As in previous years, this year also Sunday school kids along with Youth participated in the backpack drive at the International Street Outreach Center in July. On August 26th, some of our Sunday school kids and teachers along with the Young Family Fellowship members participated in the Food drive at the Outreach Center by assist in serving food to poor and needy.

Sunday school diocesan exam was held on May 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the church service. This year we had a total of 15 students took the exam and all of them scored A, B, and C grades. Reena George scored an A+, which was the highest.

This year, Sunday school Easter Retreat along with Young Family Fellowship members was held on Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. Rt. Rev. Dr. Abraham Mar Paulos Episcopa led this session. There were about total of 35 kids attended this session including the kids from South Florida Mar Thoma church and St. Marks church Tampa. It was a blessing to everyone who had attended.

On Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, during the time of our Parish convention, Sunday school was able to organize another retreat for the Sunday school kids and it was led by Ms. Mariam Hensey Varghese. These retreats helped our children to grow spiritually.

This year's Memory Verse competition was held on Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at 9am. As in previous years, Dr. Geni Abraham took the initiative to compile a list of memory



verses or any other Bible verses, Kauma, and Nicene Creed for the kids to learn during their Summer Break.

Each year we see an increase in student participation. A total of 23 kids participated this year are aged from 4 years to 16. With all students combined said a total of 2,148 verses. The four of the student who said over 100 memory verses were Anna Unmesh - 204 verses, Rithu Varghese – 158, Aleena George – 150, and Gia John – 101. We thank God for these kids and all the other kids who participated.

To conclude I take this opportunity to thank our Vicar, Rev. Bibine Mathew, for his valuable guidance and support to the Sunday school. We thank our Managing Committee and the members of our Church for their support and cooperation. Our special thanks go out to the Diocesan Bishop and the Area Sunday School officials for their guidance and support. I want to thank the Almighty God for his immense grace and abundant mercy during this academic year.

## Youth Fellowship

The year 2017 was a wonderful year for the youth group of the St. Luke's Mar Thoma Church, as we endeavored on many projects for the spiritual growth of not just our own youth but that of the community and region as well. As a summary here are the groups of activities that we have accomplished:

**Leadership:** The youth group takes an active role in the English services and the youth choir leads the English worship services. Mr. Alwin George served as the Parish Lay Leader, leading the English divine services and assisting Vicar on English Holy Communion Services. For the 2017 year the youth group was led by Miss Sherin Thomas, and Miss Anjelica Abraham was the secretary. The youth group is comprised of 38 youths. In January, Ms. Sherin Thomas attended the Diocesan Leadership Conference in Philadelphia.

**Bible Studies:** Youths meet for monthly Bible studies under the facilitation of Miss. Chrismole Dani on various topics of interest. Initially, the focus was on various basic principles of Christian life.

During the fall of 2017, Bible studies transitioned into a focus on educating the youths about the history and practices of the Mar Thoma Church. These Bible studies were combined with choir practices which also experienced a steady growth.



## 2017 Regional Youth Conference

**Planning:** One of the biggest undertakings of this year was hosting the regional youth conference in August. The youths worked tirelessly to organize and fundraise for the conference. The leadership team comprised of Rev. Bibine Mathew, Jogy, Geni, Ben, Alwin, Chrismol, Aleena, Pearl, Sherin, Shawn, Asha and Nileen. Responsibilities for conference were separated as committees for spiritual needs, finances, worship/technology, publicity, and logistics. Committees were facilitated by the leadership team along with the wholehearted involvement of the entire youth group.

**Fundraising:** As a part of the fundraising process the youth undertook a massive endeavor to photograph all the church families and produce a photo directory, which was a huge success. This directory served as a valuable resource in unifying the parish while thanking the parish for their undying support for youth activities. The youths also took leadership in organizing bake sales, hosting a raffle, multiple auctions, and holding sponsorship drives to help raise funds for the conference.

**Conference:** The 16th Annual Youth Conference took place at Lake Placid Camp & Conference Center from August 3-6, 2017. The theme for conference was "Mission Possible: Do you accept?" taken from the verse Romans 12:2. The purpose for the verse was to exhort and encourage fellow youth members that it is still possible to navigate through the Christian journey in present times and complete the mission of leading set apart lives, fully submitted to Christ. Conference speaker, Mr. Prijo Thomas, provided devotional and small group leaders delved deeper into understanding and tackling challenges presented by the youths in a more intimate setting.

One very different aspect of the youth conference was conducting dedication/bonfire night prior to the conclusion of conference with the purpose of making individual introspection possible for guided Christian growth. Additionally, our youth group arranged a regional service project to display the value of Christian community and collect back-to-school supplies and donate 50 backpacks to school children in need.

## Volunteering and annual events

The youths also partnered with the young families Fellowship in volunteering at the International church ministry. It was a blessed time as youth were able to not only deliver food to those in need but also provide prayer and support. We also participated in a regional backpack drive in which over 40 backpacks were given as a donation to school children in need. The youths partnered with the Sunday school in hosting a sub-regional Easter retreat on April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017 which was a wonderful time for all involved.



At the end of the year, the youths had a fellowship Christmas party with a white elephant gift exchange.

We hope to continue to build on the growth we have had so that our youth will be prepared to meet the world and its challenges with a Biblical outlook.

## Sevika Sanghom

Sevika sanghom is one of the active organizations in the church. Every Sunday at 9:15 a.m. Sevika sanghom meets in the church for Bible study and intercessory prayer, especially for those who sick among us and for all the church members.

World day of prayer was observed on March 3rd, Friday at 7 p.m. in the church. Rev. Bibine Mathew and Rev Aji Varghese led the worship service. Mrs. Diana Bibine (Kochamma) gave the devotional speech based on St. Mathew 20:1-16 "Am I being unfair to you"

Sevika sanghom served food for Passion Week on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. It took part in the celebration of most Rev. Dr. Phillipose Mar Chrysostam Valiya thirumeni's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday by providing funds to purchase and distribute umbrellas. Sevika sanghom day was observed on September 17th. Mrs. Nisha Unmesh delivered the message during the service based on St. John 4:1-42 "Women change makers". Sevika sanghom served refreshments for the day.

