

# Kerala Catholic Association of the U.K

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## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

Dear Members

Our next Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday 4th April 2009 at Trinity Centre, East Avenue, East Ham E12 6SG from 4pm to 7pm. I would like to request all members attend this meeting so you can put forward your valuable suggestions and show your support.

### Agenda (AGM)

- Prayer
- A minute silence for the bereaved members of KCA
- Welcome Speech – President
- Notice of AOB
- Minutes of previous AGM - Secretary
- Presentation of Annual Accounts – Treasurer
- Any Other Business
- Vote of Thanks – Secretary

### Annual Report (April 2008 – March 2009)

#### Current Executive Committee & Other Official Members

President: Mr Jose Alexander, Vice President: Mr Hermit Shajan Joseph, Secretary: Mr Bastian Bennett, Assistant Secretary Mr Stanley E Napoleon, Treasurer: Mr Jamesh Pereira, Assistant Treasurer: Mr Johnson Joseph, Committee Members: Mr Terence Kabalias, Mr Tomy Isaac (Membership Co-ordinator), Mrs Maggie Pereira, Dr Shaji Joseph, Mr Tilson Peter (Sport Convenor), Mr Noel Lawrence and Mr Edwin Thomas. Sub-Committee Members: Mr Antony Paul, Mr Preven Isaac, Mr Ernest Peter, Mr Galvin Gabriel and Mr Anil Raphael. Representatives of Malayalee Federation of the UK, Mr Ernest Peter and Mr Terence Kabalias. Women's' Forum Coordinators, Mrs Vimala Pereira and Mrs Evangeline Turbin. Trustees, Mr David Francis, Dr Elvin D'Cruz and Mr Eugene Pereira. Auditors, Mr Henry Ben and Mr Roy Pascal.

### Burma Cyclone Charity Walk in Newham

KCA Women's Forum made an outstanding and unique endeavour to help raise funds for the people of Burma who had their lives torn apart by the Cyclone. A sponsored walk was organised on the 25th May 2008 by Shereen Edwin, Shalin Edwin and Colleen Jose to help raise funds for victims of the cyclone in Burma. Councillor Lakmini Shah was present to encourage all the participants. The walk started at Barking Road at 11.30am and ended at Plashet Park. The forum raised £250 for the Disasters Emergency Committee – the umbrella organisation which launches and co-ordinates responses to major disasters overseas.

## **Five-a-Side Football**

Five-a-Side football was held on Saturday 12th July 2008 at the Power league Stadium in Newham. This event was coordinated by Mr Tilson Peter with help from other committee members. East Ham MP Mr Stephen Timms was present to encourage all the participants in the five-a side event and mingle with the spectators. A total of 7 teams and 2 under 16s teams participated.

## **Annual Sports Day**

The Annual Sports Day took place on the 19th July 2008 at Barking Recreation Park in East Ham at 1PM to 5PM. The events were free for all participants. The events included penalty shoot out, tug of war, relay etc. Many thanks to all of you who came to compete, support or spectate and a special thank you to all those involved with organising the day.

## **Paris Trip**

KCA organised a two day to coach trip from Southall and East Ham to Paris. The itinerary included a visit to Eiffel Tower, a drive past the flood lit monuments of Paris and a visit to Chapel of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal. Mr Ernest Peter organised and coordinated the coach trip on the request of the executive committee. Special thanks to Mr Ernest Peter for a well organised trip and the time and effort he put in to ensure a very successful trip.

## **Retreat and Annual Pilgrimage to Aylesford**

Retreats were held from 16<sup>th</sup> August to 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2008 in East Ham, Croydon and Southall. Fr Joseph Kandathiparambil HGN Director of Good News Retreat Centre, Pampady, Kerala conducted the retreat programmes. In addition to retreat the association made arrangements for members of the community to have counselling with Fr Joseph Kandathiparmabil. KCA also arranged coaches from East Ham, Southall and Croydon to Aylesford on the 24<sup>th</sup> August. This year the turn out was very good and we had to arrange an additional coach from Southall. The mass at Aylesford was celebrated by Fr Joseph Kandathiparambil HGN, Fr Jose Thomas O.Carm and Fr Chacko Panthara CM. All pilgrims actively participated in all the services, including mass, rosary procession, benediction and prayer.

