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Blessings to the Members of all the Parishes and Congregations in the Diocese of North America and Europe of the Mar Thoma Church.

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

Since the present situation in New York and other parts of North America does not allow free movement of persons due to COVID-19 and lockdown, the Diocesan Council met on April 11th, 2020 has decided to postpone the Diocesan Assembly which was scheduled to be held on April 24th & 25th, 2020 at New York. The tentative date of the Diocesan Assembly will be on Saturday, August 15th, 2020 at the Carmel Mar Thoma Center, Atlanta with the same agenda.

Considering the present scenario, the Global Mar Thoma Meet 2020 and the 33rd Diocesan Family Conference scheduled to be held from July 2nd – 5th, 2020 at the Carmel Mar Thoma Center, Atlanta is postponed to July 1st – 4th, 2021 at the same venue. The conveners of the conference will send you information with further details.

With regard to the Achens on transfer this year, the Episcopal Synod has decided to put on hold the transfer of Achens for one year.

As we continue to navigate our way through this unprecedented time and deal with extraordinary challenges, let us pray and work for peace and healing. May our fear be overcome by His Divine Grace. Let us uphold all who work and sacrifice for the healing of persons, families, communities, cities, and nations.

We will keep you informed and updated on the steps we are taking to manage through the COVID-19 pandemic.

May God bless and keep us safe.

Yours in Christ's Ministry,

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