

# Armenian Church Youth Organization of America

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Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

January 26, 1987

TO: ACYOA DELEGATES, CHAPTER CHAIRMEN, AND CLERGY  
FROM: ACYOA CENTRAL COUNCIL  
RE: MINUTES FROM THE 1986 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Despite modern technology, sleepless nights, and numerous proofreadings, we have discovered errors in the minutes of the 1986 General Assembly. Enclosed please find the correct version of APPENDIX R - ACYOA NATIONAL BUDGET.

Please forgive us if this error has caused you unnecessary stress and strain -- we are, after all, mere mortals and are capable of making mistakes!

/enclosure

cc: His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian  
Anthony Barsamian  
Fr. Haigazoun Najarian



Central Council

Diocese of the Armenian Church of America 630 Second Avenue New York, N. Y. 10016 (212) 686-0710

# Armenian Church Youth Organization of America

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

TO: All Delegates

FROM: ACYOA Central Council

September 2, 1987

SUBJECT: Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Basketball Tournament

Upon reviewing the current Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Basketball Tournament Rules and Regulations the ACYOA Central Council, with the support of the Primate, submits the following proposal:

## PROPOSAL:

To eliminate the current Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Basketball Tournament Rules and Regulations and initiate the Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Invitational Tournament Rules and Regulations. (attached)

The proposal accomplishes the following:

- 1) The addition of volleyball to the Tournament.
- 2) Lifts the requirement that the Tournament be held in the New York Metropolitan area every other year.
- 3) Allows teams from the Western Diocese and Canadian Diocese to participate in the Tournament.

In order to simplify the process of amending the rules a new set of Rules and Regulations has been prepared. The attached rules are the same as the current Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Basketball Tournament Rules and Regulations with the following adjustments.

- 1) Part Two, Section 2 has been deleted in whole.
- 2) The addition of, and/or renumbering of existing parts and sections is indicated by XXXX.
- 3) Deleted phrases or words are indicated by (\*\*\*\*).

## RATIONAL:

- 1) To allow parishes that can not formulate basketball teams to participate in the Tournament.
- 2) To increase the overall participation in the Tournament and to insure its continued success and profitability.
- 3) Will allow all parishes willing and able to host the Tournament to do so with in a reasonable time.
- 4) Will extend the same privileges given to the Canadian Diocese and Western Diocese as was given to them for the National Sports Weekend.

Central Council



ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN  
{ BASKETBALL } INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT

R U L E S & R E G U L A T I O N S

1987

In 1971, His Eminence, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America, initiated for the youth of the Diocese the "ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN BASKETBALL AWARD".

Since then, this award has grown to include both men's and women's basketball divisions, co-ed volleyball, and includes an annual tournament. The Central Council of the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America (ACYOA) has incorporated this coveted Award into its Awards Program, and coordinates the Tournament and challenges.

The following Rules and Regulations govern the administration of the Award. It should be kept in mind that the primary purpose of the Award and related games, is for the perpetuation of Armenian good will, fellowship and sportsmanship among the youth of the Armenian Church parishes of the Diocese.

**PART ONE - ELIGIBILITY**

**Section 1** - All parishes of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America (Eastern) are eligible to participate in tournaments and challenge the trophy holder to games.

**Section 2** - Parishes of a North American Diocese not including the Eastern Diocese may participate provided that the team applies for, and receives the approval of both their Central Council and the ACYOA Central Council.

**Section 3** - Teams that represent the parishes must be made up of members of the particular parish, unless special permission is granted by the ACYOA Central Council.

**PART TWO - BASKETBALL**

**Section 1** - All preliminary and championship games shall consist of two halves, stop time, with the length of time determined upon final scheduling. The number of teams and time allowance will be taken into consideration.

**Section 2** - Two individual technical fouls shall constitute that individual's disqualification from that game, and suspension from the following game.

### PART THREE - VOLLEYBALL

Section 1 - Each team shall have at least two men and two women as players on the court during the entire game.

Section 2 - Two out of three 15 point games shall determine the winner of a match except in the event that a time limit is imposed. In the event of a time limit the team with the most points takes the game (must be won by 2 points). Said time limit will be no less than 30 minutes per set.

