

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
AS WELL AS THE SENIOR MEETING
HELD IN WORCESTER, MASS.
MAY 5, 1973

THE ACYOA GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONVENED AT 10:15 A.M. WITH A PRAYER BY FATHER JEBEJIAN FOLLOWED BY THE ROLL CALL TAKEN BY ANNA GARABEDIAN. THERE WERE TO BE 12 SENIOR CHAPTERS WITH 24 DELEGATES AND 17 JUNIOR CHAPTERS WITH 40 DELEGATES PLUS 16 YOUTH ADVISORS. HOWEVER, OUT OF ⁴⁶40 PARISHES IN THE DIOCESE ONLY 16 WERE REPRESENTED AND FATHER NERSESS HOPED THAT EVENTUALLY ALL ⁴⁶40 WOULD BE ACTIVE AND SEND DELEGATES. THOSE NAMES WHO WERE NOT READ WERE:

WATERTOWN SENIOR	- MICHAEL YAPCHAIAN
WATERTOWN SENIOR	- KENNETH HAGOPIAN
WATERTOWN JUNIOR	- MARILYAN NARGOSIAN
BINGHAMTON, N.Y. JUNIOR	- GRACE BARADAT
RACINE, WISCONSIN (OBSERVER)	- MARY STEVOFF
SOUTH MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN JUNIOR	- MIKE ASSAYIAN
NIAGARA FALLS - ST. CATHERINES	- BUD FLINCHUM

THE WELCOME, AS WELL AS THE OPENING ADDRESS WAS GIVEN BY FATHER NERSESS JEBEJIAN, YOUTH DIRECTOR OF OUR DIOCESE. HE FIRST ANALYZED AND DISCUSSED THREE (3) VERY IMPORTANT TOPICS, NAMELY:

- A. PAST
- B. PRESENT
- C. FUTURE

FATHER NERSESS POINTED OUT THAT IN 1946 WHEN THE ACYOA WAS ORGANIZED IN PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND, THAT THIS WAS "THE GROUP" WHICH WAS ABLE TO GATHER THE YOUNG PEOPLE AROUND THE CHURCHES, HELP, LEAD AND GUIDE THEM, AS WELL AS PROVIDE THEM WITH THE SOCIAL, RELIGIOUS, SPIRITUAL AND EDUCATIONAL NEEDS.

UNFORTUNATELY, TWO YEARS AGO DUE TO LACK OF LEADERSHIP AND DUE TO VARIOUS CHANGES IN OUR SOCIETY, HE STATED, THE ACYOA STARTED LOSING GROUND AND THE WHOLE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION ALMOST BECAME COMPLETELY DISSOLVED.

HOWEVER, THIS DID NOT PREVENT MANY CONCERNED PEOPLE IN THE RANKS OF THE LAITY, CLERGY AND YOUTH TO COME AND EXPRESS THEIR CONCERN ABOUT THE YOUTH AND THE ORGANIZATION. LAST YEAR AT THE YOUTH CONFERENCE IN WATERVLIET, N.Y., MANY YOUNG PEOPLE MET TO DISCUSS THE YOUTH PROBLEMS OF THE DIOCESE. FATHER NERSESS READ THE FOLLOWING PROPOSALS WHICH THEY PRESENTED TO THE DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY:

1. DISSOLVE THE PRESENT CENTRAL ADVISORY COUNCIL OF THE ACYOA AND ALL OTHER SUCH GROUPS. THE PRIMATE DID CARRY THIS THRU AND ALL FUNDS AND RECORDS WERE TURNED OVER TO THE DIOCESAN OFFICE.
2. DIOCESAN PRIMATE TO APPOINT AN INTERIM YOUTH COMMITTEE TO ADMINISTER THE ACYOA DURING THE TRANSITION PERIOD REQUIRED TO SET UP THE TWO GROUPS ALREADY RECOMMENDED. UNFORTUNATELY, NO INTERIM YOUTH COMMITTEE WAS APPOINTED. HOWEVER, THE PRIMATE OUT OF CONCERN FOR OUR YOUTH APPOINTED FATHER NERSESS, AS PART TIME YOUTH DIRECTOR OF OUR DIOCESE THIS PAST JANUARY.
3. EACH PARISH HAS BEEN DIRECTED TO NAME A YOUTH DIRECTOR AND MR. JACK ANTRESSIAN, THE DIOCESAN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WAS CHARGED WITH THE INITIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF THIS WORK. A LETTER WAS SENT OUT TO ALL THE PARISHES BY THE PRIMATE DIRECTING THE PARISH PRIESTS AND PARISH COUNCILS TO APPOINT A YOUTH DIRECTOR ON THE LOCAL BASIS. UNFORTUNATELY, NOT ONE PARISH RESPONDED.

