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DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF AMERICA, 630 SECOND AVENUE, NEW YORK, N. Y. 10016 212 686-0710

ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN, PRIMATE

18 January 83

Dear ACYOA Central Council Members,

The following items and information were to be provided at the meeting scheduled for January 14-15, but canceled due to the winter storm.

(1) Regarding the Camp Program:

A letter was sent by the Executive Secretary to the Executive Director of the Diocese concerning the funds that were transferred to the Diocese from the Rev. Fr. Paree Metjian. The amounts transferred were:

\$ 1,838.31 - general operating account of Camp
537.88 - Camp Scholarship Account

The Scholarship Account probably reflects donations solicited by Fr. Paree to defray costs of the Camp tuition for qualified applicants. The general account probably reflects the money used for regular operations - including any profits realized.

As discussed at the last Council meeting, a letter was to be sent from the Council to the Executive Director of the Diocese regarding the "start up money" given to the Program (Fr. Paree) for development and initial work. The sum is approximately \$500.00. This item should be cleared up as soon as possible.

(2) Regarding ACYOA Day:

A letter has been sent to the Primate asking His Eminence to send a letter to all Parishes regarding the observance of "ACYOA Day" on Palm Sunday. (Note: see 1983 Diocesan Calendar, March 27) All Council members are urged to promote this observance in all parishes. Plans and arrangements for some type of activity on this day should begin soon.

(3) Regarding ACYOA MagMoney Project:

Several telephone calls have been received regarding orders made for magazines and nothing received as yet. Word-of-mouth would have helped in the promotion of this Project - one can only wonder just what people are saying - if anything.

(4) Regarding 1983 ACYOA Sports Weekend Logo:

We received a letter and sample of the Logo the Toronto Chapter would like to use. It appears to be the same one presented at

the 1981 ACYOA General Assembly (see attachment).

A meeting has been scheduled between the Executive Secretary and the 1983 ACYOA National Sports Weekend Committee on January 21st (barring any inclimate weather). We see no objection to the logo, except for the need of the word "national" to describe the Program as Diocesan-wide. We shall inform the Committee that they will receive word from the Council before February first. If any Council Member has objection to the logo, they should inform the Council Chairman.

A telephone call should be made regarding the logo, and thus allowing them to go ahead with their printing, etc. This call should be followed by a letter.

(5) Regarding Parish Visitations:

It is obvious that visitations to parishes is not being done. As of this date, we have not received one Visitation Report - which is a simple as we can make it. If you cannot make visitations, please inform us so that we do not expect it of you.

(6) Regarding "Keghard":

Unless there is objection, we should like to pursue the "yearbook" idea for the Keghard - beginning the first issue this coming June. The Annual would include all (decent) photos from the Programs of the past year, with briefs on each Program (where, when, who...). In addition, the winning essays of the Archbishop's Essay Contest and other interesting notes and information will be included. This booklet would be sent to all dues paid members of the ACYOA - as of June 30th, 1983. An up to date mailing list will have to be prepared quickly, so that we may mail the booklet soon after.

(7) Regarding the Armenian Studies Programs:

Brochures have been re-designed and sent out to all names on the Mailing List on file with the Council. As mentioned elsewhere, this mailing only included about 950 names. If we can come up with a better list before the end of February, we can send out another mailing.

The dates for the Programs are tentatively set as follows:

Program One - June 16 thru July 14

Program Two - July 1 thru July 20

Program Three - August 16 - August 30

This year we are trying to schedule Program One to depart after mid-June. This comes about because of the increasing number of students at a Tri-Semester College, whereat they are finished with school early to mid-June. The last two years gave numerous inquiry from young people who could not apply due to late school dismissal.

As any other Program, this too needs to be promoted during visits. All Council Members should have received an envelope with copies of the Brochure, as well as copies of the Application forms.


JAMES MAGARIAN

Executive Secretary - ACYOA
Diocese of the Armenian Church

December 15, 1982

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Mr. James Magarian
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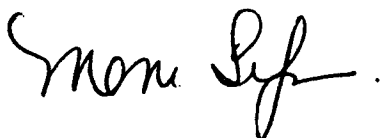
Dear James;

Please find enclosed a "stat" copy of our proposed logo for the General Assembly/Sports Weekend 1983 to take place in Toronto, August 31, 1983 until September 5, 1983.

The members of our committee have put off having letterhead printed until we receive definite approval from Central Council. Please reply to myself, or to Mr. Haig Tossounian at (416) 291-0273, at your earliest convenience.

Looking forward to your favourable reply;

1983 SPORTS WEEKEND COMMITTEE



Mona Selyan
Vice Chairman, Communications

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Armenian Church Youth Organization of America

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

January 3, 1983

TO: ACYOA Central Council Members
FROM: ACYOA Central Council Chairman
SUBJECT: Central Council Meeting - January 15-16, 1983

This is to remind you that the next meeting of the ACYOA Central Council will take place on Saturday, January 15th at 9:00 am at the Diocesan Center in New York City, New York. The agenda for the meeting is attached.

If you plan to fly into New York City -

Come in via Kennedy Int. or LaGuardia Airport - take "Carey Bus" line into the City (they run every 20 min.) Cost is \$5.00 from Kennedy and \$3.50 from LaGuardia. Be sure to get a receipt. Get off at the "Eastside Terminal" - the second and last stop. You will be at 37th and First Avenue. Go up to Second Avenue, take a left and go down 3 blocks to the Diocese/Cathedral. If you wish instead to go directly to Hotel Tudor, take a right on Second Avenue up to 42nd Street. Take a right. Reservations will have been made at the hotel in your name.

If you plan to drive -

Good luck! Parking is quite difficult, but there are parking garages on 34th Street, across from the Diocese, and also on 40th between First and Second Avenue.

Please make your travel arrangements after 3:00 pm on Sunday so that we can attend Divine Liturgy together and have time for a short Sunday afternoon session if necessary.

I look forward to meeting with all of you soon to discuss your progress in the last two months and our direction for the rest of the year.

Sincerely,

Susan Mousigian

Susan Mousigian
Central Council Chairman



cc Primate
Rev. Fr. Karekin Kasparian
Mr. Frank Avakian Stoneson
Executive Secretary

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Armenian Church Youth Organization of America

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

January 4, 1983

TO: Sue Mousigian, Chairperson, ACYOA Central Council.
FROM: Gary Hovhanessian, Vice-Chairperson, ACYOA Central Council.

Dear Sue,

I hope this letter finds you and Michael in good health and good spirits as the holiday season is upon us. Many wishes to you both.

The purpose of my writing to you is to announce my intentions to resign from my position on the ACYOA Central Council. The decision is not an easy one and I have pondered it for several weeks. As you know, I spoke to you of my intentions approximately two weeks ago.

My decision has been made due to the lack of time I have been able to devote to ACYOA business. As you know, I was recently engaged and we are planning to be married in August of 1983. As that date rolls near, I will need to give more time to the details and preparation of the wedding. I have also become much more actively involved in our family business which has taken up much of my time.

I have been unable to accomplish several of my ACYOA Central Council obligations since our past meeting. It is unfair to the ACYOA for me to attempt accomplishment knowing that I am falling well short of my goals.

I suggest that Melissa Markaridian be contacted immediately and the transition be made for our next meeting, tentatively scheduled for mid-January. I feel that Melissa will be an enthusiastic and very qualified replacement.

Again, I have put a lot of thought into my decision and feel that I have made the proper decision for the betterment of the organization. Please feel free to contact me if there are any questions. You have my support in all future endeavors. It has been a pleasure to serve my Church with my friends.

Sincerely,

Gary Hovhanessian
Gary Hovhanessian
ACYOA Central Council

c.c. James Magarian,
ACYOA Executive Secretary

His Eminence Archbishop Torkom
Manoogian, Primate



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Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

. January 14, 1983

TO: The Reverend Clergy, Parish Council Chairmen
and Delegates

SUBJECT: **ACYOA DAY - PALM SUNDAY**

Over the years, Palm Sunday has traditionally been a day devoted to the achievements and vitality of ACYOA chapters in our Diocese. It is highly appropriate that at the beginning of the journey through Holy Week to the glory of Our Lord's Resurrection, we mark the youth organizations that are as much a part of today's church as they are of tomorrow.

We strongly urge that all parishes plan special programs for that day; programs that can be organized or shared in by the youth of the parish, indicating their involvement in the local or national community. In this way, Palm Sunday can be "ACYOA DAY" in a genuinely national sense, with celebrations that reverberate throughout the church community.

We urge that our pastors and parish councils make special note of this day, with prior announcements, and publications in the church papers, and to encourage our parishioners to give their wholehearted support.

Prayerfully,

Arch. Torkom Manoogian

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate



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ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN, PRIMATE

17 January 83

Dear ACYOA Central Council Members,

Please be advised that the next issue of the "Executive Update" is tentatively scheduled for the end of this month. Plan your schedules accordingly to enable prompt mailing of the Update to your respective regions.

When mailing the Update, maintain the Executive Secretary as the return address. In addition, those who have been using first-class mail might find it more economical to use a bulk-rate procedure (from your local parish).

If you have any "news" for the Update, it must be received by us on or before January 26th.

Sincerely,

JAMES MAGARIAN
Executive Secretary - ACYOA
Diocese of the Armenian Church

c.c. Primate

P.S. When mailing the Update, you need not "staple", "seal" or "sticker" the folded copy. It is not necessary and makes for a torn copy after opening.
(No need to do any extra work when you don't have to!)



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ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN, PRIMATE

17 January 83

Dear ACYOA Central Council Members,

As most groups and organizations try to expand, or even maintain their operations, the need for public relations, publicity, contact and communications becomes more acute. This is perhaps more important than most people realize.

Recently, a mailing was sent for the ACYOA Armenian Studies Programs (folded brochure). The national mailing list used (what is on file with the Council) contained less than 950 names (including multiple addresses with different names). This is unacceptable if we are to seriously try to communicate and promote our programs and activities to the young people of the Diocese of the Armenian Church in America.

Last year, the mailing list of the National Sports Weekend was used, containing about 1500-1600 names (including multiple addresses). We did not have an updated list, and assumed that the Council national list would not contain such a difference in numbers.

Please keep in mind the urgent need for a continuously expanding national youth listing when communicating with your respective parishes and ACYOA Chapters - especially during visitations.

The format suggested in the Handbook (sent to parishes on numerous occasions) should be followed since it presents a simple and easy method of recording and maintaining the list.

Sincerely,

JAMES MAGARIAN
Executive Secretary - ACYOA
Diocese of the Armenian Church

c.c. Primate



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ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN, PRIMATE

17 January 83

SUSAN MOUSIGIAN
Chairman - ACYOA Central Council
1407 Fairway Court
Dearborn, MI 48124

Dear Susan,

We suggest that the following action be taken concerning the ACYOA MagMoney Project:

1. THAT a sound procedure regarding the funds and accounting (including the payments to the Distributor - Maynard Merel) be setup and activated immediately.
2. THAT Mark Kazanjian be appointed as Project Director, and that he be directed to handle all aspects of the Project. One of his responsibilities would be liason and contact between Maynard Merel and the ACYOA.
3. THAT all Council members immediately be directed to contact all respective parishes and chapters concerning the Project - and - that a serious promotional campaign be started in each parish.
4. THAT a letter be sent to Maynard Merel informing him of our need to re-organize our Project procedures, as well as apologizing for various delays (i.e. payment to begin processing orders) and inconveniences.

If there are any questions regarding the above, or need for rational, kindly contact us. The above is a suggestion, however if these seem unacceptable, we suggest that the Project be eliminated.

Sincerely,

James Magarian
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Executive Secretary - ACYOA
Diocese of the Armenian Church

c.c. Primate
Council Members

Armenian Church Youth Organization of America

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

January 25, 1983

Ms. Melissa Markaridian
49 Crespy Lane
Broomall, PA 19008

Dear Melissa,

Thank you for the time you recently spent talking with me regarding the filling of the position on the ACYOA Central Council vacated by Gary Hovhanessian's resignation. I feel that in your position as the first alternate you would have done a fine job. I do understand, however, your reasons for declining the opportunity to serve as a Central Council member at this time and wish you much success in your studies. I hope too that the enthusiasm you have displayed to date about the ACYOA will continue to keep you active on a regional and local level.

I look forward to working with you in your position as the Mid-Atlantic regional coordinator for the Mag Money project and encourage you to call or write if I can be of any assistance.

Sincerely,

Susan Mousigian
ACYOA Central Council Chairman
1407 Fairway Court
Dearborn, MI 48124

cc Primate
Executive Secretary
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January 25, 1983

Ms. Sharon Vartanian
41 Lyons Street
New Britain, CT 06052

Dear Sharon,

Thank you for the time you recently spent talking with me regarding the filling of the position on the ACYOA Central Council vacated by Gary Hovhanessian's resignation. I feel that in your position as the second alternate you would have done a fine job. I do understand, however, your reasons for declining the opportunity to serve as a Central Council member at this time in light of your recent re-election as the chairman of the New Britain ACYOA. I wish you much success in the coming year and know that with your enthusiasm you will accomplish all that you set out to do. Please keep me posted as to the results of your survey which we discussed and about things in general. Please call or write if I can be of any assistance in any way to you and the New Britain chapter.

Again my best wishes for another successful year. I look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Susan Mousigian
ACYOA Central Council Chairman
1407 Fairway Court
Dearborn, MI 48124

cc Primate
Executive Secretary
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January 25, 1983

Mr. Gary Hovhanessian
Central Council-Vice Chairman
377 Farmington Avenue
Plainville, CT 06062

Dear Gary,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing in response to your letter of January 4th announcing your intentions to resign as a member of the ACYOA Central Council.

I am certain that your decision to resign from the Council was a difficult one to make in light of the fact that you have served the ACYOA for so long as Chapter Chairman of the New Britain chapter, Corresponding Secretary and Vice Chairman of the Central Council and as the Chairman of the 1982 General Assembly and Sports Weekend. Your continued hard work and support is to be highly commended. I can appreciate, however, the amount of energy and time it takes to assume more responsibility within your family business as well as prepare for a wedding during the months which are the busiest for the ACYOA on a national level. I therefore regretfully accept your resignation on behalf of the Central Council and add that it was certainly a pleasure working with you and getting to know you last year.

Our very best wishes to you and Ellen as your wedding approaches. We hope that you will keep in touch and let us know how things are going and look for your support whenever you are able to give it. Thank you again for your sincere interest and continued involvement with the ACYOA.

Sincerely,

Susan Mousigian
ACYOA Central Council Chairman
1407 Fairway Court
Dearborn, MI 48124



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FRANK STONESON
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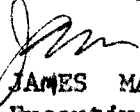
Dear Mr. Stoneson,

The January 18th Memorandum from your office regarding the development of Departmental Goals for 1982 (and the future) has been received. Along with this was a copy of the goals submitted in July 1982 - including short-term and long-term goals, administrative accomplishments, and financial considerations.

Although this particular outline is in need of revision, the only additional aspect that should be given attention is the section on "Expanded Youth Department" (page 2, part II, #6).