This year the Sevika sanghom and Edavaka Mission was able to organize a one day retreat on November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017 under the leadership of Rev. Bibine Mathew with the theme "Ordinary people, extra ordinary calling". Sevika sanghom provided breakfast and snacks. During the year 2017, Mrs. Mariamma Abraham served as the Vice President, Mrs. Sheeba Dani as the secretary, and Mrs. Elsy Varghese as the treasurer and Mrs. Sheeba Jacob as the auditor. Mrs. Elizabeth Koruthu represented Sevika sanghom in the church committee.

Mrs. Sarah Mathew served as the treasurer for the southern region Sevika sanghom. We thank Achen and Kochamma for their leadership and guidance.

#### Choir

St. Luke's Mar Thoma Church consists of a Senior Malayalam Choir and Youth English Choir with a total of 41 members and is affiliated to the Dept. of Sacred music and communication (DSM&C Kerala). Dr. Abraham Mathew was the Malayalam Choir leader and Dr. Benjamin Abraham led the English Choir.



## Malayalam Choir

"Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing". Psalm 100 Vs 1-2.

The choir has led music during the Malayalam service during the year 2017. The choir has been praised during this period and has been appreciated for its contribution. However it is important that the choir accept critique so as to improve itself going forward. This year the choir led our annual convention and was very much a part of the house to house caroling. The choir had the honor of participating in a television show produced by Flower TV for the first time in the history of our parish under the name Carol Festival 2017. This helped catapult our choir from a local to a national level and was also uploaded on social media for viewing across our diaspora.

The choir would like to take the time to thank Rev. Bibine Mathew for his leadership while being humble yet powerful. He has helped the choir gain confidence enabling us to meet any challenge under his leadership. I would like to also thank Diana Kochamma for her valuable support and cooperation. We as the choir appreciate the efforts of our choir leader Dr. Abraham Mathew despite his busy schedule took time to lead the choir. Without his sincerity, honesty and hard work things would not be the same. All the members of the choir all 16 have supported the choir with their time and talents to make this a reality. The 2017 secretary, treasurer and committee representative are Mr. Abraham Kalathil, Mr. Saji Johnson and Mr. George Abraham.

## **English Choir**

Justin, Ben, Shawn, Jane, Angel and Aleena lead worship with their musical talents along with our wonderful choir consisting of 25 members. The youth pick songs each week which is followed by the liturgy theme for that Sunday. Along with our English Devine services and Holy Qurbana services, we started to incorporate a praise and worship session during our Malayalam services. With the help of the Malayalam choir, we began singing a few Malayalam songs to get everyone into the mindset of worship before service started.

## Young Family Fellowship

The Young Family Fellowship is a vibrant organization and is very active in leading and supporting the church in its various activities and growth. During this calendar year, Mrs. Princy Jacob served as the secretary, Mr. Shaji Johnson as Vice President, Mrs. Sonia Joseph as treasurer, Mr. Salu Kurian and Mr. John

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Thomas as committee member to the executive committee under the leadership of Rev. Bibine Mathew, Vicar and President.

In year 2017, Young Family Fellowship was able to conduct the following activities:

- **Prayer meetings:** During the year 2017, we had hosted 7 prayer meetings. Our Vicar was gracious to provide leadership for Bible study and during the absence of the vicar, our YFF members took the initiative to lead the bible study. YFF this year was also blessed with 2 great speakers, Rt. Rev. Dr. Abraham Mar Paulose Episcopa and Evangelist Mr. Sabu Variyapuram. After each prayer meeting, we conducted general body meetings to discuss and plan for future activities.
- **One-day retreat:** YFF had conducted a one day retreat on February 25<sup>th</sup> 2017 at John D MacArthur Beach Park, N Palm Beach, FL. Rev. Bibine Mathew was the main speaker for the retreat and the theme was "Dare to be different". 53 people participated including kids and other members of the church. It was a blessing for all who attended.
- **Neighborhood and India Ministries:** The General Body of YFF was approached and requested for charity for St. John MTC, Edayaranmulla, Kerala and The Mar Thoma Gram Jyoti School, Jabalpur Madhya Pradesh in India.

For the fund raising YFF with the support of its members conducted a Raffle drawing for which the prize was BOSE water resistant, blue tooth speaker and an I Pad, very generously donated by Mr. Binoy Jacob and family. We collected \$ 1605/- through the raffle sale.

YFF donated dollars equivalent to Rupees 1 lakh for ST. John MTC, Edayaranmulla, Kerala.

-In July YFF conducted bake sale and with the generous support of YFF members and the members of the church, collected \$2645/- and YFF donated dollars equivalent to 1 lakh rupees for The Mar Thoma Gram Jyoti School, Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh, India.

- -In Aug. 2017 YFF participated in International street outreach at sunrise, FL. 27 YFF members volunteered and also donated \$500/- to support the food drive.
- **YFF Sunday:** Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> 2017 was celebrated as YFF Sunday in our church and YFF members provided leadership for the service under the guidance of Rev. Bibine Mathew. Thanks to Almighty God for His blessings and YFF members for making 2017 a blessed year. Wishing and praying for another successful year in 2018.





#### **Edavaka Mission**

"Now, the LORD has told us what is good. What he requires of us is this: to do what is just to show constant love, and to live in humble fellowship with our God." Micah 6: 8

The Edavaka Mission organized various prayer meetings and its members actively engage in visiting the church members who are sick and provided prayer and support. The Edavaka Mission assembled every third Saturday of each month at 10 AM within the church. Edavaka Mission was coordinated by Rev. Bibine Mathew. His leadership and guidance has been humbly appreciated, let us pray to strengthen Achen and his family. Achen conducted Bible studies and intercessory prayers. In our intercessory prayers, he showed a strong priority to uphold our sick and needy people. Members visited sick people in the nursing home and our parish member's houses.

