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SMYM ELECTION

"I write to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God lives in you, and you have overcome the evil one." (1 Jn 2,14)

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Maran Isho M'Shiha,

We recently witnessed with great joy the largest youth gathering in our Eparchy, *Handhoosa 2025*. Our young people came together and boldly proclaimed, "**Christ is alive.**" It fills my heart with gratitude to see the tremendous effort they have taken to draw closer to Christ and deepen their friendship with Him. At the Mar Yawsep Pastoral House, we were blessed to host *Nuhra*, a joyful gathering of young people eager to share their faith with their peers. Truly, our youth have received a precious mission: to bear witness before all to the joy that flows from an encounter with Christ.

These initiatives and gatherings have been made possible through the numerous SMYM units established across our Eparchy, at both mission and regional levels, fruitfully supported by the Eparchial SMYM Team and the Youth Commission. I am pleased to release the revised version of the SMYM Bylaws for the Syro-Malabar Eparchy of Great Britain, updated to meet the growing needs of our youth. As per the revised bylaws, unit-level elections are to be completed during **December 2025 and January 2026**, followed by the regional elections by the **end of February 2026**. I will then invite all elected Regional Executives for an **in-person election of the new Eparchial Team in April 2026**. I would like to take this moment to express my heartfelt appreciation for all our youth animators across the Eparchy. I encourage you to prepare diligently for forming SMYM units in your respective parishes/missions/proposed missions with all the youngsters in accordance with the revised bylaws. Our Regional Youth Directors and Mission Directors will continue to work closely with each unit to foster active and meaningful youth engagement. As we enter the **Year of Discipline**, I invite all our youth to grow in the knowledge and love of Christ. It is my prayer that the newly formed SMYM units will take up initiatives that support our Eparchy's pastoral focus during the Year of Discipline. Assuring you of my Prayer and Blessing, I humbly seek your valuable prayers for me and for the Syro-Malabar Eparchy of Great Britain.

The Grace of our Lord Isho M'shiha, the Love of God the Father, and the Fellowship of the Ruha D'Qudsha be with you all. Amen.

Yours in our Lord and our God,

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NB: This Circular must be read in Parishes/Missions/Proposed Missions of the Eparchy during the celebration of the Holy Qurbana on Sunday 30th of November 2025 (or the nearest Sunday when Holy Qurbana is celebrated, if there is no Holy Qurbana on the 30th of November 2025)