Kerala Ecumenical Christian Fellowship- Dallas

Annual Report for the year 2025

Dear KECF Member Parishes,

"Greetings to everyone in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ"

The Kerala Ecumenical Christian Fellowship, here by known as KECF-Dallas is the oldest ecumenical organization in North America established in the City of Dallas on December 26th 1979. Currently this organization has twenty Apostolic churches as members from the Dallas Fort Worth region. The members of these churches have joined together as one body to build up the Christian faith, and fellowship to strengthen the spiritual values through love and unity in Dallas Fort Worth Area under one banner named as KECF-Dallas.

It is my great pleasure to submit the 2025 annual report of the KECF to the general body on January 11th, 2026 at St. Ignatius Malankara Jacobite Syriac Christian Cathedral Church, 2707 Dove Creek Lane, Carrollton, TX 75007.

On behalf of the executive committee of KECF, I take this opportunity to praise and thank God Almighty for His abundant love, mercy, and blessings bestowed upon us throughout the years. We humbly pray to Lord to continue His blessings in the future years to come for our unity and prosperity. We express our heartfelt love, thanks, and appreciation to all KECF member churches, its Clergies, and parishioners for their cooperation and commitment towards the growth of this organization. We hope and pray that the same spirit and enthusiasm will continue towards the progressive developments of KECF in the future years.

Membership:

Following are the current member churches of KECF as of December 31st 2025.

1. **St. Ignatios Malankara Jacobite Syriac Christian Cathedral Church**
2. **St. Thomas Malankara Orthodox Church- Dallas**
3. **St. Thomas the Apostle Syro Malabar Catholic Church**
4. **St. Paul's Malankara Orthodox Church- McKinney**
5. **St. Mary's Malankara Orthodox Church of India- Carrollton**
6. **St. George Malankara Orthodox Church- Irving**
7. **Mar Thoma Church of Dallas- Carrollton**
8. **Sehion Mar Thoma Church of Dallas- Plano**
9. **Mar Gregorios Syriac Orthodox Jacobite Church- Mesquite**
10. **St. Mary's Jacobite Syriac Orthodox Church- Carrollton**
11. **St. Mary's Malankara Orthodox Valiyapally- Farmers Branch**
12. **St. Paul's Mar Thoma Church of Dallas- Mesquite**
13. **Mar Thoma Church of Dallas- Farmers Branch**
14. **CSI Congregation of Dallas- Garland**
15. **Christ The King Kananaya Catholic Church- Farmers Branch**
16. **St. Thomas Evangelical Church of India- Irving**
17. **St. Alphonsa Syro Malabar Catholic Church- Coppell**

18. **St. Gregorios Malankara Orthodox Church- Garland**

19. **St. Thomas Knanaya Jacobite Syrian Church- Irving**
20. **St. Mary's Malankara Catholic Church of Dallas- Mesquite**

General Body Meeting:
The annual general body meeting of the KECF for the year 2024 was held on January 26th 2025 at St. Mary's Jacobite Syriac Orthodox Church, Carrollton, at 04:00 P.M. The president Rev. Fr. Paul Thotakat presided over the meeting. The annual report and accounts were presented to the general body and approved unanimously without any amendments.

During the business meeting, St. Ignatios Malankara Jacobite Syriac Christian Cathedral Church, Carrollton was elected as the hosting church to conduct the activities of the KECF during the year 2025 and the following members were elected to the KECF committee for the year.

President-Rev. Fr. Basil Abraham- St. Ignatius Jacobite Syrian Cathedral Church
Vice President –Rev. Fr. Paul Thotakat- St. Mary's Jacobite Syriac Church
General Secretary- Mr. Alex Alexander- St. Gregorios Orthodox Church, Garland
Treasurer- Mr. Joseph George- St. Ignatius Jacobite Syrian Cathedral Church
Choir Coordinator- Mr. Thomas John- St. Paul's Mar Thoma Church, Mesquite
Youth Coordinator-Mrs. Sruthi Martin Babu Kochamma. St. Ignatios Cathedral
Committee Members:
Very. Rev. Raju M. Daniel- St. Paul's Malankara Orthodox Church- McKinney
Rev. Fr. Thampan Varghese, St. Thomas Malankara Orthodox Church- Mesquite
Rev. Abraham V Samson- Mar Thoma Church of Dallas- Farmers Branch
Rev. Rejin Raju-St. Paul's Mar Thoma Church of Dallas- Mesquite
Rev. Rajeev Sugu-CSI Congregation of Dallas- Garland
Mr. Shiju Abraham- St. Thomas Knanaya Jacobite Church, Irving
Mr. Soney Jacob- St. Ignatios Jacobite Syriac Cathedral Church
Mr. Shaji V. John- St. Mary's Orthodox Valiyapally, Farmers Branch
Mr. Sajumon Mathai- St. Mary's Jacobite Syrian Church, Carrollton
Mr. Shaji S Ramapuram- Mar Thoma Church of Dallas- Carrollton
Mr. Philip Mathew- Sehion Mar Thoma Church of Dallas- Plano
Mr. Aby George- Mar Thoma Church of Dallas- Farmers Branch
Mr. Prince Samuel- St. Mary's Malankara Catholic Church- Mesquite
Mr. Varghese Thomas- St. Paul's Malankara Orthodox Church- McKinney
Mr. Eldos Jacob- St. Mary's Jacobite Syriac Church- Carrollton
Mr. Renjit Mathew- St. Alphonsa Syro Malabar Catholic Church- Coppell
Mr. Manoj Daniel- CSI Congregation of Dallas- Garland