Edavaka Mission Sunday was observed on October 29<sup>th</sup> in our church and Mr. Sajeevkumar T. Mathew delivered the message during the service, based on 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 2: 1-2.

Edavaka Mission, Sevika Sangham, and the Choir jointly led and held a Sub Regional retreat on November 18<sup>th</sup> in our church. The meeting was very successful by the grace of God. Edavaka Mission's office bearers include, President Rev. Bibine Mathew, vice president Mr. Thampi Mathai, Secretary Mr. Dani Abraham, and Treasurer Mr. Thomas David. The representative to the committee was Mr. Abey Koshy.

#### **FINANCE**

The total income for the year 2017 was \$152,345.91 and total expenses were \$180,275.90. The closing balance was \$39,004.48. For detailed income and expense report, see attached statement of accounts. We are grateful for the auditors, Mr. Abraham Kalathil and Mr. Alexander Kurian for their time and effort in auditing the financial statements.

#### **GRATITUDE**

There was a devotional passage in Our Daily Bread that has a footnote saying, "The church works best when we see ourselves as participants, not spectators". Functioning of the parish depends on the volunteer support of our members. This includes, but not limited to, financial, physical, and material help The strength of this parish lies in the activities that it does and the participation of its members in those activities. Special thanks to Mr. Jibin Dani and Mr. Joshua Jacob for volunteering in the operation of the sound system.

We are thankful for Rev. Bibine Mathew for his leadership and guidance. We are also grateful to our thirumeni's, Rt. Rev. Dr. Isaac Mar Philexinos Episcopa for giving our first communicants the sacrament of Holy Qurbana on Sunday January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017 and Rt. Rev. Dr. Abraham Mar Paulos Episcopa for leading the Regional Sunday school retreat and the Good Friday service on April 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

We also thank the Achen's Rev. Aji Varghese, Rev. Philip Philip and Rev. M.P. Yohannan for joining to celebrate Holy Communion Service on Sunday March 5<sup>th</sup>, June 11<sup>th</sup> and July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017 respectively. Sincere thanks to all the members of executive committee for their valuable support. Our special regards to all the members for their unconditional love and support. Thank You and God bless you.

## John Jacob

John Jacob Secretary

Margate January 28th 2018



# STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2017 & BUDGET 2018

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## ST. LUKE'S MARTHOMA CHURCH INC., SOUTH FLORIDA

(6101 NW 9th Street, Margate, FL 33063)

## Balance Sheet As of December 31, 2017

ASSETS			AMOUNT	LIABILITIES			AMOUNT
Current Ass	sets			Current Liak	 pilities		
	Cash In Checking Account		\$37,604.48		Edvaka Missio	n Account (Schedule C)	\$811.13
	Account Re	ceivable (Schedule A)	\$1,400.00		Sevika Sangho	m Account (Schedule F)	\$3,370.94
					Youth Fellowsl	nip Account (Schedule D)	\$10,979.77
					Young Family A	Account (Schedule E)	\$957.80
Total Curre	nt Assets		\$39,004.48		Long Term Dev	velopment Account	\$29,436.25
Fixed Asset	:s						
	Church Buil	ding	\$367,709.13				
	Parsonage I	Building	\$309,283.04	Total Curre	nt Liabilities		\$45,555.89
	Furniture &	Fixtures (Schedule B)	\$26,035.46				
	Vehicle		\$19,481.49	Long Term Liabilities			
					Loan from Me	mber's (Schedule G)	\$0.00
Total Fixed	Assets		\$722,509.12	Members E	quity Fund		\$715,957.71
TOTAL ASS	SETS		\$761,513.60	TOTAL LIAI	BILITIES		\$761,513.60
				President		Sd/-	
						(Rev. Bibine Mathew)	
Trustee		Sd/-		Auditor		Sd/-	
Hustee		(Shibu Joseph)		Additor		(Alex Kurian)	
Trustee		Sd/-		Auditor		Sd/-	
Accountant	-	(Daniel Easo)		110.0.100		(Abraham Kalathil)	



	Red	eipts		
Sr No.		Budget 2017	Actual 2017	Budget 2018
1	1.11.00 Offeratory			
2	1.11.01 Baptism Offeratory	\$400.00	\$270.00	\$400.00
3	1.11.02 Birthday & Wedding Day Offeratory	\$9,000.00	\$10,379.00	\$9,000.00
4	1.11.03 Christmas Offeratory	\$500.00	\$268.00	\$500.00
5	1.11.06 Sunday Offeratory	\$13,000.00	\$10,970.00	\$13,000.00
6	1.11.07 Marriage Donation	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$600.00
7	1.12.00 Parish Activity Receipt			
8	1.12.01 Mother's Day Receipt	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
9	1.12.02 Parish Day Receipt	\$10,000.00	\$9,445.00	\$10,000.00
10	1.12.04 Picnic Receipt	\$1,000.00	\$320.00	\$1,000.00
11	1.12.05 Auction Receipt	\$2,000.00	\$1,430.00	\$2,000.00
12	1.12.06 Donations	\$7,000.00	\$1,755.25	\$7,000.00
13	1.12.07 Harvest Festival Receipt	\$12,000.00	\$6,439.00	\$12,000.00
14	1.12.08 Tithe Offering	\$600.00	\$3,585.00	\$600.00
15	1.12.09 Christmas Carol	\$10,000.00	\$7,825.00	\$10,000.00
16	1.12.10 Convention Offeratory	\$500.00	\$254.00	\$500.00
17	1.12.03 Church Family Retreat	\$0.00	\$1,050.00	\$10,000.00
18	1.12.03 ESC Sub Regional Retreat	\$0.00	\$2,090.00	\$2,500.00
19	1.14.00 Membership	\$40,000.00	\$37,442.30	\$40,000.00
20	1.3.00 Charity Receipt			
21	1.3.00 Charity Income	\$0.00	\$4,500.00	\$0.00
22	1.3.01 Charity Donation + Good Samaritan Fund	\$1,000.00	\$1,942.00	\$5,000.00
23	1.3.02 Hoskote Nursing Student Donation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
24	1.3.03 Student Dedication Receipt	\$1,000.00	\$965.00	\$1,000.00
25	1.6.00 Diocesan Receipt			
26	1.6.01 Books & Literature	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
27	1.6.03 Diocesan Sunday	\$1,220.00	\$1,189.00	\$1,220.00
28	1.6.04 Evangelistic Association	\$0.00	\$230.00	\$0.00
29	1.6.05 Maramon CD	\$175.00	\$150.00	\$175.00
30	1.6.06 Nepal Relief Fun	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
31	1.6.07 Sevika Sanghom Day Offeratory	\$700.00	\$760.00	\$700.00
32	1.6.08 Sneha Karam	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
33	1.6.09 Suvishesha Nidhi	\$720.00	\$90.00	\$720.00
34	1.6.10 World Day of Prayer Receipts	\$200.00	\$70.00	\$200.00
35	1.6.11 World Sunday School	\$250.00	\$560.00	\$250.00



