

Armenian Church Youth Organization of America

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

March 14, 1989

VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

Rev. Fr. Nersess Jebejian, Pastor
St. Kevork Armenian Church
3211 Synott Road
Houston, TX 77082

Reverend Father:

It was a pleasure speaking with you yesterday and listening to your concerns.

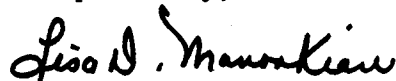
I contacted Linda Minassian shortly after I spoke with you. She informed me that she sent you a national mailing list and a copy of the pertinent financial information last week. If you do not receive it by the end of this week, please contact me.

As you requested, I am enclosing a copy of the most recent version of the ACYOA Membership Handbook, which contains all of the decisions which were passed at the 1988 General Assembly in Providence. A copy of this Handbook will be sent to each dues-paid member of the Organization beginning in April. It will be in a binder (5½" x 8") so that it can be easily updated each year.

On another note, I would appreciate it if you could forward to me any publicity on the National Sports Weekend so that I can include it in Hye Hokin, the ACYOA quarterly. The deadline for submission of materials for the second issue is March 27th. (The first issue will be coming out in mid-April). At the very least, please call me with any details so that I may write an article. I can be reached at 215-854-6300 (work) or 215-649-8426 (home - after 7 p.m.).

Please be assured that the Central Council is ready, willing, and able to assist you in any way we can. Please do not hesitate to call upon us should you need anything.

Respectfully,



Lisa D. Manookian
Vice Chairman
ACYOA Central Council

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Enclosure
cc: Central Council
Executive Secretary



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March 10, 1989

Ms. Alenoush Varoujanian
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Ms. Sylva Yessayan
Co-Chairman
Washington, D.C. ACYOA Seniors
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Dear Alenoush and Sylva:

On behalf of the ACYOA Central Council, I congratulate you on your election as Co-Chairmen of the Washington, D.C. chapter. In order to assist you and your chapter, I am enclosing the following:

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If you have any questions or need further materials, please contact me or Suzie Ashjian, the Central Council Mid-Atlantic Regional Representative. Doug Tashjian, the ACYOA Executive Secretary, is also available should you need his assistance.

Very truly yours,

Lisa D. Manookian

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cc: Rev. Fr. Vertanes Kalayjian, Pastor
Central Council
Executive Secretary

December 1, 1989

Ms. Lisa D. Manookian, Chairman
ACYOA Central Council
2007 County Line Road
Ardmore, PA 19002

Dear Ms. Manookian:

Thank you for your letter dated October 20, 1989, reporting on the actions taken by the 1989 General Assembly.

The Diocesan Council at its meeting held on October 27, 1989, confirmed the election of the Central Council as follows:

Liza Manookian	Chairman	(2 yrs.)
Suzie Ashjian	Vice-Chairman	(1 yr.)
Gregory Arpajian	Treasurer	(2 yrs.)
Gregory Saraydarian	Recording Secretary	(2 yrs.)
Laurie Onanian	Corresponding Secretary	(1 yr.)

The Diocesan Council also approved the constitutional amendments to increase the size of the Central Council from five to seven members beginning in 1990, and setting forth procedures for elections and filling of vacancies.

The following proposals were also approved:

- Renaming the Armenian Studies Program as the Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Armenian Studies Program, and establishing four regional scholarships for the program.
- Establishment of a committee to develop guidelines and instructions for the 75th Commemoration of Martyrs Day.
- Creation of a "Bible for Armenia" project in conjunction with the Diocesan plan.

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- Republication of the "Sacraments and Prayers of the Armenian Church".

