

## MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY

Greetings to all in the matchless name of our Saviour Jesus Christ,

I thank God for the first month of the year 2014 and I hope and pray that the year has started off well for all of you. Another month has passed by and I would like to thank the Almighty for His grace and mercy on our Church and all its activities over the last month. Our Diocesan Episcopa was with us during the beginning of the month and his time here was a blessed one. Apart from the First Communicant Service and the Convocation for the 12th standard Sunday School students, this year's Harvest Festival held on 31st January was a great occasion for all of us to offer, share and care.

***Now I bring the first fruits of the soil that you, Lord, have given me. "Place the basket before the Lord your God and bow down before him" – Deuteronomy 26: 10***

With immense pleasure, I take this opportunity to praise our Lord for making our Harvest Festival a memorable one. From start to end the Festival was a blessing in terms of its coordination, participation and success.

***Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. – 2 Corinthians 9: 6 & 7***

The Harvest Festival this year was memorable because of the wise directions of our Achens, hard work of all subcommittee members and its convenors, prayer groups, organisations, suppliers, Kaistana Samathi members, all the beloved parish members and more importantly the cordial coordination by each and everyone. People came forward and gave with an open heart so that the cause for which this Harvest Festival was held can be a success. Our members especially contributed to the Karunya Sparsham project to help children with heart and cancer treatments.

***Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." – Luke 6: 38***

I take this opportunity to thank each one of you for your prayers, hard work, support, and cooperation that made the Harvest Festival a great success. Look forward to the same in the coming months also.

***Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine. – Proverbs 3: 9 & 10***

This month end we elect office bearers for the Church, Organisations and Prayer groups for our next financial year. Please pray for the entire election process to ensure that the will of God takes place. May God bless the office bearers who will be elected for new financial year that they will be fruitful for the Kingdom of God.

Also a gentle reminder to all our members who haven't yet paid their subscriptions and other dues for the year. As we are closing in on the financial year end next month, please visit the Church office and pay your subscriptions to the Trustee / Accountant. This will immensely help in the smooth running of all monthly activities of the Church. A big thank you to all those who have already paid.

May God bless us all,

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