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Montreal, Canada
(Montreal Chapter, Host)

PRESIDING: President - The Most Rev. Archbishop Sion Manoogian, Primate
of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of North America.

CHAIRMAN: Dr. Max M. Boudakian, Chairman, ACYOA Central Council.

ATTENDANCE - CHAPTERS:

BERGEN COUNTY

Agnes DerMatteosian

BOSTON

Rev. Fr. Papken Maksoudian
Jacob G. Nazarian
Joseph Lousararian

CHICAGO

Deacon Hovhannes Kasparian
Violet Koresian
Peter Klujian

CLEVELAND

Deacon Nersess Jebejian
Dolly Baltayan
Carol Hatchadourian

DETROIT

Rev. Fr. Diran Papazian
Artin Artinian
Guy Amboian
Nellie Boyajian
Edward Korkoian
Richard Vahratian

EVANSTON

Karnig Kahaian
Sue Khanjian

HAVERHILL

George Krikorian

LONG ISLAND

Queenie Allalemdjian
Edward Jamakordzian
Juliet Jamakordzian
Michael Simonian

MONTREAL

Hrayr Bedevian
Nadia Belgin
Arto Tshkoian

NEWARK

Rev. Fr. Mampre Kouzouian
Arlene Karian
Lois Manigian

NEW BRITAIN

Celia Alexanian
Jon Simonian

NEW YORK - ST. GREGORY

Grace Tekirian

NEW YORK - HOLY CROSS

Deacon Missak Kehiayan
Dorothy Hackerian
Helen Donigian

NIAGARA FALLS

Very Rev. Fr. Vasken Tatoyan
Sema Tarpinian

NORTH PHILADELPHIA

Jack Baker
Ronald Gooshian

PROVIDENCE

Rev. Fr. Haik Donikian
Natalie Bedrosian
Robert Kaloostian
Carol Norigian
Charles Topalian

RACINE

Robert Akulian
Nazareth Chalekian

RICHMOND

Henry Magarian

SPRINGFIELD

Rev. Fr. Bedros Feredjian
Edward Garabedian
Jeannette Piligian

SYRACUSE

Richard Roomian
Michael Michaelian

TORONTO

Very Rev. Fr. Jirair Tashjian
Leo Khosrovian
Gerard Papazian
Hrant Souin

TROY

Very Rev. H. Intoyan
Virginia Maroukian

WASHINGTON

Very Rev. Karekin Kazanjian
Rosemary Ozoonian
Charles Takesian

WATERTOWN

Ann Nahabedian
John Peterson
Mitchell Sarajian
Richard Tarvezian

WORCESTER

David Adishian
Seth Arakelian
Joan Bilazarian
Lucine Haroian

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY AND CENTRAL COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Deacon Megerditch Mouradian

Max M. Boudakian
Robert Goshgarian
Aurora Melikian

Virginia Saxenian

Misak Aprahamian
Y. Gladys Barsamian
Sylvia Shahinian
Leon Hojegian
Barkev Khojajian

Executive Secretary, Publications Co-ordinator, and Religious Ed. Co-or. Chairman and Finance Director
Vice-Chairman and Youth Camp Director
Recording Secretary, Junior Groups' Director, and Seminary Co-ordinator.
Corresponding Secretary, ACYOA Day Co-ordinator, and Church Choir Co-ordinator
Treasurer
Publicity Director
Anniversary Ball Co-ordinator
Assembly Co-ordinator

FIRST SESSION (Saturday, August 31, 1963, 10:10 A.M.)

The sessions were opened with a Worship Service. Following the Service, His Grace, Archbishop Sion Manoogian, Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of North America and President of the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America, welcomed the Delegates and extended the paternal blessings and greetings of His Holiness, Vasken I, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians. His Grace reported to the Assembly the progress of the Diocesan activities and reminded us that the Armenian Church Youth Organization of South America is celebrating its tenth anniversary this weekend.

A welcoming address was delivered by Mr. Sam Melkonian, Chairman of the Montreal Chapter, who presented the Chairman, Dr. Max M. Boudakian, with a gavel on behalf of the Montreal Chapter.

The Chairman introduced his colleagues on the Central Council.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken and there were 47 delegates and 5 clergymen present for a total of 52, constituting a quorum. Representatives of the following Junior Groups were also present: Bergen County, Boston, Troy, Watertown.

ADOPTION OF RULES OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE AND RULES OF PROCEDURE

Motion was made by the Toronto Chapter and seconded by Detroit

THAT the "Rules of Parliamentary Procedure" and the "Rules of Procedure" (as corrected) be accepted.

Motion passed unanimously.

A copy of the "Rules of Parliamentary Procedure" is attached as Appendix I, and a copy of the "Rules of Procedure" is attached as Appendix II.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion was made by the Evanston Chapter and seconded by Watertown

THAT the Agenda be accepted as submitted.

Motion passed.

A copy of the "Agenda" is attached as Appendix III.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Motion was made by the Detroit Chapter and seconded by Providence

THAT the Central Council Chairman and the Primate be allowed to appoint the members of all standing committees.

Motion passed.

The following list of appointments was then submitted:

Budget and Taxation Committee

Robert Goshgarian, Sylvia Shahinian, Virginia Saxenian--Central Council
Advisors

Artin Artinian (Detroit)
Deacon Missak Kehiayan (New York - Holy Cross)
Queenie Allalemdjian (Long Island)
Grace Tekerian (New York - St. Gregory)
Very Rev. Fr. Jirair Tashjian--Advisor
Rev. Fr. Haik Donikian--Advisor

Nominating Committee

Leon Hojegan and Aurora Melikian--Central Council Advisors
Guy Amboian (Detroit)
Ann Nahabedian (Watertown)
Charles Takesian (Washington)
Nazareth Chalakian (Racine)
Rev. Fr. Diran Papazian--Advisor

Amendments and Proposals Committee

Barkev Khojajian and Gladys Barsamian--Central Council Advisors
Richard Roomian (Syracuse)
Hrant Souin (Toronto)
Dorothy Hackerian (New York - Holy Cross)
Joan Bilazarian (Worcester)
Deacon Hovhannes Kasparian--Advisor
Rev. Fr. Papken Maksoudian--Advisor

Resolutions Committee

Misak Aprahamian--Central Council Advisor
Charles Topalian (Providence)
Arlene Karian (Newark)
Nadia Belgin (Montreal)
Rev. Fr. Mampre Kouzouian--Advisor
Very Rev. Fr. Karekin Kazanjian--Advisor

Regional Committees for 1964 Anniversary Balls

Region 1 Midwest
Evanston--Karnig Kahaian
Chicago--Helen Paloian
East St. Louis--Len Mooradian

Region 1 Midwest (continued)
Milwaukee County--Lynn Kaishian
Racine--Violet Kaishian

Region 2 Detroit-Cleveland
Detroit--Richard Vahratian
Cleveland--Carol Hatchadourian

Region 3 North and West Philadelphia
North Philadelphia--Jack Baker
West Philadelphia--Sonia Souni

Region 4 Richmond and Washington, D. C.
Richmond--Alice Darhanian
Washington--Charles Takesian

Region 5 Metropolitan New York-New Jersey
Bergen County--Agnes DerMatteosian
Long Island--Edward Jamakordzian
Newark--Lois Manigian
New York (St. Gregory)--Rosalie Kalaidjian
New York (Holy Cross)--Raffi Komeshian

Region 6 Syracuse and Troy
Syracuse--Manoog Mikaelian
Troy--Virginia Maroukian

Region 7 New England
Boston--Richard Kharibian
Lawrence--Jirair Avakian
Providence--Robert Kaloostian
Haverhill--George Krikorian
Watertown--Ann Nahabedian
Worcester--David Adishian

Region 8 New Britain and Springfield
New Britain--Celia Alexanian
Springfield--Ed Garabedian

Region 9 Niagara Falls and Toronto
Niagara Falls--Sema Tarpinian
Toronto--Leo Khosrovian

Region 10 Montreal
Arto Tshkoian

APPOINTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARIAN

The Chairman appointed Y. Gladys Barsamian as Parliamentarian.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Detroit Chapter reported that the minutes of the Sixteenth Annual General Assembly of the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America have been read and approved. A typographical error was corrected on Page 6 (Springfield was deleted from the Region 7 listing).