Committee Meetings:
During the year, the committee met four times to discuss various matters related to the activities of the organization for the year. Two additional Tele- Conference Committees were also held during the year to decide upcoming matters of the year.

Several brief meetings were also held during the year to make appropriate steps for the smooth running of this organization as and when needed.

The following were the major programs conducted under the banner of KECF.

1) **World Day Women's Prayer:**

Under the guidance and leadership of KECF, the world day women's prayer was held on March 8th, 2025 at St. Mary's Jacobite Syriac Church- Carrollton, Dr. Mrs. Liji Anil Varghese, MDs, DMD from Katy, Texas and a member of St. Mary's Syrian Orthodox Church, Houston currently serving as the Clinical Assistant Professor of UT School of Dentistry, Houston County was the main speaker for the event. The Theme for the conference was "I Made You Wonderful" Psalms 139: 14 and her message concentrated mainly on the vital role of the women in leading a peaceful and successful family life. The country selected for the year was the Cook Island a country in Polynesia, part of Oceania in the South Pacifici Ocean close to New Zealand. About Two hundred ladies from various member churches participated in the event that concluded with lunch. We express our sincere thanks to the Vicar Rev. Fr. Paul Thotakat and the members for hosting the event Mrs. Betsy Thotakat Kochamma has done an excellent job in coordinating the event and we appreciate the combined effort of that parish which made the program a great success.

During the business meeting, Mrs. Sruthi Ann Martin Kochamma of St. Ignatius MJSC Church was elected as the coordinator to organize the 2026world day women's prayer during the month of March 2026. It was also decided to conduct that function at the St. Ignatius Cathedral, Carrollton.

2) **28th Ecumenical Gospel Convention:**

The three-day ecumenical gospel convention for the year 2025 was held on August 1st, 2nd and 3rd of August 2025 at St. Ignatius Malankara Jacobite Syriac Christian Cathedral Church, Carrollton. Texas.

We were blessed by the presence of His Eminence Kuriakose Mor Ivanious, the metropolitan of the Ranny & Outside Kerala diocese of Jacobite Kananaya Church as the chief guest.

The function started with the Lighting of the lamp by the metropolitan and the KECF Committee members. Rev. Fr. Basil Abraham, delivered the presidential address and welcomed the audience.

Rev. Fr. Byju Mathew Mavinal, the Vicar of the St. George Syrian Orthodox Church, Oklahoma was the main speaker of the convention. The Theme of the conference selected for the year was from Genesis 16:18 (Where have you come from and where are you Going) The three-day convention was a great success and has generated spiritual inspirations to the participants. H. E. Kuriakose Mor Ivanious, Rev. Abraham V Samson and Rev. Rejin Raju of the Mar Thoma Churches delivered the introduction message for the conference. The beautiful and melodious songs which was presented by the ecumenical choir, was enjoyed, and appreciated by everyone. Mr. John Thomas of St. Paul's Mar Thoma Church,

Dallas deserves special recognition and appreciation for coordinating the KECF choir along with Mr. Eldos Jacob and Mr. Mathew Thomas.
We sincerely appreciate the presence of H. G. Mathews Mor Anthimos the Bishop of the Jacobite Syrian Church from Kerala who was well pleased by the performance of the Choir Team and added another new song by him to the choir for this convention. On behalf of the KECF committee, we appreciate every 53 plus choir members for their hard work, dedication and commitment to this spiritual organization to for a job well executed and pray that their commitment will continue in the future years ahead of us.