At this time, I should like to discuss a number of items regarding this Department - before revising a goals outline. Perhaps the next time I am at the Diocese we can arrange a convenient time so that we may seriously discuss some of the things we have only touched upon in the past.

Sincerely,



JAMES MAGARIAN
Executive Secretary - ACYOA
Diocese of the Armenian Church

c.c. Primate



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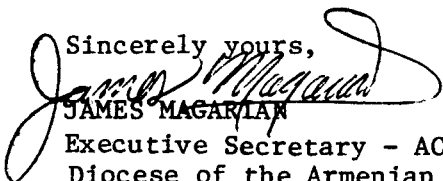
VAUGHAN TOTOVIAN
Regional Representative - Midwest North
ACYOA Central Council
16 Concord Road
Watertown, MA 02172

Dear Vaughan,

The following is for your information as regards your Region:

- [1] The Toronto Chapter is slowly coming together in terms of preparation for the Nat. Sports Wknd. Although they are somewhat less "organized" than we should like for this time of year, they will nonetheless pull themselves together and cover the many loose ends. Since the Program Liason for this Program resigned, and since you feel somewhat uncomfortable with taking on this additional responsibility, we have extended our services to the Host Committee to fill this void, and shall assist when necessary. The next meeting between the Executive Secretary and the Host Committee will take place in May.
- [2] The Toronto Chapter in general must also be kept in mind (i.e. regular activities, programs, events, etc.). Since you are the Regional Representative for the Chapter, your responsibility here is most important. As you know, being a past Chapter Chairman and Sports Wknd. Chairman, the activities of the Chapter are very important. The preparations for Spts. Wkd. cannot "take over" as the only concern of the Chapter. Keep in touch with them and make sure they maintain their operations - with regular chapter meetings, etc.
- [3] We met with the V. Rev. Fr. Kegham Zakarian, Pastor of St. Gregory's in St. Catherines. They have an organized Junior Group, but as yet no Seniors. Fr. Kegham will be working on a mailing list and begin basic communications with the young adults. In May, a special meeting is planned to introduce the ACYOA and begin organizing the Chapter there. It would be good if you could communicate your concern and offer any assistance you can to Fr. Kegham. If possible you might want to meet with the youth at sometime before or after the May meeting (or both) to ensure the existance of a chapter for the Assembly and Weekend - which should serve as a boost to the St. Catherines group. Perhaps we can discuss this together soon.

Sincerely yours,


JAMES MAGARIAN
Executive Secretary - ACYOA
Diocese of the Armenian Church

c.c. Primate
Council Chairman

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Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

January 29, 1983

James Magarian
Executive Secretary-ACYOA
99 Long Pond Road
Tyngsborough, MA 01879

Dear James,

I am writing in response to your letters dated January 17 and January 18, 1983.

1. Regarding Gary Hovhannessian's letter of resignation- The letter was written two weeks after Gary had indicated that he had thoughts of resigning, NOT mailed two weeks after it was written. I had asked Gary to seriously consider not resigning during my initial conversation with him and told him that no resignation could be considered "official" unless I received a letter in writing. Central Council members were notified as to the situation when a letter was received. First alternate Melissa Markaridian and second alternate Sharon Vartanian have already been contacted with regard to Gary's resignation according to our constitution. Both have given the opportunity to serve on the Council careful consideration but have stated that they will be unable to assume the responsibilities of a Council member at this time.
2. As you already know, the national mailing list is currently being updated to include the Sports Weekend list which was last updated by the New Britain chapter. This is no small task and will take some time but many more names have already been added. If the ready to use address labels from the current list were so unacceptable because fewer names were printed, the 1982 Sports Weekend list could have been utilized. It should be noted, however, that the integrity of the data on the current Central Council list is much better than that on the Sports Weekend list. You and Cynthia, for example, appear on that list at least three times with at least two different addresses.



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3. Regarding the Camp Program -- Vaughan has assured me that a letter will be sent to Mr. Stoneson in the very near future regarding the \$500.00 start up funds given by the ACYOA for the Camp Program.
4. Consultation with other Council members indicates that the logo proposed by the Toronto chapter for the 1983 General Assembly and Sports Weekend is quite acceptable as is. A copy of the proposed logo was mailed to all Central Council members, the Primate and you by the Sports Weekend Chairman per by request. The Central Council members have also indicated their approval of a corporate sponsor for the weekend reserving further judgement until we have more specifics regarding what the commitments of the Toronto chapter would be towards the sponsor. The Central Council also supports the idea of soliciting the help from sister ACYOA chapters in promoting the ad book. Haig Tossounian, the Chairman of the 1983 General Assembly and Sports Weekend Committee has already been contacted by phone and informed of these decisions.
5. My conversations with the other Council members also indicates that parish visitations have been made, but that the reports have not yet been filed. Perhaps the Council members were waiting to present their reports at our cancelled meeting.
6. The date of the Archbishop's Basketball Tournament has been changed to April 8, 9, 10, 1983 as I indicated to you earlier in a phone conversation. The church hall became available when a cancellation occurred, so the problem regarding banquet facilities has been resolved. The Primate has been contacted and has given his approval for the change in date.
7. No major changes in the Mag Money project should be made before the entire Council has had an opportunity to discuss various aspects of the project. There are currently many questions I have regarding the project;
 - a. Has Maynard Merel ever given us in writing the terms of our agreement with him? The percentage we are to retain from each magazine subscription varies with almost every other communication with him.

James Magarian
January 29, 1983
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- b. What ever happened to the color brochure to be produced by Maynard Merel for publicity purposes?
- c. Have you ever discussed billing procedures with Mr. Merel? I spoke with him several weeks ago to let him know that our account was open after some initial delays and asked him when we would receive a bill from him. He indicated that a bill would be in the mail the following day. To date no bill has been received by Ralph.

These and other questions lead me to believe that the project requires serious thought and evaluation.

- 8. Improved methods of communication between the Executive Secretary and the Central Council Chairman are necessary so that my time can be better spent fulfilling the responsibilities of the Central Council Chairmanship. Too much time is currently spent writing letters responding to correspondence sent by the Executive Secretary. Short phone calls would allow decisions to be made more quickly and on a more timely basis. Remember, too, that your responsibility is to "execute the decisions of the Central Council" and not the reverse. Your suggestions are welcome, but please make them in such a way that they do not appear to be directives as in the letter regarding the Mag Money project. I also request that you send a copy to me of all correspondence you send out in the name of the ACYOA including any articles before they are released to the press. In this way I as the Chairman of the organization am kept aware of your plans and activities and we can better work together for the betterment of the organization

Sincerely,

Susan Mousigian
ACYOA Central
Council Chairman

cc Primate
Council Members

Armenian Church Youth Organization of America

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

January 31, 1983

Mr. Haig Tossounian
Chairman-1983 Sports Weekend
785 Huntingwood Drive
Agincourt, ONT M1T 2L5

Dear Haig,

This is to inform you officially of the decisions reached by the Central Council regarding various aspects of the 1983 General Assembly and Sports Weekend. This letter also serves to summarize the items we covered in our phone conversation two weeks ago.

1. The Central Council approves of the proposed logo for the weekend as is. There is no outstanding preference for the colors red and white (Canadian) or purple and gold (ACYOA).
2. The Central Council also approves of the idea of a corporate sponsor for the weekend, but must reserve any further judgement until more specific information is given regarding the extent of the commitments the Toronto ACYOA chapter must make to the sponsor.
3. The idea of soliciting help from sister ACYOA chapters for the ad book is also supported. Providing the chapters with an additional source of funds to help defray the cost of the weekend is felt to be a good idea.
4. Since Gary Hovhanessian has resigned and will therefore be unable to serve as the Central Council liaison to the 1983 Sports Weekend Committee I will be accepting this responsibility. Please feel free to contact me at 1407 Fairway Court, Dearborn, MI 48124, (313) 277-1958 or (313) 645-0120 X294 (B).

I look forward to working with you and your committee and wish you much success.

Sincerely,
Susan R. Mousigian
Susan Mousigian
Chairman - ACYOA
Central Council



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Executive Secretary
Central Council Central Council

Armenian Church Youth Organization of America

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

February 25, 1983

His Eminence
Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate - Diocese of the Armenian Church of America
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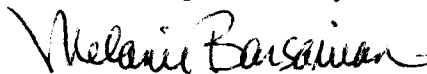
Your Eminence:

Enclosed please find a copy of the minutes from our last ACYOA Central Council Meeting held November 10 and 11, 1982 in Hartford, Connecticut.

The minutes will provide you with a concise summary of what was discussed at our last meeting. This in turn will assist you when addressing current issues at our meeting next week at the Diocese.

As always, I look forward to meeting with you and sincerely hope that the upcoming Central Council Meeting will be most productive at a time when the needs of our youth are so great. We realize, however, this can only be achieved through the strengthening of our faith in the Lord and your guidance.

Most respectfully,



Melanie Barsamian
Recording Secretary
ACYOA Central Council

mb:Enclosure



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TEXT OF TELEGRAM TO HIS HOLINESS VAZKEN I

MONASTARY OF HOLY ETCHMIADZIN
ETCHMIADZIN, ARMENIA, U.S.S.R.

NORIN SOORP ODZOOTIUN DER DER VAZKEN I, CATHOLICOS AMENAYN HAYOTS;
VEHAPAR DER:

HANON AMERICAHAYOTS AREVELYAN TEMEE YERIDASARTATS GAZMAGERBOOTYAN
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Armenian Church Youth Organization of America

Archbishop Torkom Mancojian, Primate

March 18, 1983

Mr. Maynard Merel
200 Madison Avenue
New York, NY 10016

Dear Mr. Merel,

The ACYOA Central Council met recently and discussed the ACYOA Mag Money Project at length. We evaluated the progress of the project thus far and our need to obtain some further clarification of various aspects of the project from you.

The Mag Money Project has seen a slow start because not enough ground work was done before the presentation of the project to the delegates at the General Assembly last September. Our delegates were told that October would be the big month to begin the Mag Money campaign, yet no provisions were set up to process the subscriptions as they arrived nor were brochures available for publicity purposes. Unfortunately it also took two months to open an account in the name of the Mag Money Project, but the situation has long been resolved.

It is our sincere desire to begin again a strong campaign for the project, but we feel that we cannot until we are all aware of the terms of our agreement in respect to our responsibilities and obligations to each other.

It is necessary for us to have the following in writing:

1. The amount of the commission our organization is to receive for each subscription - whether it is a flat percentage or a figure which varies with each magazine. If the latter is the case we also need a list detailing the percentage for each magazine.
2. A commitment as to the frequency with which orders will be picked up at the Diocese and processed.
3. A commitment as to the amount of time it will take to process an order once it has been picked up. We are frequently asked how long it will take before magazines which have been ordered will arrive.



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Mr. Maynard Merel
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4. The establishment of a billing procedure whereby the organization can promptly reimburse you for subscriptions which have been processed. The billing statement should indicate the quantity and price for each magazine ordered. No bill has been received to date although a phone conversation I had with you two months earlier indicated that a bill was on its way to our treasurer.
5. A commitment of what you will provide in terms of publicity to aid in the Mag Money campaign. Color brochures promised at the Assembly have never materialized.
6. A commitment as to the frequency of new price lists for magazines. The price lists cannot be duplicated in any cost efficient manner if they are valid for only a single month.
7. A clarification as to whether Canadian members will receive a Canadian version of their subscription or a strictly American version.

We as members of the Central Council are eager to promote the project and look forward to a favorable reply in response to our requests. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Susan Mousigian
ACYOA Central Council
Chairperson
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cc Primate
Executive Secretary
Central Council Members

Armenian Church Youth Organization of America

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

March 26, 1983

TO: ACYOA Central Council Members
FROM: ACYOA Central Council Chairperson
SUBJECT: Central Council Meeting

Please be advised that the next meeting of the Central Council will take place on Friday, April 8, 1983 at St. John's Armenian Church in Southfield, Michigan at 9:30 am. The agenda for the meeting is enclosed. Please let me know if you have not already made your reservations for the weekend at the Michigan Inn.

I look forward to seeing you all again soon!

Sincerely,

Susan R Mousigian
Susan Mousigian
ACYOA Central Council
Chairperson

cc Primate
Rev. Fr. Karekin Kasparian
Mr. Frank Avakian Stoneson
Executive Secretary



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ACYOA CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING
St. John's Armenian Church
22001 Northwestern Highway
Southfield, Michigan

April 8, 1983

A G E N D A

- I. Opening Prayer
- II. Minutes of Previous Meeting (Melanie)
- III. Treasurer's Report (Ralph)
- IV. Correspondence (Susan/Vaughan)
- V. Old Business
 - A. Financial Securities and Funds (Ralph)
 - B. 1982 General Assembly & Sports Weekend Report (Susan)
 - C. Membership Cards, Dues, Listing (various)
 - D. Camp Program (Vaughan)
 - E. Publications and Audio-Visuals (various)
 - F. Other
- VI. New Business
 - A. Chapter Visitations (various)
 - B. Regional Conferences (various)
 - C. 1983 Archbishop's Tournament (Susan)
 - D. 1983 General Assembly & Sports Weekend (Susan/Vaughan)
 - E. Mag Money (various)
 - F. Leadership Conference (Susan)
 - G. Archbishop's Essay Contest (Jim)
 - H. Armenian Studies Program (Jim)
 - I. R & D Standing Committee
 - J. Other
- VII. Next Meeting Date & Site
- VIII. Closing Remarks
- IX. Closing Prayer



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MAYNARD MEREL

200 MADISON AVENUE
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April 4, 1983

Ms. Susan Mousigian
ACYOA Central Council Chairperson
1407 Fairway Court
Dearborn, MI 48124

Dear Susan.

I was pleased that I found you in the other night and that we had our little conversation.

Like you, I am ready, willing and able to forget the past and start out fresh, armed with the experience we gained from the false start.

To answer the points in your March 18, 1983 letter, item by item:

1. I can give the ACYOA a 20% commission on most popular magazines. I will provide you with a list of them and will add more when I am able and will advise you of any necessary deletions. (I am sure you realize that the publishers are the ones who set the rates, not me.)
- 1A I do not have your file available as I write this, but I do recall making a commitment, which I again offer, to set aside a minimum of an additional 10% of the sales price of all magazines on the 20% list and to use that money for whatever promotional idea(s) or projects) the Central Council and I agree will help make the MagMoney project more successful.
- 1B For example, I made a suggestion about using the 10% for those members who sold subscriptions through the MagMoney project. Was that suggestion sunk or what?
- 1C I will also give you a list of popular magazines that are not on the 20% list.
- 1D All other magazines should be sold at the price your customer tells you is the price. for in most cases the customer will be correct, and if there is a big difference between the price you submit to me and the correct price I will advise you before I submit the order to the publisher, so there will be no loss. Or you can check with me and I will let you know the correct prices.

