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Primate Tokum Manoogian
630 Second Avenue
New York, NY 10016

Dear Primate Manoogian:

A client of ours has expressed an interest in knowing whether or not a gift could be made to St. Gregorys Apostolic Armenian Church in Binghamton, New York, with the understanding and binding agreement that the Binghamton Church will hold those funds in trust, utilizing the income for the benefit of St. Gregorys, and in addition, possibly providing for powers of invasion for certain types of capital expenditures.

We have been unable to ascertain whether or not the local Church is incorporated as a separate legal entity or whether it is part of a larger group such as a diocese, etc.

In an examination of New York's Religious Corporations Law, we find no specific reference to any type of Armenian Church and we are, therefore, under some doubt as to exactly where the corporate power exists.

Could you or someone in your office advise us as to (1) whether St. Gregorys is an incorporated body under the laws of New York, (2) if St. Gregorys is not incorporated, what is the incorporated body that would be involved, and (3) whether or not gifts will be accepted under restrictions that may be used for a particular congregation.

If we have by chance overlooked some provision of New York law dealing specifically with the Armenian Church, we would certainly appreciate knowing about that, also.

Respectfully yours,

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