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"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"

2 Corinthians 5:17

From the Vicar's Desk

Rev. Robin Varghese

Dear Sehion Family,

Happy New Year! Grace and peace to you in the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
As we step into a new year, let our hearts be filled with gratitude for God's faithfulness that has carried us throughout the last year. As we look back on the year gone by, we can clearly see God's hand guiding, protecting and providing for us. Through every joy and every challenge, He has remained faithful. Your prayers, commitment and active participation have reflected a community rooted in faith and trust in the Lord.

A new year reminds us of fresh beginnings, renewed hope and the unchanging love of our God. I thank the Lord for each one of you and for the beautiful fellowship we share as Sehion church family. New Year is a time to seek Him afresh, to grow deeper in prayer and to walk forward with renewed strength and obedience. Let us step into this year with hearts anchored in gratitude, trusting God to lead us in His perfect will.

May this new year be marked by spiritual growth, unity and a deeper experience of God's presence in our lives and in our church.

May the Lord bless you and your families abundantly in the days ahead.

With love and heartfelt prayers,
Robin Achen

Secretary's Corner

Closing comments for 2025

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms... so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ" I Peter 4:10-11

I want to take a chance to sincerely thank each and every member of our Sehion Family for your wholehearted support of your Church and Organizational Leadership, your Vicar and family, your Executive Committee, and especially your secretary in 2025. I hope each of us will not leave this year with "too much in our hip pocket", in terms of what we could have done additionally for our church this past year. The ultimate goal in life is to leave this earth having given back at least what you have received in all areas and facets of your life, and that is a difficult task because the further we have come the more we are indebted to those who shaped us. There is so much in our lives that is "wasted", where we do not produce a return commensurate with what has been poured into us. We came into the world with nothing, and so we will leave; all we can hope is that the impact we made will bring glory and honor to our family, our community, and most of all to our creator, redeemer, and sustainer. I do want to thank a special brotherhood here at Sehion, our former officers. There is a special bond among those who have stepped up to do the job and realize how dependent we are on so many others to have a functioning church and good fellowship. I would not have been able to complete this year without these special people. I especially want to thank Sunil Zachariah, Rajesh Jacob, Reni Ninan, Jerin Daniel, and Bobby Mathew who have all helped in critical times when no one else may have realized, and they will tell you what they did was not significant. However, that is the point, even if we feel like what we do is insignificant, it is decidedly significant to someone else; and our not stepping up could have detrimental effects. I am tremendously grateful for the new members/new life God has breathed into our parish, whether through a spiritually dedicated Vicar and family, or the actions, sentiments, or words of some of our members who moved to our church from other churches. So many, have stepped up to "carry the load" and cemented your place in this church where God has placed you. I look forward to seeing how much more talent and dedication will be revealed in the years ahead for the glory of God.

As we wrap up 2025 and shift into the New Year, I wish Manoj Varghese and family all the best as he takes on the role of becoming your (and my) Secretary for 2026 for our church family. I know Manoj will do a fantastic job, and if there are any shortcomings, it will be mine and yours so let's keep that from being the case. As we move forward with our Phase 2 Project in 2026, the first quarter will be significant in finalizing the scope of what will be built. I ask each of you to have the intellectual honesty to know that we cannot go through life expecting "something for nothing". There is always a cost, there will be sacrifices that need to be made, and the difficult part for each of you will be deciding what those sacrifices are for you and your family. We exist as a church because of a lot of people's decisions from 20-25 years ago; the next 20-25 years will based on your decision. I thank all those who have reached out, shared your concerns, and even told us what kind of financial commitment you can make for this project. As we begin moving forward with the capital campaign in 2026 and discuss the financing options with our banks, we will begin finalizing the defined scope of the design for Phase 2. I am very optimistic that what we decide will be beneficial for our needs and future generations.