The first session was recessed at 12:15 P. M. for lunch.

SECOND SESSION (Saturday, August 31, 1963, 2:50 P. M.)

A roll call indicated that 44 delegates and 7 clergymen were present for a total of 51, constituting a quorum.

CENTRAL COUNCIL REPORT

Motion was made by the Detroit Chapter and seconded by Chicago

THAT the Central Council Report, as corrected, be accepted by the Assembly and discussed as old business.

Motion passed.

A copy of the Central Council Report is attached as Appendix IV.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

The following talks and reports were offered:

1. UCYM Conference (held at Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio) Report by Edward Jamakordzian
2. Summer Study Seminar (held at St. Nersess Theological School in Evanston, Illinois) Report by Joan Bilazarian
3. Talk re Armenians, Their Church and Its Importance by Rev. Fr. John Rossner of St. John's Anglican Church.
4. Talk on "Recent Developments in the Armenian Church in North America" by Mr. Bedros Norehad

NEW BUSINESS

Syracuse suggested that a chapter-by-chapter mailing list be compiled and sent to the chapters. The Executive Secretary will have this completed during this Fall.

PROPOSALS

The following proposal submitted by Central Council (seconded by Detroit) was passed:

THAT the proceeds from ACYOA Day 1964 be donated to the Cathedral Fund.

The following proposal submitted by Central Council (seconded by New York-- Holy Cross) was passed:

THAT the proceeds realized from the 1964 Lenten Offering Program be donated towards the Restoration Fund for the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem.

The following proposal submitted by Central Council (seconded by Cleveland) was defeated;

THAT the Annual ACYOA Assembly site should be determined two years in advance.

The following proposal submitted by Central Council (seconded by Detroit) was passed:

THAT, in order to facilitate the work of the Central Council and close the books of the Organization on time on June 30, 1964, chapter taxes for fiscal year 63-64 be made payable now and up to June 1, 1964.

The following proposal submitted by Central Council (seconded by Long Island) was passed:

THAT Central Council be authorized to copyright all ACYOA publications if upon further investigation such a step is considered beneficial for the Organization.

The second session was recessed at 5 p. m.

THIRD SESSION (Sunday, September 1, 1963, 10 a. m.)

ASSEMBLY RESUMED

The Reverend Father Papken Maksoudian opened the Third Session of the Assembly with a prayer.

A roll call indicated that there were 48 delegates and 6 clergymen present for a total of 54, constituting a quorum. The Executive Secretary and Central Council members were also present.

PROPOSALS (Continued)

The following proposal submitted by Central Council (seconded by Detroit) was passed by majority vote:

THAT the Central Council be authorized to incorporate ACYOA if upon investigation such a step is considered beneficial for the Organization.

The following proposal submitted by Central Council (seconded by Long Island) was passed:

THAT the Youth Camp Project be abolished.

The following proposal submitted by Central Council (seconded by Detroit) was passed:

THAT the Youth Camp Fund be transferred to the Reserve Fund.

The following proposal submitted by Central Council (seconded by Detroit) was passed:

THAT with the 1963 ACYOA Assembly, and for all subsequent Assemblies, 50 per cent of Assembly profits--or \$3,000 whichever is the lesser amount--be placed in the General Fund; any amount exceeding \$3,000 will be placed in the Reserve Fund.

The following proposal submitted by Central Council (seconded by Watertown) was passed:

THAT an annual ACYOA Summer Study Scholarship be established as an outright grant; the income of which would be derived from the surplus interest from the Reserve Fund deposited in a bank savings account in excess of the funds used for the ACYOA Scholarship. Procedure for the administration of the fund would be the responsibility of the Central Council, the Primate, and the Executive Secretary.

The following proposal submitted by the Long Island Chapter (seconded by Toronto) was passed:

WHEREAS, the tenth Anniversary of the Consecration of His Holiness Vasken I, as Catholicos of all Armenians, will be celebrated in 1965 (and this will provide a good opportunity for the Church Youth of America to repay his visit of five years previous), it is proposed that the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America sponsor (organize) a Pilgrimage to Holy Etchmiadzin in September/October, 1965, with arrangements to be handled by the Central Council, or a committee appointed by the Council.

The following proposal submitted by the Detroit Chapter (seconded by Evanston) was properly withdrawn after discussion:

THAT the Assembly set up a committee whose aim will be to offer constructive ideas for the modification of the National Program to conform with changing times; also, to find better ways of communications and relations between Central Council and the local chapter.

Further, THAT, this committee be composed of Detroit ACYOA'ers (Seniors), His Grace Archbishop Sion Manoogian as President, and a Central Council Member and the Chairman of the committee to serve as co-Chairman.

The following proposal submitted by the Providence Chapter (seconded by Haverhill) was defeated, together with its amendment:

THAT, in order to defray part of the deficit incurred by printing of the ARMENIAN GUARDIAN, one issue be printed during the summer months of June, July, and August.

The defeated amendment, made by Chicago and seconded by Haverhill, was:

THAT the proposal read "... one issue be printed during July and August".

The following proposal submitted by Providence and seconded by Detroit was passed by a vote of 38 for and 7 against:

THAT preference be given to male applicants for attendance to study seminars as a method of providing an increased interest in theological studies.

The following proposal submitted by Providence and seconded by Long Island was passed:

THAT the ~~Providence~~ "Sports Weekend" be instituted on a regional basis leaving the choice of events to members within the region.

The third session was recessed at 12:20 p. m. after several telegrams were read.

FOURTH SESSION (Monday, September 2, 1963, 9:45 A. M.)

ASSEMBLY RESUMED

His Grace, Archbishop Sion Manoogian, opened the Fourth Session of the Assembly with a prayer.

A roll call indicated that there were 35 delegates and 4 clergymen present for a total of 39, constituting a quorum. The Executive Secretary and all Central Council members were present, as well.

ANNIVERSARY BALL

Regional Co-ordinators were acquainted with their responsibilities and advised that a guide sheet would be sent to them from the National Chairman, explaining the program and the new setup relative to the ad book.

PROPOSALS (Continued)

The following proposal submitted by Detroit and seconded by Toronto was passed:

THAT this Assembly allocate an additional \$5,000 from the Reserve Fund toward the purchase of securities (stocks and bonds) at the discretion of the Central Council during the fiscal year 1963-64.

The following proposal submitted by Detroit and seconded by Niagara Falls was passed:

That the dividends accrued from the stocks and bonds be used at the discretion of the Central Council for the ACYOA College Scholarship during the fiscal year 1963-64.

The following proposals submitted by the Central Council and seconded by Newark were passed:

THAT in the fall of each year, Leadership Clinics be held in four regions, specifically the Mid-Atlantic, New England, International, and Midwest regions, to be attended by any ACYOA member in good standing.

THAT the transportation and hotel expenses of the senior and junior chairmen, or their duly authorized alternates, be paid by the Central Council from the General Fund.

THAT, if the Chapter Chairman cannot attend for a legitimate reason, the Vice-Chairman will be designated as his alternate; and, if the Vice-Chairman cannot attend, the Executive Committee of the Chapter shall designate one of the Executive Committee members to attend the Clinic with the approval of Central Council.

ADOPTION OF PERMANENT MOTTO

Upon motion duly made by Central Council and seconded by Evanston, it was passed:

THAT the permanent motto of the Organization be "Faithful to the Apostolic Faith of Our Fathers".

ADOPTION OF RELIGIOUS THEME

The Primate announced that he had approved of "To Serve, To Sacrifice, To Share" as the 1964-65 ACYOA theme and thus the Assembly adopted same.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Upon motion duly made by Watertown and seconded by Worcester, it was voted

THAT the Assembly approve the Financial Report as submitted. (A copy is attached as Appendix V)

APPROVAL OF BUDGET

Upon motion duly made by Long Island and seconded by Washington, the Budget was approved as submitted (attached as Appendix VI).