April 4, 1983

Ms. Susan Mousigian

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- 1E Even though it makes for more lists, I think we should stick to offering all special prices: to teachers, college students, doctors and other professionals and business people - where the publisher offers these people special rates.
2. If the program will really run I will pick up orders at least once a week..
3. Unfortunately you will have to say delivery will take up to 12 weeks for new subscribers, BUT if the order is a renewal and we receive it within 10 to 12 weeks of its expiration there should be no delay. Many magazines, like TV Guide are very prompt and take much less time.
4. ACYOA owes me money, but I know they will pay me and since I have been so busy I have not gotten around to submitting a bill, but rest assured when we start a real program I will bill you weekly as I expect a volume too great for me to be able to easily finance!
5. See the answer to 1A. Can you imagine how upset I would have been if I had bought 30,000 color brochures and the program fizzled as it did?
6. If the price lists are distributed to the public they must contain all current up to date prices or they will violate my contracts with the publishers which say I must only advertise correct, current prices. So I can not see any way around that, except to plan promotions on a monthly basis, _____
- 6A BUT I do not believe it is effective or necessary to send out price lists. Interest in the program will be generated and sales will be made over the phone and in person by ACYOA members who will have current price lists in their hand
- 6B 95% of your people will buy magazines they are familiar with or renew magazines they are already getting. You will be able to make suggestions from your price list to those who will be subscribing only as a way of helping the ACYOA. These will be people who are either not currently getting any magazines or have subscriptions that have a long time left to run on the magazines they are already getting.

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April 4, 1983

Ms. Susan Mousigian

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7. Canadians will receive Canadian versions of American magazines, and only if those versions exist. We will list Canadian magazines on the Canadian lists. If Canadians pay in Canadian currency we will have to set up a procedure to handle the money - probably through a Canadian Church or ?. Since the prices are in American money and there is a considerable loss in the conversion we will have to make some special arrangements, which I am thinking about, and will be in touch with you as soon as I come up with an equitable solution.

You can reach me during the day by calling me person-to-person, collect, as a way of locating me, at 212 - 382 2544 or 962 8523 or 952 9027 and when you reach me I will call you back at the number you have left. Do the same thing in the evenings at my home, at either 474 4994 or 474 7365.

Sincerely,


Maynard Merel



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Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

15 April 83

FRANK STONESON
Executive Director
Diocese of the Armenian Church
630 Second Avenue
N.Y.C., N.Y. 10016

Dear Mr. Stoneson,

The following list of names are provided as possible persons to be invited to the "Conference on Youth", as per our recent conversation. The "Conference" will deal with the youth ministry system as presently employed, and discuss the proposed changes as previously submitted.

His Eminence, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate
Frank Stoneson, Executive Director of Diocese
Nancy Basmajian, ACYOA Juniors Director
James Magarian, ACYOA Seniors Director
Elise Antreassian, Religious Education Director
Rev. Fr. Karekin Kasparian
Rev. Fr. Garabed Kochakian
Rev. Fr. Yeprem Kelegian
Rev. Deacon Michael Chevian
Sarkis Bedevian

After the Diocesan Assembly seems to be the best time for most of the persons involved, and in speaking with Nancy Basmajian, a weekday would be most convenient, especially for our clergymen. As we discussed, we can decide an appropriate date at the Assembly whereat most of the above mentioned will be.

Enclosed is a possible format for the "Conference". It is suggested that the number of persons participating do not exceed 10-12, at least for this first gathering.

Sincerely yours

JAMES MAGARIAN
Executive Secretary - ACYOA
Diocese of the Armenian Church

c.c. Primate
ACYOA Juniors
Director

POSSIBLE FORMAT FOR DIOCESAN CONFERENCE ON YOUTH

- 10 a.m. - 12 noon - Introductions.
Brief on current youth ministry system,
(ACYOA) and the problem areas.
Discussion and understanding of the
youth situation and its meaning on the
future of the Church and Armenian Community
in America.
- 12 noon - 1 p.m. - Luncheon.
- 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. - Discussion on the proposed outline for
youth ministry in the Diocese.
Conclusion and future direction.

Participants will receive ahead of time the purpose and meaning of the Conference, as well as the proposed outline on Youth Ministry.

The Conference should be conducted in a free-exchange and open atmosphere, wherein sincere discussion can take place and progress made. The moderator for the discussion should be the Executive Director of the Diocese, or his designate.

Armenian Church Youth Organization of America

Archbishop Terkoma Manoogian, Primate



April 16, 1983

Gary Hovhannessian
377 Farmington Avenue
Plainville, CT 06062

Dear Gary,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well and that the plans for your forthcoming marriage are progressing smoothly.

I am writing to inform you that the ACYOA Central Council has not yet received a report on the 1982 General Assembly and Sports Weekend. It is your responsibility as the Chairman of the 1982 Sports Weekend Committee to ensure that this obligation is met immediately. You as a recent Central Council member and as a Sports Weekend Chairman realize the importance of an up-to-date Sports Weekend Report for the 1983 Sports Weekend host chapter.

Please advise me as to any problems you are encountering regarding the submission of your report.

Sincerely,

Susan Mousigian
Susan Mousigian
Chairperson - ACYOA
Central Council

cc Primate
Rev. Fr. Vartan Der Asadourian
Executive Secretary
Sharon Vartanian



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MS. LOREEN SKINNER
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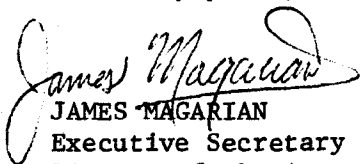
Dear Ms. Skinner,

We have been directed to inform you of the schedule of the ACYOA Senior Leadership Seminar to be held in conjunction with the Diocesan Assembly. This is the seventh year of the Seminar for Senior age youth of the Diocese.

9:00 a.m. - 12 noon	1st Session Speaker: Mr. Howard Hayward Director of Counseling and Placement Lewis University.
12:00 noon - 1:30 p.m.	Luncheon (at the same time as the luncheon of the Assembly itself.)
1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	2nd Session Programs and general discussion on the ACYOA - moderated by the Central Council Chairman of the ACYOA

We hope that this information is complete enough for you, and that it is not too late for your use. Please note that the Seminar will take place on Saturday, May 7th, only.

Sincerely yours,


JAMES MAGARIAN
Executive Secretary - ACYOA
Diocese of the Armenian Church

cc. Executive Director of the Diocese



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Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

30 May 83

DEAR COMMITTEE MEMBERS,

Just a note to thank each of you for your participation in our first meeting and discussion on youth in our Diocese.

Your sincerity, openness and serious approach to a major concern of our Diocese is most encouraging, and to say the least hopeful.

Most of you are very much aware of the problems facing the youth of our Church today, and you are involved to greater and lesser degrees. Your experience, understanding of the delicate nature of the problems, as well as your earnest attempt at seeking out the solutions to these problems is a positive sign that the solutions will not only be found, but will one day be implemented.

We have shared only a small part of our concerns. I hope that we will be able to continue in this light, and move in the direction of progress and accomplishment. I do think that you will agree our meeting was somewhat refreshing, vital and made good use of an afternoon. No doubt our next meeting will again be time well spent.

If there are any problems or scheduling conflicts with our next meeting, please do be in touch.


JIMMIE.



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Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

30 May 83

TO: Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
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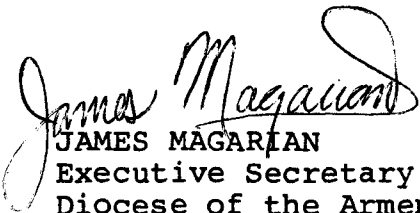
SUBJECT: "Notes" on the Initial Meeting of the Committee on Youth Ministry for the Diocese**

Enclosed is a copy of the "notes" from the May 24th meeting of the Committee on Youth Ministry for the Diocese of the Armenian Church.

Kindly review these notes prior to our next meeting, scheduled for Wednesday, June 22nd, at 1 p.m. at the Diocesan Center in New York City. (Any major discrepancies with these notes may be dealt with at the beginning of our meeting.)

These notes are prepared in statement fashion, and reflect the sincere concern of all those attending to focus on the youth of our Church as a significant entity. Certainly one in need of our immediate attention.

We look forward to continuing our conversation at our next meeting.


JAMES MAGARIAN
Executive Secretary - ACYOA
Diocese of the Armenian Church

(**used for lack of a better identifier.)

c.c. ACYOA Central Council Chairman

enclosure.

FR. KAREKIN: A comparative study might be helpful in arriving at an approach for the youth in our Church. Two possible approaches, among others, "wholistic" and "specific". Need to make Diocesan Council Members aware of the complexity and depth of the problem now, with an emphasis on the over-all ramifications of the situation if left unattended. New venture should be Diocesan initiated.

ELISE: Seems that other Churches are more spiritually based. The youth problem we are facing is only a part of a much larger problem that the Church must address. We should not speak of the "youth situation" in isolation. It is all a part of the whole. We must discuss implementation - how it is we are to initiate change.

Discussion also included and involved a previously prepared outline describing a possible Diocesan Department of Youth Ministry, with points on its make up, role, and functions.

The following recommendations were formulated out of the previous discussion and exchange of ideas and concerns: (This is a random order, not in order of importance.)

- FR. KAREKIN:**
- [1] Study youth programs and ministry of other demoninations.
 - [2] Present results of this meeting to Diocesan Council, receive approval/appointment as a functioning committee.
 - [3] Promote the "youth ministry" concept throughout Diocese, and organize local and regional discussions on the topic describing it and what it means.
 - [4] Request that a promotional year be designated by the Diocese for complete exposure to this concept.
- DCN. MICHAEL:**
- [1] Members of the Committee to meet with individual parishes and regions, seeking out youth advisors, etc.
 - [2] Design proposal for next Diocesan Assembly regarding Youth Ministry in the Diocese.
 - [3] Present information and update progress at the ACYOA General Assembly in September.
- NANCY:**
- [1] Dissolve the present ACYOA national structure - Central Council.
 - [2] Create a specific Diocesan Department of Youth Ministry.
 - [3] Include a training program for lay people to assist in the implementation of the Department's programs.
- ELISE:**
- [1] Develop a core ministry program for parishes consisting of the pastor, parish educational director and youth director.
 - [2] At the next Clergy Conference, direct discussion on the serious over-arching issues confronting our Church, emphasizing the entire picture.
- FR. GARABED:**
- [1] Extensive public relations campaign utilizing all types of media to promote the concept of Youth Ministry and a new approach to meeting the needs of the youth of our Diocese.

- FR. GARABED:
- [2] Invite professionals from other demoninations for consultations, especially those denominations who have a similar make up in terms of social, familia and church-base foundations.
 - [3] Solicit funds specifically for Youth Ministry, keeping in mind those individuals and foundations that would be willing to donate for youth.
- FR. YEPREM:
- [1] Initiate means of measuring needs and desires of young people, including the practical, psychological, sociological and educational dimensions of the growing young person. Youth dialogues and surveys might be considered.
 - [2] Focus on youth as an entity, not as a separate group or organization.
 - [3] Immediately introduce and initiate programs for 10-12 year olds.
 - [4] Keep the present format of a yearly youth gathering (ACYOA General Assembly) for input, perhaps as a youth forum.
 - [5] Promote renewal and youth ministry concept, with a focus on the laity as leaders.
 - [6] Gather names of local and regional persons who might take on a paid youth worker position, or could volunteer their time. Initiate these persons to begin as early as next year.

GENERAL CONCENSUS

Include in this "youth ministry" concept the over-all familia approach, with each aspect of the Church given specific emphasis.....worship - religious and Armenian education - spirituality - liturgics - choir - etc. etc.

Need an encompassing statement of purpose for Department of Youth Ministry.

IMMEDIATE STEPS TO BE TAKEN

- STEP ONE: Formulate a brief for the Diocesan Council describing our concerns, the non-existance of youth ministry at present, problems, etc., with focus on the conclusions of the Committee.
Present to Council for immediate attention.
Request that approval/appointment be made for the Committee to continue its pursuit of developing and initiating a Youth Ministry Dept.
- STEP TWO: Clarify the priorities of the Committee.
Begin work accordingly, pointing toward the 1984 Diocesan Assembly to present its concerns and proposals as necessary.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee will take place at the Diocesan Center on Wednesday, June 22, 1p.m. sharp.

Primary purpose of next meeting is to prepare a statement, major points and concerns and distribute to all Diocesan Council members prior to their next meeting. Defining the specific purpose and duration of the Committee will also be included.



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Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

30 May 83

TORY TOPJIAN
Advisor - ACYO Central Council
Western Diocese of the Armenian Church of America
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Fresno, CA 93710

Dear Tory,

Regarding your request to include the participants in the ACYO-Western Diocese Armenia trip, with the ACYOA Armenian Studies Program Educational Tour to Armenia this summer, we cannot accept any additional participants without confirmation from Holy Etchmiadzin that there would be space for them upon arrival.

As we discussed on the telephone, all available places have been filled on our trip this year. Any additional participants might cause an inconvenience to our hosts in Armenia (accommodations, bus transportation, etc.), and thus would have to be invited by them, not us.

Thus, your participants are welcome, however, confirmation that they would have space for lodging would have to be received before we could accept them into our group.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY - ACYOA
Diocese of the Armenian Church

c.c. ✓ Primate - Eastern Diocese
Executive Director - Eastern Diocese



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31 May 83

FRANK STONESON
Executive Director
Diocese of the Armenian Church
630 Second Avenue
N.Y.C., N.Y. 10016

Dear Mr. Stoneson,


This is to inform you that the participants in Program #1 - Educational Tour to Armenia will arrive at the Diocese on Thursday, June 16th. They have been asked to meet at the Diocese by 12 noon on that day for orientation, lunch, tour of the Cathedral and a reception and group photo with the Primate.

Could you please secure the following:

- (1) Meeting room for 25 people for orientation.
- (2) Luncheon for same (1p.m., same room?)
- (3) Tour guide for the Cathedral complex.
- (4) Primate's reception room for 3-4 p.m.

If there are any questions please be in touch. All costs will be assumed by the ACYOA Department.

Sincerely yours,


JAMES MAGARIAN
Executive Secretary - ACYOA
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

c.c. Primate



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His Eminence
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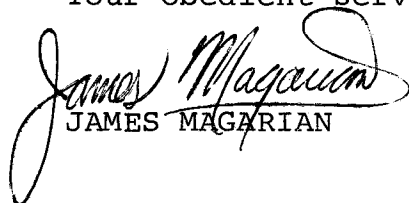
Your Eminence:

Enclosed are two items of interest -

- (1) Monthly reports for April and May with attached correspondence for the months.
- (2) Note, cover letter and "notes" of the meeting of the Committee on Youth Ministry for the Diocese (May 24th).

Please accept my apology for the delay in the submitting of the April Monthly report.

Your Obedient servant,


JAMES MAGARIAN

C.C.
Executive Director

Armenian Church Youth Organization of America

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

TO: ACYOA Central Council Members
FROM: ACYOA Central Council Chairman
SUBJECT: Central Council Meeting
DATE: June 20, 1983

Please be advised that the next Central Council meeting will take place on July 8 - 11 at St. Vartanantz Armenian Church in Chelmsford, Massachusetts. Please plan on beginning promptly at 8 pm Friday evening as we have a lot to accomplish in a short amount of time. A major portion of this meeting will be devoted to preparing for the General Assembly in September. An agenda for the meeting is enclosed.

