

The Ottawa Mar Thoma Church

Annual Report for the year 2006

We thank God Almighty for his blessings and mercies during the year 2006.

During the year 2006, we had six worship services conducted by our Vicar Rev. Mathew M. Thomas. We thank Achen for conducting the Communion Services and providing leadership and spiritual guidance. An average of 50 people attended the services and a majority of them took the Holy Communion. We thank members from our sister churches for their participation and support in the worship services. We would like to thank our Lay-leaders Mr Mani P. Mani and Jiji John for assisting Achen during the services. The congregation would also like to thank Mrs. Suzy John and Mrs. Leela Varki for organizing our after service receptions. We would also like to thank everyone who provided nourishment during the reception.

The office bearers for the year 2006 were elected during the General Body meeting held on February 19th, 2006 at the St. Mark's Anglican Church. Rev. Mathew M. Thomas presided over the meeting. The following members were elected:

- Vice-President: Mr. John M. John
- Secretary: Mr. Paul Kuruvilla
- Treasurer: Mr. Biju Abraham
- Accountant: Dr. John Zachariah
- Auditor: Mr. George John
- Lay-Leaders: Mr. Mani P. Mani & Mr. Jiji John
- Refreshment Coordinators: Mrs Suzy John & Mrs. Leela Varki

We would like to thank all the office bearers for their time and effort they have spent in the care of this congregation.

An Annual General Body meeting was held on April 8th, 2006, at the St. Mark's Anglican Church. Rev. Mathew M. Thomas presided over the meeting. The Annual Report for the year 2005 was read by the Secretary Mr. Reji Alex. The Audited Financial Statements for the year 2005 were presented by the Treasurer Mr. Paul Kuruvilla. The Annual Report and financial statements of the past year were approved.

We currently have 20 registered members in our church. In 2006, our congregation members were blessed with the birth of 2 babies. A baby girl, Rachel Zachariah was born to Saji and Sussha Zachariah. A baby boy, Jonathan John was born to Jiji and Jothi John. The last year, two babies were baptized and brought to the fellowship of the Church. Liya Kuruvilla, daughter of Paul and Susan Kuruvilla was baptized on April 8th, 2006. Rachel Zachariah, daughter of Saji and Sussha Zachariah was baptized on June 11th, 2006. Let us pray that God be with all the young ones as they grow up.

The past year was also marked by the passing away of Mr. C. O. Thomas, Dr. Samuel Thomas and Mr. Paul Abraham, all of who were enthusiastic participants in the services,

whenever they could attend. Mr. John Pothan and family, in their long battle against cancer upheld their faith throughout those challenging times. Dr. Samuel Thomas, Susha's father always participated in our services and prayer meetings when he was in Ottawa from Kingston. Mr. Paul Abraham is marked by his absence, as he was a regular participant in our services. The congregation remembers the families of all the departed in our prayers.

As a congregation, this year we were able to contribute to the following charities:

- Carmel Mandiram
- Sirsi
- Kumily Church Construction
- Jothis Puthiyakavu,
- Donation for Achen's Fund

We would like to thank all those who contributed for the various charities

This year, as in the past years an Ecumenical Christmas Carol Program was conducted on December 23rd, 2006. It was a blessed evening. This congregation would like to thank our sister churches for participating in this program and making it a huge success.

The office bearers for the year 2007 were elected during the General Body meeting held on December 23rd, 2006 at the St. Mark's Anglican Church. Rev. Mathew M. Thomas presided over the meeting. The following members were elected:

- Vice-President: Dr. John Zachariah
- Secretary: Mr. Paul Kuruvilla
- Treasurer: Mr. Mathew Thomas
- Accountant: Mr. Biju Abraham
- Auditor: Mr. George John
- Lay-Leaders: Mr. Mani P. Mani & Mr. George Mathew
- Refreshment Coordinators: Mrs Suzy John & Mrs. Leela Varki
- Diocesan Assembly Representatives: Dr Philip Mathew & Mrs Aleyamma Samuel

Let us pray for God's guidance upon all the newly elected members as they carry out their responsibilities for the congregation.

We would like to thank the St. Mark's Anglican Church for allowing us the use of their sanctuary and other facilities for conducting the worship services and other programs throughout the year.

On behalf of the Executive Committee,

Rev. Mathew M. Thomas
Vicar

Paul Kuruvilla
Secretary

March 18th, 2007