Section 3 - In the event teams are tied at one game each after the expiration of the time limit a tie breaking game of 11 points shall be played.

### PART FOUR - TOURNAMENTS

Section 1 - At least one tournament per year shall be held under the direction of the ACYOA Central Council. Chapters may bid for the privilege of hosting the tournament. Sites and dates will be approved by the Primate and ACYOA Central Council.

Section 2 - All tournaments shall include both men's and women's basketball divisions as well as co-ed volleyball.

Section 3 - ACYOA Chapters and parishes which host tournaments will be under the direction of the ACYOA Central Council. All net proceeds from the tournament and related activities (dances, dinners, ad-booklets, etc....) shall be divided with the host and the National Treasury of the ACYOA. ( See ACYOA Constitution, Article 13, Section 6.)

Section 4 - All fees and costs for tournaments will be determined by the host, and approved by the ACYOA Central Council.

Section 5 - Announcements and invitations shall be sent to all parishes of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America (Eastern) and to representatives of each North American Diocese at least 8 weeks prior to the opening of the tournament. Information on costs, fees, accommodations and itinerary must be sent to each parish and organized ACYOA Chapter.

Section 6 - Team rosters shall be submitted prior to tournament play, and carry the approval and signature of the pastor of the parish (or the parish council chairman where there is no pastor assigned). There is no age restriction. Rosters must be limited to 12 active players.

Section 7 - A minimum of one court for basketball and one court for volleyball shall be obtained by the host. Preliminary games of basketball and volleyball will be played simultaneously.

Section 8 - The host will insure that no basketball team and volleyball team representing the same parish is scheduled to play at the same time.

Section 9 - The championship games shall be played in the following order co-ed volleyball, women's basketball, men's basketball.

Section 10 - An All-Star team made up of an outstanding player from each team in each division shall be selected and awarded with appropriate trophies.

Section 11 - A Most Valuable Player (in both the men's and women's) from each of the three divisions shall be selected and awarded with appropriate trophies.

Section 12 - The Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Basketball Trophies in both the men's and women's divisions and the Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Volleyball Trophy shall be presented to the championship teams.

Section 13 - It is the responsibility of the Championship Trophy holders to keep the Trophies in good shape, and bring them to the annual tournament.

Section 14 - A list of participating parishes, Champions, All-Stars, and Most Valuable Players shall be kept as part of a permanent record of the Tournaments.

#### PART FIVE - CHALLENGES

Section 1 - Any parish of the Diocese of the Armenian Church (or a North American Diocese with approval under Part One, Section 2) that wishes to challenge the current Trophy holder may do so by notifying the ACYOA Central Council and Trophy holder in writing.

Section 2 - Challenges will be administered on a first come, first served basis.

Section 3 - Trophy holders must accept challenges as soon as arrangements can be made.

#### PART SIX - GENERAL

Section 1 - Ineligible players constitute forfeiture.

Section 2 - All games, Tournaments and Challenges shall be governed by College Rules.

Section 3 - All officials, judges and others involved with the actual games shall be professionals or people with equal experience and qualifications.

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Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

January 30, 1988

TO: ACYOA CHAPTER CHAIRMAN AND  
PARISH PRIESTS  
FROM: SCOTT NAJARIAN, ACYOA  
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Scott Najarian



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Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

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January 30, 1988

TO: HIS EMINENCE ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN,  
PRIMATE  
FROM: SCOTT NAJARIAN, ACYOA  
CENTRAL COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

Your Eminence,

Enclosed please find the Agenda for our next meeting, scheduled for February 6th & 7th. I have informed the Diocesan Director, the ACYOA Executive Secretary and Central Council that we shall meet promptly at 9:00AM at the Diocese.

As always, we look forward to your guidance and participation in these meetings.

