

Department of Youth Ministry

Diocese of the Armenian Church of America



PROPOSAL:

That the Diocese of the Armenian Church establish a "DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH MINISTRY" to develop and supervise a complete program for youth and young adults.

RATIONALE:

A professional approach to youth programming is no longer a luxury; it has become a necessity. "Organizational" approaches (i.e. ACYOA, CYO, GOYA, etc.) have become increasingly inefficient, ineffective, and limited in scope and attractiveness. Thus, we are confronted with a situation that, in some cases, does not allow opportunity for the young person to participate and grow as a member of the Church.

Therefore, by combining the efforts of both Diocesan Youth Directors, and forming one over-arching Youth Ministry Program via the Department, a more professional and qualitative schedule of programs could be provided for the young people of the Armenian Church of America. These programs will be designed to foster stronger relationships between Armenian young people, their Church and community.

OBJECTIVES:

The Department of Youth Ministry will:

- (1) Train parish youth workers and supervise the training of professionals for parishes, regions, and Diocesan level positions.
- (2) Serve as a resource center for clergy and lay youth workers.
- (3) Publish newsletters, magazines and other related materials.
- (4) Coordinate national and regional programs and activities.
- (5) Assist and support local programs and activities.
- (6) Assist and support existing programs for youth (i.e. St. Nersess Summer Conferences).
- (7) Gather demographic and vital statistical information to use in designing programs and understanding the needs of the Armenian youth population in America, presently and in the future.

STRUCTURE:

Diocesan Youth Ministry Directors
 Regional Field Workers and Coordinators
 Parish Youth Directors, Workers and Advisors