TAXATION

The taxation committee submitted the following point system for taxation for the 1963-64 fiscal year, which was approved by the Assembly:

Bergen County	1	New York - Holy Cross	2
Boston	0-1/2	New York - St. Gregory	3
Chicago	2-1/2	Niagara Falls	2
Cleveland	3	North Philadelphia	6
Detroit	12	Providence	4
East St. Louis	3	Racine	4
Evanston	3	Richmond	3
Haverhill	2	Springfield	1-1/2
Lawrence	1	Syracuse	2
Long Island	7-1/2	Toronto	4
Miami	1	Troy	2-1/2
Milwaukee County	2-1/2	Washington, D. C.	3
Montreal	4	Watertown	8
Newark	1-1/2	West Philadelphia	3-1/2
New Britain	1-1/2	Worcester	6

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM (Continued)

Deacon Nersess Jebejian reported on the Fourth World Conference of Faith and Order held July 12-27, 1963, at McGill University in Montreal.

Mr. Manoog Young, Chairman of the Board of Directors of NAASR, brought the Assembly up to date with regard to recent developments concerning Armenian studies in North America.

RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were submitted to the Assembly by the Resolutions Committee and were approved after the two noted changes:

Whereas, the object, policy, and desire of the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America is to uphold the sacred traditions of our Holy Church, and

Whereas, the traditional and historic Primatial See and center of the Armenian Church has always been the Catholicate of all Armenians and Holy Etchmiadzin, and

Whereas, the present incumbent, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin, His Holiness, Vasken I, has always expressed a deep and sincere interest in the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America; (therefore*)

RESOLVED that this Assembly re-affirm its devotion, loyalty, and love towards the Holy See of Etchmiadzin, and to the Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of all Armenians, His Holiness, Vasken I.

Whereas, the policy and desire of the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America is to respect, honor, and support those who have been called by God into positions of leadership and authority in His Sacred Church, and

Whereas, His Grace, the Most Reverend Archbishop Sion, Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church in America and National President of the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America, has faithfully upheld his divine trust and has been a true Father-in-God to the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America,

RESOLVED that the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America reaffirm its filial obedience and love towards Archbishop Sion and endeavor to fulfill all the directives of our beloved "Surpazan Hayr" .

RESOLVED that a telegram be sent to Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan wishing His Grace a speedy recovery from his recent operation.

Whereas, it is the duty of the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America to speak out on matters of social import in the light of the gospel of Christ, and

Whereas, the problem of social integration has been a continuing and burning question in our country, and

Whereas, racial prejudice is a grievous sin and a blatant blasphemy of God, whom we call "Our Father", therefore

RESOLVED that the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America, recognizing the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man, direct and encourage its members to pray and work for a Christian reconciliation of the races.

Whereas, the Cathedral and Cultural Project of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America will begin to realize its former visualization this coming year,

RESOLVED that the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America realize its responsibility toward this project and pledge its full continued co-operation and enthusiastic support toward their parish quotas in the present Cathedral Drive.

Whereas, the goal and intent of the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America is to take an active part and enthusiastic interest in the life and work of the local church,

RESOLVED that every chapter of the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America display a continued interest in their local churches by participating to their fullest capacity in the parish program.

RESOLVED that every chapter of the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America pledge its continued assistance to the parish priests and parish councils of their local churches.

RESOLVED that each and every member of the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America, who is of age, recognize and fulfill his financial obligation toward his local parish.

Whereas, the policy and desire of the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America is to respect and honor its civic and cleric leaders and friends,

RESOLVED that this Assembly send letters to the following, acknowledging and thanking them for their interest and hospitality:

- a. His Excellency George Vanier, Governor-General of Canada
- b. Honorable Jean Lesage, Prime Minister of the Province of Quebec
- c. His Honor Jean Drapeau, Mayor of Montreal
- d. Rev. Fr. John Rossner, Professor, Sir George Williams College, Montreal, Canada

Whereas, the Diocesan Council of the Armenian Church in America encourages and supervises the program of the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America, and

Whereas, the Diocesan Assembly has continued its generous grant to the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America in the sum of \$2,500 toward the salary of the full-time Executive Secretary,

RESOLVED that this Assembly extend its appreciation and gratitude to:

- a. The Diocesan Council of the Diocese of the Armenian Church in America
- b. The Diocesan Assembly of the Armenian Church in America

Whereas, we are all brothers and sisters of the Armenian Church with similar aims and objectives in the Americas,

RESOLVED that the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America make a special effort to promote better and closer liaison between the Armenian Church Youth Organization of California and the Armenian Church Youth Organization of South America.

Whereas, the policy and the desire of the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America is to show thanks to those people and organizations for the wonderful and inspiring work and effort toward the promotion of the principles and purposes of the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America at this Seventeenth General Assembly,

RESOLVED that appreciation be expressed to the following:

- a. Very Reverend Father Vasken Tatoyan
- b. Parish Council of the Armenian Holy Apostolic Church of Montreal and all other church affiliated organizations
- c. Montreal Chapter, Armenian Church Youth Organization of America
- d. Sam Melkonian and the Seventeenth General Assembly Committee
- e. All priests present for their attendance at the Assembly and for their inspiration and good example to our members
- ** f. Lester B. Pearson, Prime Minister of Canada

RESOLVED that appreciation be expressed to the following for their co-operation in aiding this Assembly: Montreal Tourist Bureau, Sheraton-Mount Royal Hotel, Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada, International Business Machines, Remington-Rand Corporation, and the Royal Typewriter, Ltd.

RESOLVED that appreciation be expressed to the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation for the valuable time donated and to THE MONTREAL STAR, THE GAZETTE, THE ARMENIAN MIRROR-SPECTATOR, and the Editorial Staff of THE ARMENIAN GUARDIAN in furthering the success of the Seventeenth General Assembly.

RESOLVED that appreciation be expressed to Mr. Bedros Norehad for the co-operation extended to the Armenian Church Youth Organization toward the success of the Seventeenth General Assembly.

RESOLVED that appreciation be expressed to Mr. Hagop Kestekian, Master of Ceremonies, of the Seventeenth Assembly Banquet.

RESOLVED that appreciation be expressed to all members of the Central Council and to the Chairman of the Assembly, Dr. Max M. Boudakian, for their fine leadership throughout the Assembly.

RESOLVED that appreciation be extended to the retiring members of the Central Council, Dr. Max M. Boudakian, Miss Sylvia Shahinian, and Lt. Leon Hojegian.

*deleted by Assembly

**added by Assembly

ELECTION OF CENTRAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

The following names were submitted by the Nominating Committee as nominees for the Central Council:

Penie Allahemdjian	Long Island
Jack Baker	North Philadelphia
Joan Bilazarian	Worcester
Karnig Kahaian	Evanston
Sue Khanjian	Evanston
Charles Takesian	Washington

The Misses Penie Allahemdjian and Joan Bilazarian and Mr. Charles Takesian were elected by secret ballot for three-year terms each on the Central Council to replace retiring members--Dr. Max M. Boudakian, Let. Leon Hojegan, and Miss Sylvia Shahinian.

TELEGRAMS AND MESSAGES

Additional telegrams and messages received were read.

SELECTION OF ASSEMBLY SITE

Chicago and Long Island made bids for the next Assembly. By secret vote, Chicago was chosen as the 1964 Assembly site.

PRESENTATION OF HOST BANNER

The Host Banner was presented by the Chairman of the Assembly to the Chicago Chapter.

BENEDICTION AND ADJOURNMENT

His Grace Archbishop Sion Manoogian expressed his pleasure on the conduct and accomplishments of the Assembly, extended his blessings and best wishes to the entire Assembly, blessed the newly-elected and remaining members of the Central Council, and closed the Assembly with a prayer.