Most Respectfully,



Scott Najarian



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Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

December 9, 1987

TO: ACYOA CHAPTER CHAIRMAN  
AND PARISH PRIESTS  
FROM: SCOTT NAJARIAN-ACYOA CENTRAL  
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

As many of you know, the ACYOA annually awards the two most successful chapters each year at our Annual Awards Banquet. The Awards are the Chapter "A" Award and Honorable Mention Certificate. In the past the ACYOA Central Council has considered many factors in judging each chapters performance. In order to increase efficiency, fairness and competitiveness among chapters, the Central Council will use the enclosed guidelines for this year's, as well as future awards. We believe these guidelines are fair to all chapters, regardless of size or regional affiliation. If you have any questions regarding these guidelines, I encourage you to contact any Central Council member for clarification. As with any program we also encourage your suggestions to improve this program for future years. All materials which are already late will be accepted as "on time" if received by **February 1, 1988** (excluding membership dues, which continue to be due by December 31, 1987). These materials include Monthly Fact Sheets, Youth Listing, Membership Listing, Executive Committee Listing, Membership Dues, etc. Good Luck!

Sincerely,



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**ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA**

Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

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**TO:** Clergy, Chapter Chairmen, Parish Council Chairmen,  
Delegates, and Liaisons, Mid-Atlantic Region

**FROM:** Lisa Manookian, Mid-Atlantic Regional Representative *Lisa*

**DATE:** January 12, 1988

**RE:** Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting

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On Saturday, January 30, 1988, a Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting will be held at the Diocese in New York City. The meeting will begin promptly at 10:30 a.m. and lunch will be provided.

All ACYOA members are invited to attend and participate. It is my hope that you, as a leader, will make an effort to be present at this meeting as this year promises to be a fulfilling one if we have the cooperation, support and input of everyone. A tentative agenda is enclosed; however, there are two upcoming events which you should begin to prepare for.

From February 12-15, 1988, a Cultural Weekend will be held in New York City and will be sponsored by the ACYOA Central Council. The cost is \$50.00 per person; however, all participants must be dues-paid members of the organization for the current fiscal year. Accommodations have been secured with the Doral Hotel (on Park Avenue at 38th Street).

From March 12-14, 1988, a Leadership Training Weekend Retreat will be hosted by the Hartford chapter. The program will include leadership training skills with an emphasis on and discussion concerning opportunities within the Church for spiritual and personal development.

You should be receiving information on the Cultural Weekend shortly. Further information on the Retreat will be available at the meeting. If you have any questions, concerns, or need any materials, please contact me at 215-649-8426. Additionally, please let me know if you are unable to attend the meeting. I look forward to meeting with you.

Enclosure  
cc: Primate ✓  
Central Council  
Executive Secretary

# Armenian Church Youth Organization of America

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

TO: Scott Najarian  
Sara Andonian  
Lisa Manookian  
Gregory Saraydarian  
Melina Spinuzza

FROM: Douglas Tashjian

RE: Armenian Cultural Weekend  
Chapter Organization  
National Mailing List

DATE: January 14, 1988

Greg Saraydarian and I wrote and mailed three letters regarding Armenian Cultural Weekend, Chapter Organization, and the National Mailing List. The letters were sent to all parishes in the Diocese, with modifications, depending on the condition of the ACYOA organization and/or the parish.

Letter A: Sent to all clergy and ACYOA chapter chairpersons.

Letter B: Sent to parishes which are either a mission parish or are without full time clergy.

They are:	St. Petersburg	Binghamton
	Orlando	St. Gregory (Cathedral)
	Ocala	Niagara Falls
	Atlanta	Rochester
	Waukegan	Syracuse
	Baton Rouge	Memphis
	Cape Cod	Dallas
	Haverhill	San Antonio
	Albuquerque	South Milwaukee

Letter C: Sent to parishes which have full time pastors, but do not have an ACYOA chapter.

They are:	New Britain	Elberon
	Trumbull	Holy Cross (Uptown NYC)
	Miami	Woodside
	Belleville	Cheltenham
	Chicago	Houston
	Palos Heights	Richmond
	Chelmsford	

With the national events we are scheduling for 1988, this would be a good time to follow-up on the requests made in these letters. I would like to discuss a plan of action on February 6.

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LETTER A

TO: The Reverend Clergy  
ACYOA Chapter Chairpersons

FROM: Douglas Tashjian, ACYOA Executive Secretary

RE: ARMENIAN CULTURAL WEEKEND

DATE: January 11, 1988

The ACYOA will be holding our first Armenian Cultural Weekend during the weekend of February 12 through February 15.

