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 (SEUSOMM)

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My brethren Metropolitans their Eminences Mor Athanasius Touma Dawod , Mor Coorilose Geevarghese, Mor Aphrem Mathews and Mor Ostatehos Isaac; and her Majesty the Queen of Great Britain, their Excellencies the civil authorities and the distinguished guests, Respected Clergy and the faithful of the Holy Syrian Orthodox Church of Antioch in the United Kingdom.

**Dearly beloved in Christ:**

It gives me great pleasure to seize this opportunity today, as president of St. Ephrem Universal Syriac Orthodox Medical Mission, and by the grace of our Lord and prayer of our Supreme Patron of St. Ephrem Universal Syriac Orthodox Medical Mission, H.H. Moran Mor Ignatius Zakka I Iwas, our beloved Patriarch and Holy Father of our Universal Church of Antioch, and also by the prayer of our beloved Patron of the organization, His Beatitude the Catholicose Mor Baselios Thomas I, to join you in sharing joy of this blessed and phenomenon occasion of this year's Family Conference and the inauguration ceremony of the SEUSOMM United Kingdom Chapter. It is accomplished by the kindness and hospitality of the esteemed rulers of this great land, and the hard work of the people who involved; and I admonish and pray to God Almighty to bless them and all who participated for this great and holy venture.

I join you in this grand event of opening the United Kingdom Chapter of the St. Ephrem Universal Syriac Orthodox Medical Mission/SEUSOMM, the social ministry of our Holy Syrian Orthodox Church. The Medical Mission is another achievement in two thousand year history of our Holy Church by our envisioned and inspirational Holy Father, Moran Mor Ignatius Zakka I Iwas. This social ministry is to make our commitment with your help for taking care of the needs of our people and any needy people in this world at large.

The St. Ephrem Universal Syriac Orthodox Medical Mission is a nonprofit public benefit corporation which is organized and registered under the California nonprofit organization since August 2006 on the level of the Red Cross. The organization will be providing on a completely nonprofit, non-sectarian basis, and without charge of any kind, quality medical care, including medical examinations, tests, surgical and other medical procedures, and hospitalization for children and adults, not only in the United States but also in the Middle East, India, Europe, Australia, South America and other countries, to strengthen the community fabric by creating and sponsoring community oriented events designated to increase public awareness of the importance of leading healthy lifestyles, including but not limited to providing public education about the need for quality medical care for all persons, and conducting "health fairs" that are open to general public of having regular examinations and so on... It intends to provide scholarships and grants to help low income families who lack the financial and other means of support necessary to pay for their children's higher education at a college, university, or trade school of their choice, in any medically related or other humanitarian profession of their choice. And at last to receive and acquire by grant, gift, devise, bequest, or otherwise, public funding necessary to carry out



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the corporation's charitable and educational purposes and activities, whose funding may be in the form of real or personal property of any kind, and to hold, accumulate, invest, or dispose of such property or the income derived from in furtherance of the above charitable and educational purposes of this corporation. Here are some steps that have been taken care are: (1) SEUSOMM is registered properly in the State of California. (2) With the blessings of His Holiness the Patriarch, His Beatitude the Catholicose opened its central office in Burbank, California in August of 2007. (3) His Holiness the Patriarch officially inaugurated this Medical Mission at the grand opening ceremony in Ma'arat Sayednaya, Damascus, Syria, in July of 2008. (4) Currently, the organization is in the process of establishing in about thirty countries where our Syrian Orthodox Church is rooted. We submit the Medical Mission for the prayer of St. Ephrem, the intercessor of this organization, who founded a similar organization by establishing a small hospital for medical care for public in the fourth century. It is with the prayer of His Holiness and His Beatitude, and also the prayer and assistance of all those who wish to help and be a part to fulfill their commitment to God by helping others through love and according to our Lord's commandment. The very first project which this organization has adopted with the blessings of His Holiness is the relief work among hundreds of unsettled refugee families of Iraqi war. They are members of our Holy Church and are under the care of the Patriarchate. It is our moral and challenging responsibility to help out these innocent victims of war.

By establishing the United Kingdom Chapter today, we appoint a Coordination Committee consisting of dedicated and capable persons in the UK area to work in their community who should be willing to mobilize the resources and participate in the programs and policies under the direction of the SEUSOMM Executive Board. We appointed our beloved brethren Metropolitans their Eminences Mor Athanasius Touma Dawod, the Patriarchal Vicar of the Syrian Orthodox Church in UK as its president and Mor Aphrem Mathews, Patriarchal Vicar of our Malankara Diocese in UK as vice-president of this Committee. A fifteen member representatives from various parishes are nominated by the Metropolitans who elected other officers of this Committee. We plan to visit you in the near future along with the Executive Board members for our programs.

We again extend our sincere thanks to our Holy Father for opening this Chapter today, and the blessings of our beloved Catholicose and the Metropolitans, Clergy, the Queen of Great Britain, public officials and the faithful; and I pray God for abundantly rewarding all of them involved.

Thank you all, and God bless our work in this Medical Mission. I pray that our Almighty God will guide us through His everlasting grace for the glory of His name to accept your donations and contributions for this great organization; God bless you all, Amen.

Clemis Eugene Kaplan, Archbishop  
 President of SEUSOMM