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Metropolitan of India elected, enthroned

With a new chief pastor and three new bishops, the ACC's second province has become fully autonomous

The **Most Rev. John Augustine**, Bishop of Lucknow and Delhi, was enthroned as Metropolitan of the Church of India (Anglican) on the Feast of St. Matthias, Feb. 24, 2005.

The Church of India (Anglican) is the ACC's second province. It continues the Church of India, Pakistan, Burma and Ceylon (CIPBC), much of which in 1970 was subsumed into the Church of North India, a merger of Anglican, Presbyterian, Methodist, Lutheran and other church bodies.

Officiating at the enthronement was the Rt. Rev. Rommie M. Starks, Bishop of the Midwest and, until Bishop Augustine's accession, Acting Metropolitan of India.

Earlier in the liturgy, Bishop Starks conditionally consecrated three bishops who recently came into the Church of India from the Traditional Anglican Communion. They are the **Rt. Rev. Noel Hembrom**, Bishop of Chota Nagpur; the **Rt. Rev. James Lal**, Bishop of Amritsar; and the **Rt. Rev. Yakub Santosh Sagar**, Bishop of Nagpur. Co-consecrators were Bishop Augustine and the Rt. Rev. D. Presley Hutchens, Bishop of New Orleans.

The service took place in **Christ Church, Lucknow**, a Gothic-style building harking back to the days of the British Raj. Situated on two acres of land in the middle of the city, its brick exterior and plaster interior "allows for true Anglican-style worship," Bishop Starks said. "It is a true haven for those seeking Christ and wishing to worship Him."

The church, until recently occupied by the Church of North India, was awarded to the Church of India after the courts sided with Bishop Augustine's argument that the Church of North India is not the Anglican Church as established by an act of the British Parliament and thus not heir to many Anglican properties in northern India.

The enthronement followed a meeting of the General Council of the Church of India, equivalent to a provincial synod, at which Bishop Augustine was elected Metropolitan. His election followed an amendment to



The **Most Rev. John Augustine** following his enthronement as Metropolitan of India.

the Canons, Codes and Regulations which permits the election of a metropolitan from all the diocesan bishops in India. Previously, the post was reserved for the Bishop of Kolkata (Calcutta), a tradition dating from the establishment of an Anglican ecclesial structure in India some 200 years ago.

The General Council also appointed a standing committee consisting of all diocesan bishops and two other persons from each of the province's five

dioceses (Amritsar, Chota Nagpur, Delhi, Lucknow and Nagpur). A provincial court was also appointed, with Bishop Hembrom named by Bishop Augustine as its chairman. Members of the Indian Church Trustees were also elected.

With the actions of General Council, the consecration of a sufficient number of bishops and the enthronement of

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Provincial Synod set for October in Michigan

XVI Provincial Synod will take place Oct. 26-28 in Grand Rapids, Mich. Hosts for the biennial event are the **Diocese of the Midwest** and **St. Paul's, Grand Rapids**.

All meetings will take place at the Crown Plaza Hotel, 5700 28th St. S.E., three miles from Gerald R. Ford International Airport. A block of 138 rooms has been set aside at a special synod rate of \$92 per night. Reservations at this rate must be made by Oct. 1 by calling (616) 957-1770. When booking, one should mention Provincial Synod to secure the special rate.

Preceding Provincial Synod are meetings of the Administrative Council at 9 a.m. Monday, Oct. 24, and the College of Bishops at 9 a.m. the following day, Oct. 25.

Synod will get under way at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 26 and will continue through noon on Friday, Oct. 28. Highlights will be the main Synod Eucharist at 6 p.m. Wednesday at St. Paul's Church, 2560 Lake Michigan Drive, and the synod banquet at 7 p.m. Thursday, preceded by a reception at 6 p.m.

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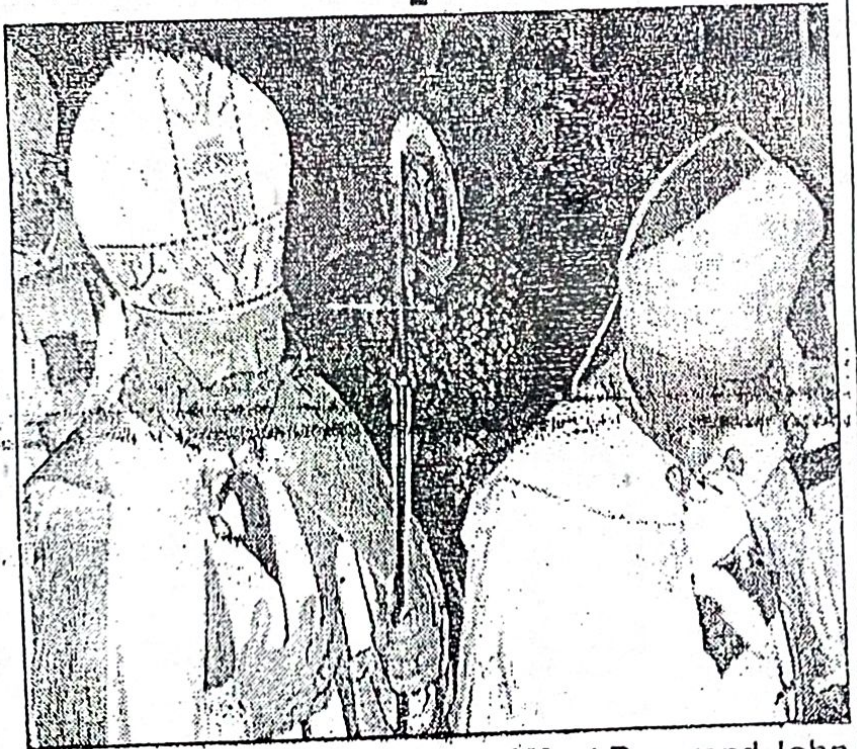
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Rev Augustine takes over as CIPBC metropolitan

