<u>**Kuwait Town Malayalee Christian Congregation**</u>

INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING THE POLLING AND COUNTING OF VOTES ON WEDNESDAY, 23rd JANUARY 2019

- 1. All the KTMCC members whose names are in the 2018 voters' list are eligible to be the candidates as well as the voters.
- 2. The appointed ROs are not permitted to become candidates though they are KTMCC members and eligible voters.
- 3. All the KTMCC members are requested to collect the entry slips from the counters arranged at the premises of NECK before entering the AGM. The entry slips will be issued between 7.00 p.m. and 8.30 p.m.
- 4. All the voters are requested to surrender the entry slip to the Polling Officers. They are required to present any one of the identity proofs bearing the photo (Civil ID, Driving License, Passport etc.) on request by the polling officers and procure the ballots after signing against their names in the voters' list. Family membership holders (Husband & Wife) are requested to come together to the polling officers for identification and procure the ballots.
- 5. There will be 6 set of polling officers, three in the Parish Hall for the Pentecostal Church members, three in the Diwaniya Hall- one for the Brethren Assembly Members, one for the Mar Thoma Church Members and last one for the CSI & Evangelical Church members
- 6. The ballot once received by the voter will not be cancelled or substituted with another ballot paper under any circumstances. But if the ballot paper has any valid printing error or if the ballot paper is not legible, the voter can surrender the same to the same Polling Officer and get a new one.
- 7. Voters are requested to ensure that the ballot which is issued to them has the KTMCC seal and signature of the CRO on the backside of the ballot. Ballot without the seal and signature is invalid.
- 8. To cast the vote, mark "✓" using a pen against the name of the candidate in the printed ballot. If any other sign is used to cast the vote and any comment is written on the ballot paper, that ballot will be invalid.
- 9. After marking the vote, fold the ballot and deposit the same in the ballot box.
- 10. The number of votes to be marked by a voter is three (3) per constituent church and for the post of auditors also the number of votes to be marked by a voter is three (3). If the number of marked votes is more or less than three (3), that ballot remains invalid.

- 11. The polling time will be till 10:00 p.m. on Wednesday, the 23rd January 2019. But those who are in the queue at this time will be permitted to cast their votes, irrespective of the time.
- 12. The candidate is permitted to be present in person or he can appoint one counting agent so as to tabulate his votes manually.
- 13. Immediately after the polling, the ballots will be counted and the result will be announced as per the procedures laid down in the Election Notification.
- 14. There will be only one counting station in the church and the counting process shall be started immediately after the polling gets over. Since seven candidates are there from the Mar Thoma Church, decided to arrange 14 counting officials ie, two for each candidate.
- 15. After the election and announcement of the results, a three days' time to be given i.e., till 7.00 p.m. on Saturday, the 26th January 2019, to submit written complaints about the election, if any, to the Chief Returning Officer. Further, to hold a meeting of the ROs to investigate the complaints and to ensure that a fair and just decision is taken as per the provisions of the KTMCC constitution.

Sd/-Adv. P. John Thomas Chief Returning Officer KTMCC AGM 2019

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