

**Minutes of the Regional Activity Committee
Southern Region**

A tele-conference of all the Achens, office bearers, Assembly and Mandalam members of the parishes in Southern region was held on January 23rd 2013 at 9. 30 p. m. (US EDT). The meeting was presided over by the Rt. Rev. Dr. Geevarghese Mar Theodosius, Diocesan Episcopa. The meeting began with a prayer by Rev. M. P. Yohannan. 38 members attended the conference, including the Diocesan Council member from the region.

Tirumeni welcomed all and appointed Rev. K. E. Geevarghese as the recording secretary. Also Tirumeni explained the significance of this meeting with details of agenda, including the need for Jubilee celebration of the Diocese in the Southern region. The committee discussed and decided the following matters.

1. Regional Family Conference in South Florida

Tirumeni informed that the South Florida Mar Thoma has decided to host a Regional Family Conference in Florida from November 1 to 3, 2013. This will be the only one regional conference in USA, as this year there won't be any National Family Conference. Along with this Conference, a joint Holy Qurbana will be arranged on Sunday November 3, 2012 as a part of Jubilee celebration. A public meeting will also be arranged on that day following the Communion Service.

Mr. Georgy Varghese, the Diocesan Council Member, informed that the venue of the conference will be the Christian Retreat Center, Braideton. He also sought the help of all the Achens and RAC Members for the success of Regional Family Conference. The expenses for Jubilee celebration will be shared by all the parishes in the region according to the number of families in each unit. Those who are coming only for the Jubilee celebration should inform their names and numbers well in advance through the Vicars for local arrangements including the lunch on that day.

2. Regional Programmes

1. Choir Fest at Atlanta MTC on September 1, 2013
2. Regional Youth Fellowship Conference at South Florida MTC on the weekend of July 4
3. National Yuvajana Sakhyam Conferene by the YS of Tampa MTC
4. Lay Leaders Training programme at Atlanta MTC and Florida St. Luke's MTC
5. A Dialogue on the Journey and Growth of the Diocese. The venue and date will be decided later.
6. Seminar on Identity, Vision and Mission of the Diocese at Hermon Atlanta



It was also informed that any of these topics can be taken for study at the time of Regional Family Conference. Mr. Georgy Varghese informed the participants about the Thirusannidhiyil, the online Bible Study programme by the Southern region Edavaka Mission. Tirumeni proposed for a spirituality centre in the Southern region. The general consensus was to discuss it later.

3. Possibility of a Common project in the region and a Regional Office in the South

A core Committee is appointed with the following members to study the state law and provisions that would help the diocese for its mission and ministry.

Mr. Mathew Varghese	Tampa
Mr. Koshy Mantharayil	St. Luke's
Mr. Abraham Thomas	Hermon
Mr. Roy Illikulathu	Atlanta
Mr. Georgy Varghese	Convener

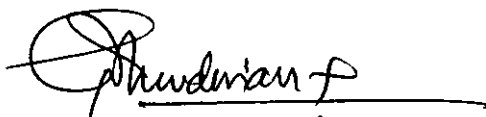
The committee has to give their study report by June 15, 2013.

4. Vote of Thanks

Rev. K. E. Geevarghese, Diocesan Secretary extended vote of thanks to Tiruemni, Achens and other RAC Members of the region for their participation in the tele-conference.

The minutes was read and passed unanimously.

The meeting came to a close with prayer and benediction by Tirumeni.



Mar Theodosius
Diocesan Episcopa



Rev. K. E. Geevarghes
Recording Secretary