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December 17, 1973

**TO: Reverend Clergy
Parish Council Chairmen and Delegates**

SUBJECT: Regional Meetings, Fall 1973

Nine Regional Meetings were scheduled from October 16 to December 8, 1973, in the various regions of our Diocese.

The following served as a basic agenda for all meetings:

1. DIOCESE

- a. Budget (10 year review)
- b. Stewardship
- c. Plan for payment of clergy stipends from Diocese
- d. Programs
- e. Unity
- f. Diocesan staff
- g. Plan for Archdiocese
- h. Endowment Fund

2. PARISHES

- a. Assessments
- b. Membership listings and uniform reporting
- c. Programs

3. MISCELLANEOUS

Special reports, prepared in advance on the "Review of Diocesan Budget" and "Clergymen's Stipend," were distributed to all members attending the meetings. Copies of these reports are enclosed.

In addition, oral reports were given on other aspects of Diocesan activities, all of which, together with miscellaneous matters raised by participants, were

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discussed. The following are among the various observations made:

1. In the discussions of the budget, it was noted that the Diocesan headquarters should not be a fund-raising body, but should devote its energies to the essential mission of our church.
2. With respect to the Endowment fund, it was urged that the brochures prepared by the Diocese be distributed to our parishes with guide lines of procedure.
3. In the regions where several parishes are in close proximity to each other, the need for more effective and regular communications between them was stressed. At the very least, a formal arrangement was recommended for consultation about the schedule of the events to avoid conflict and to promote cooperation between the churches.
4. It was suggested that the Diocesan headquarters circulate to all parishes the activities and programs that are undertaken through the Diocese, as a source of new ideas that might be worthwhile considering.
5. The closed circuit TV programming, being actually utilized in St. Sahag & St. Mesrob Church in Wynnewood, was suggested as an effective educational aid for use in all parishes.
6. Book-keeping, Uniform Membership and reporting methods should be established by the Diocese for all parishes.

Prayerfully,

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