The program will begin on Friday evening at 9:00 and close on Monday afternoon at 2:00. Participants will stay at the Doral Park Avenue Hotel, on Park Avenue and 38th Street, in New York City. Classes will take place at the Diocese.

Enclosed are some announcements for reproduction in your Sunday bulletin, for your bulletin board, or for any means you feel might be appropriate to promote our program.

We are making every effort to organize a quality program, but good attendance will make this weekend a satisfying success. The enclosed announcement has been mailed to all ACYOA members, and we hope you will assist us in promoting the program in your parish.

REMINDER: ACYOA CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP WEEKEND - MARCH 11-13  
Hosted by the Hartford chapter. We hope at least two members of your executive committee will attend. Announcements will be mailed shortly.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Enclosures

cc. Central Council

LETTER B

TO: Mission/Visiting Clergy  
Parish Council Chairman

FROM: Douglas Tashjian, ACYOA Executive Secretary

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It may even be possible to organize an ACYOA chapter in your parish, all we need are five members who are a minimum of 18 years old. An ACYOA chapter can exist whether or not your parish has a church or a full time pastor.

In the meantime, please distribute the enclosed announcement to young adults in your parish and forward your youth listing to me at your earliest convenience. If you need assistance, please contact me.

The ACYOA has alot to offer to our youth and the Armenian Church:

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Christian Retreat - Tentative		5/27-5/31
Armenian Studies Tour to Armenia		Summer
Diocesan Summer Internship	New York, NY	Summer
General Assembly	Providence, RI	8/31-9/2
Sports Weekend	Providence, RI	9/3-9/5

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LETTER C

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Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

January 29, 1988

TO: The Reverend Clergy and Parish Council Chairmen  
SUBJECT: FR. ARTEN ASHJIAN - CANON SACRIST OF ST.  
VARTAN CATHEDRAL

We are very happy to be anticipating the 40th anniversary of the ordination of the Rev. Fr. Artēn Ashjian to the holy priesthood. In his honor a banquet and special program will be sponsored by the St. Vartan Cathedral Guild in the Haik and Alice Kavookjian Auditorium at Diocesan headquarters, immediately following Divine Liturgy at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 28, 1988.

On this occasion of Der Artēn's 40th anniversary as a priest, a scholarship fund will be established in his name for the use of children of Armenian clergy.

Fr. Artēn, currently Canon Sacrist of St. Vartan Cathedral as well as Ecumenical Officer for the Diocese, has worked in a number of capacities during his 40 years of dedicated and loving service to the Armenian Church. We know many of you would look forward to sharing the joy of this celebration of faith and accomplishment.

With prayers for all of God's devoted servants.

Prayerfully,

*Arch. Torkom Manoogian*

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian  
Primate



# Armenian Church Youth Organization of America

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

January 18, 1988

TO: ACYOA CHAPTER CHAIRMAN  
AND PARISH PRIESTS  
FROM: SCOTT NAJARIAN-ACYOA CENTRAL  
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

With the institution of the new ACYOA Chapter "A" Award Program, the Central Council is pleased to announce an additional incentive to the winning chapter. The Executive Committee of the 1987-1988 "A" Award chapter will receive funding for transportation and lodging to visit a new, inactive or reorganized chapter. The Executive Committee (maximum of five members) will travel to a chapter selected by the Central Council. The visit will include social activities, group discussions on each chapter's experiences in ACYOA, suggestions by each chapter to improve their respective organization, etc. The Chapter "A" Award recipient will be announced at the Annual ACYOA Awards Banquet, Labor Day Weekend, in Providence, Rhode Island.

The Central Council believes this program creates additional incentives for chapters to compete for the Chapter "A" Award, offers assistance to needy chapters, and creates needed fellowship and interaction between chapters.

Please remember, you have only until February 1st to submit any outstanding items to the Central Council (this includes monthly fact sheets from the months of July 1987 to the present).

As always, any Central Council member is happy to answer questions regarding this or other ACYOA programs with you.