May the Lord bless you all with His love and wisdom, always.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate



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October 20, 1989

His Eminence

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

630 Second Avenue

New York, NY 10016

Your Eminence:

I wish to officially inform Your Eminence and the Diocesan Council of the decisions of the 1989 ACYOA General Assembly. The Assembly was well-attended and many decisions were made which will further enhance the ACYOA. The following proposals were passed:

1. To rename the Armenian Studies Program: In honor of the 50th Anniversary of Archbishop Torkom Manoogian's ordination, the Armenian Studies Program will now be known as the Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Armenian Studies Program. Additionally, four scholarships will be established (one in each region), with the amount being determined by the ACYOA Central Council.
2. The Central Councils of the ACYOA, ACYO-WD, and ACYOC shall do the following: (a) exchange names and addresses of Council members and chapter chairpersons; (b) send all Diocesan-wide mailings to the Central Council members and chapter chairpersons of each Diocese (indicating whether or not the activity is open for Inter-Diocesan participation); and (c) meet at least once a year or have a teleconference.
3. The Central Council shall appoint a committee to develop guidelines and instructions for the 75th Commemoration of Armenian Martyrs' Day.
4. The Central Council shall appoint a committee to organize a Diocesan-wide collection drive of specific items (toothbrushes, cough syrup, alka selzer - cold medicine, soap, blankets, hats, gloves, etc.) and prescription medications which would be collected and stored throughout the year and sent to Armenia to be personally distributed with the next Armenian Earthquake Relief Team (or ASP). Additionally, the committee would also be responsible for developing an operational plan to consolidate and store all supplies as well as insure that the recipients are trained in their proper use.

5. The Executive Secretary's office shall distribute quarterly press releases describing the current situation in Armenia as well as efforts ongoing in the United States.
6. The Sacraments and Prayers of the Armenian Church shall be republished. Any necessary assistance will be provided by the Cambridge ACYOA Seniors.
7. A "Bibles for Armenia" project shall be created in conjunction with the existing Diocesan plan. Each chapter shall conduct a fund raiser, specifically for this, and all proceeds from that fund raiser will be used to purchase Bibles written in Eastern Armenian at an approximate cost of \$5.00 per Bible.
8. An "Ecumenical Youth Fellowship and Dialogue" program shall be created to include mainstream Christian denominations such as the Roman Catholic, Greek Orthodox, and Episcopal churches. The program should bring together two to three members from five to six area churches for an informal presentation/open forum-type setting.
9. A "Social Service Project" shall be held once a year by each chapter. The project shall be designed to be an investment of time and talent, not just a monetary investment.
10. It was recommended that we publish a series of "Bible Study Outlines" which reflect the teachings of the Armenian Church. These would be used on a parish or regional level and would be designed to include biblical passages, background information, discussion questions, a bibliography and resources.

The following amendments to the Constitution were made. (The underlined sections within the body of each amendment to the Constitution indicate the changes within that amendment):

- ✓ 1. **Article 11, Section 1:** From among the members of the ACYOA, the General Assembly shall elect seven members to constitute the ACYOA Central Council. Only one person from any chapter may be elected to the ACYOA Central Council in any given year. The ACYOA Central Council term of office shall commence following the confirmation of the election by the Primate and Diocesan Council.
- ✓ 2. **Article 11, Section 2:** As the ACYOA Central Council terms of office expire, the vacancies shall be filled by members elected for two-year terms. If the total number of members of the Central Council is changed by amendment, the General Assembly at which the amendment is adopted shall decide how best to accommodate the change so as to

keep alternate year elections as even in number as possible. No member shall hold office in excess of two consecutive terms.

3. Article 11, Section 4: In case of a vacancy in the ACYOA Central Council created by resignation or otherwise, the ACYOA Central Council shall invite the individual who received the next highest number of votes short of election at the last General Assembly to fill the vacancy to complete the term of office. In the event that the first alternate is unable to fill the vacancy, the second alternate shall be invited to fill the position. Should no alternates be available, the ACYOA Central Council shall select an ACYOA member in good standing to fill the vacancy with the same rights, privileges, and responsibilities as the elected National Committee members.