I look forward to seeing you soon!

Sincerely,

Susan Mousigian

Susan Mousigian
ACYOA Central Council
Chairman

cc Primate
Rev. Fr. Karekin Kasparian
Mr. Frank Avakian Stoneson
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June 20, 1983

Mr. Maynard Merel
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Dear Mr. Merel,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing in reference to our phone conversation of May 6, 1983.

During our conversation on May 6th, we discussed the problem of the magazine subscriptions received through the ACYOA Mag Money Project that had not yet been processed. I requested at that time a list identifying which subscriptions had been processed and which subscriptions had not - a request to which you agreed. It is now over a month since we spoke and the list has not yet been received. We have had several inquiries from people who supported the project as to when they will begin receiving their magazines as well as requests for refunds from people who have subsequently subscribed to the magazines on their own.

I personally surveyed all the people who have thus far supported the Mag Money Project and found that only 22 subscriptions out of 49 have been processed. This is not even 50% of the orders which we have received! Furthermore, several people subscribing last October indicated that they are still waiting for the delivery of their first magazine.

The ACYOA Central Council will be meeting again in early July and your prompt reply before that time would be very much appreciated. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

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Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

24 June 83

REV. FR. YEPREM KELEGIAN
22 White Street
Hartford, CT 06114

Rev. Father Yeprem:

Your efforts in last week's "Youth Panel Discussion" are to be commended. Although we did not have a large turnout, we did well for a Friday evening in June. I do feel that we could have been a little more organized, but for the most part, things went fairly smoothly.

Enclosed are the notes from the panelists, as well as letters of appreciation recently sent. A new release on the evening has been written and will be sent to the Armenian press upon the receipt of photographs of the event. The BEMA will also feature some parts of the event, although space is limited as you know.

Again, your efforts made the evening meaningful for those who did attend, young and old alike. The Primate himself may have even enjoyed the evening as it went beyond the usual "celebrative" affairs and gave the participants something to take home with them.

We look forward to working with you again in the near future. Stay well Der Hayr, see you soon.

Respectfully yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN
Executive Secretary - ACYOA
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c.c. Primate



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24 June 83

PAULA JURIGIAN
55 Mallard Way
Waltham, MA 02154

Dear Paula,

Your participation in the "Youth Panel Discussion" last week helped to make the entire evening successful and meaningful for the people who attended, as well as for the Primate himself.

Your presentation was well thoughtout, to the point, and above all, important to the young people and the adults as well. You ended with, "I can do all things through Him who gives me strength;" a truth that we many times forget. Yes, harmony, love and understanding are those abstract dimensions that are vital to the accomplishment of a parish. We don't really take the time to ensure that these things are a part of the operations of the parish, as we do the buildings, lights, grounds, newsletters, etc. But with young people like you, and many others who share these ideals, we can breath with confidence that a new era is yet to come; one that will take the accomplishments of today and make them better.

Your participation in the discussion is appreciated, and we hope that you will continue your dedicated work and service in our Church. Remember that what you do is important, no matter what others may say. His Eminence said that, "Our young people ensure the promise of tomorrow, but their presence and participation today makes tomorrow possible."

God Bless you. We look forward to working with you in the near future.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN
Executive Secretary - ACYOA
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N.E. District Coordinator



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CRAIG ERANOSIAN
156 Dellwood Road
Cranston, R.I. 02920

Dear Craig,

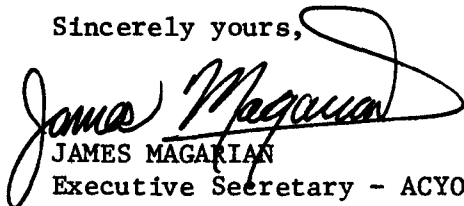
Your participation in the "Youth Panel Discussion" last week helped to make the entire evening successful and meaningful for the people who participated, as well as for the Primate himself.

Your presentation was well prepared and spoke to the people in attendance - adult and youth. Your thoughts on the need to educate young people concerning the operations and issues involving our Church were very important. Too often young people are relegated to the mundane and routine operations and tasks, and never involved with things that can really be meaningful. This relationship, as you mentioned, is a very important factor to consider while the person is growing - not after adulthood is reached! Indeed our future clergymen need to be groomed from their teenage years.

The Primate re-affirmed that our young people are part of the present, and as part of the present they must be actively involved in meaningful roles. "In this way the future of the Church is bright and alive," he said.

May God bless you as you continue to serve the Church. Again, we appreciate your participation and look forward to working with you again soon.

Sincerely yours,



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SUSAN BREWSTER
9 Linden Drive
Danvers, MA 01923

Dear Susan,

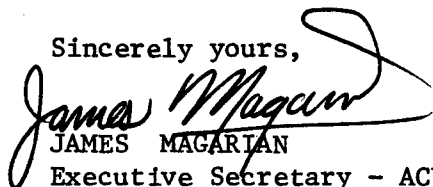
Your participation on the "Youth Panel Discussion" last week helped to make the entire evening successful and meaningful for the people who attended, and for the Primate himself.

You presented the topic well, and your ability to convey your thoughts and ideas was illustrated by the way the audience responded. You mentioned that you, "Made a conscious effort to understand the Armenian Church." This mature statement undoubtedly impressed the young people present, as well as the adults. Too many times we dismiss those things we don't understand, being critical of them and trying to convince ourselves that they aren't worth the effort. But it is this "effort" that makes everything worthwhile. You also mentioned that religious questions and issues are perhaps the most difficult to answer. That historical questions were easier since they mainly deal with fact and figures. How true this is! Again, the effort to learn the religious answers and search for those we don't have requires effort, patience, and most of all a sincere desire to learn and use the learning to help others.

The Primate re-affirmed this, saying that, "We cannot have the enjoyment of education and understanding from the very beginning. It takes time. We must first become involved; we must then learn all we can, perhaps even suffer a little, and then enjoy what we have learned and use it!"

May God Bless you Susan, and may you continue to be close to the Church and share yourself through our programs and endeavors to bring our young people, and our adults, closer to their Church. We look forward to working with you again soon.

Sincerely yours,


JAMES MAGARIAN

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MELANIE BARSAMIAN
74 Woodland Street
West Boylston, MA 01583

Dear Melanie,

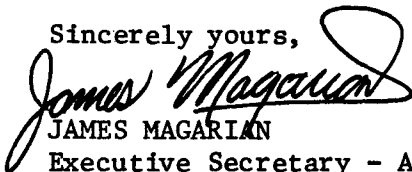
Your participation in the "Youth Panel Discussion" last week helped to make it successful and meaningful for the people who attended, as well as for the Primate himself.

Your ideas on the topic were thought-provoking, as well as meaningful. It was good that you were able to share your insights, as what you said was important for young and old alike. You mentioned the abstract values that are passed on from one generation to the next through the family. This important, but many times overlooked, interaction and inheritance from parent to child cannot be stressed enough. It is something that is difficult to describe, difficult to express, yet it enriches us beyond comprehension. Perhaps it is that one ingredient that sets aside our Church and people from everything else. Your thoughts on "commitment" to the Church were equally important. Commitment in anything in our society is slowly becoming a lost art. But what we are committed to also needs clarification, as you mentioned. So many of our people are "committed" to the picnic, dance, bazaar, etc., that they forget these things are only secondary to the mission of the Church, and what the Church is all about.

His Eminence certainly agreed with many of your comments. Especially about the issue (so called) regarding the nationalistic/ethnic and the spiritual/Christian dimensions of our Church. "They both combine to make up the Armenian personality," he said. "Since we all are the Church, we bring our personality, our make up, into the Church and it becomes part of the Church. We can't separate them, for they are part of us." How true!

May God bless you Melanie, and may He allow you to continue in your efforts to serve the Church. We look forward to working with you in the near future on similar events.

Sincerely yours,


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MARK KAZANJIAN
580 Prospect Street
Methuen, MA 01844

Dear Mark,

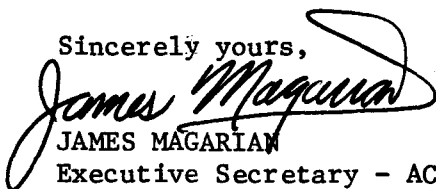
Your participation in the "Youth Panel Discussion" last week helped to make it a successful and meaningful event for all who attended, as well as the Primate himself.

You presented your thoughts on the topic very well, although it may have been geared to an older audience. You mentioned that the family is, "The very essence of our Church." How true! Our Church is the place where the whole family should be present, involved, participating, supporting and defending when necessary. As you said, the Church strengthens the family, and the Church is strengthened by the family - its members. You also mentioned that our heritage adds, "A unique richness to our Church, not detracting, but embellishing and motivating us!" This is something that is not commonly appreciated by young people, and many adults as well. Our faith, our customs and heritage all combine to give our Church a wealth of treasures not valued in dollars and cents. Saying that our people are very important is something others sometimes take for granted. The Armenian people are the Armenian Church.

His Eminence re-affirmed some things that you said, especially as regards our people and their importance. "We (everyone, young and old) make up the Church, and what we are, our heritage and customs, are all brought to the Church and make up its personality, just as they make up our own personality. They cannot be separated out," he said.

May God bless you in your efforts to continue to serve the Church. We look forward to working with you again in the near future.

Sincerely yours,


JAMES MAGARIAN

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Armenian Church Youth Organization of America

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

July 1, 1983

16 Concord Road
Watertown, Massachusetts 02172

Mr. Frank Stoneson
Executive Director
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America
630 Second Avenue
New York, New York 10016

Dear Mr. Stoneson

As the summer begins, the ACYOA Central Council begins to prepare for the General Assembly in September. At this year's Assembly, in Toronto, the Council will have to report on the youth camp.

In late September of 1982, the ACYOA Central Council received correspondence from the Diocesan Council stating their wish to have the operation of the youth camp transferred from the ACYOA to the Diocese. Although our main concern is the continued growth of this fine program, there are a few matters that must be cleared up as the camp prepares to open for another season.

In the letter, no mention was made regarding the funds realized through this program. In 1980, the ACYOA Central Council gave approximately \$500.00 to Rev. Fr. Patee Metjian as "start-up" money, enabling him to purchase the necessary items and begin the promotions for the camp. Neither this money, nor any other money realized as a result of the camp program, has ever been returned to the ACYOA National Treasury.

However meaningless these points may seem, our records remain incomplete. We should like to officially state, on behalf of the ACYOA and the Central Council, that whatever profits were realized, be donated to the Diocesan Camp Program, less the \$500.00 original "start-up" money. We understand that Rev. Fr. Patee transferred \$1,838.31 in general funds, and \$537.88 in scholarship funds to the Diocese when the reorganization of the Camp Program took place.



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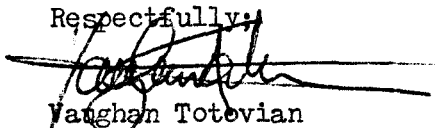
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These are the facts as we have been able to piece together.
If you should have any questions, James Magarian, the ACYOA Executive
Secretary will be able to help you, or feel free to contact me at
home; (617)923-9293 or work; (617)589-2689.

Many thanks for your time.

Respectfully,


Vaughan Totevian
Corresponding Secretary,
ACYOA Central Council

cc;
His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
James Magarian
Susan Mousigian



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from the desk of
Vaughan H. Totovian

July 11, 1983

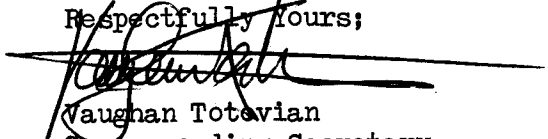
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His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
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630 Second Avenue
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Your Eminence;

Please find enclosed, a recent letter I wrote to Frank Stoneson, on behalf of the ACYOA Central Council, in reference to the transfer of Youth Camp to the Diocesan Council.

Respectfully yours;


Vaughan Totovian
Corresponding Secretary,
ACYOA Central Council

August 16, 1983

Miss Mona Selyan
Vice-Chairman Communication
A.C.Y.O.A. Holy Trinity Toronto Chapter
14 Woodlawn Avenue West
Toronto, Ont. M4V 1G6
Canada

Dear Miss Selyan:

Thank you for your invitation, mailed to my home address in Yonkers, New York, to attend the 1983 ACYOA General Assembly/National Sports Weekend to be held in Toronto, August 31 through September 5.

It has been many years since my last attendance at an ACYOA General Assembly. I might have been able to arrange for a substitute celebrant at the St. Vartan Cathedral for September 4th; however, due to the medical problems which our teenage son is facing these days, I feel that an extended absence from home at this time is not a wise course.

With best wishes to your Chapter.

Sincerely,

Fr. Arten Ashjian
Canon Sacrist,
St. Vartan Cathedral

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Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

19 September 83

Dear ACYOA Central Council Members,

The first meeting of the 1983-84 ACYOA Central Council will take place on October 14 & 15, beginning on Friday evening at 7:30 p.m., at Saints Vartanantz Armenian Church in Chelmsford, Massachusetts. Since the Primate will be in Holy Etchmiadzin at that time, His Eminence has instructed that the meeting take place in Chelmsford to save major transportation costs.

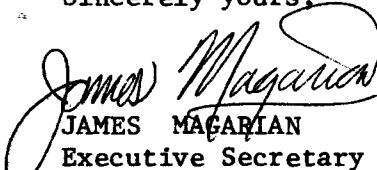
An official letter confirming the elections of the 1983 ACYOA General Assembly will soon be sent, as the Diocesan Council takes up the item at one of their upcoming meetings. Until such time, we are to assume our responsibilities and begin the many duties related to the 1983-84 ACYOA year.

If there are any questions concerning transportation arrangements and information, kindly contact the Executive Secretary [617-256-7234 or 256-8980 days, 617-649-6875 evenings before 8 p.m.].

At this time, assuming our meeting begins on time Friday evening, we can anticipate finishing our business Saturday evening. It is customary for the Council members to participate in Divine Liturgy on the Sunday of weekend meetings, and to receive Holy Communion. Arrangements for homeward bound travel may be made for Sunday afternoon.

Do have a safe trip, and plan to be on time for the 7:30 p.m. meeting start on Friday, October 14th. An agenda will be sent prior to the meeting.

Sincerely yours,


JAMES MAGARIAN

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His Eminence
ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN
Primate - Diocese of the Armenian Church
630 Second Avenue
N.Y.C., N.Y. 10016-4885

Your Eminence:

Regarding the Group Leader and Assistant Group Leader for the 1984 Armenian Studies Program - "Educational Tour" - it is very important that the appointments be made as soon as possible. This will allow the clergyman to make the necessary adjustments and arrangements, and, provide assistance in the overall promotion of the programs.

As we have experienced, it is imperative that the clergymen under consideration hold United States citizenship, and perhaps even United States birth right. I would suggest that the appointment be made before November.

A general letter with designated deadlines and information on the 1984 trip will be sent to the Western Diocese with the hope that they will abide and cooperate to a greater degree than recently experienced.