The Assembly was adjourned at 1:15 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

MAX M. BOUDAKIAN, CHAIRMAN

ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

Parliamentary Procedure

1. Where there exists any conflict between the Parliamentary Rules and the Constitution or Rules of Procedure, the Constitution will be upheld.
2. Rules of Conduct
 - a. A member should raise his hand and speak only after being acknowledged by the Chair.
 - b. All remarks should be addressed to the Chair.
 - c. Each member has the right to speak once before any member can speak twice.
 - d. The person introducing the motion has the right to speak first and last on the motion.
 - e. A member may not speak more than twice on the same motion.
 - f. Individual speeches on a motion are limited to 5 minutes.
3. Motions
 - a. Motion--Second--Debatable--Amendable--Majority Vote
4. Withdrawing Motion
 - a. Motion--No Second--Not Debatable--Not Amendable--Majority
 1. A stated and seconded motion becomes the property of the meeting.
 2. Introducer may withdraw motion if no one objects to request of withdrawal.
 3. If there is an objection to motion of withdrawal, motion is acted upon unless another member makes a motion that member who made original motion be allowed to withdraw it.
5. Objection to Consideration of a Motion
 - a. Motion--No Second--Not Debatable--Not Amendable--Two-thirds Vote
 1. The member need not be recognized by the Chair, but may get up at any time before the debate is well underway and state his motion.
6. Amendments
 - a. Motion--Second--Debatable--Amendable--Majority Vote
 1. Amendment may be for or against motion.
7. Close Debate
 - a. Motion--Second--Not Debatable--Not Amendable--Two-thirds Vote
 1. Motion to close debate on an amendment applies only to amendment.

8. Refer to a Committee
 - a. Motion--Second--Debatable--Amendable--Majority Vote
 1. Motion can be made while motion or amendments are being debated.
 2. Removes whole subject from the floor--motions and amendments.
9. Postponed to a Definite Time
 - a. Motion--Second--Debatable--Amendable--Majority Vote
10. Tabling of Motion
 - a. Motion--Second--Not Debatable--Not Amendable--Majority Vote
 1. Whole matter is tabled--motion and amendments
11. Take from the Table
 - a. Motion--Second--Not Debatable--Not Amendable--Majority Vote
12. Recount of Vote
 - a. Motion--Second--Not Debatable--Not Amendable--Majority Vote
13. Reconsideration
 - a. Motion--Second--Debatable--Not Amendable--Majority Vote
 1. Motion can be made only by a member who voted on the winning side of the original motion (i. e. , the prevailing side).
 2. Debate may cover motion to reconsider and the original motion.
 3. Motion may be made regarding the main motion or an amendment which has been passed.
 4. Motion must be introduced at the same meeting or the motion has not been taken.
 5. Action on motion being reconsidered is suspended until vote of reconsideration is taken.
 6. Motion is debatable or not debatable according to the original motion at the time it was voted on.
 7. Debate on a debatable motion can be closed.
 8. Motion to reconsider may interrupt business and can be made even after motion of adjournment is adopted but meeting has not been declared closed by chair.
 9. Passing of motion does not permit revocation of action or commitments already taken.
14. Informal Consideration
 - a. Motion--Second--Debatable--Not Amendable--Majority Vote
15. Repeal or Rescind Motion
 - a. Motion--Second--Debatable--Amendable--Two-thirds Vote
 1. If notice of proposed action has been made to members prior to meeting, only a majority vote is necessary.
 2. If no notice has been given, a two-thirds vote is necessary.

16. Expunge from Record

- a. Motion--Second--Debatable--Amendable--Two-thirds Vote of entire membership
 - 1. If the motion is passed, a line is drawn through the record and a notation made to explain action. The record must not be destroyed.

17. Questions of Privilege

- a. Motion--No Second--Not Debatable--Not Amendable--Majority Vote
 - 1. The motion takes precedence over all other business
 - 2. The motion cannot be postponed, referred to a committee, or tabled
- b. Examples:
 - 1. Reputation of the member
 - 2. Rights of the Organization
 - 3. Voting rights of the members
 - 4. Comfort of the members

18. Recess

- a. Motion--Second--Debatable--Amendable--Majority Vote
 - 1. Motion must include length of time and reason

19. Adjournment

- a. Motion--Second--Not Debatable--Not Amendable--Majority Vote
 - 1. Motion may be debated except
 - a. When relating to the conduct of a member
 - b. While voting is being taken
 - 2. A tie vote sustains the chair

20. Miscellaneous

- a. Offensive remarks
 - 1. Offended person may object to remarks of a personal nature. Offender must apologize. If he does not, chair may deny the offender the floor during debate on the question.
- b. Majority equals one more than half of the votes cast.
- c. Two-thirds means two-thirds of the votes cast unless otherwise stated.
- d. The Chair votes only in case of a tie vote.
- e. If the Chair takes part in the discussion on the floor, the Chair remains on the floor until the question is disposed of.
- f. If there are no objections raised, the Chair may state
 - 1. Minutes are approved
 - 2. Report of the Committee accepted, etc. - to eliminate unnecessary voting.
- g. Point of information
 - 1. A member may at any time during the course of the meeting take the floor without permission from the Chair when the member states "point of information". The Chair must grant the speaker the floor.

21. Definitions

- a. **Majority Vote**--more than half of the votes cast ignoring blanks at a legal meeting where a quorum is present, unless a larger vote for its adoption is required by the Constitution of the Assembly.
- b. **Two-thirds Vote**--means two-thirds of the votes cast, ignoring blanks. This must not be confused with a vote of two-thirds of the members present, or two-thirds of the members.

ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

Rules of Procedure

Section A:

1. There shall be no absentee voting. Voting shall be on an individual basis; however, each Chapter shall report its total affirmative and negative votes at one time.
2. Only those delegates present during the discussion of an Amendment, Proposal and/or Resolution shall be allowed to vote on the consideration.
3. A roll call shall be taken on the demand of one member when seconded by at least five members.

Section B:

1. The Nominating Committee shall submit twice the number of nominees as there are vacancies to be filled to the Central Council.
2. An unlimited number of nominations may be made from the floor of the Assembly.
3. A primary vote shall be taken, each delegate must cast two votes for each of the vacancies. The individuals with the highest votes (equaling twice the number of vacancies) shall be retained and the others dropped.
4. A second vote shall be taken with each delegate casting one vote for each of the vacancies. The candidates receiving the majority votes for the office shall be elected.

Section C:

1. No Chapter will be allowed to bid for an assembly until their delegates attend for a second time.

Section D:

1. Officially credited delegates from Chapters which have expired may have voice at the Assembly, but no vote.
2. Official Theological students of the Diocese may have voice, but not vote, unless they come as President of the Chapter or as official representative of the head of the Chapter, in which case, they may vote.
3. Past Central Council members may have voice, but no vote.

ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

ASSEMBLY AGENDA

Seventeenth Annual General Assembly

August 31, September 1 & 2, 1963

INVOCATION, PRAYER, AND PLEDGE

INTRODUCTIONS AND OPENING ADDRESSES

ROLL CALL

ADOPTION OF RULES OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

ADOPTION OF RULES OF PROCEDURE

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APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

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CENTRAL COUNCIL REPORT

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OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

AMENDMENTS

PROPOSALS

APPROVAL OF BUDGET

ELECTION OF CENTRAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

RESOLUTIONS

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SELECTION OF ASSEMBLY SITE

PRESENTATION OF HOST BANNER

ADJOURNMENT AND BENEDICTION

ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

Central Council Report
1962 - 1963

The Central Council of the ACYOA met seven times during the past year with five weekend sessions in the Diocesan House in New York City. In addition, one session was held in the Detroit Cultural Center subsequent to the completion of the 16th Assembly and another session, in Montreal immediately preceding the 17th Assembly.

At its first meeting on September 3, 1962, called to order by past Chairman Edward Onanian, the Central Council elected its officers as follows:

Chairman	Max M. Boudakian
Vice-Chairman	Robert Goshgarian
Recording Secretary	Aurora Melikian
Corresponding Secretary	Virginia Saxenian
Treasurer	Misak Aprahamian

The following appointments were then made by the new Chairman:

Anniversary Ball Co-ordinator	Sylvia Shahinian
ACYOA Day Co-ordinator	Virginia Saxenian
Assembly Co-ordinator	Leon M. Hojegian
Finance Director	Max M. Boudakian
	Misak Aprahamian (associate)
Junior Groups Director	Aurora Melikian
	Robert Goshgarian (associate)
Publications Co-ordinator	Deacon Megerditch Mouradian
Publicity Director	Y. Gladys Barsamian
Religious Educational Co-ordinator	Deacon Megerditch Mouradian
Seminary Co-ordinator	Aurora Melikian
Church Choir Co-ordinator	Virginia Saxenian
Youth Camp Co-ordinator	Robert Goshgarian

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

As of July 1, 1962, the ACYOA has been fortunate to have the services of Deacon Megerditch Mouradian as a full-time Executive Secretary. The Diocesan Assembly contributes \$2,500 toward his salary; the balance is assumed by the ACYOA. In addition to being Religious Educational and Publications Co-ordinator, the Executive Secretary makes field trips to chapters, assists in the organization of Regional Conferences, serves as Editor of THE ARMENIAN GUARDIAN, maintains daily contact with the Primate and Diocesan Staff, and conducts extensive day-to-day correspondence with our chapters. One can envisage an expansion of the Executive Secretary's office because of the growing needs of the ACYOA.

