

ARMENIAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY RESURRECTION  
11 ERWIN PLACE, NEW BRITAIN, CONN.  
REV. FR. VARTAN DER ASSADOURIAN, PASTOR

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 1969

PRESENTED AT THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY ON JAN. 25, 1970

1. PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

At the first parish council meeting on February 4, 1969, the members of the newly formed council were elected to their respective offices as follows:

Chairman	Monoog Bagdigian
Vice-Chairman	Edward Simonian
Secretary	John Maljanian
Treasurer	Given Hoosigian
Pledge Custodian	Peter Egazarian
Advisor	Harry Azarigian
Advisor	Walter Georgogosian
Advisor	Hurach Azarigian
Advisor	Harry Hougas

2. MEETINGS

- (a) Twelve regularly scheduled monthly council meetings were held to handle the routine business of the council.
- (b) Joint meetings were held with Hartford for the purpose of planning and organizing the Church picnic.
- (c) A special council meeting was held with the Primate upon the occasion of his visit for our 28th anniversary celebration.
- (d) A meeting was held with the 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.
- (e) The regular special membership meeting was called after church on October 12th to elect the nominating committee that makes the preparations for the elections to be held at this Parish Assembly.

- (f) A meeting was held with Attorney Harry Mazadoorian to explain our position with the City regarding the taking of the Church and Church property.

### 3. CHURCH ENTERPRISES:

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

(a) 28th Anniversary Celebration

The 28th Anniversary Banquet was held on Sunday, April 13, 1969, in the Church Hall presided over by His Grace, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate of the Armenian Church. A highlight of the Banquet was the presentation of the 28 Godfathers for the day. Total donations amounted to \$1,778.00.

(b) Annual Church Picnic

The picnic was held on August 26th jointly with St. Georges Church of Hartford. Once again, the joint venture was a success and each Church realized a profit of \$750.00.

(c) Masons Visit

On Sunday, October 19th, our Church thru the efforts of the late Walter Georgosian held an early Church Service followed by breakfast for the Fellowcraft Club of the Masonic Order.

(d) Land Acquisition

The Church has taken title to the Blake Property on Stanley Street as the first step in our new church building program. A more detailed report will be given by the Building Committee.

### 4. MAINTENANCE

The regular maintenance requirements of the Church were met. In addition, the following special items should be noted:

- (a) Repaired gutters and leaders.  
(b) Refinished Trustee Room (donated by Pete & Monoog Bagdigian).

### 5. PUBLICATIONS

Circulars have been mailed as necessary to keep the Parishioners advised of major church activities and all Church meetings.

The "Looy's" is published on a regular bi-monthly basis by the Pastor, Trustees, and the A. C. Y. O. A. We remind you that the content of the "Looy's" is determined by what articles are submitted by the reporters of the various Church Organizations and parishioners.

6. SACRAMENTS

In the course of the year, the following sacraments were performed by our Pastor:

Weddings	2
Baptisms	2
Funerals	6

7. CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

We present below a four year summary of the pledge and membership status for our Parish.

Four-Year Summary 1966-67-68-69

<u>Pledge per week</u>	<u>Number</u>					<u>1966 1967 1968 1969</u>			
	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1969</u>		<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1969</u>
\$ .20	0	0	1	1					
.25	5	8	6	2	Total Plgs.	75	81	89	86
.30	1	2	1	1					
.35	0	0	0	3	T. Income	\$5,152	\$5,382	\$5,608	\$5,884
.40	0	0	0	2					
.50	14	17	14	20	Voting Memb.		82	101	132
.75	1	1	1	0					
.80	1	1	0	1	Non-Voting Memb.		42	27	0 *
1.00	27	24	28	26					
1.15	1	1	0	0	Total Members		124	128	132
1.25	1	1	1	2					
1.50	1	2	2	1					
2.00	13	13	12	15					
2.25	1	0	0	0					
2.50	2	1	2	1					
3.00	4	7	8	8					
3.25	1	1	0	0					
4.00	1	1	2	2					
5.00	1	1	1	1					

\* Note: By definition of the Steward System in effect in 1969 our membership is comprised of voting members only.

As we have said in past years, we would like 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.

Pledges in arrears as of December 31, 1969 are approximately \$652.00. We ask all who owe back pledges to bring their payments up-to-date. The Church must meet its financial obligations, and half of its income is derived from pledges.

8. FINANCES

The Auditors' report will cover this item in detail.

9. 1970 BUDGET

The proposed 1970 budget is attached and will be discussed under New Business.

10. CEMETERY

A report of the cemetery will be given by the cemetery custodian.

11. INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

The Parish Council and the Investment Committee decided it would be more prudent not to make any investments as authorized in view of the new Church Building Program.

12. RECOMMENDATIONS

(a) Steward System

It is noted that with the "Steward System" instituted for a one year trial period last year, the pledge income for the Church showed no significant change. The Parish Council recommends that the Steward System be continued on the current trial basis for another year, and that each Parishioner review his offering for possible increase to help keep up with the increased cost of operation.

On behalf of the Parish Council  
Respectfully submitted

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Secretary

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