

**Trinity Mar Thoma Church, Houston**  
**Youth Fellowship**

**2005 Annual Report**

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By the grace of God, the Trinity Mar Thoma Church Youth Fellowship was able to complete another great year. With the prayers and dedication of the Trinity Mar Thoma Church, the Youth Fellowship grew in the presence of God. The officers for the year 2005 were:

**Youth Fellowship Executive Committee**

President- Rev. George Thomas  
Youth Chaplain- Rev. John George/ Rev. Varghese John  
Vice-President- Larry Varghese  
Secretary- Shane Ninan  
Joint Secretary- Lini Abraham  
Treasurer- Priya George  
Historian- Vijay Abraham  
Auditor- Reny Koshy  
Senior Advisor- Stacy Thomas

**Area Representatives**

Alief- Smitha Mathew  
Galveston & Other Area- Vineeta (Money) Mathew  
North Houston- Toby Mathew  
North Shore- Ashley Joseph  
Pasadena- Tony Abraham  
Stafford & Missouri City- Shaun Ninan  
Stella Link- Sibyl Abraham  
Sugar Land- Aby George

The 2005 Trinity Mar Thoma Church Youth Fellowship committee began their term on January 15, 2005.

**Monthly Activities**

The first Youth Fellowship activity for the New Year was a Cottage Prayer held on January 28<sup>th</sup> at Larry Varghese's house.

In February, there was Women's Bible Study on the 5<sup>th</sup> and there was Friday Night Bible Study on the 18<sup>th</sup>. The first Youth Fellowship (YF) activity was held on the 19<sup>th</sup>, where the youth went rock climbing at the Texas Rock gym. There was Senior Youth Bible Study on the 21<sup>st</sup> and Cottage Prayer on the 25<sup>th</sup> at Vibin and Vincy Zachariah's house.

In March, there was Tuesday Night Topic Trinity Mar Thoma Church (TMC) on the 1<sup>st</sup>. On the 8<sup>th</sup>, Women's Bible Study had their annual sleepover at the Youth Chaplain's parsonage, and the women stayed the night at the parsonage for this Bible Study. The first YF general body meeting was held on the 6<sup>th</sup> in which he general body read and passed the 2004 accounts and annual report. On the 7<sup>th</sup>, there was Stella Link Bible Study and Senior Youth Bible Study on the 18<sup>th</sup>. On the 19<sup>th</sup>, the YF made a trip to the Rodeo Carnival. There was cottage prayer at Leeja and Alwin's house on the 26<sup>th</sup>. The YF also organized an Easter egg hunt for the Sunday School children after on the 27<sup>th</sup> after the Holy Communion Service.

In April, there was Women's Bible Study on the 1<sup>st</sup>, Stella Link Bible Study on the 4<sup>th</sup>, and Tuesday Night Topic at IMC on the 5<sup>th</sup>. On the 16<sup>th</sup>, there was a Ladies Brunch at church in which the Sevika Sangham and Youth fellowship ladies joined together with Reena Kochamma to have food, fellowship, and to discuss the many roles and relationships of women. On the 18<sup>th</sup>, there was Senior Youth Bible Study. On the 23<sup>rd</sup>, our YF joined with the IMC Youth Fellowship to organize a farewell dinner for Rev. John George, Reena Kochamma, and Sneha. Achen and family left to go back to India on the 27<sup>th</sup> of April.

In May, the YF passed out gifts, presented a slideshow, and purchased a cake for the mothers of the parish to celebrate Mother's Day. On the 13<sup>th</sup>, there was cottage prayer at Larry Varghese's house. Rev. Varghese John, Sakhi Kochamma, and Acsah came to Houston the third week of May and he met with the YF for the first time in a YF general body meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. He also helped to lead Senior Bible Study on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. On the 21<sup>st</sup>, the YF had a bowling night. Several of our youths participated in the mission trip to Mexico on May 27-29 to help organize VBS for the children living on the islands of Mexico.

In June, there was Women's Bible Study on the 5<sup>th</sup>, Stella Link Bible Study on the 6<sup>th</sup>, and Tuesday Night Topic at TMC on the 7<sup>th</sup>. On the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, the YF youth participated in a 30 hour fast in which the youth gathered to stay up all night to pray various requests and to have a great night of fun and fellowship with each other. On the 13<sup>th</sup>, there was Senior Youth Bible Study and Men's Bible Study was resumed on May 18<sup>th</sup>. On the 19<sup>th</sup>, the YF presented gifts and purchased a cake for the fathers of the parish to celebrate Father's Day. The activity for this month was a Beach barbeque party in Galveston on the 24<sup>th</sup>. Cottage prayer was held at Shawn and Sowmya Oomen's house on the 26<sup>th</sup>.