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THE ENTHRONEMENT ceremony of Most Reverend John Augustine as metropolitan of the Church of India (CIPBC) was held at Christ Church ~~on~~ by Most Rev Rommie M Starks, Bishop of the Diocese of the Midwest, USA and acting metropolitan of the Church of India, Rt Rev Denver Presley Hutchens, bishop of the Diocese of New Orleans, USA, Rt Rev Noel Hembrom, bishop of the Diocese of Chhota Nagpur, Rt Rev James Lal, bishop of the Diocese of Amritsar and Rt Rev Yakub Santosh Sagar, bishop of the Diocese of Nagpur.

On this occasion the Most Rev John Augustine, the newly-enthroned metropolitan of India said that he would continue to work for the growth of the Church of



The enthronement ceremony of Most Reverend John Augustine as metropolitan of the Church of India being held at Christ Church ~~on~~ in Lucknow on Thursday

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India (CIPBC) and bring back the old glory of this church.

More than a thousand people attended the function.

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ताजपोशी समारोह में उपस्थित धर्मगुरु

जान अगस्टीन बने महाधर्माध्यक्ष

लखनऊ (हिंस)। गुरुवार को महात्मा गांधी मार्ग स्थित क्राइस्ट चर्च में मोस्ट रेवरेड जान अगस्टीन की महाधर्माध्यक्ष (मेट्रोपोलिटन) के रूप में ताजपोशी की गई। इस मौके पर विभिन्न गिरजाघरों के बिशप व पादरी आदि लोगों ने हिस्सा लिया। इस दौरान त्रवनियुक्त मोस्ट रेवरेड जान अगस्टीन ने कहा कि चर्च आफ इण्डिया (सीआईपीबीसी) के उत्थान के लिए वे संघर्ष करेंगे। इससे पूर्व राइट रेवरेड रोमी एम. स्टावर्स (बिशप आफ डायसिस आफ मिडवैस्ट यूएसए व कार्यवाहक धर्माध्यक्ष चर्च आफ इण्डिया), राइट रेव. डेनवर प्रेसली हर्चेंस (बिशप आफ डायसिस आफ न्यू आरलियंस यूएसए) ने ताजपोशी की। समारोह के दौरान राइट रेव. नोएल हेम्ब्रोम, राइट रेव. जेम्स लाल, राइट रेव. याकूब संतोष सागर सहित दर्जनों लोगों ने हिस्सा लिया।

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अगस्टीन की महाधर्माध्यक्ष के रूप में ताजपोशी

गुरुवार (आज समाचार सेवा)। मोन्ट रेवरेंड जान अगस्टीन महाधर्माध्यक्ष (मेट्रोपोलिटन) के रूप में ताजपोशी क्राइस्ट चर्च लखनऊ हुई। उक्त ताजपोशी राइट रेवरेंड रोमी एम स्टाक्स (बिशप आफ आफ मिडवेस्ट यूएसए तथा कार्यवाहक महाधर्माध्यक्ष चर्च आफ राइट रेव, डेनवर प्रेसलो हचेन्स (बिशप आफ डायसिस आफ न्यू यॉर्क, यूएसए) द्वारा किया गया तथा राइट रेवरेंड नोएल हेम्ब्रोम (बिशप आफ डायसिस आफ छोटा नागपुर) राइट रेवरें जेम्स लाल (बिशप आफ डायसिस आफ अमृतसर) तथा राइट रेवरेंड याकूब सन्तोष सागर (बिशप आफ डायसिस आफ नागपुर) शरीक हुए। नवनिर्वाचित महाधर्माध्यक्ष मोन्ट रेवरेंड जान अगस्टीन ने आश्वस्त किया।



क्राइस्टचर्च में मोन्ट रेवरेंड जान अगस्टीन की महाधर्माध्यक्ष के रूप में ताजपोशी।

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मोस्ट रेवरेन्ड जॉन अगस्टीन की ताजपोशी



लखनऊ, २४ फरवरी (ब्यूरो)।

नव नियुक्त महाधर्माध्यक्ष मोस्ट रेवरेन्ड जॉन अगस्टीन ने कहा है कि वे चर्च आफ इण्डिया (सीआईपीटीसी) के उत्थान के लिए सतत संघर्षरत रहेंगे तथा चर्च की पुरानी गरिमा की पुनः वापसी कराके दम लेंगे। कार्यक्रम में कई धर्माध्यक्ष भी उपस्थित थे। श्री अगस्टीन की महाधर्माध्यक्ष (मेट्रोपोलिटन) की ताजपोशी आज यहाँ क्राइस्ट चर्च महात्मा गांधी मार्ग पर आयोजित सभागृह में हुई। जिसमें राइट रेवरेन्ड रोमी एम स्टर्म्स, राइट रेव डेनवर प्रेसली हचन्स (यू.एस.ए.) रेवरेन्ड नोएल हेरब्रोम राइट रेवरेन्ड जेम्स लाल तथा राइट रेवरेन्ड याकूब सतोष सत्तार (नागपुर) शरीक हुए।