

MAR THOMA CHURCH
NEIGHBORHOOD MISSION
DIOCESE OF NORTH AMERICA & EUROPE



Mar Thoma Urban Missions Trip
Dallas, July 21 – 25, 2019

“AS YOU SENT ME INTO THE WORLD, SO I HAVE SENT THEM INTO THE WORLD.” JOHN 17:18

Respected Vicar and Parish Members,

The **Neighborhood Mission of the Diocese of North America & Europe** is the arm of the diocese tasked with fostering the Mar Thoma Church’s missional presence at the local level, viewing the local community as a vital mission field.

Most of the parishes in our diocese are located near a major city with impoverished communities. The people in these communities are suffering from drugs, crime, broken families and homelessness. The goal of the Neighborhood Mission is to bring awareness of these challenges to our church members and respond with the power of Christ’s love. To service this goal, the Neighborhood Mission established the **“Mar Thoma Urban Missions”**, an annual week-long mission trip targeting a specific city in our diocese.

In 2015, the 1st annual mission trip served downtown San Francisco and was a life changing experience for those that participated. 2016, 2017 and 2018, we served in the west side of Chicago and the third ward district of Houston, with an organization called Mission Year. **This year, we have decided to partner with Habitat for Humanity and local soup kitchens in the Dallas area.**

This mission trip is open to parish members of all ages, over the **age of 18**. Please visit the official website at www.mtcurbanmissions.org for more information. Registration fees (\$250) include food, accommodations, and local transportation for the duration of the mission trip. **We encourage the parish or its organizations to plan ways to assist in financially supporting a missionary from your congregation that is willing to attend. The registration deadline is June 16, 2019.**

More information is available at our website or you can contact the organizers listed below at mtc.urbanmissions@gmail.com. Please uplift this mission trip in your prayers.

In His Service,

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