36	1.6.12 Youth Sunday	\$150.00	\$70.00	\$150.00
37	1.6.14 Light to Life	\$0.00	\$5,185.00	\$8,000.00
38	Refunds-Allowances			
39	1.1.00 Atlanta Receipt			
40	1.1.01 Atlanta - Medical Insurance Share	\$0.00	\$2,803.43	\$0.00
41	1.1.02 Atlanta - Utility Share	\$0.00		\$0.00
42	1.13.00 Sabha Office Receipt			
43	1.13.01 Good Friday Offeratory	\$300.00	\$240.00	\$300.00
44	1.13.02 Palm Sunday Offeratory	\$350.00	\$249.00	\$350.00
45	1.13.03 Rasisa	\$250.00	\$380.00	\$250.00
46	1.13.04 Self Denial	\$1,600.00	\$1,260.00	\$1,600.00
47	1.4.00 Church Development Long Term Receipt			
48	1.5.00 Organizations Receipt			
49	1.5.01 Choir Fellowship Receipt	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
50	1.5.02 Edvaka Mission Receipt	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
51	1.5.03 Sevika Sanghom Receipt	\$5,000.00	\$140.00	\$5,000.00
52	1.5.04 Sunday School Receipt	\$2,000.00	\$1,795.00	\$2,000.00
53	1.5.05 Young Family Receipt	\$5,000.00	\$4,955.00	\$5,000.00
54	1.5.06 Youth Group Receipt	\$25,000.00	\$27,748.18	\$2,000.00
55	1.8.00 Fund Raised			
56	1.8.01 Maintenance Fund			
57	1.8.02 Special Donation/Leadership			
58	1.8.05 Other Miscellaneous Revenue			
59	1.8.07 Vicar Sendoff Collection			
60	1.10.00 Mortgage			
61	Mortgage Bank Credit			
62	Mortgage Personal Loan			
63	Items Donated		\$3,541.75	
	Total Receipts	\$153,565.00	\$152,345.91	\$156,015.00



	Payments							
Sr. No.	Items	Budget 2017	Actual 2017	Budget 2018				
1		-						
2	1.00 Automobile Payment	¢1 900 00	¢1 246 44	#1 000 00				
3	1.01 Auto Fuel	\$1,800.00 \$2,000.00	\$1,346.44	\$1,800.00 \$2,000.00				
4	1.02 Auto Maintanana	\$500.00	\$1,854.85	. ,				
5	1.03 Auto Maintenance	\$500.00	\$485.30	\$500.00				
6	12.00 Parish Activity Payment	¢1 F00 00	#2 700 77	¢10,000,00				
7	12.01 Church Annual Retreat	\$1,500.00 \$1000.00	\$2,709.77 \$846.89	\$10,000.00				
8	12.02 Church Convention Payment			\$1,000.00				
9	12.03 Father's Day Payment	\$500.00	\$130.14	\$500.00				
10	12.04 Mother's Day Payment	\$500.00 \$600.00	\$160.68	\$500.00 \$600.00				
11	12.05 Parish Day Payment	\$1,000.00	\$0.00 \$1,417.77	\$1,000.00				
12	12.06 Church Picnic Payment  12.07 Visiting Clergy Payment	\$2,000.00	\$1,286.15	\$1,000.00				
13		\$2,000.00	\$1,934.50	\$2,000.00				
14	12.08 Christmas Payment	\$3,200.00	\$3,150.05	\$3,200.00				
15	12.09 Refreshment Payment  12.10 First Communion Payment	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$3,200.00				
16	12.11 Harvest Festival Payment	\$500.00	\$121.54	\$500.00				
17	12.12 Kaimuthu Payment	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00				
18	12.13 Donations - Souvenir, etc.	\$1,000.00	\$200.00	\$500.00				
19	12.14 Easter Retreat	\$2,000.00	\$1,895.78	\$2,000.00				
20	12.14 ESC Regional Retreat	ψ2/000100	\$1,526.27	\$2,000.00				
21	12.14 Miscellaneous Services		\$231.06	\$500.00				
22	13.00 Parsonage Maintenance Payment		Ψ231100	ψ300.00				
23	13.02 Parsonage Electricity Payment	\$1,500.00	\$1,543.26	\$1,600.00				
24	13.03 Parsonage Fire & Garbage	\$600.00	\$425.52	\$600.00				
25	13.04 Parsonage HOA Fees	\$3,600.00	\$3,600.00	\$3,600.00				
26	13.06 Parsonage Repair & Maintenance	\$1,800.00	\$608.56	\$1,800.00				
27	13.07 Parsonage Phone & Internet Payment	\$1,500.00	\$1,667.52	\$1,700.00				
28	13.08 Parsonage - Water Payment	\$1,000.00	\$708.41	\$1,000.00				
29	14.00 Sabha Office Payments		1	, ,				
30	14.01 Good Friday Payment	\$300.00	\$240.00	\$300.00				
31	14.02 Racessa Payment	\$300.00	\$380.00	\$300.00				
32	14.03 Self Denial Payment	\$1,600.00	\$1,260.00	\$1,600.00				
33	14.04 Theological Seminary Payment	\$200.00	\$249.00	\$200.00				
34	15.00 Vicar Payment							