GUIDANCE

His Grace, Archbishop Sion Manoogian, attended every Central Council meeting during the past year, and provided many valuable suggestions regarding the

problems of the ACYOA. In addition, Mr. Nubar Dorian, former Central Council Chairman, attended two meetings in his capacity as Diocesan Council liaison to the ACYOA Central Council.

THE ROLE OF ACYOA IN THE PARISH FAMILY

The Central Council wishes to remind the local ACYOA Chapter of its role within the Parish Family. The local chapter is responsible to the Parish Council as well as to the Central Council. You should not regard your chapter as an independent entity without obligations to the local Church. A summary of the minutes of each Central Council meeting is sent to the Parish Council Chairman in order to effect closer relations between the ACYOA and the local parish.

MEMBERSHIP

The following membership trend should be noted:

Year	Junior	Senior	Total
1960-1961	218	464	682
1961-1962	255	468	723
1962-1963	333	478	811*

*as of August 1, 1963

Several interesting membership patterns are evident during this period:

- a. A definite increase in total membership
- b. Maintenance of the number of seniors at a constant level
- c. A pronounced annual increase in the number of juniors

Recognizing that the number of ACYOA members is not what it should be, the Central Council called a special meeting on June 29 and 30 to consider the membership problem in all its aspects. See Appendix I of this report for resume of items considered and conclusions reached.

RE-ACTIVATION OF ACYOA CHAPTERS

Central Council is pleased to report the return of the following chapters to active status during 1962-1963:

Chicago	Senior and Junior groups
Haverhill	Senior group
Lowell	Junior group
New York - Holy Cross	Senior group

Junior groups were formed in the following active chapters:

New York - St. Gregory
North Philadelphia
Richmond
Toronto

In addition, the following inactive chapters will return to active status during Fall, 1963:

Bridgeport
Miami

Combined Senior-Junior group
Combined Senior-Junior group

1962 ASSEMBLY

The Primate approved the minutes of the 16th Annual General Assembly. These minutes were sent to all chapters by January 1, 1963.

The profit from the Detroit Assembly was \$11,096.68.

1963 ASSEMBLY

Through Leon Hojegan, Assembly Co-ordinator, Central Council maintained close liaison with the Montreal Chapter. Central Council wishes to express its sincere appreciation to Sam Melkonian, Chairman of the Montreal Assembly Committee, and all members of the Host Chapter for their efforts on behalf of the ACYOA.

ACYOA CONSTITUTION

The ten constitutional amendments approved by the 16th Assembly met with the approval of the Primate and Diocesan Council. Twenty-six chapters participated in the ratification of the proposed amendments; Evanston, West Philadelphia, Worcester, and Bergen County Chapters neglected to exercise their right to vote. All the proposed amendments were approved:

ARTICLE 10, Section 4: The President and current Chairman of a Chapter shall be ex-officio delegates to the General Assembly with the powers of any elected delegate.

ARTICLE 4, Section 2: The Organization shall have four classes of members: Honorary members, Senior members, Junior members, and Members-at-Large.

ARTICLE 4, Section 20: Members-at-Large shall be those who have been active members of a dissolved chapter or who have been members of an active chapter but have moved into an area where there is no organized chapter.

ARTICLE 4, Section 21: A candidate for Member-at-Large shall make written application to the Central Council, which shall vote upon said application at the next Central Council meeting after application.

ARTICLE 4, Section 22: Acceptance of Member-at-Large applicants shall be by majority vote and by secret ballot of the Central Council.

ARTICLE 4, Section 23: A Member-at-Large applicant shall pay his or her dues to the Central Council.

ARTICLE 4, Section 24: Members-at-Large are entitled to all the privileges of membership in the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America. A Member-at-Large will not have the right to vote.

ARTICLE 4, Section 25: Members-at-Large may at any time affiliate with a chapter, whereupon he or she shall cease to be a Member-at-Large.

ARTICLE 8, Section 3: Twenty-five per cent (25%) of the members in good standing attending a chapter monthly meeting shall constitute a quorum, and decisions shall be taken by simple majority vote.

ARTICLE 11, Section 1: From among the Senior Members and Members-at-Large of the Organization, the General Assembly shall elect not less than six (6) and not more than twelve (12) members to constitute the Central Council.

Upon completion of the Chapter ratification of the above amendments, the Central Council reprinted 2,000 copies of the revised ACYOA Constitution as directed at the Detroit Assembly. A copy has been sent to the President and Chairman of each Chapter. Additional copies are being sent to Chapters upon their request.

DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY

The ACYOA was again invited by the Primate to participate as non-voting delegates at the Diocesan Assembly held on May 18-19, 1963, in Troy, New York. Central Council members Misak Aprahamian and Max M. Boudakian represented the ACYOA. The Executive Secretary presented a status report on the ACYOA during the business session. Misak Aprahamian addressed the Assembly Banquet guests on behalf of the ACYOA. As noted elsewhere, the Diocesan Assembly voted to continue the annual \$2,500 subsidy for the coming year. To better acquaint the Diocesan delegates with the work of our Organization, a collection of ACYOA publications was again distributed.

ASSOCIATION OF ARMENIAN CHURCH CHOIRS OF AMERICA

The 16th ACYOA General Assembly authorized the Central Council to explore the possibility of holding joint Assemblies with the Association of Armenian Church Choirs of America. Miss Virginia Saxenian, ACYOA-Church Choir Co-ordinator, attended the Church Choir Assembly in Racine, Wisconsin, on October 26-28, 1962. The Church Choir delegates decided, by majority vote, to continue the present practice of a separate Assembly site.

The Church Choir Central Council also indicated a desire to co-sponsor the Church Choir Study Seminar. Discussions were held in Chicago during April, 1963, between members of the Church Choir Central Council and the ACYOA-Church Choir Co-ordinator. However, the establishment of the Summer Study Program at St. Nersess Theological School in Evanston, Illinois, during July, 1963, caused the cancellation of the 1963 Church Choir Study Seminar.

ST. NERSESS ARMENIAN THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL

Miss Aurora Melikian was appointed ACYOA Co-ordinator of Seminary Relations. Both Miss Melikian and the Executive Secretary met with faculty members of the Theological School on different occasions to explore areas where ACYOA could be of assistance. For example, the Central Council notified all ACYOA members regarding scholarships which would defray half the tuition (maximum \$50) and traveling expenses (maximum \$50) for the Summer Study Program held at the Seminary during July, 1963.

The recipients of the scholarships were ACYOA members:

Peter Bilazarian	Worcester
Harry Vartigian	Troy
Bette Meserlian	Philadelphia
Louise Yeghissian	Detroit
Pamela Rose Neffian	Detroit
Roberta Carman	Detroit

As of June 30, 1963, the ACYOA Theological Education Fund (Seminary Fund) contains \$5,615.68. No request has yet been made by the Seminary of the ACYOA to cover the tuition expenses of any student.

LENTEN OFFERING PROGRAM

Lenten Offering folders were again distributed to all chapters. A total of \$189.98 was collected as of June 30, 1963, for deposit in the Theological Education Fund (Seminary Fund). However, several chapters have been delinquent in the return of all outstanding folders.

ACYOA SCHOLARSHIP

As authorized by the delegates at the 16th General Assembly, an annual ACYOA free-grant scholarship program was established. The interest earned on the Reserve Fund was to be the source of the scholarship. The scholarship is granted to an ACYOA member on the basis of service to the Armenian Church, scholastic achievement, and need. The ACYOA Scholarship Committee, consisting of the Primate, the Executive Secretary, and the Central Council Chairman, chose Mr. Jon Simonian, Chairman of the New Britain ACYOA Chapter and a junior at Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut, as the recipient of the 1962-1963 ACYOA Scholarship (\$300).

CHAPTER VISITATIONS AND REGIONAL CONFERENCES

Of the 28 active chapters in the Organization, 26 were visited at least once during the past year either by a Central Council member or the Executive Secretary. Nine Regional Conferences were held during the past year with Central Council members in attendance at each of these gatherings; the Executive Secretary participated in five of these Conferences. A Junior Regional Conference was held in New England; a Junior Regional Conference will be held in the Middle Atlantic Area during Fall, 1963.

The Central Council recognizes the need of more frequent contact with the local chapters. The present limited professional staff at the Diocesan House, as well as burdens assumed by the Central Council, represent some of the difficulties involved.

ACYOA DAY

ACYOA Day was observed by 20 of our chapters in 1963; during 1962, 19 of our chapters participated. The proceeds received from the 1963 ACYOA Day program were \$950.11 as of June 30, 1963, and are earmarked for the Theological Education Fund (Seminary Fund) in memory of Archbishop Mappre Calfayan.

ANNIVERSARY BALLS

Ten Anniversary Balls were held during 1963 in the following regions:

Detroit-Cleveland	Philadelphia
Midwest	Springfield-New Britain
Montreal	Syracuse-Troy
New England	Toronto-Niagara Falls
New York - New Jersey	Washington-Richmond

The income derived from these Balls, as of August 1, 1963, was \$2,225.82 (additional \$100 outstanding and due from New England - Worcester), as compared to \$3,164.58 received from the 1962 Anniversary Ball Program. Chapters who have not participated in an Anniversary Ball have been and will be penalized 25% of their taxes.

YOUTH CAMP

Due to the demands made by other ACYOA business, The Central Council and Executive Secretary could not conduct an extensive survey of camping facilities of other religious organizations. On May 11, Mr. Nelson Wilde (Kazanjan), Director of Camp Nubar, sponsored by the AGBU, offered the use of the extensive grounds for camping by ACYOA members. While the Central Council secured the tentative commitments of two counsellors associated with the Syracuse Armenian Church parish, personal letters from the Executive Secretary to all male ACYOA Juniors and Seniors (approximately 550) drew no response. The Youth Camp Fund contained \$9,065.61 on June 30, 1963.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONFERENCES

Only a limited number of retreats or modified religious education conferences were held under ACYOA auspices during 1962-1963. Expansion of this type of ACYOA activity should be encouraged. A Religious Educational Conference was held at Niagara Falls in March, 1963; Archbishop Tiran, the ACYOA Executive Secretary, and Deacon Hovhannes Kasparian were among the speakers. During June, 1963, a retreat was held in Michigan for Junior members; Rev. Fr. Diran Papazian, Yereskin Rosalie Papazian, Rev. Fr. Dajad Davidian, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Boyajian, Miss Rose Hanesian, and Mr. Dennis Papazian (former Central Council Chairman) were the leaders.

ECUMENICAL RELATIONS

The Executive Secretary maintained close fraternal contact with UCYM headquarters in New York City. The ACYOA is regarded as a member of the UCYM. Because of a re-organization within UCYM, dues for the latter organization are no longer required. Our Chapters are encouraged to participate in Religious Youth Conferences sponsored by UCYM regional subdivisions.

ACYOA MANUALS

Central Council has long recognized the need to codify ACYOA procedures. Three manuals are currently being prepared for distribution during 1963-1964:

Chapter Manual
Assembly Manual
Central Council Manual

Sylvia Shahinian, Chairman
Leon Hojagian, Chairman
Gladys Barsamian, Chairman

The Central Council wishes to recognize the assistance provided by Guy Amboian of the Detroit Chapter for his participation in the Assembly Manual project.

PROPOSED NEW PROGRAMS

Monthly discussion outlines are being formulated by the Executive Secretary to assist each chapter in planning their religious and cultural programs.

Central Council recommends the establishment of four leadership workshops during the Fall of 1963 in the following cities:

Boston
Chicago

New York
Toronto

The faculty would be lay and clerical, Armenian and non-Armenian. Central Council feels that the concepts and techniques presented at these clinics can be applied at the Chapter level. We trust that considerable benefits will be realized from this new program.

"ARMENIAN GUARDIAN"

The Executive Secretary, Deacon Megerditch Mouradian, serves as Editor of THE ARMENIAN GUARDIAN. The circulation as of the August, 1963, issue totaled 1,675. THE GUARDIAN during the past year operated at a deficit of \$3,243.82. In response to the Armenian-speaking ACYOA members and subscribers, Armenian editorials and articles have been incorporated into THE GUARDIAN. No advertisements were obtained during this past year. Central Council wishes to remind each chapter that \$1 will be deducted from its taxes for each new subscription obtained. (These credits should not be deducted from tax payments as chapters will be reimbursed by the Central Council at the end of the fiscal year.)

PUBLICATIONS

The following publications were made possible through ACYOA funds. These were sent gratis to all ACYOA members in good standing during the current year:

Archbishop Sion Manoogian
Rev. Fr. Arten Ashjian
Deacon Hagop Nersoyan

Ara Dostourian
Rev. Fr. Arten Ashjian

The Armenian Church and Her Teachings
Mesrob Mashdotz--The Great Vartabed
What Language the Armenian Divine
Liturgy
Why I Belong to the Armenian Church
Armenian Apostolic Church Calendar,
1963 A.D.

ACYOA financial support is also being granted to the following publications which are in various stages of preparation:

Slides

Holy Etchmiadzin (plus accompanying text)
Holy Jerusalem (plus accompanying text)

Deacon Megerditch Mouradian	<u>Gomidas Vartabed*</u>
Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan	<u>Marriage Booklet</u>
Rev. Fr. Mampre Kouzouian	<u>Why Marry Within My Faith</u>
(Unknown Author)	<u>What is House Blessing</u>
Deacon Hagop Nersoyan	<u>How to Read Armenian</u>
Very Rev. Mesrob V. Semerjian	<u>Divine Liturgy Handbook</u> (phonetic, Armenian, and English versions)

*consideration is being given to a possible English translation of a suitable Armenian work on this subject.

The following publications were reprinted during the past year:

Slides	<u>Divine Liturgy</u> (10 sets)
Pictorial Edition	<u>Divine Liturgy</u> (2,000 copies)

Negotiations are in progress for the possible reprinting of

Patriarch Shnork Kaloustian	<u>Saints and Sacraments of the Armenian Church</u>
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INVESTMENTS

Our investment portfolio is currently composed of the following securities:

One \$1,000 4-3/8% Bond	American Telephone & Telegraph
25 Common Shares	Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation
17 Common Shares	Standard Oil of California

At the close of trading on August 2, 1963, the portfolio--including accumulated dividends--were valued at \$3,367.01. During the past year, the ACYOA realized a return of 5.9% on its investments.

RELIGIOUS THEME

The theme for the 1963-64 ACYOA year is "Entrusted with the Message of Christian Brotherhood".

The Central Council recommends that the theme, subject to the Primate's approval, "To Serve, To Sacrifice, To Share" be established for the 1964-65 year.

Central Council recommends a restatement of ACYOA objectives in the form of a motto which will be included in THE GUARDIAN masthead and all ACYOA stationery.

JUNIOR GROUP CITATION

Following careful review of the Annual Reports submitted by all Chapters, the Central Council selected the Watertown Junior Group as the recipient of the Junior Group Citation for its accomplishments during the past year.

THE "A" AWARD

Following careful review of the Chapter Annual Reports, the Central Council selected the Toronto Chapter as the recipient of the "A" Award. Selected for Honorable Mention was the N. Y. Holy Cross Chapter. The Awards will be announced at the Assembly Banquet.

Respectfully submitted,

Central Council--ACYOA

Resume of June 29 and 30, 1963, Meeting

I. THE PROBLEM: "THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS IN THE ACYOA IS NOT WHAT IT SHOULD BE"

II. CAUSES OF THE PROBLEM:

1. the lack of national and local leadership
2. the lack of enthusiasm on the part of the local community
3. the lack of lay and clergy leadership
4. ACYOA program has not kept up to the changing socio-economic patterns of the present time
5. ACYOA has not satisfactorily geared its programs to the Junior and Senior groups
6. the lack of an objective to bind all present and potential members
7. imposition of excessive financial burdens on the local chapters
8. excessive chapter emphasis on social programs--insufficient emphasis on religious-cultural programs
9. too many national projects
10. lack of communication between Central Council and the local chapters
11. lack of ACYOA athletic programs
12. lack of regional organizations to administrate and to promote the national organization
13. inadequate membership standards

III. POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS: (each possible solution presented by a Central Council member was backed up by definite examples of evidence proving the following possible solutions to our problems)

1. better programs for the college-age student
2. director for Junior groups who would be responsible to the National Junior Groups Director, i. e., increase Executive Secretary's staff
3. regional field worker to organize ACYOA activities
4. small regional sub-units which would have regional liaison with local chapter
5. restate our objectives in a nutshell
6. to alleviate the financial burden of the local chapters
7. to formalize leadership training classes for the chapter chairman (Jr. & Sr.
8. have more and better organized religious and educational programs, including retreats
9. to change title of parish priest from President to Advisor
10. to encourage and create an atmosphere whereby the local ACYOA chapter will feel an integral part of the local parish
11. modify the national program to conform with the changing times
12. direct and have closer relations and communications between Central Council and the local chapter.

IV. BEST SOLUTIONS: (after careful consideration, the following were selected as the best solutions and will be combined for our new program)

1. re-state our objectives
2. to formalize leadership training classes for Junior and Senior chapter chairman
3. modify the national program to conform with the changing times.
4. direct and have closer relations and communications between Central Council and the local chapter

Central Council will undertake the following action:

1. RE-STATE OUR OBJECTIVES

Rewording of the objective to make it more fiery. Action will be deferred for exploration and determination in August. It was suggested that the motto should be included in THE GUARDIAN masthead and letterhead. The motto or slogan should replace the annual theme. Virginia Saxenian will do some research and present some ideas in August. The motto will be presented at the Assembly for approval and also methods as to how the motto could be publicized and utilized will be discussed.

2. TO FORMALIZE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM TRAINING CLASSES FOR CHAPTER CHAIRMAN

A motion was made by Max Boudakian and passed unanimously that Central Council authorize the establishment of local leadership clinics in four different regions in the year 1963-64. The composition of the faculty would include Armenian and non-Armenian youth leaders, both lay and clerical.

A motion was made by Max Boudakian and passed unanimously that Central Council authorize the Executive Secretary immediately contact the UCYM and other regional personnel for lists of youth leaders and/or speakers in the various regional areas.

A motion was made and passed unanimously that the four leadership clinics be set up in the following regions: Chicago, Boston, Toronto, and New York City.

The following are the chapters in each region and the persons responsible for the workshops:

BOSTON--Robert Goshgarian
Hartford
Haverhill
Lawrence
Lowell
New Britain
Providence
Springfield
Watertown
Worcester

CHICAGO--Gladys Barsamian, Chairman
Aurora Melikian, Associate
Detroit
East St. Louis
Evanston
Milwaukee County
Racine
West Allis
Waukegan
West Pullman

TORONTO--Barkev Khojajian, Chmn. NEW YORK--Misak Aprahamian and
Virginia Saxenian, Associate Deacon M. Mouradian

Cleveland	Bergen County
Montreal	Bridgeport
Niagara Falls	Long Island
Syracuse	Miami
Troy	Newark
	New York--Holy Cross
	New York--St. Gregory
	North Philadelphia
	Paterson
	Richmond
	Washington
	West Philadelphia

Max Boudakian made a motion that the leadership clinics be held no later than November 15. The motion was made and seconded. Passed unanimously.

Gladys Barsamian made a motion that Central Council, when necessary, pay all expenses including travel, hotel, and honorarium for the instructional staff for the leadership workshops. It was passed.

Misak Aprahamian made the motion that the Chairman of the Chapter will attend the workshops and in the event the Chairman is unable to attend because of legitimate reason, then either the vice-chairman will attend and/or any member of the executive committee with the approval of the Council. It was passed.

Max Boudakian made a motion that Chapter Chairmen (Sr. & Jr.) or their alternates be reimbursed for travel and hotel expenses for the workshops. It was passed.

Virginia Saxenian made a motion that Central Council allocate \$1,000 for the leadership workshops for the expenses of students and the faculty. It was passed.

A motion was made to authorize the Executive Secretary to enroll in a leadership training course, that the Executive Secretary would be co-ordinator of the leadership workshops, and that he would present a list of available Armenian and non-Armenian resource persons at the next meeting. It was passed.

ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA
Income Statement
July 1, 1962, to June 30, 1963

APPENDIX V
(Exhibit "A")
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GENERAL FUND

Income:

1962-63 Assembly, Detroit (see Note 1)	\$2,774.17	
Anniversary Ball Receipts in Excess of Expenditures (see Schedule 1)	1,696.30	
Guardian Subscriptions	991.00	
Membership Fees (see Schedule 2)	1,686.43	
Initiation Fees (see Schedule 3)	483.00	
Taxes (see Schedule 4)	3,599.92	
Miscellaneous Income:		
Sale of ACYOA publications and slides	\$ 446.87	
Net Income from sale of ACYOA Pins (see Schedule 5)	43.10	
Recovery of old Anniversary Ball advertising	9.00	
Income, sale of banners	10.00	
Donation (from use of mimeograph machine)	23.00	<u>531.97</u>
TOTAL INCOME		\$11,762.79

Expenses:

Central Council:		
Meetings	\$2,036.21	
1962-63 Assembly	466.98	
Visitations and Regional Conference	1,069.11	
Inter-church relations	197.80	
Intra-church relations	182.23	\$3,953.23
Salaries:		
Part-time secretarial expense	\$ 475.19	
Executive Secretary expense (see Schedule 6)	1,200.00	1,675.19
Armenian Guardian (see Schedule 7)		4,234.82
ACYOA Administrative Expense (see Schedule 8)		1,417.08
Organizational Services:		
Retreats and Religious Conferences	\$ 75.00	
Constitutions reprinted	180.00	<u>255.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES		<u>11,534.42</u>

Net Income--July 1, 1962, to June 30, 1963 (Exhibit "B") \$ 228.37

Note 1

\$2,774.17--25% of proceeds of 1962-63 Assembly, transferred to General Fund
 \$2,774.17--25% of proceeds of 1962-63 Assembly, transferred to Reserve Fund
 \$5,548.34--50% of proceeds of 1962-63 Assembly, remained with host chapter, Detroit.

ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA
Schedules Accompanying Exhibit "A"
July 1, 1962, to June 30, 1963

Exhibit "A"
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SCHEDULE 1 - Anniversary Ball Receipts in Excess of Expenditures:

1961-62: Income:			
Milwaukee Chapter balance		\$ 28.00	
25% Penalty - Montreal Chapter		18.50	
Less:			
Loss of Advance of New England Anniversary Ball		<u>(53.93)</u>	
Total 1961-62 Loss			\$ (7.43)
1962-63: Income:			
North Philadelphia		\$ 300.00	
New Britain/Springfield		100.00	
Niagara Falls/Toronto		31.35	
Syracuse/Troy		50.00	
New York/New Jersey		1,391.26	
Montreal		18.34	
Detroit/Cleveland		113.04	
Washington/Richmond		<u>57.84</u>	
Total 1962-63 Income		\$2,061.83	
Less: Advertising Expense		<u>358.10</u>	
Total 1962-63 Net Income			<u>1,703.73</u>
TOTAL			<u><u>\$1,696.30</u></u>

SCHEDULE 2 - Membership Fees:

	Senior	Junior	Total
Old	\$ 36.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 37.00
1961-62	177.70	105.00	282.70
1962-63	<u>990.73</u>	<u>376.00</u>	<u>1,366.73</u>
TOTAL	\$1,204.43	\$482.00	\$1,686.43

SCHEDULE 3 - Initiation Fees:

Senior	\$189.00
Junior	<u>294.00</u>
Total	\$483.00

SCHEDULE 4 - Taxes:

