

## **About Us**

### **MAC**

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Starting small with gigantic dreams, the Mangalorean Association of Canada (MAC) is now the driving power and innovator to uphold and sustain the rich culture, traditions and language of Mangalore. MAC is a non-profit, non-political volunteer organization based in Mississauga, a dynamic city located in the Ontario. It is committed to not only preserving the Konkani culture but also establishing and strengthening communication and relations with Mangaloreans in Canada and around the world.

Under the able and gifted leadership, and vision of Melwyn Menezes, the first Executive Committee (EC) steered MAC towards many triumphs and successes leading to tremendous contributions to the community. The successive EC's led by Maxim D'Mello, an innovative and competent President established for MAC, a strong foundation, voice and representation in the community. MAC is a pioneer in organizing a celebration of the Nativity Feast or Monthi Fest in Canada and Stations of the Cross and service in Konkani during the Lenten season. One of MAC's objectives is to make the Konkani community a partner in its growth and the development. To accomplish this goal, the Mangalorean Association of Canada welcomed Mangalorean residents of Canada to become active members in the association. The new members have brought in fresh perspective and infused new energy and have enabled us to reach a larger cross section of the community. It has also given them a voice in the running of the association and the planning of its activities.

The Mangalorean Association of Canada plays an integral role in providing a platform for developing leadership, especially among the youth of our community, through sports, literacy and cultural events. A Youth Forum was an excellent initiative focused on promoting, developing and mentoring the Mangalorean youth. The forum promotes open discussions on topics that matter most to the young men and women in our community. The forum promotes networking amongst the youth so they can demonstrate their talents and leadership and provide ideas to encourage and sustain the Mangalorean traditions, culture and language.

The present MAC Executive Committee (EC) continues to expand the framework, ideals, and vision established by the founder members: Melwyn and Eryl Menezes, late Vasant and Lily Salian, Paul and Irene Mathias, Lancy and Merlyn Rodrigues, Hyacinth and Freda DeSouza, Ivan and Lydwin Lobo, Ronald and Clara Fernandes, Ronald and Hilda D'Souza, late Herbert and Myrtle Lobo, Maxim and Prescilla D'Mello, Arun and Merlyn D'Mello, Peter and Florine D'Souza, Reynold and Elma Sequeira, Joe and Rose Pereira, Charles and Janet D'Souza, Maxim and Nancy Mendes.



The 2009-2010 Executive Committee consists of the following members:

President: Maxim D'Mello

Vice-President: Ronald Fernandes

General Secretary: Margaret Shankar

Joint Secretary: Mary Fernandes

Treasurer: Ronald Monteiro

Assistant Treasurer: Leo D'Cunha

Cultural & Youth Secretary: Leo Rego

Sports Secretary: Charles D'Souza

Public Relations: Ronald D'Souza



The 2011-2012 Executive Committee consists of the following members:

President - Ronald Fernandes  
Vice-President - Janet D'Souza  
General Secretary - Reynold Sequeira  
Joint Secretary - Ivan Lobo  
Treasurer - Ronald Mathias  
Asst. Treasurer - Stanislaus D'Souza  
Youth & Sports Coordinator - Charles D'Souza  
Cultural Coordinator - Jerry Cardoza  
Public Relations Coordinator - Vijay Pereira  
Liturgical Facilitator - Merlyn Rodrigues  
Web Master - Leo D'Cunha  
Spiritual Director - Fr. Edwin D'Souza



The 2013-2014 Executive Committee consists of the following members:

President - Ronald Fernandes  
Vice-President - Janet D'Souza  
General Secretary - Reynold Sequeira  
Joint Secretary - Ivan Lobo  
Treasurer - Stanislaus D'Souza  
Asst. Treasurer - Eunice Monteiro

Auditor - Reginald Fernandes  
Youth & Sports Coordinator - Clare Vaz  
Cultural Coordinator - Jerome Cardoza  
Public Relations Coordinator - Sushil Vaz  
Liturgical Facilitator - Lancy Rodrigues  
Web Master - Leo D'Cunha  
Spiritual Director - Fr. Edwin D'Souza



The 2015-2016 Executive Committee consists of the following members:

President - Maxim D'Mello  
Vice-President - Paul Mathias  
General Secretary - Reynold Sequeira  
Joint Secretary - Cynthia Fernandes  
Treasurer - Joel Lewis  
Asst. Treasurer - Prescilla D'Souza  
Auditor - Reginald Fernandes  
Youth & Sports Coordinator - Ronald D'Souza  
Cultural Coordinator - Manohar Pais  
Public Relations Coordinator - Olivia Moras  
Liturgical Facilitator - Lancy Rodrigues  
Web Master - Leo D'Cunha  
Spiritual Director - Fr. Edwin D'Souza



The current Executive Committee Members of the Mangalorean Association of Canada for 2017-2018:

President : Manohar Pais  
Vice-President : Melwyn Menezes  
Joint Secretary : Cynthie Fernandes  
Asst. Secretary : Olivia Moras  
Treasurer : Louis Pereira  
Asst. Treasurer : Prescilla D'Souza  
Auditor : Ivan Lobo  
Sports Coordinator : Olwin Pereira  
Cultural Coordinator : Ronald Monteiro  
Public Relations Coordinator : Manoj D?Cunha  
Liturgical Facilitator : Nina Crasta  
Web Master : Leonard Crasta  
Spiritual Director : Fr. Edwin D'Souza



The Executive Committee has the unstinting support of its founder members and the new members who enthusiastically participate in the successful organization of its events. There is a bright future ahead of the Mangalorean Association of Canada. Many new events will be planned and organized to ensure that every facet of our community is involved and that the social and religious activities embody our aspirations. We want to make a difference; we look to the future and we are determined to march to great heights - a stride at a time. Together we can make a difference.