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33	15.01 Pension Fund Payment	\$327.30	\$327.30	\$327.30
36	15.02 Provident Fund Payment	\$218.55	\$218.55	\$218.55
37	15.04 Vicar Medical Insurance Payment	\$14,400.00	\$15,168.00	\$17,000.00
38	15.03 Medicine & Co-Payment	\$5,000.00	\$941.59	\$5,000.00
39	15.05 Vicar Salary	\$19,608.00	\$19,608.00	\$19,608.00
40	15.06 Vicar Transfer 2016 Payment	\$0.00		\$0.00
41	15.07 Vicar Travelling Payment	\$1,000.00	\$354.40	\$1,000.00
42	2.00 Bank Charges	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
43	3.00 Charity Account - Exp		\$3,950.00	\$0.00
44	3.01 Charitable Contributions	\$400.00	\$550.00	\$1,000.00
45	3.02 Nursing Student - Hoskote	\$2,300.00	\$2,070.00	\$0.00
46	3.03 Student Dedication	\$500.00	\$1,986.00	\$1,000.00
47	3.04 Good Samaritan Fund		\$2,100.00	\$3,000.00
48	3.05 Jubilee Mandiram Kottarakara		\$1,000.00	\$0.00
49	4.00 Loan Payback			
50	4.01 Tithe Payment (Loan Payment)	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	
51	4.02 Mortgage Interest Amount (Loan Payment)			
52	4.03 Mortgage Amount (Loan Payment)	\$16,000.00	\$25,500.00	\$0.00
53	5.00 Church Development Long Term			
54	6.00 Church Maintenance Payment			
55	6.01 Building Maintenance Payment	\$6,000.00	\$5,649.77	\$6,000.00
56	6.02 Church Cleaning Payment	\$400.00	\$186.96	\$400.00
57	6.03 Church Electricity Payment	\$3,500.00	\$3,003.47	\$3,500.00
58	6.04 Church Maintenance Payment	\$1,200.00	\$792.10	\$1,200.00
59	6.05 Church Lawn Maintenance	\$1,000.00	\$760.00	\$1,000.00
60	6.06 Church Supplies & Materials	\$1,000.00	\$889.47	\$1,000.00
61	6.07 Church Property Insurance	\$5,500.00	\$4,771.97	\$5,500.00
62	6.08 Church Water Payment	\$1,000.00	\$867.44	\$1,000.00
63	6.12 Garbage Dumpster	\$750.00	\$893.85	\$1,000.00
64	Church Audio Equipment		\$511.81	\$0.00
65	7.00 Office/General Administrative Expenditures			·
66	7.01 Church Annual Report	\$200.00	\$392.27	\$400.00
67	7.02 Printing & Stationary	\$500.00	\$284.16	\$500.00
68	7.03 Web Hosting	\$400.00	\$340.00	\$400.00
69	8.00 Church Organization Payment	<del>+</del> .00.00	75.0.00	<del></del>
70	8.01 Choir Payment	\$1,000.00	\$42.85	\$1,000.00
71	8.02 Edvaka Mission Payment	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
72	8.03 Sevika Sanghom Payment	\$500.00	\$250.00	\$500.00
73	8.04 Sunday School Payment	\$2,500.00	\$2,463.16	\$2,500.00



74	8.05 Sunday School Family Retreat	\$1,500.00	\$2,240.32	\$2,250.00
75	8.06 Young Family Fellowship Payment	\$2,000.00	\$4,697.98	\$2,000.00
76	8.07 Youth Group Payment	\$25,000.00	\$24,800.23	\$25,000.00
77	9.00 Diocesan Payment	7-0,000	T = 1/2 2 2 1 = 2	1-2/2222
78	9.01 Balavadi Payment	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
79	9.03 Books & Literature Payment	\$0.00	·	\$0.00
80	9.05 Diocesan Day Payment	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
81	9.06 Diocesan Fund Payment	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00
82	9.07 Episcopal Travel Payment	\$360.00	\$522.79	\$500.00
83	9.08 Family Conference			
84	9.09 Maramon CD Payment	\$125.00	\$150.00	\$125.00
85	9.11 Nityachilavu Payment	\$882.00	\$882.00	\$882.00
86	9.12 Regional Activity Committee Payment	\$0.00		\$0.00
87	9.13 Salary Adjustment Fund Payment	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
88	9.14 Diocesan Bishop Gifts	\$0.00		\$0.00
89	9.15 Sevika Sanghom Day Collection Payment	\$700.00	\$760.00	\$700.00
90	9.16 Snehakaram	\$500.00		\$500.00
91	9.17 Suvisesha Nidhi Payment	\$720.00	\$732.00	\$720.00
92	9.18 Theological Training Payment - Church	\$100.00		\$100.00
93	9.19 Theological Training Payment - Diocese	\$200.00	\$100.00	\$200.00
94	9.20 Visa Process Fees Payment	\$1,000.00	\$750.00	\$1,000.00
95	9.21 Voluntary Evangelists Association Payment	\$350.00	\$230.00	\$350.00
96	9.22 World Day of Prayer Payment	\$100.00	\$210.00	\$100.00
97	9.23 World Sunday School Day Payment	\$350.00	\$802.00	\$350.00
98	9.24 Youth Sunday Collection Payment	\$300.00	\$111.00	\$300.00
99	9.25 Clergy Medical Aid Payment	\$456.48		\$456.48
100	9.27 Higher Education Scholarship Fund	\$600.00		\$600.00
101	Light to Life Payment		\$5,185.00	
102	Vicar Sendoff Purse(Fund Collected)			
104	11 Organization Grants			
105	11.01 Choir Fellowship Grant	\$750.00		\$750.00
106	11.02 Edavaka Mission Grant	\$750.00		\$750.00
107	11.03 Sevika Sanghom Grant	\$750.00		\$750.00
108	11.04 Sunday School & VBS Grant	\$3,000.00		\$3,000.00
109	11.05 Young Family Grant	\$500.00		\$500.00
110	11.06 Youth Fellowship Grant	\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00
	Total Payments	\$172,147.33	\$180,275.90	\$165,687.33



