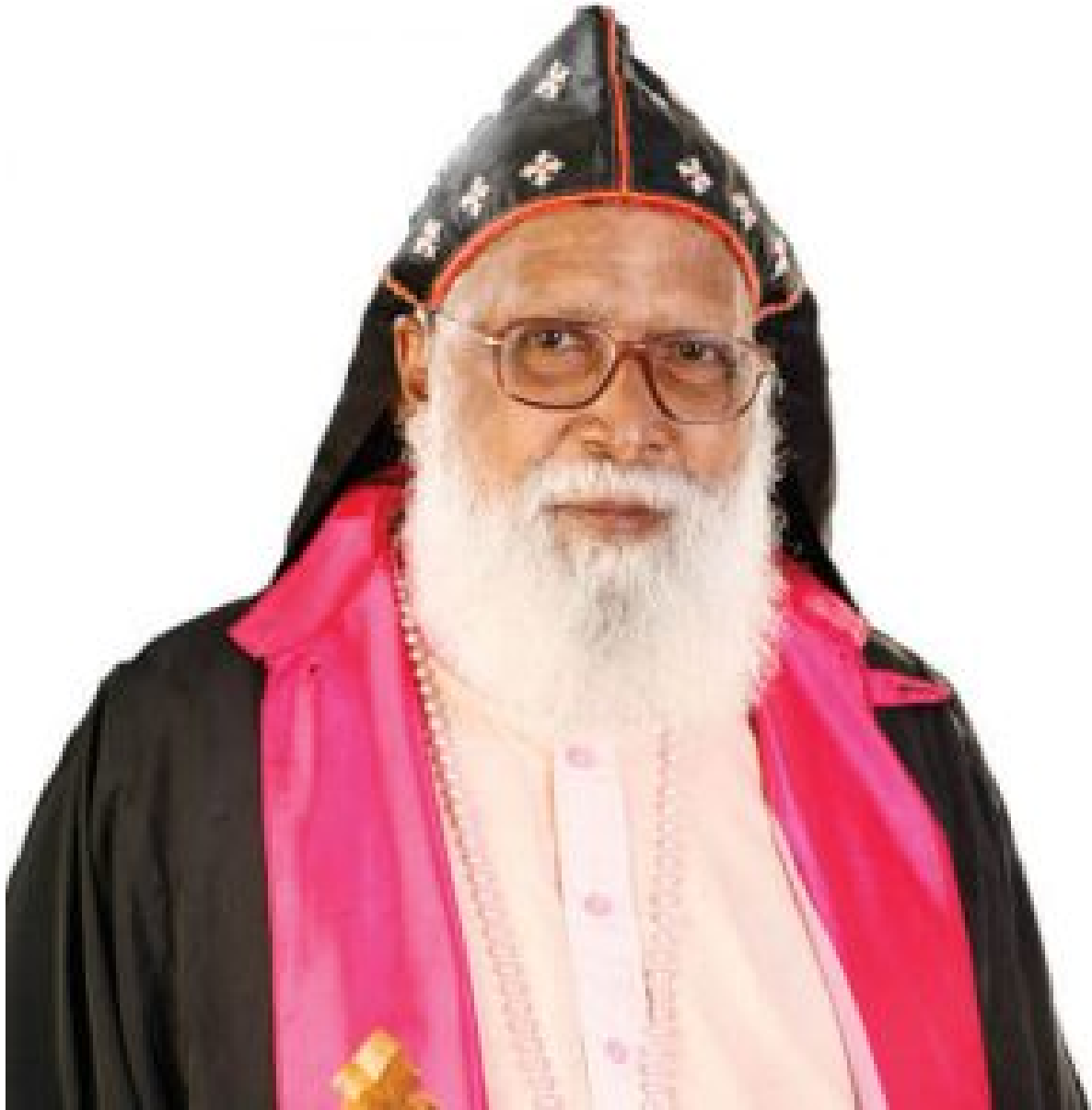




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Birth Centenary Celebrations - His Grace The Most Rev. Dr. Philipose Mar Chrysostom Mar Thoma Valiya Metropolitan.



Mar Thoma Church is eagerly waiting for April 27th 2017 which is a historical day for the Church. Our Mar Thoma Valiya Metropolitan is entering into the 100th year. Thirumeni is an exceptional personality in the demographics of Church by serving as an Evangelist, Semsano, Kasseesa, Ramban, Episcopa, Suffragan Metropolitan, Officiating Metropolitan, 20th Metropolitan and [...]

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NEICC Statement on Church unity, Social concerns and Religious harmony



NEICC SEMINAR ON "Church Unity, Social Concerns & Religious Harmony" 18th -20th April, 2017 at PCI, Khatla

STATEMENT OF THE FINDINGS OF THE ONE DAY SEMINAR ORGANIZED BY THE NORTH EAST INDIA CHRISTIAN COUNCIL ON "CHURCH UNITY, SOCIAL CONCERNS AND RELIGIOUS HARMONY" AT THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF INDIA, KHATLA, AIZAWL, MIZORAM SYNOD, APRIL 19, 2017. We, the ninety two participants, representing various Churches and Christian Organisations under the umbrella of NEICC, in the [...]

