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Diocese of North America and Europe
Mar Thoma Church Lay Institute

L.E.A.D.

Layperson Education And Development Program

August 8, 2014

Greetings in the Name of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

By God's grace, the Diocese of North America and Europe has implemented the L.E.A.D. Program (Layperson Education and Development Program) over the last 6 years throughout the Diocese. We have received great feedback from all participants because the program brings forth a great opportunity to members of the church to learn and grow within the Mar Thoma Church.

The LEAD Program should be implemented on a parish level to be most effective and available for the members of each church. Each parish vicar will be responsible for the organizing of the program in their respective churches and it is recommended that a LEAD Program parish coordinator be assigned to assist the vicar in the organization and implementation of the program.

Deadline to register for the LEAD Program is September 14, 2014 in order to purchase sufficient amount of supplies and books for each of the registrants. Registration forms and details can be received from your parish vicar.

We would like to encourage members of all ages to participate in this program to develop effective and knowledgeable leaders within our parishes and church. This program would be very beneficial for our youth, Sunday School Teachers, and young family fellowship members, so please encourage everyone to attend.

Attached to this letter is a copy of the Program Details along with the registration form and a poster to display in your church. Please make an announcement in your parishes and begin planning for this program at your earliest convenience.

For more information or questions, please contact Jason A. Varghese, Lay Institute Program Convener at mtc.leadprogram@gmail.com or 551.265.2706.

Thank you for each of your cooperation and prayers for this program.

In Christ's Service,

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L.E.A.D. Program Mission Statement

The mission of the L.E.A.D program is to provide ongoing education, training, and development of the laypersons within the church who desire to learn more about the Mar Thoma Church and Biblical teachings to serve as leaders within the church. The program will provide discipleship training to enable leaders to implement what they have learned within their own parishes.

L.E.A.D. Program Courses

PHASE 1:

- Old Testament
- New Testament
- Doctrines and Sacraments of the Mar Thoma Church
- Church History (including Mar Thoma Church History)
- Worship and Liturgy
- Preaching/Sermon Preparation

PHASE 2:

- Prophetic Literature: Vision and Mission
- Pauline Epistles
- Missions
- Polity of the Mar Thoma Church
- Understanding our Neighbors (Diversity within the Christian denominations)
- Introduction to Christian Theology

Desired Outcomes of the L.E.A.D. Program

- Develop in their personal study of the Word and personal prayer life (spiritual formation).
- Expand their Biblical and Ecclesiological knowledge and understanding in order to effectively provide leadership skills within their own churches.
- Grow in their knowledge and respect for the history and doctrinal beliefs of the Mar Thoma Church.
- Develop leadership skills to help assist in the edification of the Mar Thoma Church.

Program Details and Rules

1. The L.E.A.D Program is an educational program that offers courses in two phases.
2. The participants of the program will meet once a month for six months
3. Parish Vicar and/or parish coordinator will be responsible to implement the program and coordinate the dates and times for each of the courses.
4. Registration Fee is \$25 which includes course syllabus, handouts, learning materials, etc.
5. Please write checks to "Diocese of North America and Europe" and Memo: Lay Institute Program.
6. Attendance is mandatory and only one missed course will be excused. If more than one class is missed, the participants will not receive a Certificate of Completion. Without the completion of the Phase I, participants will not be allowed to register for Phase II of the L.E.A.D. Program.



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REGISTRATION FORM 2014-2015

Date _____

Name (Last Name, First Name) _____

Address _____

Gender (Please Circle): Male or Female Age (Please circle): 18 and below 19-25 26-35
35-45 45 and above

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email Address _____

Phase (Please circle which is being offered at your church) PHASE 1 PHASE 2

Church Name _____

Region _____

Vicar Name _____

Vicar Signature _____

I agree to commit to the L.E.A.D. Program to enhance my learning experience and leadership skills to edify the Mar Thoma Church, specifically my parish. I understand the attendance policy and agree to comply by the L.E.A.D. Program Rules. I will come to the courses with a prayerful heart and mind and be ready to learn so I can grow as a leader within my church.

Signature of L.E.A.D. Program Participant

Please notify your Vicar or your Regional Convener of your interest in the L.E.A.D Program.
If you have any questions in regards to the program, please email MTC.LEADprogram@gmail.com

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September 2014 - March 2015

Engage in a great opportunity to learn and grow as a leader within the Mar Thoma Church. This program will equip you with the knowledge and tools to be a great leader and disciple of Christ. Come learn more about the church and your faith beliefs to become a more effective leader!

WHO IS ELIGIBLE:

All members of the church are eligible for Phase I of the LEAD Program. Only those who have received a Certificate of Completion for Phase I or those who have met at least 50% of the Phase I classes are qualified for registration for Phase II.

WHEN:

Classes start in September 2014 and meets once a month until March 2015

COURSES:

PHASE 1 OR PHASE II may be implemented per vicar's discretion.

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Old Testament, New Testament, Doctrines and Sacraments of the Mar Thoma Church, Church History (including Mar Thoma Church History), Worship and Liturgy, Sermon Preparation and Preaching

PHASE 2:

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Fee: \$25 for each Phase of the L.E.A.D. Program includes supplies and books

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