



THE SYNOD OF THE CHURCH OF NORTH INDIA

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To Whom It May Concern

- 1) This is to clarify that as per the Constitution of the Church of North India, Part II: Chapter IV: Section IV: Clause 3 (page 99)- The Synod “... *shall elect by ballot its Moderator and Deputy Moderator on the recommendations of the Council of Bishops in each ordinary meeting of the Synod from amongst the Diocesan Bishops of the Church of North India, whose age shall be less than 62 years at the time of the election. They shall hold office from the close of that meeting in which they are appointed until the close of the next ordinary meeting in which their successors are elected.*”

Further, as per the Constitution of the Church of North India, Part II: Chapter IV: Section VI: Clause 2 (page 108) - The *Moderator and Deputy Moderator shall be elected by ballot by the Synod on the recommendations of the Council of Bishops, from amongst the Diocesan Bishops of the Church of North India during each Ordinary meeting of the Synod, and shall hold office from the close of that meeting till the close of the next ordinary meeting of the Synod.*”

In other words, Moderator and Deputy Moderator of the Church of North India are constitutionally authorized to function from the close of one Ordinary meeting of the Synod to the close of next Ordinary meeting of the Synod.

Thus, it is affirmed that as per the above cited CNI Constitutional provision, the Most Revd. Dr. P. C. Singh is the Moderator of CNI and that the Rt. Revd B. K. Nayak is the Deputy Moderator of CNI until the close of the 17th Ordinary Meeting of the Synod of the Church of North India.

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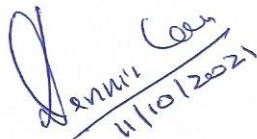
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- 2) It is further clarified that the matter regarding the **Date of the 17th Ordinary Meeting of the Synod of the Church of North India** is also dealt with as per the provisions of the CNI Constitution.

The Executive Committee, CNI Synod initially postponed the 17th Ordinary Meeting of CNI Synod, for one year i.e. till September/October 2021 in view of the Golden Jubilee Celebration and based on the CNI Constitutional provision (CNI Constitution Part II: Chapter IV: Section VIII: Clause 3 : page 115).

Later, the Coronavirus Pandemic struck the world. Even today, the SOP issued by DMA (Disaster Management Authority) restricts large gatherings. Thus, several Dioceses are unable to hold the Diocesan Council Meetings. Similarly, with existing SOP restricting large gatherings, it is not possible to assemble for an Ordinary Meeting of CNI Synod at one place. **Consequently, the Executive Committee CNI Synod was constrained to postponed the 17th Ordinary Meeting of CNI Synod, for one additional year i.e. till 30th September - 3rd October 2022 in view of the extraordinary situation due to the Coronavirus Pandemic and based on the CNI Constitutional provisions (Part II: Chapter IV: Section V: Clause 38: page 105)**

Thus, may I appeal to all the faithful members and well-wishers of the Church of North India, to ignore and not pay heed to the rumours which are being circulated via social media to tarnish the image of our Episcopal authorities and weaken our Ecclesiastical fervour.



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