Schedule A (Account Recei	vable)
Schedule : A	Amount
Hermon MarThoma Church Dues	\$1,400.00
Dues from Members	\$0.00
Total Account Receivables	\$1,400.00
Schedule B (Furniture & Fix	ctures)
Schedule : B	Amount
Opening Balance	\$24,249.60
Add : Receipts	\$1,785.86
Less : Payments	\$0.00
Total Furniture & Fixtures	\$26,035.46
Schedule C (Edvaka Mission A	Account)
Schedule : C	Amount
Opening Balance	\$811.13
Add : Receipts	\$0.00
Less : Payments	\$0.00
Total Edvaka Mission Account	\$811.13
Schedule D (Youth Fellowship	Account)
Schedule : D	Amount
Opening Balance	\$8,031.82
Add : Receipts	\$27,748.18
Less : Payments	(\$24,800.23)
Total Youth Fellowship Account	\$10,979.77
Schedule E (Young Family Ac	ccount)
Schedule : E	Amount
Opening Balance	\$700.78
Add : Receipts	\$4,955.00
Less : Payments	(\$4,697.98)
Total Young Family Account	\$957.80
Schedule F (Sevika Sanghom A	Account)
Schedule : F	Amount
Opening Balance	\$3,480.94
Add : Receipts	\$970.00
Less : Payments	(\$1,080.00)
Total Sevika Sanghom Account	\$3,370.94
Schedule G (Loan From Mer	mbers)
Schedule : F	Amount
Opening Balance	\$33,500.00
Add : Receipts	\$0.00
Less : Payments	(\$33,500.00)
Total Loan From Members	\$0.00



Over Budget Payments for Year 2017							
Items	Budget 2017	Actual 2017	Remarks				
12.01 Church Annual Retreat	\$1,500.00	\$2,709.77	Supplemental budget added. Paid advance \$1000.00 to Lake Placid. Need to increase amt.				
12.02 Church Convention Payment	\$1000.00	846.89	Supplemental budget added.				
12.13 Donations - Souvenir		\$200.00	Non-budgeted Item. Need to add for 2018.				
12.14 ESC Regional Retreat		\$1,526.27	Funds raised to cover the expense.				
12.14 Miscellaneous Services		\$231.06	Miscellaneous expenses.				
13.02 Parsonage Electricity Payment	\$1,500.00	\$1,543.26	Minor increase in expense. Need to increase budget.				
13.07 Parsonage Phone & Internet Payment	\$1,500.00	\$1,667.52	Minor increase in expense. Need to increase budget.				
14.02 Racessa Payment	\$300.00	\$380.00	Paid what was received				
14.04 Theological Seminary Payment	\$200.00	\$249.00	Paid what was received				
15.04 Vicar Medical Insurance Payment	\$14,400.00	\$15,168.00	As per new kalpana, increase in Insurance cost.				
3.00 Charity Account - Exp		\$3,950.00	Paid what was received.				
3.01 Charitable Contributions	\$400.00	\$550.00	Paid what was received.				
3.03 Student Dedication	\$500.00	\$1,986.00	Paid what was received.				
3.04 Good Samaritan Fund		\$2,100.00	Non-budgeted Item. Paid what was received.				
3.05 Jubilee Mandiram Kottarakara		\$1,000.00	One-time non-budgeted Item. Paid what was received.				
4.03 Mortgage Amount (Loan Payment)	\$16,000.00	\$25,500.00	Paid off the private loan. Church is debt free!!!				
6.12 Garbage Dumpster	\$750.00	\$893.85	Needed extra pickup for additional days. Need to increase budget.				
Church Audio Equipment		\$511.81	Non-budgeted item. Amount donated by member.				
7.01 Church Annual Report	\$200.00	\$392.27	Need to increase budget.				
8.05 Sunday School Family Retreat	\$1,500.00	\$2,240.32	VBS Expenses. Most of it donated by members. Might need to increase budget.				
8.06 Young Family Fellowship Payment	\$2,000.00	\$4,697.98	YFF Raised funds for Additional Payment				
9.07 Episcopal Travel Payment	\$360.00	\$522.79	Additional Airfare for Thirumeni's Travel.				
9.09 Maramon CD Payment	\$125.00	\$150.00	CDs ordered.				
9.15 Sevika Sanghom Day Collection Payment	\$700.00	\$760.00	Paid what was received.				
9.22 World Day of Prayer Payment	\$100.00	\$210.00	Paid what was received.				
9.23 World Sunday School Day Payment	\$350.00	\$802.00	Paid what was received.				
Light to Life Payment		\$5,185.00	New Diocesan Charity				