## **Kerala Sports Club**

Kerala Sport Club (Sports wing of KCA) beat FC Storm 5-3 in the final to win the Newham Futsal Cup. KCA released a new football shirt sponsored by UAE for the Kerala Sports Club. We had an excellent cooperation from Mr Tilson Peter and would like to congratulate the whole team for the outstanding performance.

## **Orissa Crisis**

In response to KCA's support and solidarity with the suffering church of India particularly with brutal attacks on innocent Christians in Orissa and attacks on churches in India, His Eminence Varkey Cardinal Vithayathil, President of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of India has requested for our continued prayer as the Catholic Church of India is going through a difficult period.

## **Educational Awards GCSE / A LEVEL.**

KCA invited applications from students who have achieved high grades in GCSE and A Level. Lucy Francis was the winner of the A Level award who achieved 4 As and Charmaine Belvin was the winner of the GCSE award who scored 9A\*s and 3As. The awards were presented to the winners by Mr John Biggs, the London Assembly Member. We place on record our congratulations to these winners of the award. Their performance is worthy of praise and emulation.

## **Special Award for outstanding contribution.**

The Executive committee has taken a unique step to recognise and award a committee member for his outstanding contribution. Mr Stanley E Napoleon joined the KCA a few years after its inception and is still actively involved in KCA activities. He is also the current Assistant Secretary and longstanding committee member of KCA. The award and "ponnada" were presented to Mr Napoleon by Mr Virendra Sharma MP for Ealing Southall for his long and outstanding contribution to KCA and the community.

## **Christmas and New Year**

The Christmas and New Year Celebration was held at Featherstone High School on Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> December 2008. Fr James Crampsey, Parish Priest of St. Anselm's Church and Fr Michael Barnes delivered the Christmas message. Fr James Crampsey blessed and released calendars honouring Saint Alphonsa and Mr Ernest Peter gave a speech outlining a brief history of St. Alphonsa. Mr Virendra Sharma MP for Southall was the guest of honour and graced the occasion which included various cultural performances by adults and children. Mr John Biggs attended as a special guest. Trophies and medals were distributed to winners by Mr Joy Peter, Mr Terence Kabalias and Mr Shajan Joseph. We would like to express our appreciation to all those who have donated, participated and helped in making our Christmas and New Year Celebration a success.

## **Malayalam Mass**

KCA has organised Malayalam Mass at St. Michael's Church in East Ham every second Saturday of the month from 10<sup>th</sup> January 2009 at 6.30pm. This was made possible, thanks to the cooperation of Fr Brian O' Higgins, parish priest of St. Michael's Church and Fr Biju Alex, the celebrant priest.

## **New Members**

Mr & Mrs Abraham Varkey, Mr & Mrs Sajith Sebastian, Mr & Mrs Richard Joseph, Mr & Mrs Damian Felician Thomas, and Mr & Mrs Tomy Cherian and Dr & Mrs Joy K Joseph. We would like to welcome all the new members to the Association. Strength of our organisation stands at 210 family members. We had exemplary cooperation and coordination from the New Membership Coordinator, Mr Tomy Isaac.

## **Condolences and Prayers for the bereaved members of KCA.**

The Association conveys its heartfelt condolence to the bereaved members of KCA. A special prayer was offered for each bereaved member at committee meetings.

## **Financial Statement**

We had a good financial year making a surplus of £ 2,272 with all our main activities becoming selffinancing or even making a small surplus. This is probably the first year our accumulated fund has increased to nearly £ 16,000, with a healthy bank balance of similar amount. This will give us a strong foundation to embark on new projects, bid for new funds and achieve our long term vision of owning a building. I would like to thank all the members for their continued and enthusiastic support for KCA.

Yours truly,

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Secretary