As your 2026 Treasurer, I want to ask for your support in the New Year, and for those who are able to, I want to ask if you can make a resolution to financially support your church this year on a consistent basis. I'm sure God provides for you and your family on a regular frequency. Can you make a commitment to give a certain amount every month, and give that amount each month in 2026 for your pledge amount? I won't request a certain amount, that is between you and God. But I will know if you are giving each month, and I know we have a lot of families doing this now, so we would like to see the number of regular givers increase in 2026. There have been families that chose to let me know when they were making a commitment like this in the past, and I have prayed for them throughout the year. I know many of those families did let me know how God had blessed them that year and they have continued to give their pledge each month. This is not age-bound, whether you are young or old, if God is providing for you, please consider giving a fixed portion to church each month in 2026.

Each year I have served the church, I realize how critical the support of each family is to our church. There are some families who are "seemingly disconnected" and may not be part of our regular fellowship. Our church is not here to take attendance, but to serve the needs of our families. We have not been doing that effectively for all our families. Will you help us as a church leadership to do a better job of serving you in 2026? If you are not able to attend services or activities regularly, that is okay, we know "Life" happens. As a church, we want to make sure we are meeting your needs without imposing on you, wherever you are in your spiritual journey. We know that however you have become a part of our Sehion family is not important, but God has put you here for a reason; help us be equipped to fulfill that reason for you and your family.

I apologize for the length of these final words, and I sincerely thank each of you that read this for your support in 2025. I hope you have grown in your spiritual journey this year, and as we experience once again the blessing of closing the book on the past year and opening a new blank page in our 2026, let's continue to grow in faith, fellowship, and uplifting each other as a church family. Thank you for the privilege you gave me to serve you as your secretary in 2025.

-yours in His service,

Biju Varnan,

Sehion MTC Secretary - 2025

January Birthdays

1-Jan	Roshen Kurian Abraham	Bethel	20-Jan	Dr. Jiffy Ann Philip	Gethsemane
2-Jan	Kristofer Thomas George	Gethsemane	20-Jan	Aaron Mathews	Bethel
3-Jan	Jacob John	Canaan	20-Jan	John P. Mathew	Bethel
4-Jan	Shooja E. David	Canaan	20-Jan	Rose Merlin Jose	Gethsemane
6-Jan	Ann Mathew	Bethel	21-Jan	Joanna Matthew	Bethel
6-Jan	Radley Lukose	Bethel	21-Jan	Ann Mariya Reji	Nazareth
7-Jan	Anil Joshua	Canaan	22-Jan	Aaron Alexander Soney	Canaan
7-Jan	Dr. Elizabeth Manoj Muthalaly	Bethel	22-Jan	Chinnu Susan Cheriyan	Canaan
7-Jan	Jonathan Joseph Cherian	Nazareth	23-Jan	Jeannette Jamie Alexander	Nazareth
7-Jan	Thomas Koshy	Bethel	23-Jan	Joseph Silas	Gethsemane
9-Jan	Annie R. Varghese	Canaan	24-Jan	Susan Winslo Idicula	Canaan
10-Jan	Megan Ann Sony	Bethel	25-Jan	Pennamma Idicula	Nazareth
11-Jan	Alexander Mathai	Bethel	25-Jan	Samuel Thadathil	Canaan
11-Jan	Mary Yohannan	Nazareth	25-Jan	Danita Elizabeth Mathew	Nazareth
11-Jan	M.P. George Verghese	Canaan	25-Jan	Leah Ann Skaria	Gethsemane
12-Jan	Finley T. Philip	Bethel	26-Jan	Reshmi Abraham	Canaan
12-Jan	Abel Johnson	Nazareth	27-Jan	Daniel Thadathil	Canaan
14-Jan	Prabha Alex	Nazareth	27-Jan	Tina Skaria	Gethsemane
14-Jan	Andrew Thomas	Canaan	27-Jan	Zach Sunil Zachariah	Bethel
14-Jan	Elizabeth Susan Mathew	Bethel	27-Jan	Jaden Sibu Mathew	Bethel
15-Jan	Pushpa Varughese	Nazareth	27-Jan	Susan Thomas	Bethel
15-Jan	Jiya Susan Varghese	Bethel	28-Jan	Biju P. George	Nazareth
16-Jan	Reena Johnson	Nazareth	28-Jan	Sana Sara Thomas	Canaan
17-Jan	Mathew Alexander	Canaan	28-Jan	Jerry Varghese Kizhakkemuri	Bethel
18-Jan	C. T. Thomas	Bethel	28-Jan	Joanna Ann Tishy	Canaan
18-Jan	Paul A. Varnan	Nazareth	28-Jan	Rebecca Johnson	Nazareth
18-Jan	Anu Mathew	Canaan	29-Jan	Shiney J. Thomas	Bethel
19-Jan	Joju Joy	Gethsemane	29-Jan	Ryan C. Alexander	Canaan
19-Jan	Rachel Mary Varnan	Nazareth	30-Jan	Achamma Abraham	Gethsemane
19-Jan	Melvin K. Manoj	Gethsemane	30-Jan	Ashish Simon Roy	Gethsemane
20-Jan	Rajani Rajan Varghese	Bethel			

