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Dear Mr. Dadourian,

It was a pleasure speaking with you and sharing concerns regarding the youth and their relationship with our Church. It is indeed a primary area of concern and certainly one that should be a priority in terms of planning for a future.

Enclosed are the materials and information you requested on the ACYOA Armenian Studies Programs. As we had discussed, it seems that the "Journey" to Armenian program might best suit the needs of your Grandchildren at this time. The Educational Tour to Armenia requires ACYOA membership, as well as a conversational command of the language. The Jerusalem - "The Holy City" trip may also accommodate your Grandchildren as it has no such requirements. I do hope that you are able to send your Grandchildren as the experiences therein will be everlasting and most probably once-in-a-lifetime.

I would be pleased if you would have any suggestions to enhance our youth programming, and boost our Armenian Church Youth Organization of America. We are considering a fund-raising campaign for the very near future and would appreciate any suggestions or advise you might have. Finances are perhaps our biggest problem at the present. I, myself, have many viable plans and programs for the youth of our Church - to bring them closer, to allow them to interact with one another, to provide an opportunity for them to truly understand and experience their Church and heritage. However, field workers, developers, materials productions, etc., etc., are lacking due to the financial problems we are experiencing. We are hopeful, and we are determined. My position exposes me to a great deal of youth - many of which are completely unaware of their Armenian Christian identity (practically speaking) as well as their Armenian identity. I hope to some day provide the vehicle through which the thousands of youth who are not sensitive to their identity may experience it and become aware of the vast wealth of history we are privileged as Armenians to have been a part of by the Grace of God.

Stay well, I look forward to your correspondence.

Sincerely,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary