



ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

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Dear

At the 1987 ACYOA General Assembly held in Detroit, I was elected to the ACYOA Central Council and assigned as the Mid-Atlantic Regional Representative. As the representative for this region, my responsibilities are two-fold:

- (1) To help strengthen the chapters in the region and bring them together to meet, learn from and share with each other and work together for the betterment of our Church and organization; and
- (2) To work with each chapter to ensure its continued growth through service in its parish.

I realize that as yet does not have an ACYOA Seniors chapter. If feasible and if the interest is there, we would like to start one. At the minimum, we would appreciate receiving a list of names and addresses of all young adults between the ages of 18 and 35, so we can add them to our national mailing list.

In the meantime, I am enclosing some general information for your possible use. Your thoughts and comments towards our endeavors are most vital and always appreciated.

Respectfully,

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ACYOA Central Council

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Scott Najarian-Misc. Administration

Visitations

November

Watertown-Several meetings concerning visitation
of Catholicos

Watertown-Presented speech on behalf of Armenian Youth
to Catholicos

December

Watertown -Collegiate Dinner for Boston area college students

January

Providence-National Sports Weekend Meeting

Correspondence

Outgoing

October-Letter regarding visitation of Catholicos

November-Packet containg Chapter Chairman Listings
and CC Regional Assignments

December-Packet containing announcement of New Format
for Chapter "A" Award, including explanations for
each individual item.

-Letter requesting bids for National Ball

January-Letter announcing "A" Award incentive visitation.

Monthly-Packet sent to all new Chapter Chairman upon their
election-contains membership applications, fact
sheets, reminder sheets, etc.

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Attention all Chapter Executive Bodies
Reminder . . . To Send Your

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General Armenian Youth Listing to:
Sara Andonian

Dues, Membership Renewal Forms and
Chapter Membership Listings to:
Melina Spinuzza

ACYOA NATIONAL COMMITTEES

I. The ACYOA ALUMNI FOUNDATION

A committee made up of ACYOA ALUMNI, designed to involve alumni in the organization. This committee will also help the ACYOA as a fundraising source for new programs.

II. The ACYOA COLLEGE CONNECTION

A committee that will develop ways of reaching out to Armenian College students by sponsoring religious, educational, cultural and social activities for students on their campuses.

III. THE ACYOA PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

A committee that will generate a high sense of spirit and enthusiasm for ACYOA national programs. A principle focus would be the promotion of the ACYOA Sports Weekend all over North America.

IV. The ACYOA CULTURAL COMMITTEE

A Committee, divided regionally, that will promote ACYOA sponsored cultural programs and that will stay abreast of current activities and developments regarding Genocide Recognition.

V. The ACYOA CHRISTIAN EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE

A committee that will work closely with the Departments of Religious Education and Armenian Language at the Diocese to develop such Christian Armenian Programs as Bible Studies, Seminars and Retreats.

VI. The "NEW" ACYOA PUBLICATION

A committee comprised of editors, writers and visual artists that will develop a new newsletter. This publication will carry on the high level of quality achieved by its predecessor publications, "The Guardian" and "The Kheghard".

VII. The ACYOA NATIONAL FINANCE COMMITTEE

A committee of ACYOA members that will be responsible for developing fundraising programs for the National ACYOA. This committee will also be subdivided into groups that will effectively manage the funds raised.

NATIONAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Invitational
Tournament (Boston): May 13-15, 1988

National Anniversary Ball

General Assembly & National Sports
Weekend (Providence): August 31, 1988
to September 5, 1988

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SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS PASSED AT THE
1987 ACYOA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Proposal No. 1

That the Central Council College Connection Sub-Committee institute and administer a College Connection Outreach Program using the following suggested guidelines:

Create parish/chapter committees to include ACYOA members, parish priests, parish council members, youth directors and parents;

Obtain college enrollment directories through the Diocesan "My Kinsman" program and locally, through college directories;

Publicity - ads in college newspapers; College Connection column in Youth Forum; national and local mailings;

Activities - dinners; cultural programs (lectures, slide presentations and discussions); social activities; College Sunday;

Forum - to meet after church; discuss moral and ethical issues;

Have parish members compile lists of interested, qualified people to assist, tutor or advise those who want to enter same field.

Proposal No. 2

That the Central Council Cultural Sub-Committee institute and administer an Armenian Fellowship Weekend using the following suggested guidelines:

Weekend Program - three days if possible;

Do on national level but alternate between regions; and

Do in conjunction with Armenian Language Lab at Diocese - language, history and dance - discuss views of Armenian Church regarding moral, ethical and religious issues - social and prayer.

Proposal No. 3

That Central Council appoint a committee consisting of 4 delegates and one Council member to develop guidelines for an Annual ACYOA National Ball and submit a report to the 1988 ACYOA General Assembly.

Proposal No. 4

To eliminate the current Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Basketball Tournament and initiate the Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Invitational Tournament, accomplishing the following goals:

Adding co-ed volleyball to the Tournament;

Not requiring that tournament be held in NYC every other year; and

Allowing Western Diocese and Canadian Diocese to participate.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT THE
1987 ACYOA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

- (1) The ACYOA Central Council shall actively recruit members and oversee the implementation of the Christian Education Committee and instruct it to prepare guidelines, plans, and budgets for the programs mentioned below.
- (2) The ACYOA Central Council shall implement the Plan for the Parish Mission Program as it is currently outlined, and appoint and direct the Christian Education Committee with the task of insuring its staffing and implementation on a continual basis.
- (3) The third Sunday of each month shall be designated as "Sunday for Young Adults" in all parishes of the Eastern Diocese.
 - (a) Sermon shall relate Christian teachings to young adult lives;
 - (b) Young adults shall act as greeters;
 - (c) Young adults shall organize and manage fellowship hour and/or program following church service;
 - (d) Young adults shall actively participate in the church service.
- (4) The ACYOA Central Council and Executive Secretary shall institute an ongoing leadership training program for the executive officers of each ACYOA chapter on an annual basis.
- (5) The ACYOA Central Council shall direct the Christian Education Committee to develop guidelines and a budget for partially-subsidized regional retreats. These retreats shall be open to all young adults of the Armenian Church of America in order to assist in their spiritual growth.
- (6) The ACYOA Central Council shall direct the Christian Education Committee to locate, review, and design a plan to insure the effective use of the already-existing guidelines for the instructional Divine Liturgy. This plan shall strive to instruct through participation.