Upon the return of Your Eminence to New York City, I ask that we discuss the appointments as soon as possible.

Your obedient servant,

James Magarian
JAMES MAGARIAN

620 Gates Road
Vestal, NY 13850

October 3, 1983

Mr. James Magarian
Executive Director, ACYOA
180 Olde Westford Road
Chelmsford, MA 01824

Dear Mr. Magarian:

As you may know, the youth of the St. Gregory the Illuminator Parish in Binghamton, NY has attempted in the past to form a formal ACYOA Chapter. Unfortunately, due to our small numbers and the fact that our community in Upstate New York sits far from other active parishes in the Diocese, with which we might otherwise be able to exchange ideas and share in enthusiasm and fellowship, we have met with failure and discouragement.

Inspired, however, by the St. Nersess Post-High School Religious Study Seminar in August, at which you were among the guest speakers, I came to the realization that the Armenian Youth is not the future of the Church; we are the DRIVING FORCE of the Church HERE AND NOW!

With this firmly in mind, I have spoken with a few of my friends at church, and together we decided that it is our duty to overcome the hurdles we may have, and to work together for the Church and, ultimately, for Jesus Christ; and the first step toward that goal is to establish with our small but enthusiastic group a chapter of the ACYOA.

I ask that you send me information, at your earliest convenience, detailing how our group should go about forming an ACYOA chapter.

I look back at the faith of my Armenian forefathers with great respect, admiration, and pride, and I pray that the strength of the Holy Spirit will be with the Binghamton ACYOA as we work to emulate them.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Michael Findikyan

CC: The Most Reverend
Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate
The Very Rev. Fr. Sooren Chinchinian
Pastor, St. Gregory the Illuminator Church

October 4, 1983

Mr. James Nagarian
Senior ACYOA Director
99 Long Pon Road
Tyngsborough, MA 01879

Dear James:

The Primate and Diocesan Council have requested that the Minutes of the ACYOA Assembly in Toronto, Canada be submitted as quickly as possible for discussion and review.

Your prompt cooperation in implementing this action would be most appreciated.

Respectfully yours,

Frank Avakian Stoneson
Executive Director

cc: Rev. Fr. Nampre Kouzoulian, Diocesan Council Chairman
FAS:mb



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Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

6 October 83

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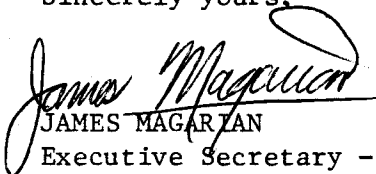
Enclosed you will find an agenda for our upcoming meeting, October 14-16, at Ss. Vartanantz Armenian Church in Chelmsford, Massachusetts. Do your best to arrive in time to begin the meeting by 7:30 p.m. If there are any problems, or special arrangements needed, please inform. Accommodations have been secured on a double-occupancy basis.

Also enclosed you will find the revised ACYOA Central Council Calendar, revised Chapter Obligations and Deadlines Sheet, and revised Chapter Reminder Sheet. Please review these items so that you may be informed on the year's itinerary. Also enclosed is the proposed logo for the 1984 ACYOA National Sports Weekend, hosted by the Palos Heights ACYOA Chapter.

You should be aware that our 5 to 6 meetings a year do not afford us time to monitor the activities and see that the responsibilities of all Council members are carried out. Therefore, each individual must make a concerted effort to fulfill those obligations that have been taken on. Our meetings cannot, and will not, involve every detail on every program. However, the earnest effort on the part of each Council member will ensure that the programs are well executed, and, that the young adults of our parishes are well informed on the many opportunities that invite their participation. Whether or not a parish has a well organized ACYOA Chapter, or any chapter at all, we must reach the young adults of that community with our literature and information.

Have a most pleasant and relaxing trip. I look forward to seeing you then.

Sincerely yours,


JAMES MAGARIAN

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14-16 October 83
Ss. Vartanantz Armenian Church
Chelmsford, Massachusetts

M E E T I N G A G E N D A

- I. Opening Prayer.
- II. Minutes of Previous Meeting.
- III. Treasurer's Report.
- IV. Old Business:
 - A. ACYOA Central Council operations and procedures.
 - B. Acceptance of final session - '83 ACYOA Assembly.
 - C. Report on 1983 ACYOA National Sports Weekend.
 - D. Review of Assignments - programs and regions.
 - E. Membership Cards and Dues.
- V. New Business:
 - A. Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Basketball Tournament.
 - B. Executive Update - circulation.
 - C. 1984 ACYOA National Sports Weekend - approval of logo.
 - D. National Mailing List - records keeping and updating.
 - E. Stocks and Securities - appointment of overseer.
- VI. Future meeting dates.
- VII. Closing Prayer.

ACYOA CENTRAL COUNCIL CALENDAR a guide to planning the year. [updated, October 1983]

SEPTEMBER

- +Transitional Council Meeting.
Transfer/receive all Council materials from past/to new members - follow up.
- +Receive new Diocesan Parish Directory.
Begin contact with respective parishes and chapters in region.
- +Smile, you're an ACYOA Council member.

OCTOBER

- +Begin planning of: parish visitations, Fall regional Conference and/or seminar and/or workshop.
- +Final session of Assembly Minutes accepted. Final draft of Assembly Minutes to be prepared for distribution to parishes and chapters.
- +All Chapters to be contacted on updating their mailing lists, and given info on upcoming programs.
- +Council meeting.

NOVEMBER

- +Parish visitations should be started, if not before. Where visitations are not possible, telephone calls to the clergy and chapter chairmen will do.
- +Minutes of Assembly distributed.
- +Regional Conference/workshop/seminar should take place.
- +Begin promotion of Christmas/New Year's holiday activities in the parish for young adults.
- +Keep a positive attitude - you're an ACYOA Council member.

DECEMBER

- +Follow up on any results of regional Conference/workshop/seminar.
- +Send Christmas greetings to respective parishes/chapters in region.
- +Plan visitations early in month, or in conjunction with holiday activities.
- +Reminders: Membership renewal dues are due January - along with an updated parish youth listing. Archbishop Tourney deadlines and details.
- +Begin Armenian Studies Programs promotion.
- +Council meeting.

JANUARY

- +Begin planning regional retreat.
- +Promote ongoing and upcoming programs.
- +Consider Anniversary Ball host, and begin planning and promotion.
- +Plan next regional Conference - should be held in Feb. or March.
- +Follow up on chapters late with renewal dues and youth listings.
- +Keep on trying - you're an ACYOA Council member.

FEBRUARY

- +Continue parish visitations.
- +Promote regional retreat - during Great Lent is an appropriate time.
- +Archbishop's Tourney at end of month.
- +Reminders: prepare ACYOA Day celebrations for Palm Sunday; promote ASP; promote Essay Contest.
- +Promote chapter sponsorship and participation in Lenten educational programs and worship services.
- +Council meeting.

MARCH

+Parish visitations and contact -
KEEP IN TOUCH!!

+Retreats - regional-local.

+Promote: Armenian Studies Programs,
reference published deadlines; Essay
Contest; Leadership Seminar; ACYOA
Day Celebrations.

+Begin suggesting each chapter to
commemorate Armenian Martyrs Day
(April 24th)

+Keep smiling, six months to go and
and accomplish our work - you're
an ACYOA Council member.

APRIL

+ACYOA Day Celebrations (usually
held on Palm Sunday)

+Martyr's Day Commemorations -
April 24th.

+Promote: Leadership Seminar (May -
at site of Diocesan Assembly.)

+ACYOA participation in Holy Week
and Easter Services.

+Remind ACYOA Nominating and Auditing
Committees of their responsibilities.

+Sam Nersesian Award and Scholarship
forms and info sent to parishes.

+Council meeting.

MAY

+Leadership Seminar at site of Diocesan
Assembly.

+Reminders: ASP; Essay Contest; prepare
for annual chapter elections; end of
year deadlines next month:
Annual Report - due June 30th.
New member dues for past year - June 30th.
Sam Nersesian Award Nominations due
May 30th.

Sam Nersesian Scholarship Applications
due May 30th.

+Youth Camp counselors - promote and
develop interest.

+Anniversary Balls - May and June.

+You've made the difference and kept a
good line of communication with your
chapters.

JUNE

+Chapter elections - remind to send
new listing of executives to Exec.
Sec. along with delegates.

+Annual Chapter Reports Due.

+New member dues due.

+Anniversary Balls.

+Sam Nersesian Award and Scholarship.

+Promote summer schedule for chapters
especially those with college students.
Join summer leagues, etc.

+Promote Assembly-Sports Wknd.

+Remind Nominating and Auditing Comms.
of their responsibilities.

JULY

+Remind chapters who are late with
annual reports, dues, etc.

+Promote Assembly-Sports Weekend
participation.....arrange group
transportation from region...

+Prepare necessary materials for
Assembly - delegates packet to be
sent out August 1st.

+Decide on Chapter "A" Award, Honor-
able Mention, Sam Nersesian Award
and Scholarship recipients.

+Begin Council Report.

+Council meeting.

AUGUST

+Finalize Council Report.

+Send out Delegates packet.

+Prepare Assembly materials.

+Remind Nominating and Auditing Comms.
of their responsibilities.

+Finalize details for Assembly.

+Promote Assembly-Spts. Wknd. participa-
tion - coordinate regional transporta-
tion if possible

+Plan to be at Assembly Site by 12 noon
on Wednesday of Weekend, because you're
an ACYOA Council member.

CHAPTER OBLIGATIONS AND DEADLINES

- [1] GENERAL ARMENIAN YOUTH LISTING.....DUE NOVEMBER 1ST
- Should include ALL ARMENIANS living in the parish jurisdiction ages 1 thru 30 - members and non-members of the Armenian Church, according to year of birth/name/address/zip code (see Handbook). *Updates and corrections due each year thereafter. Master national list to be updated annually.*
- [2] MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS.....DUE JANUARY 1ST ***
- Past members who wish to renew their membership for the current year. "Renewal Form" should be used. *May be sent in anytime before.*
- [3] NEW MEMBERSHIP DUES.....DUE JANUARY 1ST ***
- New members, and any dues collected between January 1st and June 30th of the current year. A complete Chapter Membership List should accompany these dues. *Dues collected after Jan. are considered "new" and are due June 30th.*
- [4] ADMINISTRATIVE FORMS TO BE USED:
- (a) Chapter Monthly Fact Sheets.....DUE THE END OF EACH MONTH
 - (b) Membership renewal forms.....DUE JANUARY 1ST WITH DUES
 - (c) Membership application form.....DUE JAN.1ST & JUNE 30TH
 - (d) Chapter Annual Report form.....DUE JUNE 30TH
- [5] EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE LIST WITH DELEGATES.....DUE IMMEDIATELY AFTER ELECTIONS
- Name/address/zip code/ telephone number. Elections are usually held at the end of the fiscal year, June.
- [6] ACYOA SAM NERSESIAN AWARD NOMINATION.....DUE JUNE 1ST
- Made by Pastor and/or Chapter Executive Committee using prescribed form - minimum of one nomination.

*** NOTE: Late dues are subject to a penalty fee of \$25.00 to be paid by the chapter. The "renewal" period for ACYOA members is the first six months of the fiscal year - July 1st through December 31st - afterwhich they may consider themselves non-members, and thus pay the new member dues fee.

Membership dues are \$7.00 - half of which is forwarded to the ACYOA Treasury maintained by the ACYOA Central Council. New member initiation fee is \$1.00.

CHAPTER REMINDER SHEET

The following is a guide for information in reminding Chapters of their obligations with the ACYOA on the national level.

[1] GENERAL ARMENIAN YOUTH LISTING *[Due November 1st - yearly update]*

A listing of all Armenian young people ages 1 (baptism) through 30 living within the parish jurisdiction. The listing should contain, according to year of birth, the names, addresses and zip codes of all Armenian young people - members and non-members of the Church

Once a master list of young people of the parish is established - a big job to say the least - it need only be revised once a year. A revision consists of correcting errors, updating the list including newly moved people (in and out of the community) and adding on the newly baptised members of the Church.

This list, in its entirety, should be forwarded to ACYOA Central Council. Every year thereafter, the corrections and additions/deletions should be sent (Nov. 1st). The National Master Listing is on a computerized system which allows for updating. A most complete up-to-date list is most important in promotion of ACYOA programs and activities. Once set up, the listing will be available to all ACYOA Chapters to promote their own activities.

[2] MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS *[Due January 1st]*

Renewal implies past membership - and that's exactly what it is. Past members of the ACYOA who wish to continue their "good standing" are asked to renew their membership between July 1st and December 31st - a six month period to make up one's mind! Dues with the properly completed Renewal form are to be forwarded to the ACYOA Central Council.

Along with renewal dues, the dues of new members should also be sent. These will include the membership application form. Chapters missing the due date of January 1st may be penalized \$25.00. In addition, renewals are not accepted after January 1st. Someone waiting more than six months to decide on renewing membership probably isn't a very serious member. Thus, they are to be considered "new", and charged the new member fee of \$1.00. Regular membership dues are \$7.00.

[3] NEW MEMBERSHIP DUES *[Due January 1st and June 30th]*

New members joining the chapter between July 1st and December 31st should have their dues sent in to ACYOA Central Council by January 1st, along with their completed application form. Those joining between January 1st and June 30th should be on the rolls by June 30th. A complete membership listing of the chapter should be sent in by June 30th.

[4] ADMINISTRATIVE FORMS

- (a) Chapter Monthly Fact Sheets [due at the end of each month]
A member of the Chapter Executive Committee (usually the recording secretary or vice chairman) fills out the Sheets and forwards them to the Executive Secretary on a monthly basis. The Form is easy to follow and should be sent in regardless of the amount of activity in the chapter that month. The information is used to inform others via the Executive Update, and keeps the Executive Secretary and ACYOA Central Council apprised of ACYOA happenings. Also, general articles on ACYOA in the Armenian newspapers will include information provided on the Fact Sheets.
- (b) Membership Renewal Forms [due January 1st]
Simple form used for current members who wish to renew their membership. (July 1st through December 31st - renewal period) The form allows for easy access to information and address, and computes the amounts of dues to be included.
- (c) Membership Application Form [due January 1st and June 30th]
Simple form used for new members. Send along with dues-
- (d) Chapter Annual Report Form [due June 30th]
Simple form highlighting the events and activities of the Chapter over the past year. Filed with ACYOA Central Council, form is self-explanatory and requires only general information. Information provided is used to select the "Chapter "A" Award" and Honorable Mention Award recipients for outstanding chapters of the year.

[5] EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE LIST WITH DELEGATES [due immediately after elections]

A listing of Executive Committee members - names, addresses, zip codes, and telephone numbers. The delegates of the Chapter should also be included, as they shall receive pertinent information on the General Assembly directly to them. The list should be sent to the Executive Secretary to allow for changes in mailing lists for ACYOA communications and materials.

[6] ACYOA SAM NERSESIAN AWARD NOMINATION [due June 1st]

Made by Pastors and/or Chapter Executive Committees. At least one individual from the parish should be nominated each year for consideration in the selection of the recipient. Forms are sent to all parishes and chapters in April of each year. The ACYOA Central Council considers all nominations and makes the final selection. (See Handbook for further information.)