A resolution was also passed with regard to the passing of His Grace, Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan, our founder and father. The resolution expressed the delegates' sympathies and sorrow to the Primate, all reverend clergy and members of Srpazan's family. It also called for the designation of an appropriate date in the near future, whereby all chapters would be directed to sponsor a program in their respective parishes to recognize and highlight the life of the late Primate and his efforts on behalf of the Armenian Church and his accomplishments in the United States.

Along another note, the following individuals were elected to the various committees:

ACYOA Central Council

Gregory Arpajian (Cleveland)
Lisa Manookian (Wynnewood)
Gregory Saraydarian (Bayside)

Auditing Committee

Sara Andonian (Detroit)
Lisa Najarian (Worcester)
Charles Shooshan (Hartford)

Nominating Committee

Lynda Chagachbanian (Fair Lawn)
Stephanie Masoian (Providence)
Scott Najarian (Worcester)

The members of the Central Council and their respective assignments for the 1989-1990 year are as follows: Lisa Manookian (Chairman); Suzie Ashjian (Vice

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Chairman); Gregory Arpajian (Treasurer); Gregory Saraydarian (Recording Secretary); and Laurie Onanian (Corresponding Secretary). The newly-elected Council members will serve for two-year terms. Suzie Ashjian (Westchester) and Laurie Onanian (Watertown) have one more year remaining before the completion of their terms. The members of the Auditing and Nominating Committees will serve for one year.

I ask for Your Eminence's consideration and support of the decisions of the Assembly and respectfully submit them to Your Eminence and the Diocesan Council for approval and confirmation.

Yours respectfully,



Lisa D. Manookian
Chairman
ACYOA Central Council

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MANOOGIANI KOOMARVETZ TEXASI HOUSTON KAGHAKI MEJ YEV HAYDARARETZ YERIDASARTATZ
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YEV AMENAYN HAYOTZ MAYR ATOR SOORB ETCHMIADZINE VORBESZI MNB N MISHD PARKAVADJ
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March 14, 1989

Mr. Brian Kamajian
544 West Melrose, #456
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Brian:

His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian was delighted to receive your letter of February 28, and to hear of your good experience at the ACYOA Cultural Weekend. It is truly a wonderful opportunity for learning and Armenian fellowship; I am delighted to know how thoroughly you enjoyed it.

As for your interest in Armenian language materials, I am pleased to enclose a copy of the curriculum catalogue from the Armenian Language Lab. You can order these materials directly from the Diocesan bookstore.

With sincere thanks for your interest and wishing you all good luck.

Yours sincerely,

Syraun Palvetzian
Director

Enclosure

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2-28-89

Dear Archbishop Manougian,

I have just returned home from the ACYOA Cultural Weekend. I enjoyed it immensely and am very thankful that the church supports and presents such programs. Doug Tashjian and all of the lecturers presented a top-notch educational program that will stay with everyone in attendance for a long time. Learning so much Armenian history, culture and theology gives me great interest and enthusiasm to get involved in Armenian activities. I enjoyed spending so much time in the Archdiocese and hope to someday work for you in some respects.

During his lecture on the importance of the Armenian Language, Hay Somp ~~Bhazaj~~ Barsamian spoke of the materials in the Armenian Language Lab at the Archdiocese. We have a Armenian Language class here at the Chicago ABU Center every Tuesday, and I would like to know of any materials available to us. We are limited to mail-order books, since there are no Armenian Bookstores in Chicago.

I'm sorry you were not in New York during the ACYA weekend, as I had hoped to meet you personally. I know you are very busy, and I greatly appreciate any information you can send. I sincerely hope to meet you on my next visit to New York.

Respectfully,

Brian Kamajian

Armenian Church Youth Organization of America

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March 1, 1989

Dear ACYOA Member:

The previously announced Christian Leadership Weekend, planned for March 10-12, has been re-scheduled as a Leadership Workshop on Saturday, March 11 at St. James Armenian Church, Harrison, New York. The program will be hosted by the St. James ACYOA. Please join us at 9:00 a.m. for coffee. The first session begins at 9:30 a.m. and we will conclude at 4:30 p.m.

