



Dr. Thomas Varghese District Governor -2026-27

Since 2016, Thomas Varghese has been a dedicated Lion, serving in various leadership roles, including President and Vice President of his club. During his time as the Club President, he led several community initiatives and helped his club achieve the prestigious Club Excellence Award, a recognition from Lions Clubs International for outstanding service, leadership, membership growth, and community impact. This reflects his collaborative leadership style and strong commitment to serving others.

As a proud member of the Edmonton Chinese Lions Club, Thomas continues to demonstrate a strong commitment to service and leadership within the Lions community. He is also a Melvin Jones Fellow. His commitment to continuous learning is evident through his participation in the Advanced Lions Leadership Institute (ALLI) and his certification through the Lions Certified Instructor Program (LCIP).

As a Guiding Lion, he has mentored new Lions and served as Faculty at the Faculty Development Institute in Chicago (2024). His leadership experience includes serving two terms as District Global Leadership Team (GLT) Coordinator and as Zone Chair, where he has supported clubs and promoted leadership development and unity across the district.

Thomas's outstanding contributions have been recognized with the International President's Certificate of Appreciation (2022–23) and the Leadership Medal (2023–24). He also played a key role in chartering Edmonton's newest club, the Edmonton Malayali Lions Club (EMLC). He is a strong team player who collaborates effectively with fellow leaders at multiple levels, contributing to shared goals and collective decision-making, guided by a servant-leadership philosophy.

Beyond Lionism, Thomas serves as an Academic Leader and Program Chair at a post-secondary institution. He is an active member of his local church and is a devoted family man. He is married to Angela, and together they are blessed with three children — Sairah, Josh, and Ann