

ST. JOHNS ARMENIAN CHURCH

1996 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

PARISH COUNCIL

PROPOSAL I

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The Parish Council requests that the General Assembly adopt the policy of bestowing Honorary St. John's Armenian Church Membership upon those dedicated individuals within our community who have committed themselves to serving the Armenian Church for over 45 years. "Honorary Church Member" status would be granted only to those who meet the following minimum criteria.

- A. To be at least 77 plus years of age in addition to
- B. Having 45 plus total years of church membership with any Armenian Church, of which at least 10 years of church membership has been with St. John's Armenian Church.

Honorary Church Member benefits would include full rights and privileges as a member of St. John's Armenian Church, including the right to attend (but not vote) at the General Assembly. They would also be exempt from paying any annual Parish dues.

Should the Diocesan Assembly in the future adopt a policy exempting the "Honorary Church Member" from paying annual dues and consider them to be members in good standing, then those individuals would also have the right to vote at the General Assembly.

This proposal if adopted would retroactively take effect as of January 1, 1996

RATIONAL:

The Church made up by its dues paying members should establish a mechanism by which recognition and honor should be bestowed upon their untiring senior members for their near half century of dedicated service to the Church. Additionally, the recognition and honor bestowed upon these seniors for their many years of service would come at a time in their life when they can least afford to financially participate fully.