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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 13.12.2023

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE N.SATHISH KUMAR

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1. Vijayakumar
Elected Executive Committee Member
The diocese of Madras, Church of South India
No.226 Cathedral Road Chennai - 86.
2. Dr.C.Christy Shelina stephygraph
Elected Executive Committee Member
The Diocese of Madras, Church of South
India, No.226 Cathedral Road, Chennai -86 ... Plaintiffs

VS

- 1 The Church of South India
Synod represented by its General Secretary
CSI Centre No.5 Whites Road P.O.box no.
688 Royapettah Chennai - 600 014.
- 2 The Most Rev.A.Dharmaraj Rasalam
The Moderator, Church of South India
Synod Secretariat, CSI Centre No.5
Whites Road P.O.Box S.688 Royapettah
Chennai 14.
- 3 Rev.Charles Prabhakaran
Newly appointed Administrative Secretary

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The Diocese of Madras, Church of South
India No.266 Cathedral Road, Chennai -86

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- 4 Prof.Dr.B.Vimal Sukumar Medak,
Newly appointed Financial Administrator
The Diocese of Madras, Church of South India,
No.226 Cathedral Road, Chennai - 600 086.
- 5 Mr.Christopher Selvaraj
newly appointed Administrative Committee Member,
The Diocese of Madras, Church of South India,
No.226 Cathedral Road, Chennai - 600 086.
- 6 Rev.Paul Francis
newly appointed Administrative Committee member,
The Diocese of Madras, Church of South India,
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- 7 Adv.Bright Joseph
newly appointed Administrative Committee member,
The Diocese of Madras, Church of South India,
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- 8 Mrs.Lenora James
newly appointed Administrative Committee member,
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- 9 Rev.S.Samuel
newly appointed Administrative Committee member,
The Diocese of Madras, Church of South India,
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10. Dr.Jeyanth
newly appointed Administrative Committee member,
The Diocese of Madras, Church of South India,



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11 Rev.Pearly Usha

newly appointed Administrative Committee member,
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12. Mr.S.Don Samson

newly appointed Administrative Committee member,
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13 Rev.Davidson

newly appointed Administrative Committee member,
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14 Rev.Sugirtharaj

newly appointed Administrative Committee member,
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15 Mr.Vinod Dasan Karnataka Central

newly appointed Administrative Committee member,
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16 Mr.K.Pitchai Madurai Ramnad

newly appointed Administrative Committee member,
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17 Mrs.Jeya Suganthi

newly appointed Administrative Committee member,
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Civil Suit filed under Order IV Rule 1 of High Court O.S. Rules 1956 read with Order VII Rule 1 of CPC for the following reliefs :

(a) i) To declare that the impugned Letter dated 27.08.2021 issued by the 2nd Defendant which dissolved the elected committees of Madras Diocese while forming a new Administrative Committee comprising of Defendants 3 - 17 to oversee the general management of the MAdras Diocese and any action taken by the Administrative committee in furtherance of the impugned Letter as illegal and void;

(b) To grant an order permanent injunction restraining the defendants 1 to 17 from interfering with the internal affairs and administration, including the conduct and business of the Madras Diocesan Council, the election disputes with respect to the various Committees of the Diocesan Council as well as ministerial stationing transfers, in any manner, contrary to the law and to the provisions of the Constitution of Church of South India of the Synod as well as the Constitution of Church of South India Madras Diocese;

(c) For the costs of the suit;

For plaintiffs : Mr.S.R.Raghunathan

For defendants : M/s.Adrian D.Rozario – D1 & D2



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The learned counsel for the plaintiffs sought permission of this court to withdraw the suit and also made an endorsement to that effect.

2. In view of the submission of the learned counsel for the plaintiffs and the endorsement made, this suit is dismissed as withdrawn. Consequently, connected application is closed. No costs.

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