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A Call for a Global Day of Prayer to End Famine

WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES Geneva, April 21, 2017 A Call for a Global Day of Prayer to End Famine Christ has Risen! This period between Easter and the Ascension is one of the most significant times in the church calendar. It is a period of 40 days after his resurrection, when Jesus lived among the [...]

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Request for Churches and Congregations to pray for the Supreme Court hearing on the 20th of April to uphold the rights of minorities as per the Constitution of India

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13th April, 2017

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Bishop, Methodist Church in Delhi
Territorial Commander, Salvation Army
General Secretary, NCCI
President, EFICC
Secretary General EFI
All CNI Bishops
All Members of the Executive Committee of CNI Synod

Subject: Request for Churches and congregations to pray for the Supreme Court hearing on the 20th of April to uphold the rights of minorities as per the Constitution of India.

Respected Bishops, Pastors and Churches,

Greetings from the Synod of the Church of North India.

I would like to wish you a blessed Maundy Thursday and as we observe the Passion of Christ, His ultimate sacrifice and His resurrection, I would like to bring to your kind notice an issue that is of grave concern to the nation.

As you are aware, CMC, Ludhiana and Vellore and St. John's medical College Bangalore were set up to train and provide doctors, graduating from these institutions, to go and work in the over 1300 Christian mission hospitals, serving the poor in remote rural hospitals in the country. Students admitted into these medical colleges are sponsored by various sponsoring agencies and churches which have hospitals across the country, catering to the marginalised and resource poor people in remote areas. These students when they pass out as doctors go and work in the sponsoring agencies, hospitals for a minimum of two years after their MBBS degree or a minimum of three years after their MD degree. Some of these doctors make it their life's mission to work in these remote rural hospitals and serve the poor. In this way these remote hospitals have a steady stream of doctors each year.

The Medical Council of India (MCI) has in the Official Gazette dated 10th of March, notified medical colleges, that there will be central counselling by the state medical councils. This

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Open letter to The Prime Minister of India.

To Shri Narendra Modi, The Prime Minister of India Dear Prime Minister, Greetings! Though a Christian pastor, and serving the National Council of Churches in India as its General Secretary, I am writing this open letter to you as an Indian citizen, joining all Indian citizens who are concerned about the state of affairs in [...]

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Christians urge the government not to celebrate 'Digital India Day' on Good Friday this year.



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Honorable Prime Minister of India
South Block
Raisina Hill
NEW DELHI- 110011

Sub: APPEAL FROM THE CHURCH OF NORTH INDIA TO DEFER THE DIGITAL INDIA DAY FROM GOOD FRIDAY(14th April)

Honorable Prime Minister,

Warm greetings to you from the Synod of the Church of North India.

The Church of North India is a United and Uniting Together Church, spread across whole of India barring five Southern States and the Synod is its supreme, supervisory, legislative and executive body and final authority in all matters pertaining to the Church.

Through media reports we have to know that the Government of India has declared to celebrate "Digital India Day" of this year 2017 on 14th April , which falls on Good Friday – a holy day for Christian Community around the world .

While expressing our best wishes to the celebration of Digital India Day, we would like to draw your kind attention to the sentiments and feelings of the christian community in India .Christians observe and celebrate Good Friday as a holy and auspicious day , remembering the death of Jesus Christ on the Cross. The Community by and large spends this day fasting and praying in their respective Churches where a special three hours long worship service is held .

Good Friday is sacred and holy occasion for all the Christian Community . It will be inappropriate to observe Digital Day on Good Friday as it will hurt the religious sentiments of all the Christian people. India as a nation is proud of its multi cultural , multi ethnical character and people of all faiths have full freedom to celebrate their religious festivals. Respecting the religious sentiments ,the Government declares a holiday on the festivals of different religious communities, so that people could fully celebrate their religious festivities.

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LETTER 1 (from The Synod of The Church of North India)
LETTER 2 Text of the letter Nongpyngrope, Circle III, Mawpat, Shillong 793 012. 13 April, 2017. The Honourable Chief Minister, Meghalaya, Shillong. Subject: Expressing appreciation for your stand with regard to sacredness of Good Friday: Sir, It is with a deep sense [...]

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Easter Message from General Secretary of NCCI - “Who will roll away the Stone? Any Easter Hope?”

The crucifixion and burial of Jesus in the tomb was not merely an individual tragedy. It symbolized something much deeper. His death and entombment marked the end of the hope of the Jews of his time to be delivered out of the Roman bondage and of the vision of Messianic rule. A shoot shall come [...]

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Church Leaders Consultation on “Healing Ministry and the Role of the Churches and Hospitals”.

Christian Medical Association of India as the official health arm of the National Council of Churches in India has the mandate to equip the churches in responding to the healing ministry. The National Consultation will bring Church leaders from various denominations and the leaders of hospitals governed by the church together for a time of introspection and review on the contribution of Christian health services to the health challenges. Moreover, it will also be a time to dig deeper into the issues preventing or stopping us from fulfilling our role in the healing ministry.

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