Happy **Birthday!**

January **Anniversaries**

Jan - 03	Mr. & Mrs. Abraham Sam	Gethsemane	Jan - 15	Mr. & Mrs. K. M. Varughese	Nazareth
Jan - 03	Mr. & Mrs. Thomas K. Philip	Bethel	Jan - 15	Mr. & Mrs. Biju Idicula	Nazareth
Jan - 04	Mr. & Mrs. Jerin Daniel	Canaan	Jan - 20	Mr. & Mrs. Thomas David	Canaan
Jan - 05	Mr. & Mrs. Cherian Abraham	Bethel	Jan - 21	Mr. & Mrs. Jince Varughese	Gethsemane
Jan - 05	Mr. & Mrs. Christin Varughese	Bethel	Jan - 21	Mr. & Mrs. Nithin Thomas Koshy	Bethel
Jan - 05	Mr. & Mrs. Varghese George	Bethel	Jan - 21	Mr. & Mrs. Sunny Yohannan	Nazareth
Jan - 05	Mr. & Mrs. Thampi Varghese	Gethsemane	Jan - 21	Mr. & Mrs. Shyju V. George	Canaan
Jan - 06	Mr. & Mrs. Shibu M. Varghese	Bethel	Jan - 26	Mr. & Mrs. Paul John Thekkumkara	Bethel
Jan - 07	Mr. & Mrs. Reni Ninan	Gethsemane	Jan - 28	Mr. & Mrs. Libu Sam George	Canaan
Jan - 13	Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Varughese	Gethsemane	Jan - 29	Mr. & Mrs. C. T. Thomas	Bethel
Jan - 14	Mr. & Mrs. Chacko Daniel	Gethsemane	Jan - 30	Mr. & Mrs. George David	Gethsemane
Jan - 14	Mr. & Mrs. Mathew Jacob	Nazareth	Jan - 30	Mr. & Mrs. George John	Nazareth
Jan - 14	Mr. & Mrs. Ashish Simon Roy	Gethsemane			

Happy **Anniversary!**

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

SUNDAY SCHOOL HAPPENINGS JANUARY 2026

CHRISTMAS EVE PLAY

A special recognition and thanks to Asha Jubin & Rinku Easow for coordinating this year's Christmas play. It was a blessing & joy to experience. We appreciate your hard work and dedication!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan. 11th– Sunday School classes resume

Wishing our Sehion Sunday School students & their families a Happy, Healthy, & Blessed New Year.

