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Sub: Helping hand for the Construction of the Poolatheen Complex.

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

As you know the Poolatheen that was constructed in 1968 turned to be uninhabitable because of the leaking roof, cracked walls and broken sewage. Now the Sabha Mandalam has decided to have a new Poolatheen complex comprising of the Metropolitan's residence, a conference hall for about 100 people, a chapel, Metropolitan's office facilities, seven suites to accommodate the bishops who are visiting S.C. Seminary for meetings, conferences, synod and the council. At present there is no provision for that. Earlier, we were planning to have a guest house. Many mandalams have passed the proposal, but nothing materialized. So the guest house idea is also coupled with the Poolatheen complex to find a place for the special guests and the bishops to have a resting place while in Tiruvalla. There is also a basement area for car parking, residence for Metropolitan's staff and a dormitory for the drivers of visiting bishops.

In the former Poolatheen, if more people came for visit, when one group was inside, the other group had to stand and wait in the car porch outside. This has been rectified by the new arrangement.

This new construction has been planned by an architect from Trichur and the work is supervised by Mr. Cherian Varkey of Cochin and Mr. P.C. Oommen of Kalamassery. They are experts in this field. Under their direction and weekly assessment physically, the work is progressing well.

We need Rs. 3 crores – 2.5 for construction and 0.5 for furnishing. 50% of the structure construction is over. We wish to finish the structure fully by the Mandalam in September 2014. The contract is given so that it may be made available for occupation by March 2015. The Dioceses in India have earnestly contributed their allotted share and some have contributed more.

The amount allotted to the Parishes/Congregations in North America and Europe is 75 Lakhs. So every parish or congregation shall contribute according to their mite to raise this amount at the earliest and remit it before October 2014. Each parish must collect their share giving receipts from the parish and send the money by check in the name of Sabha Secretary or transfer the amount by FCRI a/c of the Sabha (for details contact the Diocesan Office)

In consultation with the Diocesan Bishop, ~~Rev. Dr. Ipe Joseph~~, Rev. Dr. Ipe Joseph, Rev. P.M. Thomas (Austin) and Rev. Jojan M. John are deputed for this purpose. They will be deputed to visit specified areas under the direction of the Diocesan Bishop. Other parishes may do it voluntarily.

Your loving and earnest contributions are solicited.

May God bless us all.

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