All ACYOA members are encouraged to attend. This program has been enthusiastically received in Hartford, CT and Milwaukee, WI where it was held in 1988. It is a unique opportunity to learn about the Armenian Church and how you as a young adult can contribute to the life of your parish and your own personal growth.

The speakers for the workshop will be: the Reverend Father Karekin Kasparian, member of the Diocesan Council and pastor of St. James Armenian Church; Mr. Edward Chapien, Vice-Chairman, Diocesan Council; and Ms. Barbara Lavery, Coordinator of Student Affairs, Iona College. Discussion will be encouraged, and the learning focus will be on the values of our faith and culture, leadership opportunities, leadership skills, group dynamics, and personal growth. Where else but in the Armenian Church can you find such an opportunity for personal enrichment?

Coffee, refreshments, and lunch are compliments of the ACYOA.

Directions: Hutchinson River Parkway North to Exit #28. Exit and follow ramp to stop sign. At stop sign, turn left. Proceed up hill, and turn right at first driveway. There will be a sign for St. James Armenian Church.

R.S.V.P. Suzie Ashjian (914) 963-0889 (evening)
 Diane Guederian (914)237-1607 (evening)
 Douglas Tashjian (212)686-0710 (daytime)

We look forward to your participation.

Yours sincerely,

Doug

Douglas Tashjian
ACYOA Executive Secretary





ARMENIAN CHURCH OF
WESTERN QUEENS

43-12 46th Street
Long Island City, N. Y. 11104

Rev. Mamigon Vosganian, Pastor

4/6/89

Dear Scott Najarian

The Sevan ACYOA of the Armenian Church of Western Queens which is known as the "Woodside Chapter" established a provincial dance group in September of 1988. The repertoire of the group consists of more than 25 provincial dances from Western Armenia. The dances are not choreographed and have come down to us from Armenian immigrants who settled in the U.S. at the turn of the century. These dances are a very small fraction of what Armenians danced at Kharp Sepasdatsi, Vanetsi etc. picnics, weddings and gatherings.

We are organizing a documentary about the region of Vashbouragan. The program will consist of the following:

V a s b o u r a g a n
Lecture - History up to 1915

Movie - Historic Armenia 53 minutes
Lunch

Lecture - Family Structure
Religion and Education

- Weddings, engagements, baptisms etc.
Holidays

Performance of Songs and Dances.

This program will be open to all ACYOA members and the Armenian public. Under the cultural committee guidelines would we qualify for financial support?

Please get in touch with me.

c. Douglas
Tashjian
ACYOA Executive Secretary

Robert Haroutunian
Sevan ACYOA
137-02 43rd Ave
Fresh Meadows N.Y. 11361

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February 13, 1989

Ms. Syraun Palvetzian
Executive Director
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America
630 Second Avenue
New York, NY 10016

Dear Syraun:

As you may recall, the ACYOA National Sports Weekend and Awards Records were entered onto computer at the Diocese last year. This list is a basic service that the Central Council provides each year to the National Sports Weekend Committee, for inclusion in the annual Sports Weekend yearbook.

The Providence chapter, which hosted the 1988 ACYOA National Sports Weekend, has forwarded to me the names of the winners of the various awards. Accordingly, I have integrated those additions and have attached the list to this letter.

The Central Council would appreciate any assistance that anyone at the Diocese can give us in revising this list. The Houston chapter, which is hosting the 1989 ACYOA National Sports Weekend, will need this list by the beginning of June. Would it be possible to have a draft by the beginning of April?

On behalf of the ACYOA Central Council, I thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Very truly yours,



Lisa D. Manookian
ACYOA Central Council

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cc: Central Council
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March 1, 1989

Ms. Linda Chagachbanian
Chairman
Fair Lawn ACYOA Seniors
88 Logan Lane
Wyckoff, NJ 07481

Dear Linda:

It was great talking with you the other night. As you requested, I am forwarding some materials to you which should assist you and your Executive Body.