SINCE JANUARY FATHER NERSESS HAS BEEN TRYING TO CO-ORDINATE THE WORK THAT HAS TO BE DONE BOTH ON THE LOCAL AS WELL AS THE NATIONAL LEVEL. HE STATED THAT THIS CONFERENCE IS A RESULT OF THE WORK THAT NEW YORK HAS BEEN TRYING TO DO FOR THESE PAST THREE (3) MONTHS.

FROM THE STUDY WHICH FATHER NERSESS HAS BEEN WORKING ON, HE INFORMED US THAT AT THE PRESENT TIME ACCORDING TO THE RECORDS AT THE DIOCESE, THRU ANNUAL REPORTS RECEIVED FROM EACH PARISH COUNCIL, WE HAVE 627 JUNIOR MEMBERS, AGES 14-18 AND 363 SENIORS, FORMED AS SENIOR GROUPS.

A SECOND LETTER WAS SENT AFTER THE APPOINTMENT OF THE DIOCESAN YOUTH DIRECTOR REQUESTING AGAIN THAT EACH PARISH APPOINT A YOUTH DIRECTOR ON THE LOCAL LEVEL. AT THE PRESENT TIME 19 OUT OF ⁴⁶40 PARISHES HAVE SENT IN NAMES OF PARISH YOUTH DIRECTORS TO THE DIOCESAN OFFICE.

FATHER NERSESS THEN WENT OVER SOME OF THE ISSUES AND PROBLEMS CONFRONTING THE YOUTH TODAY IN OUR DIOCESE AND IN OUR COMMUNITIES.

1. LACK OF LEADERSHIP TO GUIDE THE YOUTH
 - a. Due to lack of training or education
2. LACK OF INTEREST AMONG PARISHES IN THE YOUTH
 - a. Parish priest or parish council does not have the vision or enthusiasm in the parishes to bring the young people together.
3. AN APATHY ON THE PART OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE TOWARDS THE ADULTS AND THE PARISH AND VICA VERSA.
4. IGNORANCE OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE ON CHURCH ISSUES.
 - a. Again no leadership in the parish in order to guide and teach the youth what the issues are in our church today, which could be any of the following:
 1. Church tradition
 2. History
 3. Language
 4. Present problems
5. NO INVOLVEMENT ON CHRISTIAN ASPECT OF CHURCH

HE SUGGESTED THAT ONE SOLUTION TO HELP US MEET THESE ISSUES IS THE YOUTH LEADERS AND YOUTH DIRECTORS. WE DO NEED LOCAL YOUTH DIRECTORS, LEADERSHIP AND TRAINING. OUTSIDE OF SOCIAL FUNCTIONS, IT IS A MUST THAT SPIRITUAL, RELIGIOUS AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS ARE SET UP.

NEXT, HE WENT OVER WHAT WE SHOULD DISCUSS IN OUR SEPARATE MEETINGS

TODAY:

1. WE HAVE JUNIOR AND SENIOR PROBLEMS, MUST FIND A COMMON GROUND FOR THE TWO GROUPS.
2. DEVELOPMENT OF THE ORGANIZATION ON THE LOCAL LEVEL.
3. DEVELOP THE ORGANIZATION ON A NATIONAL LEVEL INORDER TO HAVE TIES & CO-ORDINATION AS ONE BODY
4. THINK ABOUT PHYSICAL PLANT NEEDS AND FOR THE SMALLER PARISHES WHO DO NOT HAVE THE MEANS, THEY MUST THINK OF MEETING THESE PHYSICAL PLANT NEEDS FOR OUR YOUTH.

A SPECIAL YOUTH COMMITTEE WHO HAS BEEN WORKING FOR THESE PAST COUPLE MONTHS TO PLAN THIS CONFERENCE, CAME UP WITH THE FOLLOWING FEW IDEAS WHICH FATHER NERSESS READ:

1. JUNIORS SHOULD HAVE REGIONAL DISTRICT COMMITTEES AND REGIONAL CO-ORDINATORS
2. SENIORS SHOULD HAVE DIOCESAN WIDE CO-ORDINATION AND PROGRAMS.

THE PROGRAMS ON THE NATIONAL LEVEL AT THE PRESENT TIME ARE:

1. ARMENIAN STUDIES PROGRAM
 - a. For high school graduates and above
2. SPORTS WEEKEND
 - a. Senior Function
3. SUMMER ST. NERSESS STUDY CONFERENCE
 - a. Age 16 and above

SOME OF THE FUTURE PROGRAMS ARE:

1. Re-institute Mission Program
2. Re-institute Junior Convocation

3. RETREATS ON A REGIONAL BASIS
4. NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT COMMITTEE OF THE JUNIORS IS PLANNING VERY HARD TO START A CAMP IN THE NEW ENGLAND AREA.