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ACYOA MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVE PROGRAM

In an effort to promote dues paying membership in the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America (ACYOA), the following Incentive Program has been approved by the ACYOA Central Council to be initiated as of July 1st, 1986.

1. ACYOA dues paying members who are in good standing for the current fiscal year shall be entitled to membership incentives.
2. On the ACYOA National level, as of July 1st, 1986, these incentives shall take the form of reduced rates, costs and fees at official ACYOA sponsored programs and activities.
3. Specifically, these incentives, in addition to privileges noted in the ACYOA Constitution, shall be as follows:
 - a) Archbishop's Basketball Tournament:
\$10.00 reduction to standard package plan.
 - b) National Sports Weekend:
\$10.00 reduction to standard package plan.
 - c) Armenian Studies Programs:
\$20.00 reduction to final cost on any Program.
 - d) Regional Events: (i.e. Tournaments, dances, balls, retreats...)
\$3.00 reduction to cost of event.

NOTE: The above reduction figures are minimums. The Central Council and Host Committees for these programs can increase these figures if additional incentives are deemed necessary.

4. Chapters are advised that they are highly encouraged to voluntarily participate in the Incentive Program by offering similar reductions to ACYOA Members at their locally sponsored programs, activities and events. Uniformity will enhance the meaning of this Program even more.
5. "Members in Good Standing" are recognized as those who have paid their dues and have received a valid "ACYOA Membership Card" direct from the ACYOA Central Council. It is the Chapter's responsibility to forward membership dues to the ACYOA Central Council for deposit in the ACYOA National Treasury. Membership Cards will be processed as they are received from the Chapters. The role of the Chapter Treasurer in sending dues money and membership lists is vital for this Program to be effective and increase ACYOA membership.
6. Persons eligible for ACYOA Senior Membership must be high school graduates or 18 years of age. Minimum dues paid to the chapter is \$7.00 - half of which is sent to the ACYOA National Treasury. New members pay an additional \$1.00 initiation fee. After initial membership, a person renews their membership within the first six months of the fiscal year - July 1 thru Dec. 31. If dues are not received by the ACYOA Central Council by Dec. 31, the chapter is penalized a \$25.00 fee. Dues are to be paid for the year coming or in progress, rather than for the year that is past.

OBLIGATIONS TO ACYOA CENTRAL COUNCIL

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General Armenian Youth Listing

Listing of all Armenians (ages 1-30) living in parish jurisdiction according to: (a) year of birth; (b) zip code; (c) name (alphabetized); (d) address; and (e) telephone #.

DUE: NOVEMBER 1.

Chapter Membership Listing

Listing of names, addresses, telephone numbers and complete birthdays of all members.

DUE: JANUARY 1 (with periodical updates).

Membership Dues

Membership dues are currently \$10.00, half of which is sent up to Central Council.

DUE: JANUARY 1 (\$25.00 penalty if received after).

Membership Renewal Form

Listing of dues-paid members of the current year. Should be sent up with dues.

DUE: JANUARY 1.

Executive Body Listing

Listing of the names, addresses, telephone numbers and positions of the Executive Body and any other appointed positions.

DUE: IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING ELECTIONS.

Monthly Fact Sheets

Detailing activities sponsored and meetings held for purposes of inclusion in the national ACYOA newsletter. SENT UP DURING THE MIDDLE OF EACH MONTH.

Annual Report

Standard form.

DUE: JUNE 30.

ACYOA Sam Nersesian Award & Scholarship Nomination Forms

Nominated on the basis of an individual's dedication to the organization and in his/her respective parish. The Scholarship is given to an individual seeking to attend the St. Nersess Armenian Study Program. The Award is given each year at Sports to an individual who has shown dedication throughout his/her involvement with the organization and in his/her respective parish.

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS: JUNE 1.

Armenian Church Youth Organization of America

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

September 10, 1988

Dear Friends:

Two years ago, the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America (ACYOA) embarked on a venture to expand the foundations of our organization. In order to create new and revive existing programs, we formed a group of ambitious young adults to raise funds. They succeeded in their quest and gave us a new beginning. Two new programs, the ACYOA Cultural Weekend and the ACYOA Leadership Training Weekend, were implemented and became huge successes. As a result, the demand for these and other programs has increased substantially. Attached is a brochure.

We believe the ACYOA is very unique as it is the only organization which provides the opportunity for us to participate in the Armenian Church and perpetuate the customs and traditions established by our forefathers centuries ago. We realize the vital need of maintaining our rich cultural heritage and faith. We know we must strive so that our programs reach all young adults and carry forth our message to those of the next generation. This is our challenge and we invite you to join us in meeting it.

If you are not currently a member and are between the ages of 18 and 35, fill out the attached form and mail it to the Chairman of the local chapter nearest you. A list of all chapter chairmen and contacts and an envelope have been enclosed for your convenience.

Dues are \$10.00 and entitle you to discounts on package rates and additional incentives associated with our national events. Once you join, you will be sent a Membership Handbook, which will give you a more detailed description of the organization and all that it has to offer.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures



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