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I am also attaching a list of the various Armenian weekly papers for your use in publicizing your chapter's activities. Also attached is a description of the various positions and responsibilities of a chapter executive body.

But, wait, there's more. If you have not already done so, please forward a list of all young adults living within your parish jurisdiction to Doug Tashjian for incorporation in the National Mailing list. If you already have done this, then simply send him address changes periodically.

Ms. Linda Chagachbanian
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I hope that I have been somewhat helpful in assisting you. If you have any questions, please call me or Doug or Susie Ashjian, who is the Central Council Representative to the Mid-Atlantic Region. We will be glad to assist you in whatever way we can.

Good Luck and God Bless.

Very truly yours,



Lisa D. Manookian
Vice Chairman
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Enclosures

cc: Rev. Fr. Arshen Aivazian, Pastor
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March 6, 1989

Ms. Kathy Keusey
Chairman
Bayside ACYOA Seniors
277 New Hyde Park Road
Garden City, NJ 11530

Dear Kathy:

On behalf of the ACYOA Central Council, I congratulate you on your recent election as Chairman of the Bayside chapter. Suzie Ashjian (the Central Council Mid-Atlantic Regional Representative) informed me that you will be needing some materials to assist you and your Executive Body. I am, therefore, enclosing the following:

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I am also attaching a list of the various Armenian weekly papers for your use in publicizing your chapter's activities. In addition, I am attaching a description of the various positions and responsibilities of a chapter executive body.

Ms. Kathy Keusey
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I hope that I have been somewhat helpful. If you have any questions, please contact me or Suzie. Doug Tashjian, the ACYOA Executive Secretary, is also available should you need his assistance. Please do not hesitate to call, as we will be glad to assist you in whatever way we can.

Good Luck!

Very truly yours,



Lisa D. Manookian
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cc: Rev. Fr. Krikor Hairabedian, Pastor
Rev. Fr. Yeghia Hairabedian, Asst. Pastor
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Ms. Lisa Nersesian
Chairman
Livingston ACYOA Seniors
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Livingston, NJ 07039

Dear Lisa:

On behalf of the ACYOA Central Council, I congratulate you on your recent election as Chairman of the Livingston chapter. Doug Tashjian (ACYOA Executive Secretary) informed me that you will be needing some materials to assist you and your Executive Body. I am, therefore, enclosing the following:

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Ms. Lisa Nersesian
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Good Luck!

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cc: Very Rev. Fr. Houssig Bagdasian, Pastor
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Ms. Gail Tashjian
12474 Starcrest
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San Antonio, TX 78216

Dear Gail:

It was a real pleasure to meet both you and Carol at the ACYOA Cultural Weekend last month. I hope both of you enjoyed your visit to New York as well as your participation in the program.

Doug informed me that you had requested several materials in order to assist you in the formation of an ACYOA chapter in San Antonio. As I am the Central Council Representative to the Southern Region, Doug referred your request to me.

I am enclosing a copy of the ACYOA Membership Handbook, which contains most of the information and materials you will need to assist you in the formation of a chapter. This Handbook was compiled by me during these past two years as one of my assigned projects as a Council member. I am also enclosing a description of the various positions and responsibilities of a chapter executive body.

The ACYOA Central Council has been considering the formation of a chapter in San Antonio for some time. We feel that now is the right time and will do everything we can to assist you. Article 6 of the ACYOA Constitution (see Handbook) discusses the formation of chapters. Once you have complied with the Sections under Article 6, I will come down to San Antonio and help you "get the ball rolling."

I hope I have been somewhat helpful to you. I will be contacting you in two weeks to discuss this matter with you in more detail. Until then, take care and give my best to Carol.