Sincerely,

*Scott Najarian*  
Scott Najarian



Central Council

*Discussed  
with Primate*

March 20, 1987

TO: ACYOA CENTRAL COUNCIL

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FROM: GREG SARAYDARIAN

SUBJECT: ACYOA MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

As our Constitution currently stands, active membership in the ACYOA is limited to communicant members of the Armenian Church in the Eastern Diocese only. The reasoning behind the limitation is good. However, this policy may cause harm to the well being of our organization if it is continued. The first and most important is in the area of numbers. The number of youth in the United States has been declining for the past several years and in turn so has the number of Armenian youth eligible to join the ACYOA. A change in our membership requirements would pave the way for a stronger ACYOA. An increase in membership would also require more leaders. Our present members are reluctant to take leadership positions while there are several non-members and Associate members who are willing and capable to manage the affairs of the ACYOA. At present Associate members of the ACYOA who are capable and willing to take on responsibilities are barred from doing so by our Constitution. Lastly, by barring Armenian youth affiliated with organizations which are not recognized by the Eastern Diocese, we acknowledge their existence and afford them the credibility they seek.

I urge you to consider supporting a change to our constitution which will allow any Armenian youth in the geographic area covered by the ACYOA to become active members. This would be an important and major change and must be undertaken with the utmost care to ensure that the goals, beliefs and policies of the ACYOA are kept in tact. It is for this reason that I have not yet proposed any package of Constitutional amendments to accomplish this change. I will continue my work on this change and should have the necessary amendments put together some time in May. I must remind you that no matter how important I feel this change is, I will not support any legislation unless it is properly and completely thought out!

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# St. Mary's Armenian Apostolic Church

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20016

REV. VERTANES KALAYJIAN, PASTOR  
TELEPHONE: (202) 363-1923

September 14, 1987

TO: Senior A.C.Y.O.A. and All Young Adults in the Metropolitan  
Washington, D. C. Area



In the August 1987 issue of the SHNORHALI I had announced that we have designated the THIRD SUNDAY of each month as "Young Adult's Sunday."

Let me briefly elaborate on this new program schedule:

The Holy Badarak is a centerpiece in our worship. It has all the elements to satisfy and nurture our spiritual needs.

Sunday morning worship and the activities that take place during and after the Holy Badarak are indispensable opportunities for individual growth, social interaction and spiritual fellowship. I am referring specifically to the Sunday School, Young Adult's Discussion Group, after-service programs, fellowship-coffee hour, etc. I have frequently attempted to use my sermons to touch upon our personal lives. I have supplemented that with periodic guest speakers and instructional programs.

The ideal expectation is that we will all take part in these once-a-week spiritual journeys regularly and reinforce in ourselves and in each other things we consider vital as Christians. But . . . . .

The unfortunate fact is that it has all been a hit or miss experience. Consider these:

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We invite distinguished speakers to address the congregation but few respond, either because they do not know in advance about the speaker or just do not have the time to attend.

As a pastor-preacher, I attempt to prepare sermons that are vital especially for the young adults as well as for the entire congregation but - - - - find myself preaching to the pews!

Young parishioners, young adults new to the community, or young visitors who come to the church for worship and fellowship are disappointed that there are few of their age group present, if any .

Ideally speaking, the Holy Eucharist doesn't need any of the above to be a life-giving, Holy Spirit-filled feast, because it's all of that and more and deserves regular communion and participation. But we have to capitalize on that too.

So you see - - - - it has been more miss than hit!

My invitation to you personally is to remedy these situations at least partially. I concede that the proposed schedule may encourage and institutionalize our bad habit of not worshipping together on Sundays regularly, predictably, continuously, freely, etc., etc.

So, please join me to make this partial remedy a total success! Let's make this spiritual journey (once a month) together. I hope that this may lead us all to a more meaningful, regular and sustained participation.

I will continue to make all efforts to make your participation rewarding.

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For the next consecutive months (Oct. 18 and Nov. 15)  
I have invited a distinguished theologian, Dr. Vigen  
Guroian to be the speaker. More is yet to come!

For future programs, I invite and welcome your sugges-  
tions, recommendations and direct or indirect involve-  
ment.

For now, I need to hear from you. Please fill out  
the form below and mail it to me as soon as possible  
in the enclosed, self-addressed, stamped envelope.

*May the Lord reward all your good  
deeds and bless you always.*

*Prayerfully  
Armenian Kaloujian*

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Der Hayr,

I am interested and intend to participate in the  
spiritual program, worship and fellowship scheduled  
for the Third Sundays of the month.

