

ARMENIAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY RESURRECTION  
11 Erwin Place, New Britain, Conn.

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT FOR YEAR 1967

PRESENTED AT THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY OF JAN. 28, 1968

1. At the first parish council meeting on February 15, 1967, the members of the newly formed council were elected to their respective offices as follows:

Chairman	John Maljanian
Vice-Chairman/Asst. Treasurer	Ed Simonian
Secretary	Harry Hougas
Treasurer	Glen Hoosigian
Pledge Custodian	B. J. Hovanessian
Asst. Pledge Custodian	Donald Cole
Advisor	Harry Azarigian
Advisor	Peter Bagdigian, Jr.
Advisor	Charles Vartanian

2. Meetings

Eleven regularly scheduled monthly council meetings were held to handle the routine business of the council.

Three special council meetings were held with Hartford for purposes of planning and organizing our joint church picnic.

A special council meeting was held with the Primate upon the occasion of his visit for our 26th anniversary celebration.

Three special council meetings were held with regard to the acquiring of a new Priest for our Parish after the council was advised by the Primate of Father Buttero's transfer to Haverhill, Mass.

A special meeting was held with representatives of the New Britain Council of Churches. This meeting was requested by the Council of Churches to enable them to explain to us the work they are doing in the community. The increased scope of this activity has necessitated that they raise the assessments of the member churches. They requested we raise our

donations to \$200; however, your parish council recommends we donate \$100.

A special Parish Assembly was held in June. The recommendations of the Church Investment Committee, as elected at last January's Parish Assembly, were adopted and subsequently approved by the Diocese.

A special Parish Assembly was also held in August to consider the acceptance of Father Vartan as our Parish Priest.

The regular special membership meeting was called after Church in November to elect the nominating committee that makes the preparations for the elections to be held today at this Parish Assembly.

### 3. Church Enterprises

The Parish Council planned, organized and conducted the following affairs in the course of the year:

#### a) 26th Anniversary Celebration

The Anniversary Banquet was held on Sunday, June 11, 1967, in our Church Hall. Archbishop Torkam Manoogian, Primate, was present. Total donations were \$1,076.

#### b) Annual Church Picnic

The picnic was held jointly with Saint George's Church of Hartford on September 10, 1967. In spite of the pouring rain in the morning, the hardy, optimistic spirits of our joint membership kept us going until the weather cleared by mid-afternoon. Each Church realized a profit of \$401.

### 4. Maintenance

The regular minor maintenance requirements of the Church were met. In addition, the following major items were noted:

- a) The extreme humidity of the past summer buckled the Church Hall floor. Repairs were made at no cost to the Church by Peter Egazarian.

- b) The underground water line in the Church was in a very deteriorated condition and has been raised to the above ground level. The changes were made at only the cost of the material by Paul Bedoian of Newington with help from Ed Simonian and Harry Azarigian.

5. Publications

Circulars were mailed to keep the parishoners advised of major Church activities. The "Loos", although interrupted with the transfer of Father Buttero, is now being published on a regular basis.

6. Sacraments

In the course of the year, the following sacraments were performed:

Weddings	1
Baptisms	3
Funerals	0

7. Church Membership

To be a member in good standing of this Parish one must, according to our bi-laws, pledge \$1.00 per week to the Church - or a lesser amount with Parish Council and Parish Priest approval under the "exemption" clause in the bi-laws as it applies to hardship cases.

Two-Year Summary 1966-67

<u>Pledge per Week</u>	<u>Number</u>			<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>
	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>			
\$ .25	5	8	Total Pledges	75	81
.30	1	2	Total Income	\$5,152	\$5,382
.50	14	17			
.75	1	1	Voting Memb.	-	82
.80	1	1			
1.00	27	24			
1.15	1	1	Non-Voting Memb.-		42
1.25	1	1			
1.50	1	2			

Two Year Summary 1966-67 (cont'd)

<u>Pledge Per Week</u>	<u>Number</u>		<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>
	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>		
\$2.00	13	13		
2.25	1	0		
2.50	2	1		
3.00	4	7		
3.25	1	1		
4.00	1	1		
5.00	1	1		

The Parish Council has, through contacts, tried this past year to encourage membership of non-members through both minimum pledge and exemption application. The results have not been too satisfactory. Increasing the pressure on the people does not always produce good results.

The Parish Assembly today will be asked to take this matter up in more detail when we get to recommendations.

As we have said in past years, we must encourage the high school and college graduates to take part in and join the Church. The parents are the ones that are best able to perform this duty.

Outstanding pledges at year's end are approximately \$360. We ask all that owe back pledges to bring their payments up-to-date. The Church must meet its financial obligations, the payments of over half of which come from pledge income.

8. Finances

The Auditors' report covers this item in greater detail.

9. 1968 Budget

The proposed 1968 budget is attached for reference and discussion when it is brought up as New Business.

10. Cemetery

During the past year, 12 burial plots were obtained adjacent to 24 purchased a few years ago in a separate portion of the cemetery. We now have available plots in a new section containing

a total of 36 burial sites. Cost of the 12 new plots was \$459.

11. Recommendations

- a) Burial Plots - Burial Rights be sold to members at a cost of \$75 per plot rather than the current \$50. Burial Rights for non-members be raised to \$250. To be effective immediately and cover all burial plots available to the Church.
- b) Choir & Deacon Development - Programs initiated in 1967 be continued and expedited. We should do all we can to encourage the growth of our people into participating in Church activities.
- c) Pledge System - The council has in some cases generated hurt feelings while administering the present pledge system. Your consideration of this situation is invited.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Maljanian  
Chairman, Parish Council