Very truly yours,

Lisa D. Manookian
ACYOA Central Council
Southern Regional Representative

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Mr. Jack Shahbazian
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Mr. Gary Assadourian
Chairman
Union City ACYOA Seniors
21 76th Street
North Bergen, NJ 07047

Dear Gary:

On behalf of the ACYOA Central Council, I congratulate you on your recent election as Chairman of the Union City chapter. Doug Tashjian (ACYOA Executive Secretary) informed me that you will be needing some materials to assist you and your Executive Body. I am, therefore, enclosing the following:

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Mr. Steve Mekenian
Chairman
Tenafly ACYOA Seniors
156 Elm Street
Tenafly, NJ 07670

Dear Steve:

On behalf of the ACYOA Central Council, I congratulate you on your recent election as Chairman of the Tenafly chapter. Doug Tashjian (ACYOA Executive Secretary) informed me that you will be needing some materials to assist you and your Executive Body. I am, therefore, enclosing the following:

The ACYOA Membership Handbook contains most of the information you will need. If you look in the Table of Contents, you'll see the various documents listed. Once your chapter submits its dues to the National Organization, each individual member of your chapter will receive a copy of this Handbook. It will be in a binder, whereby it can be updated each year. I will begin to send each member copies in early April.

The Chapter Monthly Fact Sheets inform the Council of your meetings and activities. They should be sent to Scott Najarian, the Central Council Chairman, on a monthly basis (15 days following the reported month) regardless of whether any activity takes place.

The Membership Renewal Form should be sent to Melina Spinuzza, the Central Council Treasurer, along with your dues. The following information is needed for each individual you are remitting dues: name, address, zip code and telephone number. If there is not enough room on the form, attach a copy of your mailing list and indicate the names of those people for whom you are remitting dues.

I am also attaching a list of the various Armenian weekly papers for your use in publicizing your chapter's activities. In addition, I am attaching a description of the various positions and responsibilities of a chapter executive body.

Mr. Steve Mekenian
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March 6, 1989

I hope that I have been somewhat helpful. If you have any questions, please contact me or Suzie Ashjian, the Central Council Mid-Atlantic Regional Representative. Doug is also available should you need his assistance. Please do not hesitate to call, as we will be glad to assist you in whatever way we can.

Good Luck!

Very truly yours,



Lisa D. Manookian
Vice Chairman
ACYOA Central Council

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Attachments

cc: Rev. Fr. Arnak Kasparian, Pastor
Central Council
Executive Secretary

Armenian Church Youth Organization of America

February 13, 1989

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

Mr. Tom Topalian, Chairman
Boca Raton ACYOA Seniors
3626 Lawson Blvd.
Delray Beach, FL 33445

Dear Tom:

On behalf of the ACYOA Central Council, I would like to thank both you and your chapter for the generous hospitality you gave the "mission" team which came down to visit several weeks ago. The interaction between the two groups clearly illustrated that the Organization's first attempt at such an endeavor was successful and should continue to be in the years to come as this program develops.

I wish I could have stayed longer on Sunday and attended Badarak with everyone, but I had an early flight back home. I understand that members of your chapter had expressed an interest in the Southern Regional Ball. As I mentioned to you in our phone conversation last week, the ACYOA Anniversary Ball is a regional event held to mark the anniversary of the Organization. Balls are currently being planned in the New England and Midwest areas. I am enclosing the guidelines which were passed at the 1988 General Assembly in Providence to give you more information. If, after discussing this with your chapter, you find that your chapter wishes to host a Ball, please let me know so I can relay this to the Council.

On another note, Melina Spinuzza, the Central Council Treasurer, has informed me that your chapter has remitted its dues to the National Organization. I congratulate you on being a chapter in good standing! Each member will soon receive a membership card, and a copy of the National Membership Directory. Copies of the Membership Handbook will be distributed in March.

Additionally, I am forwarding fact sheets which should be submitted to Scott Najarian, ACYOA Central Council Chairman, on a monthly basis. His address is on the bottom of each sheet. Also, please inform Doug Tashjian periodically of any address changes on your local mailing list so that he can update our National Mailing List accordingly. By fulfilling these basic requirements, and others outlined in the Preliminary Edition of the Membership Handbook (which you received during the team's visit), you are not only communicating with the Council, but are also on your way to becoming an "A" Chapter.