- ( ) My suggestions are attached.
- ( ) I have no suggestions at this time but  
will attempt to contribute in the future.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

# Armenian Church Youth Organization of America

Archbishop Terkom Manoogian, Primate

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January 30, 1988

TO: MISS SIRAN PALVETZIAN,  
DIOCESAN DIRECTOR  
FROM: SCOTT NAJARIAN, ACYOA  
CENTRAL COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

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TO: Syraun Palvetzian  
FROM: Douglas Tashjian  
RE: Itinerary - March, April, May, 1988  
DATE: March 1, 1988

MARCH: (1) Providence - Mailing List, Sports Weekend Meeting  
(2) Worcester - Guest Speaker at Lenten Dinner  
(11) Hartford - Christian Leadership Weekend  
(12) Hartford - Christian Leadership Weekend  
(18) Cleveland - Chapter Visitation  
(19) Cleveland - Chapter Visitation  
(20) Cleveland - Chapter Visitation  
(Cleveland will be joint effort with Nancy)  
(26) St. Nersess - Symposium on Armenian Diaspora  
(27) Westchester - Guest Speaker at Palm Sunday Dinner

APRIL: (4) New Jersey - Evening meeting with Chapter Exec. Board  
(8) Providence - Chapter Visitation  
(9) Providence - Chapter Visitation  
(10) Providence - Chapter Visitation  
(Providence will be joint effort with Nancy)  
(11) Providence - Meeting with Sports Weekend Committee  
(15) Las Vegas - Meeting with ACYO-WD  
(16) Las Vegas - Meeting with ACYO-WD  
(17) Las Vegas - Meeting with ACYO-WD  
(23) Martyrs Program at Diocese  
(joint effort with Nancy)  
(29) Washington - Chapter Visitation  
(30) Washington - Central Council Meeting  
(6) Miami - Chapter Organization  
(7) Miami - Chapter Organization  
(8) Miami - Chapter Organization  
(Miami will be joint effort with Nancy)  
(13) Cambridge - Diocesan Assembly  
(14) Cambridge - Diocesan Assembly  
(15) Cambridge - Diocesan Assembly

*Advisor?  
Fr. Vartan, w/ D. Youth ~~Director~~  
will be present. We should  
ask a clergyman to be  
present?  
letter?  
presided over by  
Primate*

Other Visitations to be scheduled:

Watervliet - Planning of Anniversary Ball which  
will take place in July

Midwest - Evanston, Palos Heights, Belleville



Central Council



For the next consecutive months (Oct. 18 and Nov. 15)  
I have invited a distinguished theologian, Dr. Vigen  
Guroian to be the speaker. More is yet to come!

For future programs, I invite and welcome your sugges-  
tions, recommendations and direct or indirect involve-  
ment.

For now, I need to hear from you. Please fill out  
the form below and mail it to me as soon as possible  
in the enclosed, self-addressed, stamped envelope.

*May the Lord reward all your good  
deeds and bless you always.*

*Prayerfully  
Armenian Kalajjian*

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Der Hayr,

I am interested and intend to participate in the  
spiritual program, worship and fellowship scheduled  
for the Third Sundays of the month.

- ( ) My suggestions are attached.  
( ) I have no suggestions at this time but  
will attempt to contribute in the future.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

# Armenian Church Youth Organization of America

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

TO: Scott Najarian  
Sara Andonian  
Lisa Manookian  
Gregory Saraydarian  
Melina Spinuzza

FROM: Douglas Tashjian

RE: Armenian Cultural Weekend  
Chapter Organization  
National Mailing List

DATE: January 14, 1988

Greg Saraydarian and I wrote and mailed three letters regarding Armenian Cultural Weekend, Chapter Organization, and the National Mailing List. The letters were sent to all parishes in the Diocese, with modifications, depending on the condition of the ACYOA organization and/or the parish.

Letter A: Sent to all clergy and ACYOA chapter chairpersons.

Letter B: Sent to parishes which are either a mission parish or are without full time clergy.