~SS Leadership Team 2025

Shane Varkey, Sherin Royce, Susan Abraham, & Tibu Mathew

SEVIKA SANGHOM

Newsletter

DECEMBER RECAP

- The Diocesan Sevika Sanghom hosted a special Christmas Celebration on Dec 11th via Zoom and Rt. Rev. Dr. Abraham Mar Paulos Episcopa, presided over this gathering and delivered the Christmas message.
- The Sehion Sevika Sanghom hosted a get-together on December 14th after service . A huge thank you to everyone that attended this event, it was a huge blessing!
- The Sehion Sevika Sanghom also took part in the Christmas Carol service held on December 24 at the church, where we performed the song “Kannum Kannum Kaathirunnu.” Thank you all for joining us and singing together during the Sehion Carol service. We sincerely appreciate everyone's time, effort, and enthusiastic participation. It was uplifting to see everyone unite as one community.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- The monthly SouthWest Regional Sevika Sanghom Prayer Meeting is scheduled for January 6th, 2026, and will be held via Zoom.
- Stay tuned for additional events; more details will be shared in the church's weekly announcements and WhatsApp group!

Sehion **Choir**

Warm greetings to our beloved **DSMC Malayalam Choir** 🌸

As we step into a new year with gratitude and hope, the DSMC Malayalam Choir will come together to **welcome the New Year with a Prayer Breakfast Gathering on Saturday, January 3rd at 9:00 AM**. Let us begin the year with fellowship, thanksgiving, and prayer. This will be **followed by choir practice on Sunday, January 4th, at 9:00 AM**, as we continue to serve and glorify God through our music.

We warmly invite all choir members to join and be part of this blessed beginning.

May the New Year bring renewed faith, unity, and joy to each one of you. 🙏✨

Senior **Fellowship**

STARS will hold the in-person meeting and general body chaired by our Vicar, Rev. Robin Varghese on Friday, Jan.23, 2026 starting at 11 am. 2025 Annual Report and audited Accounts will be presented in this meeting.

Edavaka **Mission**

Monday, Jan 05 @ 7:30 pm	MTVEA Diocesan Monthly Prayer	Zoom meeting
Wednesday, Jan 07 @ 7:00 pm	Weekly Bible Study/ Prayer	Zoom meeting
Wednesday, Jan 14 @ 7:00 pm	Weekly Bible Study/ Prayer	Zoom meeting
Monday, Jan 19 @ 7:30 pm	MTVEA Southwest Region Prayer	Zoom meeting
Wednesday, Jan 21 @ 7:00 pm	Weekly Bible Study/ Prayer	Zoom meeting
Wednesday, Jan 28 @ 6:00 pm	In-Person Prayer Meeting	SMTC

Prayer **Meetings**

Sunday, Jan 03 @ 6:30 pm	Bethel Prayer Meeting	Christie J. Paul 916 Mist Flower Dr Little Elm, TX 75068

Lectionary

Sunday, Jan 04, 2026	
Holy Communion Service led by Rev. Robin Varghese at 10:15 am	**Malayalam Order**
Theme: Mission: unveiling God's love to all	
1st Lesson: Gen 12:1-7	Epistle: 1John 4:7-21
2nd Lesson: Rom 8:31-39	Gospel: Luke 9:1-6
Sunday, Jan 11, 2026	
Holy Communion Service led by Rev. Robin Varghese at 10:15 am	**English Order**
Theme: Christian life meant to be fruitful	
1st Lesson: Isa 5:1-7	Epistle: Gal 5:16-26
2nd Lesson: Col 1:3-13	Gospel: John 15:1-11
Sunday, Jan 18, 2026	
Holy Communion Service led by Rev. Robin Varghese at 10:15 am	**Malayalam Order**
Theme: Trusting in a caring God.	
1st Lesson: 2Chr 32:9-23	Epistle: Phil 4:4-8
2nd Lesson: 1Pet 5:7-11	Gospel: Matt 6:19-34
Sunday, Jan 25, 2026	
Holy Communion Service led by Rev. Abraham Kuruvilla at 10:15 am	**English Order**
Theme: Unity in faith and action	
1st Lesson: Josh 4:1-11	Epistle: 1Cor 3:1-9
2nd Lesson: Acts 4:32-37	Gospel: Mark 6:32-44