[7] PROGRAMS - National Participation

- (a) Armenian Studies Programs: Educational Tour to Armenia
Journey to Armenia
Jerusalem - The Holy City
- (b) Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Basketball Tournament.
- (c) ACYOA Audio Visual Educational Programs (development).
- (d) ACYOA Publications (development).
- (e) ACYOA General Assembly.
- (f) ACYOA National Sports Weekend.
- (g) Leadership Seminar.
- (h) Scholarships: Sam Nersesian - St. Nersess Summer Studies Conferences
- (i) ACYOA Awards Program: Archbishop's Essay Awards (plaque & certificate)
Chapter "A" Award (trophy and certificate)
Chapter Honorable Mention (certificate)
Sam Nersesian Award (trophy and certificate)
Babayan Cup (trophy)
Kulhanjian Sportsmanship Award (chapter) (trophy)
Yaghoobian Sportsmanship Award (individual)(trophy)
Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Basketball Awards:
(men's and women's) (trophies & certificates)
- (j) Archbishop's Essay Contest.
- (k) ACYOA Parish Mission Program.

[8] PROGRAMS - Regional Participation

- (a) Retreats: religious, cultural, educational, leadership.
- (b) ACYOA Anniversary Ball.
- (c) Regional Conferences, workshops, seminars.
- (d) Regional Athletics and inter-chapter activities.

[9] PROGRAMS - Local Participation

- (a) Martyr's Day Commemoration.
- (b) ACYOA Day Celebration.
- (c) Lecture-discussion-educational programs.
- (d) Chapter Executive Committee.

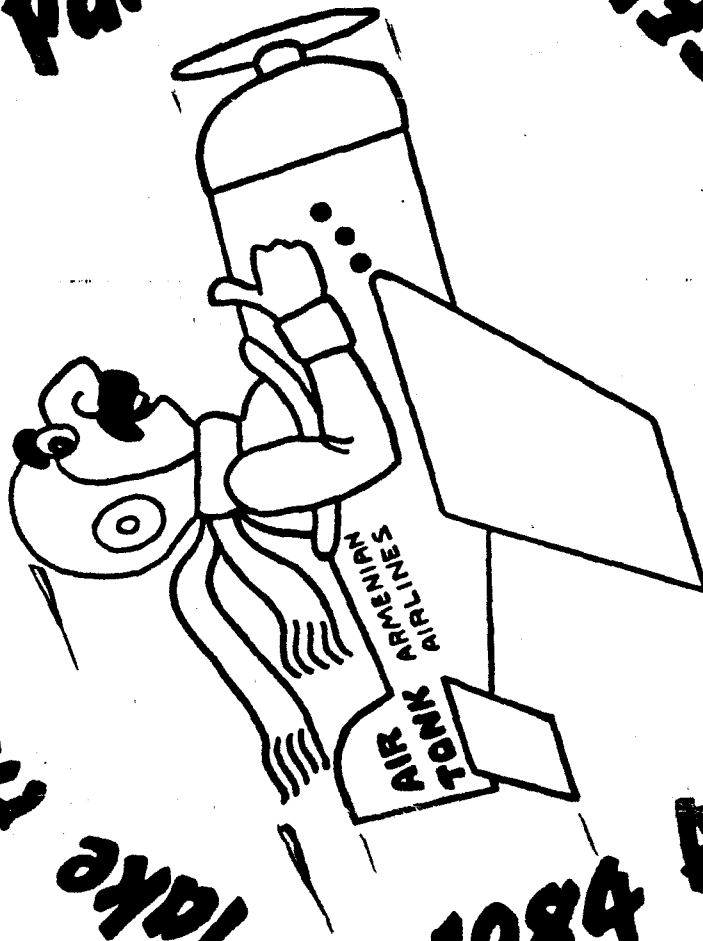
NOTE: For additional information on the various items mentioned here, refer to the ACYOA Chapter Handbook, or contact the ACYOA Executive Secretary.

IT SHOULD BE FURTHER NOTED:

All ACYOA chapters and members are encouraged to attend and participate in all ACYOA and Church related national, regional and local programs and events. They are also encouraged to form Armenian Dance groups, Choral groups, Athletic teams (to participate in local leagues representing the Armenian community - basketball, volleyball, bowling, etc., etc.)

The primary purpose is to increase the amount of activities and opportunities for interaction among the young adults of the Armenian Church, thereby strengthening relationships and establishing new ones, as well as becoming part of the Church family itself.

Take the HYE road to Palos



1984 ACYOA SPORTS WEEKEND

Palos Heights, Illinois

Armenian Church Youth Organization of America

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

October 20, 1983

Dear

I thought I would take the time to write this letter and introduce myself to you and your Chapter as the new Chairman of the ACYOA Central Council for 1983-84. We just held our first Central Council meeting of the year this past weekend and I look forward to speaking with you within the next week so that I can share some of the ideas we discussed. As long as you keep the youth in your area informed, interested and enthused, the new council promises that we will work harder than ever with you to insure that the ACYOA soars "hyer" than ever before!

You can expect to hear from me very soon. Meanwhile, anytime you would like to discuss anything or have any questions at all, please call me. I also ask that I be placed on your mailing list so that, if at any time you are having a meeting or holding an event, I will know about it and attend if at all possible.

Thanks!!

Very truly yours,



Arda Nazerian
186-39 Midland Pkwy.
Jamaica Estates, N.Y. 11432
(212)454-8370

cc: Primate
Executive Secretary



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October 25, 1983

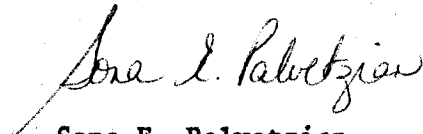
Mr. Kevin Giragosian,
Chairman 1984 ACYOA
Sports Weekend,
8101 West 131st Street,
Palos Park, Ill.
60464

Dear Kevin:

Re: 1984 Sports Weekend Logo

This letter is to confirm that the 1984 Sports Weekend logo submitted to Central Council was approved. It's brought a smile to the face of everyone who's seen it. I'll be in touch shortly to discuss further plans for the weekend.

Sincerely,



Sona E. Palvetzian
Corresponding Secretary
ACYOA
Central Council.

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c.c. - His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Executive Secretary ACYOA
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Michael & Susan Mousigian,
1407 Fairway Court,
Dearborn, Michigan,
48124.

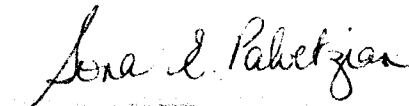
Dear Michael and Susan:

Re: Appointment to Maintain National Youth List

This letter is to confirm that at the last Central Council meeting, your appointment to maintain the national youth list on your computer was approved. George Jevarjian will be in contact with you as new names are submitted.

Thank you for volunteering your time. Your constant support and devotion to ACYOA is appreciated by all.

Sincerely,



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Sona E. Palvetzian
Corresponding Secretary
ACYOA
Central Council.

c.c. - His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Executive Secretary ACYOA
Central Council Chairperson





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DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF AMERICA, 630 SECOND AVENUE, NEW YORK, N. Y. 10016 212 686-0710

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

25 October 83

Dear ACYOA Central Council Members,

Enclosed, please find the following:

- [1] 1983-84 ACYOA Central Council Officers and Regional Assignments.

This will be included in the parish/chapter general mailing to be sent out soon.

- [2] 1983-84 ACYOA Chapter Chairman and Parish Contact Listing.

This listing will undoubtedly be continuously updated as chapters organize and reorganize themselves. If there are any immediate corrections, kindly forward them now as this list will be sent to all parishes.

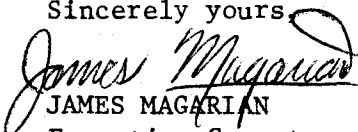
- [3] National Mailing List - as of Spring 1983.

Each Council member should select out their respective regions and make several "sticker sets" (mailing labels) to be used for regional mailings. To ensure that the entire Diocese is covered, confer with one another as to which zip codes are part of your region. We suggest that you keep the entire mailing list intact for future use and reference. In addition, corrections and updates should be a continuous effort by all. Forward corrections to the Executive Secretary, George Jevarjian and to the respective regional representative where the correction is to be made. It might be a good idea to send the sheets which contain an individual parish listing to the parish asking for corrections and additions (of which there should be several thousand!!).

The "Executive Update" will be printed shortly as time allows. Currently, the minutes of the Assembly are in process and will be prepared by our office. (Unless someone wishes to volunteer and is capable??)

As mentioned above, a general mailing will be sent to all parishes/chapters containing information and other incidental items. The "questionnaire" mentioned during the last Council meeting will also be included. Presently, all Council members should be in touch with their parishes and in the process of planning a fall regional activity.

Sincerely yours,


JAMES MAGARIAN

Executive Secretary - ACYOA
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

c.c. Primate

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[Ensures that visitations and contact are maintained with all parishes and makes visits periodically.]

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Tenafly, NJ
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Houston, TX
Dallas, TX

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October 25, 1983

His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian,
Primate,
Diocese of the Armenian Church,
630 Second Avenue,
New York City, N.Y.
10016

Your Eminence:

Enclosed please find copies of two letters which have been sent to ACYOA members who have kindly volunteered their time to assist the Central Council in various roles. Also is a letter sent to the Bayside Chapter accepting their bid to host the 1984 Archbishop's Basketball Tournament, and an approval to the 1984 Sports Weekend logo proposed by Palos Heights.

Hoping these meet with your approval, I remain,

Yours respectfully,



Sona E. Palvetzian
Corresponding Secretary
ACYOA
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October 25, 1983

Mr. Ralph Derasadourian,
306 Bay Shore Drive,
Lake Bluff, Ill.
60044

Dear Ralph:

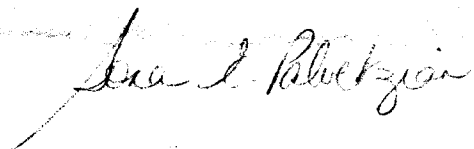
Re: Appointment as Overseer of
ACYOA Stocks & Securities

This letter is to confirm that at the last Central Council meeting, your appointment as overseer of ACYOA stocks and securities was approved.

Please contact Vaughan Totovian at least once a month to report the current status of the stocks and securities. We will be in touch as further developments arise.

Thank you for volunteering your time. Your constant support and devotion to ACYOA is appreciated by all.

Sincerely,


Sona E. Palvetzian
Corresponding Secretary
ACYOA Central Council

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c.c. - His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Executive Secretary ACYOA
Central Council Chairperson



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October 26, 1983

Ms. Diane Kapikian,
Chairperson,
Archbishop's Tournament Committee,
Armenian Church of the Holy Martyrs,
209 - 15 Horace Harding Expwy.,
Bayside, N.Y.
11364

Dear Diane:

Re: 1984 Archbishop's Basketball Tournament

At our Central Council meeting, Arda Nazerian presented the letter in which the Bayside Chapter submitted a bid to host the 1984 Archbishop's Tournament. I am pleased to inform you that the Council accepted the bid, thereby, making Bayside the official host chapter of the 1984 Archbishop's Tournament.

It appears as though you and your committee have been working very hard to ensure a successful and fun weekend, and the members of Central Council would like to extend their full support.

Best of Luck. See you in March!

Sincerely,



Sona E. Palvetzian
Corresponding Secretary
ACYOA
Central Council.

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c.c. - His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Executive Secretary ACYOA
Central Council Chairperson.



Armenian Church Youth Organization of America

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

His Eminence
ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN
Primæ, Diocese of the Armenian Church of America
630 Second Avenue
New York, N.Y. 10016

October 27, 1983

Your Eminence:

I respectfully request the attention of Your Eminence in regard to the following letter which was sent on my behalf, as Chairman of the ACYOA Central Council, to all ACYOA Chapter Chairmen, Pastors and Parish Council Chairmen. I am sending this copy for your information.

Most respectfully,



Arda Nazerian
Chairman, ACYOA Central Council



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Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

3 November 83

Dear ACYOA Central Council Members:

For our next meeting (scheduled for December 1983), kindly be prepared to present an oral report/evaluation on what you perceive is the youth situation in the parishes of your Region of the Diocese.

Your oral report will be augmented by the Executive Secretary and will present a picture of the current condition of the ACYOA with respect to individual parish situations. This is important, simply because it will provide information on just what we have and don't have in terms of chapters and youth in the various parishes.

Between now and the meeting, you will undoubtedly be in contact with your parishes. You may want to use the "Parish Visitation Report Form" as a guide in acquiring the information (even if you are unable to make an actual visitation). Keep in mind that what you may see and hear about a parish may be a lot different than what the Executive Secretary experiences. Our discussions will be quite interesting to say the least.

If there are any questions or problems, please do be in touch.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN
Executive Secretary - ACYOA
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

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ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN, PRIMATE

23 November 83

His Eminence
ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN
Primate - Diocese of the Armenian Church
630 Second Avenue, N.Y.C., N.Y. 10016-4885

Your Eminence:

Enclosed for review is a final draft of the "Installation of Officers Service" revised for use by parishes with local ACYOA Chapter Officers. As we had discussed, initial drafts of this service had been reviewed by the Rev. Fathers Garabed Kochakian and Yeprem Kelegian, as well as ACYOA Junior Director Nancy Basmajian. The final draft here reflects their comments.

The final copy of the Service will be type-set and printed on index stock, similar to the printing of "The Creed", accomplished a few years ago. A sponsor for this printing will be solicited, however we do not have a sponsor as yet.

At the convenience of Your Eminence, kindly make comments and corrections on this copy and return it to me for revision.

Your obedient servant in Christ,


JAMES MAGARIAN

C.C. ACYOA Juniors Director



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ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN, PRIMATE

28 November 83

His Eminence
ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN,
Primate - Diocese of the Armenian Church of America
630 Second Avenue - N.Y.C., N.Y. 10016-4885

Your Eminence:

Enclosed is an advanced copy of the 1983 ACYOA General Assembly Minutes. (Others with advanced copies are noted below.)

Due to the condition of the notes which were taken during the Assembly proceedings, as well as the timetable and availability of the Assembly Secretaries for preparation and distribution of a final draft to parishes and ACYOA Chapters, the Executive Secretary prepared these Minutes as time allowed.

The Minutes shall be sent to all parishes and ACYOA Chapters within 12 days, accompanied by revisions to the "ACYOA Chapter Handbook", delegate questionnaire and other pertinent materials. The various committee reports and other materials passed out during the Assembly are available upon request, and are not attached to the Minutes. We are conserving paper and postage, and do not wish to send materials and information that some may already have or don't really want.

If there are any questions concerning the Assembly, I am available as always.

Your obedient servant,


JAMES MAGARIAN

c.c. Diocesan Council Chairman
✓ Executive Director of Diocese
ACYOA Central Council Chairman



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Just for your info.