Old	\$ 56.17
1961-62	1,443.75
1962-63	<u>2,100.00</u>
Total	\$3,599.92

SCHEDULE 5 - Sale of ACYOA Pins:

Exhibit "A"
Page 3

Income from sale of pins		\$130.60
Cost of Pins sold:		
Inventory - 7/1/62	\$88.80	
Less Inventory - 6/30/63	<u>1.30</u>	<u>87.50</u>
Net Income from sale of pins		<u>\$ 43.10</u>

SCHEDULE 6 - Executive Secretary Expense:

Salary		\$1,137.66
F.I.C.A. Expense		33.76
Group Insurance Expense		<u>28.58</u>
		<u>\$1,200.00</u>

SCHEDULE 7 - ARMENIAN GUARDIAN Expense:

Printing		\$3,769.00
Mailing		256.50
Postage		138.91
Travel		14.24
Supplies and Miscellaneous		30.47
Promotion		5.70
GUARDIAN Credits		<u>20.00</u>
		<u>\$4,234.82</u>

SCHEDULE 8 - ACYOA Administrative Expense:

Office Supplies	\$	303.06
Postage		380.96
Telephone and Telegraph		165.50
Publications Promotion		67.50
ACYOA Plaques (5)		270.72
ACYOA Brochures		200.00
Manuals and Booklets		20.50
Miscellaneous Expense		<u>8.84</u>
		<u>\$1,417.08</u>

ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA
 Combined Balance Sheet
 June 30, 1963

ASSETS

Cash in Bank--General Fund	\$ 4,102.91	
Cash in Bank--Reserve Fund (see Note 1)	12,453.12	
Cash in Bank--Seminary Fund (see Note 2)	5,615.68	
(Theological Education Fund)		
Cash in Bank--Youth Camp Fund (see Note 3)	<u>9,065.61</u>	
TOTAL CASH IN BANK		\$31,237.32
Investment in Securities (see Note 4)		2,972.81
Due from Security Broker (see Note 5)		198.61
Loans Receivable:		
Diocese--Pamphlet and booklet loan	\$ 379.00	
Diocese--Postage account	<u>25.00</u>	404.00
Advance Receivable from 1963-64 NY&NJ Ball		50.00
Due from Detroit Chapter		93.00
Furniture and Fixtures (at cost)		1,258.86
ACYOA Pins' Inventory (at cost)		1.30
ACYOA Publications' and Slides' Inventory (physical inventory - at cost)		<u>2,240.50</u>
 TOTAL ASSETS		 <u><u>\$38,456.40</u></u>

LIABILITIES

TOTAL LIABILITIES none

CAPITAL

ACYOA Surplus Balance, July 1, 1962	\$33,527.89	
Add: Net income--General Fund		
7/1/62-6/30/63 (Exhibit A)	228.37	
Net income--Reserve Fund		
7/1/62-6/30/63 (Exhibit C)	3,285.91	
Net income--Seminary Fund		
7/1/62-6/30/63 (Exhibit D)	1,045.17	
Net income--Youth Camp Fund		
7/1/62-6/30/63 (Exhibit E)	<u>369.06</u>	
 TOTAL CAPITAL		 <u><u>\$38,456.40</u></u>

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Notes Accompanying Exhibit "B"

Note 1 This figure includes a check in transit to bank from the General Fund for \$480.78 which has already been deducted from the General Fund Account.

Note 2 This figure includes a check in transit to bank from the General Fund for \$858.83 which has already been deducted from the General Fund Account.

Note 3 This figure includes a check in transit to bank from the General Fund for \$9.23 which has already been deducted from the General Fund Account.

Note 4 Investment in Securities were purchased by the Reserve Fund and consisted of the following:

	<u>at cost</u>
1 American Telephone and Telegraph Bond - 4-3/8%	\$ 990.00
25 shares Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation	1,163.35
17 shares Standard Oil of California	819.46
TOTAL	<u>\$2,972.81</u>

Note 5 Due from Security Broker and represents balance of dividends and interest credited to our account by Merrill, Lynch, Pierce, Fenner, and Smith

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Reserve Fund - July 1, 1962, to June 30, 1963 (Exhibit "C")

<u>Income:</u>		
25% of profits from 1962-63 Assembly (Detroit)	\$2,774.17	
Interest from Bowery Savings Bank Account	440.37	
Interest from Bonds	43.76	
Dividend from Stocks	80.50	
Income from sale of Armenian Apostolic Church Calendar (1963)	<u>247.11</u>	
TOTAL INCOME		\$3,585.91
<u>Expense:</u>		
Scholarship		<u>300.00</u>
NET INCOME--Reserve Fund		<u><u>\$3,285.91</u></u>

Seminary Fund (Theological Education Fund) - July 1, 1962, to June 30, 1963
(Exhibit "D")

<u>Income:</u>		
Interest from Greenwich Savings Bank Account	\$ 186.34	
Cannister Income, old	6.43	
ACYOA Day 1962-63	661.03	
Lenten Folders:		
1961-62 \$ 64.85		
1962-63 <u>189.98</u>	<u>254.83</u>	
TOTAL INCOME		\$1,108.63
<u>Expense:</u>		
Cost of Lenten Offering Folders	\$ 50.70	
Postage	<u>12.76</u>	
TOTAL EXPENSES		<u>63.46</u>
NET INCOME--Seminary Fund		<u><u>\$1,045.17</u></u>

Youth Camp Fund - July 1, 1962, to June 30, 1963 (Exhibit "E")

<u>Income:</u>		
Cannister Income, old	\$ 6.43	
Interest Income from Bowery Savings Bank Account	359.83	
Miscellaneous Income	<u>2.80</u>	
NET INCOME		<u><u>\$ 369.06</u></u>

ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

Comparison of Expenditures

	<u>Spent 1962-63</u>	<u>Anticipated 1963-64</u>
Meetings	\$2,036.21	\$2,000.00
Assembly	466.98	600.00
Visitations and Regional Conferences	1,069.91	1,000.00
Intra-Church Relations	182.23	250.00
Part-time Secretary	475.19	600.00
Executive Secretary	1,200.00	2,200.00
F. I. C. A. Insurance	n/a	125.00
ARMENIAN GUARDIAN	4,234.82	4,400.00
Office Supplies	303.06	350.00
Postage	380.00	300.00
Telephone and Telegraph	165.50	125.00
Publications Promotions	67.50	100.00
Plaques and Engraving	270.72	25.00
Miscellaneous	29.34	50.00
ACYOA Brochures	200.00	n/a
Retreats and Religious Conferences	75.00	200.00
Publications to Members	adj. with Res. Fund	250.00
Constitutions	180.00	n/a
Leadership Conferences	n/a	1,000.00
Inter-Church Relations	197.80	400.00
Summer Study Program (Seminary)	n/a	425.00

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Proposed Budget--July 1, 1963, to June 30, 1964

Central Council Expenses:

Meetings	\$2,000	
1963 Assembly	600	
Visitations and Regional Conferences	900	
Intra-Church Relations	<u>250</u>	\$3,750

Salaries:

Part-time Secretary	\$ 500	
Executive Secretary	2,200	
F. I. C. A. and Group Insurance	<u>125</u>	2,825

ARMENIAN GUARDIAN:

4,200

Administrative Expenses:

Office Supplies	\$ 300	
Postage	350	
Telephone and Telegraph	125	
Publication Promotion	100	
Plaque Engraving	25	
Miscellaneous	<u>50</u>	950

Organizational Services:

Retreats and Religious Conferences	\$ 200	
Publications to Members	250	
Leadership Conferences	1,000	
Inter-Church Relations	<u>400</u>	<u>1,850</u>

TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENSES

\$13,575

Credits:

50% net profits--1963 Assembly	\$2,275	
Anniversary Ball Receipts*	2,500	
GUARDIAN Subscriptions	1,300	
Membership Fees	1,700	
Initiation Fees	<u>500</u>	\$8,275

Surplus:

Unused from 1961-62	\$ 690	
Unused and held in reserve fund from 1961-62	590	
Unused from 1962-63	<u>220</u>	<u>1,500</u> <u>9,775</u>

TO BE DERIVED FROM TAXES

\$ 3,800

*Any chapter which does not participate in the Anniversary Ball Program will be penalized by an additional 25% tax assessment.