THE LAST SUBJECT DISCUSSED WAS THE FINANCIAL ASPECT. AT THE PRESENT TIME \$22,000 IN SECURITIES AND CASH IS IN THE NAME OF THE ACYOA AT THE DIOCESE. THIS YEAR \$12,000⁰⁰⁰ ALLOCATED IN THE DIOCESAN BUDGET FOR YOUTH PROGRAMS. IT IS UP TO THE LOCAL YOUTH GROUPS TO DECIDE IF THEY WANT TO DEplete THE PRESENT ACCOUNT OR TO SUPPORT THE NATIONAL OFFICE FINANCIALLY AND TO BE ABLE TO PRESERVE THAT WHICH IS FOUND AT THE PRESENT TIME FOR FUTURE PROGRAMMING AND FUTURE ACTIVITIES.

NOW, THE SENIOR AND JUNIORS WILL MEET SEPARATELY TO DISCUSS THE FUTURE PROGRAMS OF OUR DIOCESE. AT 3 P.M. WE WILL GATHER BACK AS A GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND GIVE A BRIEF REPORT OF WHAT WAS ACCOMPLISHED, AS WELL AS PRESENT IT TO THE PRIMATE THIS AFTERNOON. THE LEADERS OF THE SENIOR MEETING ARE: DAVID BARBER AND KENNETH HAGOPIAN WITH JOYCE MILIKIAN AND ANNA GARABEDIAN AS RECORDING SECRETARIES. THE LEADER OF THE JUNIOR MEETING IS DAVID ONANIAN WITH CATRY SOGHOMONIAN AS RECORDING SECRETARY.

AT 11 A.M. THE SENIORS MET. DAVID OPENED THE MEETING STATING THAT OUR PURPOSE HERE TODAY IS TO SET UP A PROGRAM OF EVENTS WITH THE FINANCIAL ASPECTS FOR 1973 TO GIVE TO FATHER NERSESS FOR HIM TO IMPLEMENT THEM, BUT WHAT WE MUST CONCENTRATE ON IS THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION AND NOT THE LOCAL. WE ARE HERE TO DESIGN AND GIVE THEM WHAT WE WANT, AS WELL AS DISCUSS THE PROBLEMS OF OUR YOUTH AND THE ORGANIZATION.

A LIST WAS MADE OF THE THREE EXISTING PROGRAMS BESIDES THE FOUR (4) OTHER PROGRAMS SUGGESTED BY THE DIOCESE:

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| (EXISTING) | 1. SPORTS WEEKEND |
| | 2. ARMENIAN STUDIES PROGRAM |
| | 3. ST. NERSESS PROGRAM |
| (REVIVED &
NEW) | 1. MISSION PROGRAM |
| | 2. GENERAL ASSEMBLY |
| | 3. ^{3rd} TORKOM MANOOGIAN TROPHY-NATIONAL & REGIONAL |
| | 4. REGIONAL RETREATS |

THE FIRST QUESTION RAISED WAS THE MONATARY ISSUE WHICH FATHER NERSESS TRIED TO CLARIFY. HE POINTED OUT FROM THE \$22,000, \$18,000 WAS FROM SECURITIES AND \$4,000 WAS A COMBINATION OF THE SPRINGFIELD SPORTS WEEKEND AND OTHER PARISHES. IF THE YOUTH GROUPS IN THE PARISHES DO NOT HELP TO SUPPORT THE FUND IN SOMEWAY, THEN THE DIOCESE WILL HAVE TO DEplete WHAT WE HAVE NOW. HOWEVER, HE STRESSED TO US THAT WE SHOULD NOT CONCERN OURSELVES SO MUCH WITH THE FUNDS RIGHT NOW, AS HE IS SURE THAT IF THE PRIMATE AND THE DIOCESE SEE THERE IS SERIOUS CONCERN AND BACKING TOWARD THE NATIONAL PROGRAMS, THE CO-ORDINATOR AND EXECUTIVE SECRETARY THE DIOCESE WILL GIVE US SUPPORT, BUT IF WE SIT BACK EXPECTING THE DIOCESE TO TAKE ACTION THEN WE CAN EXPECT NO HELP FROM THEM, WE MUST HELP OURSELVES.