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ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN, PRIMATE

30 November 83

Dear ACYOA Central Council Members,

This letter is to inform you all on various items, as well as share a few comments on certain matters:

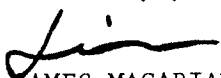
- [1] The meeting is "on" for Watertown, Dec. 16-18th. Agenda will be forthcoming from the Council Chairman. Keep in mind your assessments of the parishes in your regions, as well as the programs and projects upcoming.
- [2] The Minutes of the Assembly have been prepared. The "notes" taken during the Assembly were the worst excuse for "minutes" in recorded history. The final draft is a combination of "notes", memory, and reliable sources.
- [3] The Minutes shall be sent to all parishes and ACYOA Chapters. They may make additional copies for their delegates who wish or need personal copies. In addition, copies of reports and other items distributed on the Assembly floor will be available upon request, and not sent along with the Minutes. Ordinarily, the Executive Secretary does not prepare Minutes, nor prepares them for distribution, however in an effort to send them out on a timely basis, they shall be prepared and sent very soon.
- [4] As mentioned at the Oct. meeting, a "delegate questionnaire" shall be sent along with the Minutes, as well as to individual delegates, asking them to share their feelings and concerns. This information shall be shared with the Council, but is primarily for Diocesan Youth Ministry use. Council members shall also be asked to complete the questionnaire.
- [5] It is disturbing to note that at this writing, the financial books of the Council have not yet been turned over to the new Treasurer. The books were officially "closed on June 30th" and supposedly the necessary signatures long since passed along to the banks. What everyone must realize, not just with regard to the financial books, is that the success of the effort each of us makes is dependent upon the equal effort on the part of everyone else. When one of us neglects an aspect of our work, it is felt by others, many times directly.
- [6] In tandem to this are the Minutes of the past Council meeting. The operations of the Council are sometimes dependent on the Minutes of our meetings, simply because it serves to remind us of what work we have to do, what items were discussed and conclusions drawn, etc., etc. They are of no value in and of themselves, because all they can do by themselves is sit in a file drawer. And we

all know that "ACYOA File Drawers" are the least likely to be opened for casual reading.

- [7] The Executive Secretary has received few copies of correspondence sent from Council members to their respective parishes, chapters, individual members, etc., etc. Does this mean that no correspondence has been taking place? Let's hope not, and chalk-it-up to irresponsible administrative skills.
- [8] Chapter visitations.....
- [9] The Executive Update will again come out within a couple of weeks. Will it be sent to the Armenian young adults of our Diocese within a reasonable amount of time? It shall contain Christmas greetings, etc., etc.....
- [10] The Executive Secretary shall attend only part of the Council meeting on Dec.17. Most probably, between 2:30 and 4 p.m. At that time, a recap of the discussions and actions taken by the Council shall take place, along with future intentions. The Executive Secretary shall advise and direct - and things shall continue as normal with each Council member doing his or her best to follow through. Please make the time spent at the meeting worthwhile and productive with positive and goal oriented decisions made.
- [11] A questionnaire for past participants in the Armenian Studies Programs is presently being prepared. This will be sent to all past participants with known addresses for their input in planning ASP alumni reunions. Anyone with any ideas on this should contact Melanie or Jim as soon as possible.
- [12] Chapters should be reminded that "renewal dues" are due January 1st, along with and new member dues collected since July 1st. Dues collected after January 1st are considered new dues and should reflect the one dollar initiation fee. This should be clear. The Council will need this money, given the financial picture at this time. Be sure to follow up a letter on this to chapters with a phone call.
- [13] Meeting between the Executive Secretary and the Host Committee for the 1984 ACYOA Nat. Spts. Wknd. planned for Friday and Saturday, Dec. 2nd and 3rd.
- [14] A News Release should be prepared on the Midwest Regional Conference that took place in Detroit Nov. 26th. Send pertinent information to the Executive Secretary with photographs for this purpose, or, the Midwest Reps may do this. Either way.
- [15] How about the New England and Mid-Atlantic Regions.....any conferences or gatherings planned?
- [16] A retreat is planned for New England, January 6th and 7th. Father Yeprem Kelegian shall lead the retreat. Only 20 openings.
- [14] At this writing, no report from Toronto on Sports Weekend '83...Rumors exist that the Sports Results have been lost...many efforts feared missing....

Let's keep trying out there. Hope that everyone had a thankful thanksgiving. Have safe and pleasant trips to the Dec. meeting.

Sincerely yours,


JAMES MAGARIAN

c.c. Primate



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ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN, PRIMATE

30 November 83

HAIG-ARAM TOSSOUNIAN
Chairman - Host Committee
1983 ACYOA National Sports Weekend
785 Huntingwood Drive
Agincourt, ONT Canada M1T 2L5

Dear Haig-Aram,

Two weeks ago we spoke regarding the condition of the Report on the 1983 ACYOA National Sports Weekend. You assured me that everything was going along fine, and that you would be sending the report, along with the Athletic Competition results, very soon. "Very soon" has passed. I would like a realistic date as to when I may expect the Report and the Athletic Competition results.

Regarding the Competition results, I should like to remind you that they are needed now for publication. If we wait much longer for publication, it shall appear irresponsible on our part. In addition, "old news" isn't worthy of publication.

Regarding the reference items forwarded to you during the preparation (i.e. photos and graphics), as well as past National Sports Weekend Reports, PLEASE send them as soon as possible. They are needed.

I am sure you are aware of the immediacy involved with the abovementioned items. Please attend to this.

Best wishes to you and your family as we approach the upcoming holiday season. Stay well.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN
Executive Secretary - ACYOA
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

c.c. ✓ Primate
ACYOA Central Council Chairman
Chairman - Toronto ACYOA Chapter

Armenian Church Youth Organization of America

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

18 May 84

TO: ALL PARISHES AND ACYOA CHAPTERS

SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATIVE FORMS AND DUE DATES

June 30th marks the end of the ACYOA fiscal year, and with it brings the need for end-of-year reports, membership renewals and general preparation for the convening of the ACYOA General Assembly, hosted this year by the Palos Heights ACYOA Chapter of Ss. Joachim and Anne Armenian Church in Palos Heights, Illinois.

Kindly take note of the enclosure which describes the various due dates related to the enclosed forms and applications. These are official dates for this year.

In our effort to conserve and avoid unnecessary costs, only ONE copy of each administrative form or application has been enclosed for your use. Kindly make additional copies as you need them, or you may request your specific needs to the Executive Secretary.

GENERAL:

1. Sam Nersesian Scholarship - Applications due June 30th
The scholarship is for any worthy applicant, no age restriction, to attend one session of the St. Nersess Summer Studies Program, and covers the tuition costs. (Do not confuse this with the Sam Nersesian Award below.)
2. Sam Nersesian Award - Nominations due June 30th
Pastors and/or Chapters may nominate worthy candidates from their parish.
3. Annual Chapter Report - Form due June 30th
Simplified report form to share with ACYOA Central Council and Executive Secretary the various activities, successes and/or failures of the Chapter for the past year. Facts are compiled for reference purposes, and information used in selection of the winner of the ACYOA Chapter "A" Award.
4. Membership Renewals - May be forwarded as of June 30th for 1984-85 year
This is for current members who wish to renew their membership for next year. Renewals are requested at this time for financial reasons, but are accepted until December 30th.
5. Membership Dues - Due June 30th
All new members, as well as any delinquent dues, must be received by June 30th, along with proper forms. Please also include a complete listing of your membership.
6. Monthly Fact Sheets - Due the end of each month
This communication tool keeps the Executive Secretary and Central Council in touch with each Chapter throughout the year.



Central Council

James Magarian
JAMES MAGARIAN
Executive Secretary



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21 March 84

ARDA NAZERIAN
Chairman - ACYOA Central Council
186-39 Midland Parkway
Jamaica Estates, N.Y. 11432

Dear Arda,

As you know, the ACYOA Leadership Seminar will take place again this year in conjunction with the Annual Diocesan Assembly on May 5th at the Ramada Inn, 375 W. Passaic Street, Rochelle Park, N.J. 07662 (201-845-3400). The Coronado Room has been reserved for our use that day.

A staff member of the Northeast Center for Youth Ministry, located in Paterson, N.J., has been invited to speak and lead the Seminar. Her name is Lucille Kreidler Smith. No travel expense will be involved due to the close proximity of the Northeast Center with the Diocesan Assembly site. However, a \$100.00 stipend is required for her services that day. She has forwarded a theme and topic areas which she shall present and use for discussion purposes:

Theme: SURVIVAL SKILLS FOR YOUTH MINISTRY

- [1] Leadership Styles.
Participants will identify their leadership style and leadership styles used in a group, organization, committee, etc.
- [2] Planning and Organizing a Youth Ministry.
Practical skills and processes necessary to run a youth group.
- [3] Maintenance.
How to keep youth and young adults involved once they join the group.

Your name, as Coordinator of this Program, has been given to Lucille. I suggest that you call her and introduce yourself, as well as suggest any particular areas that she might add or emphasize during her presentation. The number at the Northeast Center is 201-345-2908. In addition, as we have discussed, you will welcome the participants, introduce the Program and introduce Lucille. She will conduct the Program from that point. (See enclosure for day's itinerary.)

The problem now exists of publicity and promotion. Needless to say, we can arrange

the most wonderful programs and events, but if the right people don't attend, or if only a small number participate, we've missed the target and all our work really didn't amount to much.

A letter from you, as ACYOA Central Council Chairman and ACYOA Leadership Seminar Coordinator, should be sent to all the parishes and ACYOA Chapters of the Diocese. The letter should emphasize the importance of the Seminar, as well as expected attendance by representatives (preferably leaders) of the parishes and/or chapters.

It is understandable that far away chapters may not want to spend the money for this (travel, hotel, etc.). This is a tragedy, but one we must deal with. Be sure to also write to the Clergy and Parish Councils, again emphasizing the Seminar and how it can benefit their own parish organizations and the parish as a whole.

Naturally, we must promote the Seminar heavily in the N.Y./N.J. area where there are about 10 Armenian Churches, and should result in at least 15-20 participants. Keep in mind that this Seminar is not restricted to anyone. All young adults of the parishes are invited to participate, free of any charges, and learn about leadership skills and youth ministry in general.

In addition to letters sent by you, I am designing a flyer that should be sent to the general mailing listing of the ACYOA in the Mid-Atlantic and perhaps New England regions. There may be young adults who are interested in such Seminars, but are not very involved in the Chapters - in which case they will never hear about it. The flyer will be ready soon, and should be sent independent of your letters.

Again, I cannot emphasize enough the importance of promoting this Seminar in the Mid-Atlantic region. The upcoming Mid-Atlantic Conference should be used to explain the Seminar and invite the attendees.

Looking forward to seeing you in Philadelphia.

Stay well.

Sincerely yours,


JAMES MAGARIAN

enclosures

c.c. ✓ Primate

Director of Diocese

Central Council Mid-Atlantic Representative

PS Send copies of your letters to the other Council members, and ask them to promote and personally contact the chapters in their respective regions.

ACYOA LEADERSHIP SEMINAR

May 5th, 1984 - Ramada Inn, Rochelle Park, N.J. - Coronado Room
In conjunction with the 1984 Diocesan Assembly, Hosted by St. Leon Armenian Church

INTINERARY

- 9:00 AM - Registration
- 9:30 - Seminar Begins - Seminar Leader: Lucille Kreidler Smith
Staff Member, Northeast Center for Youth Ministry
- 12:00 noon - Luncheon - St. Leon Armenian Church - \$10.00 - Some bus transportation available, but cars are preferred.
- 2:00 PM - Seminar Resumes
- 3:30 - Seminar Ends - Unless there is need or desire for additional time.
- 4-4:30 - ACYOA discussion, announcements, information.

Arrangements regarding registration, setup, transportation for luncheon, etc., should be made with the volunteer committee from the Host Parish. The committee for ACYOA Seniors is made up of Douglas Tashjian, Lori Aslanian and Sossi Kerian.



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21 February 84

NANCY BASMAJIAN
Youth Director
Armenian Diocese
828 Brighton Street
Philadelphia, PA

Dear Nancy,

As you know, last year I sent to you and selected clergymen, an outline for an "Installation of Officers Service" to be used by ACYOA Chapters (Junior or Senior).

After taking your comments, as well as those of the clergy, I redrafted the Service and sent it to the Primate for comment and final changes. It is now in its final form (see enclosed).


Since this Service will be used by both Junior and Senior ACYOA, I think it best that the printing and distributing costs be divided within the limits of our budgets. Below are the costs through my printer:

11 X 14 index stock at 300 copies = \$87.00
A heavier stock would cost = 93.00

This includes typesetting and printing.
300 copies is based on 40 parishes at 7 copies each.

Please let me know what you think.

Sincerely yours,


JAMES MAGARIAN
Executive Secretary - ACYOA

c.c. Primate



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22 February 84

DAVID STEVOFF
Chairman - Wisconsin ACYOA Chapter
3451 Ruby Avenue
Racine, WI 53402

Dear David,


Congratulations on your recent election to lead the Wisconsin ACYOA Chapter as Chairman this coming year. We are confident that you will endeavor to make the right decisions and add to the successful record of the group.

Regarding the Annual Wisconsin ACYOA Martyr's Day Run, the date of Saturday, April 21st is not acceptable and indicates a lack of respect and understanding for the significant Holy Days and Feasts of the Armenian Church. The entire Holy Week period, from Lazarus Saturday through the Feast of the Resurrection of Christ (Easter) is a most sacred and religiously significant time in the calendrical cycle of the Church. Indeed, Holy Saturday (April 21st) is important as part of the time our Lord was Entombed and anticipates our rejoicing when we receive the news of the Resurrection. If one has time for volunteer work, it should be spent at the Parish Church assisting where needed and perhaps preparing for the various worship services to take place. Moreover, some free time should be made and used for reflection, prayer and meditation on this day as well.

Therefore, this is not a time for secular activities, especially if those activities draw our members away from the Church. The ACYOA Chapter should be aware of the various Feast Days of the Church before dates are chosen for activities and events. We suggest that at the beginning of the year a meeting be held with the Pastor to "clear" certain dates and avoid rescheduling problems. We should never use the excuse "I didn't know" as a reason.

Hope to hear from you soon, and we look forward to your able leadership in the Wisconsin Chapter this year.

Sincerely yours,


JAMES MAGARIAN
Executive Secretary - ACYOA

c.c. ✓ Primate
Pastor



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Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

21 May 84

DEAR ACYOA CENTRAL COUNCIL MEMBERS,

Enclosed you will find materials recently sent to all parishes and ACYOA Chapters of the Diocese. Please note that the deadline for applications and nominations for the Sam Nersesian Scholarship and Award has been extended to June 30th.

It is important that we continue to be in communication with the Chapters, especially at this time of the year. Many students return from Colleges, and some Chapters experience a resurgence of activity. This is particularly true for those parishes and chapters that look forward to participating in the General Assembly and National Sports Weekend.

Because we are somewhat "governed" by a constitution, there are various rules and regulations that are to be followed so that each chapter is given a fair chance. Some of the responsibility regarding this can be seen in the cooperation on the part of the chapter concerning dues, annual reports, etc. It is the responsibility of the Central Council to see to it that the chapters understand their responsibilities; to be specific, that they understand the materials that are sent to them.