## ST. LUKE'S MAR THOMA CHURCH, MARGATE

## **Contribution Summary for Year 2017**

NO:	NAME	SUBSCRIPTION	BIRTHDAY & WEDDING	CHRISTMAS CAROL	AUCTION	PARISH DAY	HARVEST	TITHE	OTHER	TOTAL
1	Rev.Bibine Mathew	\$605.00	\$320.00	\$100.00	\$20.00	\$70.00	\$180.00		\$305.00	\$1,600.00
2	Abey B. Koshy	\$600.00	\$265.00	\$250.00		\$250.00	\$115.00		\$1,106.00	\$2,586.00
3	Abraham K. Thomas (Babu)	\$600.00	\$311.00	\$100.00		\$100.00	\$105.00	\$10.00	\$235.00	\$1,461.00
4	Abraham Kalathil		\$135.00	\$275.00	\$165.00				\$248.00	\$823.00
5	Ajy George	\$600.00	\$75.00		\$70.00	\$400.00		\$200.00	\$315.00	\$1,660.00
6	Alexander Kurian	\$600.00	\$100.00			\$100.00			\$185.00	\$985.00
7	Andrews Koshy	\$600.00		\$150.00		\$150.00			\$370.00	\$1,270.00
8	Anila Varghese	\$600.00	\$100.00							\$700.00
9	Asish Koshy George	\$600.00							\$25.00	\$625.00
10	Basil Thomas	\$600.00	\$40.00	\$100.00		\$50.00	\$75.00		\$45.00	\$910.00
12	Biju Varghese	\$852.30	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$100.00	\$500.00	\$214.00	\$250.00	\$2,740.77	\$5,057.07
13	Binoy Jacob	\$600.00	\$175.00	\$150.00	\$40.00	\$250.00	\$330.00	\$250.00	\$1,291.00	\$3,086.00
14	Cyril Kurien	\$600.00	\$250.00			\$800.00			\$420.00	\$2,070.00
15	Dani P Abraham	\$600.00	\$135.00	\$100.00		\$250.00	\$240.00	\$200.00	\$1,168.00	\$2,693.00
16	Daniel Easo	\$600.00	\$250.00	\$210.00	\$40.00	\$100.00	\$424.00		\$574.00	\$2,198.00
17	Daniel Koshy T	\$1,025.00	\$50.00						\$455.00	\$1,530.00
18	Dr. Abraham Mathew	\$700.00	\$175.00	\$150.00	\$15.00		\$145.00	\$100.00	\$720.00	\$2,005.00
11	Dr. Benjamin Abraham (Ben)	\$650.00	\$130.00				\$125.00		\$665.00	\$1,570.00
19	Dr. Jose Enos	\$600.00	\$250.00	\$500.00		\$200.00		\$100.00	\$395.00	\$2,045.00
20	Dr. Mohan Isaac Abraham	\$600.00	\$550.00	\$250.00	\$60.00		\$250.00	\$250.00	\$7,885.00	\$9,845.00
21	Dr. Sajan Thomas Abraham		\$800.00	\$500.00	\$55.00	\$1,200.00			\$1,625.00	\$4,180.00



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NO:	NAME	SUBSCRIPTION	BIRTHDAY & WEDDING	CHRISTMAS CAROL	AUCTION	PARISH DAY	HARVEST	TITHE	OTHER	TOTAL
22	George Abraham (Aji)	\$600.00	\$115.00	\$150.00	\$105.00	\$100.00	\$160.00	\$100.00	\$601.00	\$1,931.00
23	George Kunchandy	\$600.00	\$150.00	\$200.00					\$264.00	\$1,214.00
24	George Kurien	\$600.00							\$75.00	\$675.00
25	George Samuel	\$600.00	\$275.00	\$200.00	\$55.00	\$500.00	\$175.00	\$300.00	\$1,672.70	\$3,777.70
26	George V Mathai	\$600.00	\$200.00	\$100.00					\$150.00	\$1,050.00
27	Jiji Varghese	\$600.00	\$275.00	\$150.00	\$255.00	\$200.00	\$320.00	\$100.00	\$1,406.34	\$3,306.34
28	Jijo P Alex	\$300.00		\$200.00		\$200.00				\$700.00
29	John Jacob	\$600.00	\$205.00			\$250.00	\$270.00	\$200.00	\$2,159.32	\$3,684.32
30	John Mathai	\$600.00	\$150.00	\$200.00					\$510.00	\$1,460.00
31	John Philipose	\$600.00	\$300.00	\$100.00	\$80.00		\$655.00		\$1,791.00	\$3,526.00
32	John Thomas (Ajith)	\$600.00	\$150.00		\$60.00	\$125.00	\$145.00	\$150.00	\$730.00	\$1,960.00
33	Jose Chacko	\$600.00	\$100.00	\$150.00		\$150.00	\$225.00	\$100.00	\$545.00	\$1,870.00
34	Joseph A Kalayil	\$700.00	\$200.00	\$200.00		\$150.00	\$100.00		\$76.00	\$1,426.00
35	Koruthu Kalayil	\$600.00	\$115.00	\$150.00		\$100.00			\$558.00	\$1,523.00
36	Koshykunju George(Roy)	\$450.00	\$25.00	\$50.00					\$20.00	\$545.00
37	Kunjamma Koshy	\$600.00	\$170.00	\$100.00		\$100.00	\$64.00	\$100.00	\$469.00	\$1,603.00
38	Kurian Chacko(Jose)	\$600.00	\$100.00	\$100.00		\$100.00			\$214.00	\$1,114.00
39	Kuruvilla C Koshy	\$260.00	\$40.00	\$100.00						\$400.00
40	Lobo Thambi	\$600.00	\$150.00						\$376.00	\$1,126.00
41	Mammen Rajan (Aji )	\$600.00	\$155.00	\$100.00		\$100.00	\$50.00		\$65.00	\$1,070.00
42	Manilal C Kunchandy									\$0.00
43	Mantharayil V Koshy	\$600.00	\$200.00	\$100.00	\$55.00	\$150.00	\$114.00	\$150.00	\$2,501.00	\$3,870.00
44	Mariamma Abraham (Pennamma)	\$600.00	\$75.00					\$150.00	\$230.00	\$1,055.00
45	Mathew Daniel	\$600.00	\$250.00	\$100.00					\$219.00	\$1,169.00
46	Obi Varughese									\$0.00
47	P Thomas Varghese (Sony)	\$600.00								\$600.00



