

# **The Ottawa Mar Thoma Church**

## **Annual Report for the year 2007**

We thank God Almighty for his blessings and mercies during the year 2007.

During the year 2007, we had 5 worship services. Vicar Rev. Mathew M. Thomas conducted the Qurbana Services in March and April. Achen returned to India after his 3-year tenure in Canada at the end of April. We thank Achen for conducting the Communion Services and providing leadership and spiritual guidance during this period. Vicar Rev Manoj M. Zacharia took over as our Vicar in May and conducted Qurbana Services in June, August and October. Our Christmas Service in December was cancelled because of a snowstorm the magnitude of which had not been seen in Ottawa since 1944. 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 Mr. George Mathew 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 receptions.

The office bearers for the year 2007 were elected during the General Body meeting held on December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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

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 March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007, at the St. Mark's Anglican Church. Rev. Mathew M. Thomas presided over the meeting. The Secretary Mr. Paul Kuruvilla read the Annual Report for the year 2006. The Treasurer Mr. Biju Abraham presented the Audited Financial Statements for the year 2006. The Annual Report and financial statements of the past year were approved.

We currently have 20 registered members in our church. In 2007, our congregation members Dr. John Samuel and Mrs. Aleyamma Samuel were blessed with a granddaughter, Sarita. Sarita was baptized and brought into the fellowship of the Church on October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2007. Let us pray that God be with Sarita as she grows up.

The past year two of our members Mr. C. O. Thomas, and Mrs. Kunjumol Thomas passed away. 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 planned in December along with the Qurbana Service. This had to be cancelled due to the snowstorm. This congregation would like to thank the Orthodox Church for holding the Ecumenical Christmas Carol Program along with the Orthodox Qurbana Service.

The office bearers for the year 2008 were elected during the General Body meeting held on October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2007 at the St. Thomas the Apostle Anglican Church. Rev. Manoj M. Zacharia presided over the meeting. The following members were elected:

- Vice-President: Dr. John Zachariah
- Secretary: Mr. Reji Alex
- Treasurer: Mr. Paul Kuruvilla
- Accountant: Mr. Koshy Oommen
- Auditor: Dr. John Samuel
- Lay-Leaders: Mr. Mani P. Mani & Mr. Jiji John
- Refreshment Coordinators: Mrs Suzy John & Mrs. Leela Varki

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. Manoj M. Zacharia  
Vicar

Paul Kuruvilla  
Secretary

February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2008