If you have any questions, or if I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,



Lisa D. Manookian
ACYOA Central Council
Southern Regional Representative



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Enclosures

cc: Rev. Dr. Zaven Arzoumanian, Pastor
Central Council
Executive Secretary
Central Council

May 11, 1989

Mr. Ara N. Kazarian, Chairman
1989 New England Region Anniversary Ball
A.C.Y.O.A. Seniors
St. George Armenian Church
22 White Street
Hartford, Ct 06114

Dear Mr. Kazarian:

His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian asked me to thank you for your letter of April 28, inviting him to attend the 1989 ACYOA New England Anniversary Ball scheduled to be held in Hartford, Connecticut, on the weekend of September 29th.

His Eminence regrets that he will be unable to attend this function due to a previously scheduled commitment.

Yours sincerely,

Sylvia Terzibashian
Secretary to the Primate

A.C.Y.O.A.
Seniors

Ara Kazarian
395 Brittany Farms Road
New Britain, Ct 06053
203-225-3760

April 28, 1989

Your Holiness,

SADAY / —
As chairman of the 1989 ACYOA New England Region
Anniversary Ball, being held in Hartford Connecticut, on
the weekend of September 29th; it is my pleasure to invite
you to preside over our scheduled activities. We are looking
forward to a successful and pleasurable weekend. It is our
hope that you will be able to attend.

Respectfully yours,



Ara N. Kazarian
1989 New England Region Anniversary Ball Chairman

St. George Armenian Church 22 White Street Hartford, Ct. 06114

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Armenian Church Youth Organization of America

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

March 30, 1989

His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate
630 Second Avenue
New York, New York

Your Eminence,

Enclosed please find the Agenda for our next Central Council meeting,
scheduled for April 7 and 8, 1989, in Cleveland, Ohio.

We will be meeting at your convenience during the weekend. The council
will also attend the Anniversary Banquet of the Cleveland parish on
Saturday evening.

Most Respectfully,



Scott Najarian
ACYOA Central Council Chairman

cc: Syraun Palvetzian



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July 1, 1989

Very Rev. Fr. Khajag Barsamian
Vicar General
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Very Reverend Father:

As you already know, this past year the ACYOA introduced its new quarterly, Hye Hokin, to the membership. One issue has already been released and a second is currently in production.

Our third issue will center on the Armenian language. Fr. Yeprem Kelegian has already written a piece entitled, "Hayeren Guh Khosees?" which will be featured in our "Perspectives on Culture" section.

We would like to have another article specifically discussing the importance of the use of the Armenian language in the Divine Liturgy to be in the "Insights to Our Faith" section. I attended the Cultural Weekend this past February and was very impressed with the presentation you made on this subject and thought that an article from your standpoint would be very thought-provoking and stimulating for our readers.

If you are amenable to this, I will need the article by August 7th. I can be reached at 215-854-6300 (work) or 215-649-8426 (home) if you have any questions or need further information.

Respectfully,

Lisa D. Manookian
Coordinator
Hye Hokin

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cc: Karen Sirabian, Editor
Doug Tashjian

Armenian Church Youth Organization of America

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

Mr. Zaven Kasparian
Chairman
Diocese of the Armenian
Church
New England Region
12 Eagle Lane
Paxton, MA 01612

November 16, 1988


Dear Mr. Kasparian,

The ACYOA New England Regional Committee has decided to produce a quarterly newsletter. This newsletter would be sent to all ACYOA members in the region. Enclosed is a rough draft of the proposed format.

Printing and mailing arrangements have been made by the Providence representative, however, we would appreciate any financial assistance the New England Regional Committee could provide. The approximate cost of printing and mailing has been estimated at \$1000.00. We hope to have the first issue distributed in January.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 617-734-6140. Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,



Laurie Onanian
Central Council
New England Representative



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