They are:	St. Petersburg	Binghamton
	Orlando	St. Gregory (Cathedral)
	Ocala	Niagara Falls
	Atlanta	Rochester
	Waukegan	Syracuse
	Baton Rouge	Memphis
	Cape Cod	Dallas
	Haverhill	San Antonio
	Albuquerque	South Milwaukee

Letter C: Sent to parishes which have full time pastors, but do not have an ACYOA chapter.

They are:	New Britain	Elberon
	Trumbull	Holy Cross (Uptown NYC)
	Miami	Woodside
	Belleville	Cheltenham
	Chicago	Houston
	Palos Heights	Richmond
	Chelmsford	



With the national events we are scheduling for 1988, this would be a good time to follow-up on the requests made in these letters. I would like to discuss a plan of action on February 6.

Central Council

LETTER A

TO: The Reverend Clergy  
ACYOA Chapter Chairpersons

FROM: Douglas Tashjian, ACYOA Executive Secretary

RE: ARMENIAN CULTURAL WEEKEND

DATE: January 11, 1988

The ACYOA will be holding our first Armenian Cultural Weekend during the weekend of February 12 through February 15.

The program will begin on Friday evening at 9:00 and close on Monday afternoon at 2:00. Participants will stay at the Doral Park Avenue Hotel, on Park Avenue and 38th Street, in New York City. Classes will take place at the Diocese.

Enclosed are some announcements for reproduction in your Sunday bulletin, for your bulletin board, or for any means you feel might be appropriate to promote our program.

We are making every effort to organize a quality program, but good attendance will make this weekend a satisfying success. The enclosed announcement has been mailed to all ACYOA members, and we hope you will assist us in promoting the program in your parish.

REMINDER: ACYOA CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP WEEKEND - MARCH 11-13  
Hosted by the Hartford chapter. We hope at least two members of your executive committee will attend. Announcements will be mailed shortly.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Enclosures

cc. Central Council

LETTER B

TO: Mission/Visiting Clergy  
Parish Council Chairman

FROM: Douglas Tashjian, ACYOA Executive Secretary

RE: ARMENIAN CULTURAL WEEKEND

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This will be the first of several national ACYOA programs in 1988. For all of our programs, we mail announcements to our national list of Armenian young adults. We would very much like to reach young adults in your area, aged 18 -35. All we need is your youth listing, and we can get your young people involved in ACYOA.

It may even be possible to organize an ACYOA chapter in your parish, all we need are five members who are a minimum of 18 years old. An ACYOA chapter can exist whether or not your parish has a church or a full time pastor.

In the meantime, please distribute the enclosed announcement to young adults in your parish and forward your youth listing to me at your earliest convenience. If you need assistance, please contact me.

The ACYOA has alot to offer to our youth and the Armenian Church:

Christian Leadership Weekend	Hartford, CT	3/11-3/13
Archbishop's Invitational Tnmt	Cambridge, MA	5/13-5/15
Christian Retreat - Tentative		5/27-5/31
Armenian Studies Tour to Armenia		Summer
Diocesan Summer Internship	New York, NY	Summer
General Assembly	Providence, RI	8/31-9/2
Sports Weekend	Providence, RI	9/3-9/5

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Enclosures

cc. Central Council

LETTER C

TO: The Reverend Clergy  
Parish Council Chairmen

FROM: Douglas Tashjian, ACYOA Executive Secretary

RE: ARMENIAN CULTURAL WEEKEND

DATE: January 13, 1988

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Ideally, with your assistance and guidance, we would like to organize an ACYOA chapter in your parish. We need five members who are a minimum of 18 years old, and with your support and our assistance, they can initiate a chapter.

In the meantime, please distribute the enclosed announcements to young adults in your parish and forward your youth listing to me at your earliest convenience. If you need assistance, please contact me.

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# Armenian Church Youth Organization of America

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

December 7, 1988

TO: ACYOA CHAPTER CHAIRMAN,  
PARISH PRIESTS AND DELEGATES-MIDWEST REGION  
FROM: SCOTT NAJARIAN, ACYOA CENTRAL  
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

As many of you know, the 1988 ACYOA General Assembly adopted new guidelines for hosting our Annual Anniversary Balls. Balls will now be held regionally as opposed to one national ball. The Central Council is now accepting bids to host the Regional Ball in the Midwest Region. Chapters should plan to hold this event sometime during the months of June or July, however alternatives are acceptable. Generally a format of a Friday night party, Saturday night dance and Sunday morning church services at the host parish has been followed. Of course we encourage host chapters to be creative. Copies of the Regional Ball Guidelines may be obtained from your chapter's representatives to the General Assembly or by request from the Central Council.

