

Davy acha,

I apologize for writing this mail. Yet, I feel the need to do it. Your invitation refers to Saint Chavara as "*The* founder." This is historically incorrect and intellectually dishonest. Please read the opening sentences in our Constitution and our Directory. Also, please read the title of the first chapter of the CMI centenary souvenir (1831 -1931), which is a carefully crafted, official publication. You may not have easy access to this valuable document, and I am not sure if our Archive at Chavara Hills will have a copy of it (because it goes against the narrative that our General Councils have been passionately promulgating). So please take a look at page 9 on this site

<http://christianmusicologicalsocietyofindia.com/StaticFiles/docs/pdf/The-Carmelite-Congregation-of-Malabar-part1.pdf>

If you are not convinced yet, please read the opening paragraph of Saint Chavara's Naalaagamam and the concluding paragraph of a biography that Saint Chavara incorporated in the Naalaagamam (yes, the Saint wrote a biography!)

Thank you for your attention. Sorry to distract you at this busy time.

Brotherly yours

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