

# DELHI MALAYALAM CONGREGATION

Diocese of Delhi  
Church of North India



Leviticus 25:10

“Consecrate the fiftieth year and  
proclaim liberty throughout the  
land to all its inhabitants”.

*Golden  
Jubilee*  
**50**  
YEARS

1969 - 2019



# Reminiscent and Relentless – 50 Glorious Years !

With praises to God and an over whelming gratitude for His guidance, The Delhi Malayalam Congregation (DMC - CNI) is making another milestone - Golden Jubilee Anniversary.

It is indeed a matter of joy and a reminder of God's faithfulness that the DMC which began as a numerically small group in 1969 has grown to three main churches in the central, western and eastern part of the Capital city of India, with a strong group of believers of more than 350+ Families.

## A brief history of Delhi Malayalam Congregation (DMC - CNI)

*I*n the early sixties, few families, who were residing in Delhi felt the need to have the worship services conducted in their mother tongue in CSI liturgy. Our people uprooted from their native place needed emotional and spiritual succour and support. They started prayer meetings and fellowships at the residence of each one of them. They made periodical attempts to the CSI Bishops from Kottayam, to start a Congregation. In mid-1969, this enthusiastic group persuaded the then CSI Bishop of Madhya Kerala Diocese (Rt. Rev. Dr. M.M. John) to consider their request and the bishop deputed Rev. K.C Chacko as the first pastor of the congregation.

The first Malayalam CSI service was held on 24th August 1969, at the Lady Hardinge Chapel at 5 pm. Later on the first Holy Communion was held on 31st August 1969. At times it was difficult to fund the expenses of running a church, however timely payment of subscription, Sunday offertory, voluntary contributions, organisation of fetes etc. helped to make ends meet. The uniqueness of the history of DMC is that God used some lay people to get it started. The leadership at the Diocese of CSI and CNI gave its blessing and support to accomplish it. We acknowledge and salute these men of vision and concern, who were God's instruments in founding this congregation.

The historical formation of the Church of North India (CNI) in 1970 led to the affiliation of the congregation to the CNI. The unification service to this effect was held on 14th Feb 1971.

Though regular worship was established, a parsonage for the Presbyter became a pressing need of the congregation. The land for the parsonage building at St. Thomas Church, Mandir Marg Delhi-1 was generously allocated by the Bishop



of the Delhi Diocese (CNI) and the foundation stone was laid on 15th January 1978. The Parsonage was completed and dedicated by then Moderator of CNI Most Rev. Eric Nazir on 29th November 1978.

On account of Silver Jubilee Celebration of the DMC in 1994, the congregation decided to build Church-cum Community Development Centers in developing areas of Delhi. With persistent untiring efforts of the church members, Delhi Development Authority allocated a land through the Diocese of Delhi, at Mayur Vihar on 10th March 1998. With hardly anything in hand, the congregation looked heavenwards and the resources started pouring in. The Immanuel Church and Community Development Centre was consecrated by the Bishop of the Diocese of Delhi Rt. Rev. Karam Masih on 14th November, 1999. The completion of the "Immanuel Malayalam Church" (IMC) at Mayur Vihar (East Delhi, close to the Noida-Delhi border), in less than a year, is no small achievement by any standard.

After 5 years DMC had the courage and dedication to initiate another new Church in the western part of Delhi. The "DMC society" acquired the land in the year 2003 and by the grace of God, the foundation stone was laid on Sept 2004. All the members of the DMC and IMC came forward and contributed. The beautiful west Delhi project-Bethel Malayalam Church was dedicated and consecrated for the glory of God on 19th February 2006.

These are all the efforts of the group of people who reached Delhi seeking livelihood. Their faith, dedication, sacrifice, incessant prayer and the grace of God are the reasons that we have grown to three Churches in Delhi.





## DMC – A Caring and Sharing Community !

DMC, as a congregation shares the purpose of following God's will and continues to ensure a state of constant activity and enthusiasm. This congregation has become a point of contact for many new worshippers scattered all over the city. When a new Malayalee family arrives in Delhi, there would be someone from DMC to extend a helping hand and fellowship. This has attracted several members to this congregation.

New young members join our Youth and Choir fellowship year after year. As the writer of Hebrews points out: 'here we have no permanent city' and accepting the reality of the same, the members share an increased sense of responsibility. New members feel at home at DMC and efforts are made to connect them with the various church organisations. The Women's Fellowship of DMC is an active and vibrant group, giving a helping hand to all activities of the church, especially in the preparation of food, visiting the sick and old, prayer support etc. We remember the spiritual support and leadership received from all the previous Vicars and Madhya Kerala Diocese over the last 50 years.

## Social and Charitable Activities

The vision and activities of the church, especially in the last decade took a holistic turn with a host of social and charitable work undertaken on a regular basis.

- Every second Sunday of the month, "tithes" are voluntarily offered by members and the entire offering is used for various charity purposes.
- DMC conducts medical camps and support to terminally ill cancer patients.
- DMC provides financial aid for marrying off girls from poor families.
- Since 2014, "love feast"- Snehavirunnu is being conducted among the slum dwellers in Delhi on a regular monthly basis.
- DMC is a regular supporter of the North Indian Mission fields of CSI Madhya Kerala Diocese, viz: Charkhari Mission, Odisha Mission & Uttaranchal Mission.
- DMC also actively supports the Shanti Niketan Social Welfare Society, Jaipur Children Aid, Okhla Mission, Santhi Aveda Bhavan, Kuttanad Mission etc.

Our church is a vibrant and caring community of 120+ families of worshippers and we pray that we will remain a faithful witness to the Lord in the Capital city. In the Golden Jubilee Year, we continue our selfless efforts and dedicated services to reach out more to the poor and the needy.

## Purpose and Mission of Church

The purpose of the church in this world is understood in terms of its mission. The mission of the church is the mission of God. Jesus Christ revealed that mission. The mission that transformed the ancient church is summarized in three basic words, namely preaching, teaching and healing.

God calls the Church to be a caring community where it cares for each other within the church and cares for people around.





## Golden Jubilee Theme 2018-2019

The word "Reminiscent" means remembering a particular person, event or thing and "Relentless" means persistent in His service !

## Golden Jubilee Programme for the year 2018-2019

Year long preparations and celebrations are planned from September 2018 as a build-up to the main event in September 2019. The following are the various charity and long term projects planned by the church members and the Golden Jubilee Committee.

1. Providing financial assistance for marriage of underprivileged women.
2. Building houses for poor families. (Flood victims of Kerala).
3. Educational support to mission schools.
4. Medical camps near Delhi slums, support to critical cancer care patients.
5. Cultural events to celebrate Malayalam arts and traditional performances.
6. Renovation of the Parsonage.
7. A new Centre for the growing DMC community at a central location in Delhi.

To mark the 50th Anniversary of Delhi Malayalam Congregation we will be bringing out a Souvenir. We solicit your cooperation and support for the same through advertisements in the Souvenir. The tariff is as given here:

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