In July, there was Women's Bible Study on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday Night Topic at IMC on the 5<sup>th</sup>. There was also a mission trip to a Navajo reservation in Oklahoma on the 8<sup>th</sup> through the 10<sup>th</sup>, in which a few of our youths participated. Senior Youth Bible Study was on the 11<sup>th</sup> at the parsonage. On the 23<sup>rd</sup>, the YF combined with the Young Families Fellowship to have a pool party, which was hosted at Suresh and Anu Mathew's house. The Regional Sports Tournament was hosted by Immanuel MTC on July 29-30 and many of our youths joined to compete in this tournament.

In August, there was a bake sale on the 7<sup>th</sup> and Stella Link Bible Study on the 8<sup>th</sup>. Men's Bible Study and Women's Bible Study were both held on the 9<sup>th</sup>. On the 13<sup>th</sup>, the YF wanted to celebrate the hard work of our youth at the Regional Sports tournament, so there was a barbeque at church for our YF. There was also a YF general body meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup>. On the 15<sup>th</sup>, there was Senior Youth Bible Study.

In September, there was Senior Youth Bible Study on the 6<sup>th</sup>. In an effort to help the Katrina victims, the YF came together on the 9<sup>th</sup> to make toiletry packs and to donate these packs to the Salvation Army. On the 10<sup>th</sup>, there was Men's Bible Study and Women's Bible Study. There was a YF general body meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup>, and Stella Link Bible Study on the 12<sup>th</sup>. On the 24<sup>th</sup>, the YF joined with the Young Families Fellowship to participate in a seminar to discuss marriage and family life with a guest speaker, P.C. Mathew.

In October, there was Stella Link Bible Study on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, Senior Youth Bible Study on the 10<sup>th</sup>, and cottage prayer at Reuben Jacob's house on the 21<sup>st</sup>. The YF also helped to celebrate Acsah's first birthday by arranging a birthday prayer for her on the 25<sup>th</sup>. The Southwest Regional Conference was hosted by the Oklahoma MTC Youth Fellowship October 28-30, and many of our youths participated in this conference.

In November, the church was opened every Saturday for the youth to come together to practice for the annual banquet. The second YF bake sale of the year was held on the 6<sup>th</sup>. On the 11<sup>th</sup>, the activity for the month was attending the Jars of Clay concert. The youth began selling tickets for banquet on the 13<sup>th</sup>. Men's Bible Study and Women's Bible Study were both held on the 20<sup>th</sup>. On the 23<sup>rd</sup>, there was a Thanksgiving celebration and potluck with IMC YF at Rev. Varghese John's parsonage.

In December, the YF held the end-of-the-year banquet, "Come Together". The banquet proceeds benefited the Mojana Deaddiction Center in Kottayam and the Behoari Mission in Madhyapredesh, India. There was Senior Youth Bible Study on the 16<sup>th</sup>. On the 19<sup>th</sup>, there was Men's Bible Study and Women's Bible Study. The annual Christmas party/Cottage Prayer was held on the 21<sup>st</sup> at Toby Mathew's house. On the 11<sup>th</sup>, the YF held a meeting to elect the officers for the next year. The following YF members were elected and appointed to be the YF office bearers for 2006:

#### **Youth Fellowship Executive Committee**

President- Rev. George Thomas

Youth Chaplain- Rev. Varghese John

Vice-President- Aby George

Secretary- Shirley Thomas

Joint Secretary- Lini Abraham

Treasurer- Stanley Thomas

Historian- Sanju Eapen

Auditor- Anoop George

Senior Advisor- Ajit Varghese (*appointed*)

### **Area Representatives**

Alief- Geetha Thomas

Galveston & Other Area- Reuben Jacob

North Houston- Toby Mathew

North Shore- *To be elected*

Pasadena- Tony Abraham

Stafford & Missouri City- Libin Mathew

Stella Link- Jency Thomas

Sugar Land- Christine Rajan

In January 2006, a retreat was held for the youth of the church from January 13-15. The theme was “Worship is a Verb” and was led by Rev. George Thomas and Rev. Varghese John. The 2005 TMC YF Committee officially ended their term on January 15, 2006.

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I would like to express all praise and glory to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for His many blessings and mercies showered upon our Youth Fellowship in 2005. At this time, I must thank Rev. George Thomas and Suja Kochamma for their guidance, sincere love, and prayers for the Youth Fellowship. I would also like to thank Rev. John George, Reena Kochamma, Rev. Varghese John, and Sakhi Kochamma for their leadership, prayers, and encouragement for our youth. I would also like to thank the parents of our parish for their support to our youth. I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation to all the youth for their participation in events and encouragement to the committee. I must also thank the committee for their dedication, hard work, and friendship this year. This year would not have been a success without each of these youth. “Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, His love endures forever” (Ps. 136:1).

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2005 President, Rev. George Thomas

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2005 Secretary, Shane Ninan