Therefore, as we had discussed at our last meeting, all Council members should be in touch with their respective Chapters regarding dues, and, asking/answering questions regarding the other materials in preparation for the Assembly/Sports Weekend. If YOU are unsure of what to ask, or if YOU have questions that need to be answered, call the Executive Secretary. We should be encouraging participation for the Assembly and Sports Weekend as much as possible, but must also keep in mind the requirements and obligations on the part of the chapters themselves.

Our next meeting will take place in Chelmsford, Mass., Friday evening and Saturday, July 13 & 14th. Our discussions will mainly entail preparations for the Assembly, including: Council Report, delegates materials, procedures and "who will do what", details on the Weekend itself, selection of Chapter "A" Award recipient, Honorable Mention recipient, Sam Nersesian Award recipient, and Sam Nersesian Scholarship award winner. We shall also discuss "next year on Central Council" and ways we can improve our work. Other pending business will also be discussed as necessary. Vaughan Totovian has extending an invitation to us all to go to his "house at the Cape" on Sunday if our schedules permit. You may wish to depart on Monday if this suits you.

Please do be in touch with any questions or problems. Stay well.


JAMES MAGARIAN

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July 24, 1984

James Magarian
Director, A.C.Y.O.A. Seniors

Dear Mr. Magarian,

In response to your billet-doux of 7-20-84, please be informed that it is not my responsibility to inform you of each individual charge to your account. It is my responsibility to pay any properly authorized voucher, which I did in this case. (Copy of voucher enclosed).

Further, I need no lesson from you, nor from anyone, regarding courtesy and/or proper behavior in polite society.

And, yes, I do have a question; why did you send a copy of your letter to the ~~Administrative~~ Director?

Do I view this as a threat?

Cordially,

W. J. Gallagher
Bookkeeper

Encl: (1)
cc: Administrative Director

VOUCHER

DATE SUBMITTED 6/15

PAY TO: Vartouhi Papazian

ADDRESS: _____

EXPLANATION Luncheon, June 15, 1984
Luncheon for group of students - going to
Armenia

APPROVED: [Signature]

APPROVED: [Signature] 6/15

CHARGE A.C.Y.O.H.

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Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

26 June 85

Dear ACYOA Central Council Members,

This is to confirm our meeting for the weekend of July 13th, at the Diocesan Center in New York City.

Our time will mainly involve two important items:

- 1 - Preparation for the ACYOA General Assembly.
- 2 - Preparation of proposal(s) involving restructuring the administration of ACYOA.


More information and an agenda will be forwarded to you by the Council Chairman shortly.

Keep in mind that you should be in touch with your respective chapters/parishes with regard to the mailing of materials and administrative forms. Also, you should be prepared to nominate a chapter from your region for the ACYOA Chapter "A" Award and Honorable Mention.

After addressing and completing our discussion on the above mentioned items, other items of importance may be addressed if time permits.

Looking forward to your positive participation. Have a safe trip to New York City.

Sincerely,


JAMES MAGARIAN

c.c. Primate



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26 June 85

REV. FR. NERSESS JEBEJIAN
Coordinator - Armenia Trip
Choir Association
3211 Synott Road - Houston, TX 77082

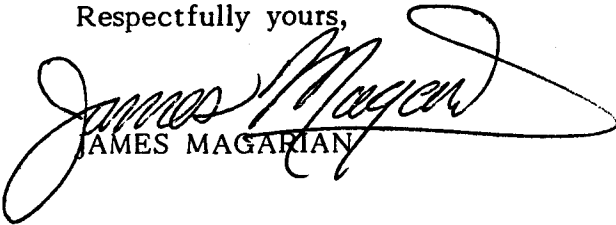
Rev. Father Nersess:

This is a reminder that the Choir Association has an outstanding balance due the ACYOA Armenian Studies Program 1985 of \$310.00. A breakdown of this amount was provided on a letter of June 4th.

Kindly remit today so that we may close our records for 1985.

Thank you for your prompt attention on this.

Respectfully yours,


JAMES MAGARIAN

c.c. Primate



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Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

17 July 85

Dear ACYOA Central Council Members,

Enclosed you will find the revised text of Proposal #1 - regarding the project to support restoration of a church in Armenia (bottom of sheet two); and Proposal #2 - regarding the restructuring of the ACYOA.

Please read the enclosed and call me with any comments, omissions, corrections, etc. Please do it now.

If I do not hear from you, I assume that all is in order and that we can proceed.

The proposals will be sent along with the delegates materials by the first of August.

Also, you are expected to be in touch with each chapter of your region, and encourage them to attend the Assembly and Sports Weekend. You should also mention the restructuring proposal and explain its importance and get their support.

Stay well.

Sincerely,


JAMES MAGARIAN

c.c. Primate
Vicar General ✓
Diocesan Director of Operations

PROPOSAL #2

That the ACYOA be restructured to include Regional Youth Directors, employed by the Diocese, to complement the Diocesan Regionalization Project.

Introduction

The Diocese of the Armenian Church has initiated its master plan for regionalization. This is a result of many years of study and research to find the most effective way of administering to the needs of the faithful spread out in the Eastern and Midwestern parts of the United States.

The Proposal for the ACYOA is aimed at complementing the Diocesan Project, as well as improve and initiate an efficient method of developing and executing programs for the young people of the Diocese.

The Diocesan regionalization project has already begun in the New England area and will soon be started in other areas of the Diocese. The "region" has its various committees, coordinators and workers who will follow through with the specifics of the Project. Eventually, the regional setup will include supervising activities of regional departments, such as Religious Education, Social Services, Finances, Liturgical Education, Public Relations, Ethnic Studies, as well as Youth Development. Within this structure, the ACYOA will function with its own regional emphasis, complementing the work and efforts of the other regional departments.

Objectives of this Proposal

1. To request the Diocese hire and salary **Regional Youth Directors** who will address the following, among others: organizing parish chapters, regional programming of educational series, retreats, athletics, recreation, art competitions, outings, picnics, college campus activities, and seminars and conferences.
2. To restructure the ACYOA administration (General Assembly and Central Council) into the following:
 - a) Each parish will have an ACYOA **Chapter** which will follow the basics of the present ACYOA Constitution, insofar as it speaks to local parish situation.
 - b) Each parish will appoint or elect **2 parish youth representatives** who will represent the parish at regional activities and conferences.
 - c) **Regional Conferences** will convene at least twice a year for the purpose of interaction, discussion on regional programming, solving problems, sharing resources, and developing the region. The Conference will appoint or elect a **Regional Representative**, who, together with the Regional Youth Director, will represent the region at the Annual Diocesan Youth Dialogue, which will be part of a broader Annual Youth Forum.
 - d) Annually, the Youth Department of the Diocese will sponsor a **Youth Forum** which will provide an opportunity for all the young people of the Diocese to assemble for the purposes of participating

in workshops, presentations, seminars, discussion groups on problem solving, ideas bank, religious and cultural programs, etc., all of which would be open and well organized. The Youth Dialogue would also take place at the Forum, presided over by the Primate, and attended by the Diocesan Youth Director, the Regional Youth Directors, and the Regional Representatives. This small and workable group would discuss specifics on current or new programs and projects, as well as address specific problem areas and deal with the rules governing the national youth programs.

3. On the National and Regional levels, **governing rules and regulations** will be administered through specific programming needs. For example: National Sports Weekend Rules and Regulations would govern all aspects of the National Sports Weekend Program. As other programs are developed, each will have its own set of regulations. Certain standardizations will be included in each.

4. To turn over to the Diocese all funds and assets of the National ACYOA, and request that the Diocese set up a specific (restricted) **Youth Fund**. This Fund would be used to finance the new youth program structure (youth director salaries, administrative expenses, programs...). The present system of dividing profits from national programs (one half), and from regional programs (one quarter) with the host parish would remain the same. Additional funding required to finance the youth program will be provided by the Diocese through its budget. The Diocesan Offices would handle all bookkeeping.

Transition:

The ACYOA Central Council, in addition to their most basic responsibilities, will focus their efforts over the next year (Sept. 1985 thru August 1986) in setting up the aforementioned objectives in cooperation with the Diocese. Whereafter, the new structure would be initiated (Sept. 1986). The first Diocesan Youth Forum would take place prior to the 1986 National Sports Weekend.

PROPOSAL #1

That a national project be undertaken by the ACYOA consisting of financial support for the restoration of an Armenian Church which is currently in need of repair in Armenia. The specific church will be designated by His Holiness, Vasken I, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians. This will be an ongoing project for the ACYOA, and will be coordinated by present and future ACYOA administrations.

DIOCESE
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DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF AMERICA, 630 SECOND AVENUE, NEW YORK, N. Y. 10016 212 686-0710

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

15 July 85

REV.FR. NERESS JEBEJIAN
Coordinator - AMSP
Armenian Choir Association
3211 Synott Road
Houston, TX 77082

Rev. Father Nersess:

Your letter of July 12th with the enclosed check for \$157.00 has been received today. For some reason the continued strain between the combining of the Choir and ACYOA Armenia trips continues.

We had requested \$310.00 (see previously sent enclosure for breakdown) because these were expenses of the three participants from the Choir Association. The following might illuminate the specifics for you.

1. The Handbooks cost money regardless of their use. The fact that you are placing your copy "on file" does not make it free. We are not a big enough organization to give away free samples as you suggested.
2. You misunderstood regarding the bus and the covering of it be the travel agent. This was not indicated to my knowledge. Nevertheless, it was an expense that each participant covered. The ACYOA should not have to pay the way of Choir Association participants - regardless of their number. Besides, \$8.00 per person to JFK is a bargain. Any travel agent will include such expenses, somewhere, in the total billing. Please don't quote past experiences or how things were done when you were coordinating - times and people have changed and something done in the past is not (thank God) a prerequisite for the future.
3. As for your figure of \$125.00 for postage and telephone calls.....this is quite unbelievable. Given the number of mailings, the amount of materials, the number of potential and actual participants, and the small amount of publicity, this figure is much too high. Even if you had 5 participants, that would be \$25.00 each worth of cost!? If the ACYOA spent this much, or even half this much, the cost of the trip would double. Perhaps you should re-check your figures.

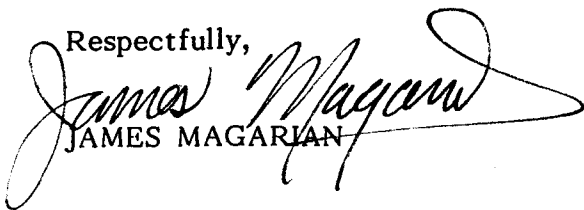
In any case, Der Hayr, I have no intention of chasing you for the difference. I would suggest that you at least send \$28.00 to cover the bus and the extra Handbook, and, if it won't deplete your funds, half your expense money.

By the way, any and all expenses should have been paid to you via the ACYOA ASP account - and - all Choir Association participants should have paid the same fee as the ACYOA participants, and they should have paid it to the ACYOA ASP. This would have saved alot of trouble and unnecessary aggravation.

I am reccomending that the two trips/programs not be combined in the future. It's certainly not worth my time.

Stay well Der Hayr.

Respectfully,


JAMES MAGARIAN

c.c. Primate
Vicar General ✓
ACYOA Council Chairman

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4 June 85

REV. FR. NERSESS JEBEJIAN
Coordinator - Armenian Trip
Choir Association
3211 Synott Road - Houston, TX 77082

Rev. Father Ner~~ss~~:

The payment for the three Choir Association participants in the **Educational Tour to Armenia** was received June 3rd. Although this is quite late, the necessary arrangements should be secured shortly. The three participants are: Daryl Vatabedian, Dzaghig Kelekian, and Norman Odabashian. (Enclosed for your files is a copy of Odabashian's application form.)

Regarding a past correspondence and telephone conversation about additional costs that are covered by participant fees, the following is now due:

4 copies of <u>Handbook to Armenia</u> @ \$4. each (3 participant and one for yourself as per your request.)	\$ 16.00
Luncheon/orientation @ \$5. ea.	15.00
Bus to JFK from Diocese @ \$8. ea.	24.00
Group Leader Expense @ \$85. ea.	255.00
Total due	<u>\$310.00</u>

Please do not delay in sending this final figure, as we should like to close the file on this Program as soon as possible. Also, any related expenses you may have incurred, please send the receipts for reimbursement. This too should be send as soon as possible.

Respectfully yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN

Enclosure: Odabashian application, one Handbook with itinerary.

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Central Council

3211 Synott Road
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July 12, 1985

Mr. James Magarian, Director
 A.C.Y.O.A. Seniors
 99 Long Pond Road
 Tyngsborough, MA 01879

Dear James,

Enclosed please find a check for \$157.00 to close the Armenian Musical Studies Program account. Your letter of June 4 had indicated \$310.00. We have calculated \$12 for the handbooks (the one that you sent to me, would be for our files as a sample). As for the bus, early in the planning stages, you had made it clear that the travel agent was responsible for the bus expense to the airport. We have always held the travel agency responsible (whether in the ASP or the AMSP) for the bus! As for our expenses, the telephone and postage expenses come to \$125.00. I have deducted that amount from the total. Therefore:

<u>Handbook to Armenia (3 copies)</u>	\$ 12.00
Luncheon	15.00
Group leader expense	255.00
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	\$282.00
Telephone & postage - AMSP	125.00
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Balance	\$157.00

We are very appreciative of all the work that you did for the success of the program, despite the initial scheduling and other difficulties that were encountered.

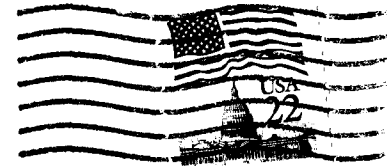
Prayerfully,

Nersess Jebejian

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11 November 85

TO: All Parishes and ACYOA Chapters
SUBJECT: Minutes of 1985 ACYOA Assembly

Enclosed for your reference and information is the Record of the Minutes of the 1985 ACYOA General Assembly, which took place August 28 - 30 at the Marriott Hotel in Worcester, Mass. Next year's Assembly will convene in Philadelphia, PA.

• Also enclosed are:

1. Listing of the 1985-86 ACYOA Central Council Members, along with their respective Regional Assignments.
2. ACYOA Chapter Chairman & Contact Listing for 1985-86.
3. Outline for Chapter Obligations and Deadlines. Contact your Regional Representative with any questions.
4. Membership Renewal Form - due January 1st.
5. New Membership Form - due whenever new members pay dues. (make additional copies of these forms as you need them)


Please make note of the following ACYOA Regional Youth Conferences:

Mid-Atlantic Region - November 15-16 - Philadelphia.
Contact Gary Townsend for additional information.

Midwest Region - November 30 - Detroit.
Contact Melina Spinuzza for additional information.

New England Region - December 7 - Providence.
Contact Scott Najarian for additional information.

You may look forward to receiving in the very near future an outline of events and activities celebrating the **40th Anniversary** of the ACYOA on the National, Regional and Local levels of our Organization. As always, if you have any questions or ideas, please be in touch with the Executive Secretary and ACYOA Central Council.


JAMES MAGARIAN
Executive Secretary - ACYOA

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