Women's Forum of KECF-Dallas:

On August 2nd Saturday, the women's forum of Dallas under KECF was met at the same venue from 10:00 AM 12:00. Noon. Rev. Fr. Byju Mathew Mavinal, addressed the meeting by presenting various challenges facing by the women in this part of the globe especially in the Indian Christian Churches cultural background. All the participants enjoyed the session, which ended with lunch, was a great success.

Ecumenical Basket Ball Tournaments:

As a continued effort to start the Basket Ball Tournaments under the leadership of the KECF, we were able to accomplish this dream during this year. The tournaments were held on November 22nd, 2025 at MAC Sports Center Lewisville. A special committee was formed for this year for conducting the games and drafting the rules and regulations for the event. Under the leadership of Rev, Fr. Basil Abraham, and Rev. Fr. Martin Babu and the committee members, we were able to conduct several games to select the championship winner for the year.
St. Ignatios MJSC Cathedral won the 1st place for the tournament and the 2nd Place was won by St. Thomas the Apostle Syro Malabar Catholic Church, Garland. On behalf of the KECF Committee we appreciate Mr. Shaji Ramapuram, Mr. Prince Samuel, Mr. Philip Mathew, Mr. Soney Jacob and Mr. Shiju Abraham of Spectrum for sponsoring various trophies for the game. In addition, the committee appreciate the generosity of the family of Rev. Fr. Martin Babu for providing the refreshments and lunch for the players. We appreciate the great Services of Mr. Sonu Varkey, member of the St. Ignatius Cathedral for coordinating the teams, rules and regulations of the tournaments in a professional manner and looking forward for the same services from him in the future years ahead of us.

Christmas and New year Celebrations:

The KECF Christmas and New Year celebrations were held on December 06th, 2025 at the Mar Thoma Event Center, 11550 Luna Road, Farmers Branch. The program started sharp at 5.00 PM with the lighted candle procession of the clergies along with children's representatives, and ladies from the member parishes. H.E. Dr. Ayub Mor Silvanos Metropolitan the Archbishop of the Northern America& Europe region of the Kananaya Archdiocese was the chief guest for this year.
Rev. Fr. Basil Abraham, the President of the KECF welcomed the Chief Guest, Clergies, and the audience to the function. The 30 minutes Christmas SKIT presented by the hosting church was well appreciated by the audience and the viewers for their professionalism and performance. We sincerely appreciate the characters and the whole TEAM members effort for coordinating such a diligent and enthusiastic performance by all the characters of the play. Altogether the

program was a great success with the cooperation of all the members of the hosting church as a collaborative approach effort.
Though the program started sharp on time, the increased number of audience and the Choir members from all the member churches, the program prolonged little longer than expected and the event concluded with the vote of thanks by the KECF General Secretary Mr., Alex Alexander and the final closing prayer and benediction by Very Rev. John Kunnathusserril Corepiscopa.

Live Broadcasting of the Program:

Once again, we were able to broadcast the Christmas Program live through You Tube and other electronic Media which was well enjoyed by the seniors of the Dallas area and world -wide population.
On behalf of the KECF and its member churches, we take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to the RED STUDIO which is based in Dallas for their dedication, commitment and professional service extended to us during this year FREE OF COST to the KECF-Dallas and hope that they will continue this gesture in the future years ahead of us.

Finance:

The KECF general body has set $200.00 dollars as annual membership fees from each member churches and the trustee collect this amount from each parish during the year. In addition, we receive offertory for the three-day ecumenical convention and Christmas program. As per the set guidelines, we do not collect any financial assistance from sponsors or businesses or do not promote any parish or personals to promote their financial needs or businesses in any of the KECF related activities. During the year we have received an amount of $289.66 as the balance from last year. The detailed accounts for the year 2025 will be presented by the KECF trustee Mr. Joseph George for review and approval.

Conclusion:

On behalf of the Kerala Ecumenical Christian Fellowship, I take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks appreciation and gratitude to all the clergies and parishioners for their dedication, cooperation, and commitment towards the spiritual growth and prosperity of this organization.
We also express our heartfelt thanks to all speakers, leaders, and youth members for their spiritual contribution towards the success of all the events during the year. Once again, our special thanks go to the vicar and members of St. Mary's Orthodox Church of India, Carrollton for taking up the leadership to host the KECF activities during the year.
We the executive committee also express our sincere thanks and gratitude to all the member priests and parishioners for giving us the opportunity to serve this during the year 2013.
Prayerfully submitted for the Kerala Ecumenical Christian Fellowship- Dallas,

Alex Alexander,
General Secretary- KECF 2025.
January 11, 2026