NO:	NAME	SUBSCRIPTION	BIRTHDAY & WEDDING	CHRISTMAS CAROL	AUCTION	PARISH DAY	HARVEST	TITHE	OTHER	TOTAL
48	Paul Ollukaran	\$600.00	\$260.00	\$150.00		\$400.00			\$505.00	\$1,915.00
49	Sajeevekumar Mathew	\$300.00	\$125.00	\$100.00		\$250.00	\$65.00		\$642.00	\$1,482.00
50	Saji Johnson	\$600.00	\$55.00	\$100.00	\$25.00	\$200.00	\$125.00	\$100.00	\$584.00	\$1,789.00
51	Salu Kurian	\$600.00	\$250.00	\$150.00		\$100.00	\$160.00	\$200.00	\$707.00	\$2,167.00
52	Sarah Mathew	\$600.00	\$115.00	\$200.00		\$200.00	\$305.00		\$650.00	\$2,070.00
53	Shaji Johnson	\$1,000.00	\$200.00	\$150.00	\$70.00	\$150.00	\$145.00	\$100.00	\$892.00	\$2,707.00
55	Shaji Joseph	\$300.00	\$67.00			\$50.00	\$75.00	\$25.00	\$226.00	\$743.00
56	Shanti Varghese	\$600.00	\$120.00	\$100.00		\$100.00	\$99.00		\$174.00	\$1,193.00
57	Shibu Joseph	\$600.00	\$121.00	\$100.00		\$100.00	\$155.00	\$50.00	\$816.93	\$1,942.93
58	Sunil Jacob	\$600.00	\$250.00	\$150.00		\$150.00	\$149.00	\$100.00	\$809.99	\$2,208.99
59	Susheel Pradhan	\$600.00	\$125.00	\$250.00		\$250.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$755.00	\$2,180.00
54	Thampi Mathai	\$200.00	\$50.00	\$100.00	\$50.00				\$429.99	\$829.99
60	Thankamma Alexander	\$200.00		\$40.00						\$240.00
61	Thomas David	\$600.00	\$250.00	\$100.00	\$60.00	\$250.00	\$105.00	\$100.00	\$567.00	\$2,032.00
62	Thomas M Chacko	\$600.00	\$65.00			\$50.00			\$9.00	\$724.00
63	Thomas V Kondoor	\$600.00	\$150.00	\$100.00		\$100.00			\$29.00	\$979.00
64	Thomas Varughese (Kunjumon)	\$600.00	\$180.00	\$100.00		\$100.00	\$90.00	\$100.00	\$152.00	\$1,322.00
65	Unmesh Baruch	\$600.00	\$125.00	\$250.00	\$50.00	\$200.00	\$240.00		\$431.00	\$1,896.00
66	Varughese Chacko (Soman)	\$700.00	\$120.00	\$150.00		\$150.00	\$125.00		\$194.00	\$1,439.00
67	Zachariah P Mathew (Thambi)	\$1,000.00							\$133.00	\$1,133.00
	Total	\$37,442.30	\$10,339.00	\$7,775.00	\$1,430.00	\$9,445.00	\$6,419.00	\$3,585.00	\$44,112.04	\$120,547.34



#### ST. LUKE MARTHOMA CHURCH INC.

(6101 NW 9<sup>th</sup> St, Margate, FL 33063)

#### **AUDITORS REPORT 2017**

The members of the St. Luke Marthoma Church, we have audited the financial statements of St. Luke Marthoma Church Inc, for the year ended December 31 2017. We have examined the Books of Accounts and supporting documents and found that the financial statements agreed with books of Accounts and supporting documents.

All payments that exceeded the budgeted amount as per the schedule attached by the trustees requires ratification from the General Body meeting.

#### **Auditors Observations and Recommendations:**

#### **Recommendations:**

- 1. End of the financial year: Paper copy [Hard copy] of the financial statements and books of accounts must be prepared and kept in safe custody for auditing purpose as well as legal purpose for at least 7 years. [Please refer to IRS requirements] These recommendations were previously made by 2014 Auditors [Recommendation # 2]
- 2. Accounts Receivable \$ 1400.00 from Hermon MTC Atlanta are past due. Auditors were unable to find reasonable effort made by executive committee to collect these past dues. May consider this amount should be written off or try to collect the dues at Diocesan level.
- 3. Auditors were able to find multiple unauthorized online accounts in the name of St Luke's MTC with Tax ID for requesting donations and contributions. Executive committee is aware of the issues and took some corrective steps, however need continuous vigil in the future to protect Church Tax ID and Goodwill.

#### **Observations:**

- 4. Trustees accepted contributions as Cash in kind and issued receipts for the same.
- 5. Multiple checks issued for same voucher without making proper stop payments. Cost of stop payments must be collected from those vendors or Members.

#### **Auditors:**

Sd/-Alexander Kurien Mar 08 2018. Sd/-Abraham Kalathil Mar 08 2018.



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# **Executive Committee Explanations and Clarifications to the Recommendations and Observations provided in the Auditors Report:**

**Recommendation 1**-The trustees provided every hard copy (Paper copy) of the financial statements and books for the year 2017 as requested by the auditors and are available for safe keeping.

**Recommendation 2**-As for the \$1400.00 that is past due from Hermon MTC Atlanta, our vicar has informed the diocese about the matter and we will be sending a reminder to the diocese.

**Recommendation 3**-On 10/22/2017 the executive committee discussed the issue of a website with our Tax ID. The trustees were appointed to look into it and investigate and were authorized to shut down the website with the name of our church. A disclaimer has been added to our church website as well.

**Observation 4**-As per the General Body's decision on 03/22/2015 it was decided to go forward with accepting cash in kind.

**Observation 5**-A single replacement check was used for each lost check that was sent to India for charity. All checks were issued after the 180 days or more which exceeded the validity of the check.

These explanations and clarifications were discussed, decided and approved by the executive committee on 03/09/2018

Sd/-John Jacob Secretary