If your chapter would like to place a bid to host this event, the following is needed:

Your ACYOA Chapter, Parish Priest and Parish Council must approve.

A letter containing your chapters intent to bid, a general outline of a possible itinerary and the possible location of the events must be received by me no later than January 22, 1989.

If your chapter has any difficulties meeting this deadline, please contact me by phone so that we can speedily resolve any problems. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of any assistance.

Sincerely,



Scott Najarian

8 A Robertson Road  
Worcester, MA. 01602  
508-754-0806



Central Council

Office of the Armenian Church of America 630 Second Avenue New York, N. Y. 10016 (212) 686-0710

October 25, 1988

To: ACYOA Chapter Chairpersons  
 ACYOA Delegates  
 Parish Pastors

From: Douglas Tashjian  
 ACYOA Executive Secretary

Re.: Diocesan Educational Program

At the 1988 General Assembly in Providence, much interest was expressed in educational programs in Armenian religion, culture, and language.

The Diocese of the Armenian Church of America offers programs which can satisfy the educational needs of young adults in your ACYOA chapter and parish, and the directors of the religion and language departments look forward to providing the services necessary for your chapter to organize four programs for your community.

DEPARTMENT OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (DRE)

Director: Elise Antreassian

THE SOURCES OF OUR FAITH

A program designed for those who want to understand the Christian faith according to the teachings of the Armenian Church. Participants will look at the church's liturgical and sacramental life, the place of Holy Tradition and Scripture, and their own privileges and responsibilities as members of the Armenian Church.

A STUDY OF THE GOSPEL OF MARK

An in-depth study of the Gospel of Mark, the earliest Gospel and the closest to oral tradition, and perhaps the most affective picture of Christ. Participants will examine Mark's presentation of the divinity and humanity of Jesus and consider contemporary dilemmas and moral issues which derive their resolution from Mark's Gospel.

ARMENIAN LANGUAGE LAB AND RESOURCE CENTER (ALLARC)

Director: Sylva der Stepanian

ARMENIAN LANGUAGE CRASH COURSE

An intensive full-day of immersion in the Armenian language. Participants will learn the letters of the alphabet and at least 300 complete sentences in common usage. The program includes lectures on Armenian Church History. Dedicated to the memory of the Armenian Martyrs of the Genocide of 1915-1923.

ARMENIA: 10,000 YEARS OF HISTORY IN 10 HOURS

An in-depth study of religion, history, language and culture, from the ancient Urartians in 600 B.C., to the conversion to Christianity of King Tiridates II by St. Gregory the Enlightener in 301 A.D., to the founding of Holy Etchmiadzin, to the Great Armenian Empire and the succession of invasions and to the Genocide by the Ottoman Turks (1915-1923). A kaleidoscope of Armenology presented by noted authorities, all experts in their respective disciplines.

In order to take full advantage of these educational opportunities and to provide the maximum benefit to your chapter and parish, we ask that your chapter respect the following guidelines when organizing one of these programs:

1. Make your initial contact with the ACYOA Executive Secretary.
2. Give us at least 8 weeks notice.
3. The program date will not conflict with a regional or national ACYOA event (national event calendar enclosed).
4. Work closely and diligently with the DRE and ALLARC department director once the date of the program is established.
5. Provide thorough local publicity.
6. Provide breakfast, lunch, and dinner on the day of the program.
7. Provide a classroom large enough to comfortably fit all of the participants who will attend.
8. Provide transportation to and from the airport for clergy, Diocesan directors, or speakers who are attending or participating in the program.
9. Provide an attentive audience, on a Saturday, from approximately 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
10. Provide a minimum of 15 participants or the department director reserves the right to cancel the program one week before it is scheduled.

That's all you have to do. We do the rest!

These programs are open to ACYOA members and members of your church community and it would be a great service to convert the enthusiasm you expressed at the 1988 General Assembly into an educational activity in your parish.

Enclosure