MANY WERE UPSET AND DISSATISFIED WITH THE WAY THE DIOCESE HAS HELPED IN THE PAST. THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS WERE ASKED BY MANY:

1. WHY DID THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOLD AND WHY ARE WE HERE IN THIS STATE TODAY?
2. WHY, WHEN WE NEEDED AN EXECUTIVE SECRETARY DID IT TAKE THE DIOCESE SO LONG TO FIND ONE?
3. THE PROGRAMS WHICH WE HAVE PROPOSED AT PAST ASSEMBLIES, WHY HAVE THEY NOT WORKED?
4. WHAT TOOK THE DIOCESE TO REALIZE THAT WE FINALLY NEEDED SOMEONE, THAT IS A DIOCESAN YOUTH DIRECTOR, AND WHEN WILL HE BECOME ON A FULL TIME BASIS?
5. WHY ARE WE BELONGING TO A NATIONAL ORGANIZATION, IF THEY CANNOT SUPPORT US?
6. WHY HAS IT TAKEN FOUR (4) YEARS TO FINALLY GET SOMEWHERE?
7. HOW ARE GOING TO SET UP PROGRAMS, UNLESS A NATIONAL STRUCTURE IS SET UP TO FUNCTION FOR US?
8. IN THE PAST YEARS THE YOUTH HAS TRIED TO DO ON THEIR OWN, BUT WHEN THEY APPROACHED THE DIOCESE FOR HELP THEY RECEIVED NONE; WHAT IS SO DIFFERENT NOW?

MANY OF THE DELEGATES FELT THE REASON WHY THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOLDED WAS BECAUSE WE REALIZED THAT WE COULD NOT FUNCTION AS WE WERE, SO WE PRESENTED THE DIOCESE WITH A SET OF PROPOSALS WHICH THEY DID NOT FOLLOW THRU ON, IT WAS NOT DUE TO LACK OF LEADERSHIP. HOWEVER, MARTA FELT THAT IT WAS NOT COMPLETELY THE DIOCESE WHO WERE TO BLAME. IT IS ^{UP} TO US, THE YOUTH, TO WORK OUT OUR PROBLEMS AND WE SHOULD NOT EXPECT THE DIOCESE TO BE OUR BACK-BONE. WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO TELL THE DIOCESE WHAT WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE

AND THE DIFFERENCE THIS YEAR IS, WE HAVE FATHER NERSESS WHO WE CAN TELL WHAT WE WANT AND HE WILL TRY TO IMPLEMENT THEM FOR US.

DAVID MENTIONED THAT BEFORE THE EMPHASIS WAS ON A STRONG NATIONAL ORGANIZATION AND WHEN THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FELL APART SO DID THE LOCAL ACYOA CHAPTERS. EMPHASIS NOW SHOULD BE ON STRONG LOCAL YOUTH GROUPS WITH THE YOUTH DIRECTOR OF THE DIOCESE CO-ORDINATING NATIONAL EFFORTS FROM NEW YORK UNTIL WE CAN BECOME STRONG AGAIN. THERE ALSO SHOULD BE MORE INTER-CHAPTER RELATIONSHIPS AND AID.

ALSO, DAVID POINTED OUT THAT WE CANNOT DEMAND THINGS FROM THE DIOCESE AND EXPECT TO GET IT AS WE WANT, WE MUST BE REASONABLE. WE HAVE TO REALIZE AND BE CONTENT THAT WE FINALLY HAVE SOMEONE, EVEN THOUGH HE IS PART-TIME, AND NOT DWELL UPON THE PAST, TO AN EXTENT. ~~IT IS~~ THROUGH ^{FR} ~~THE~~ NERSESS WE CAN GO AND IT IS UP TO US TO DECIDE WHAT WE WANT HIM TO DO FOR US, HOWEVER, WE MUST BE AWARE THAT WHAT EVER WE TELL FATHER NERSESS, THEY STILL MAY NOT ^{AC} ~~EXCEPT~~ IT, BUT HE IS OUR VOICE IN THE DIOCESE. THE MERE FACT THAT THE PRIMATE HAS APPOINTED SOMEONE PART OR FULL TIME, IS A BEGINNING.

ONE OF THE PROBLEMS ATTRIBUTED TO THE DECLINE IN SENIOR MEMBERSHIP IS DUE TO A SENIOR AND JUNIOR PROBLEM ON THE NATIONAL LEVEL. MANY SENIORS ARE DROPPING OUT EARLY DUE TO THE JUNIORS COMING TO SENIOR FUNCTIONS. IT WAS VOTED ON BY THE MAJORITY THAT WE WOULD DISTINGUISH WHAT IS A JUNIOR AND SENIOR FUNCTION. HOWEVER, AS FOR THIS YEARS SPORTS WEEKEND IT WOULD BE UP TO FATHER NERSESS TO IMPRESS ON PHILADELPHIA THE VIEWS OF THE DELEGATES WANTING IT TO BE A SENIOR FUNCTION, AS PLANS HAVE ALREADY INCLUDED THE JUNIORS. THERE WOULD BE ONLY ONE WAY TO PREVENT JUNIORS FROM COMING AND THAT IS FOR THEM TO HAVE THEIR OWN FUNCTION.

BEFORE OUR LUNCH, PHILADELPHIA GAVE A BRIEF REPORT OF THE COMING SPORTS WEEKEND. AT 2:30 P.M. THE MEETING RESUMED.

THE FIRST MAJOR ISSUE DISCUSSED WAS WHAT THE FUNCTION OF OUR YOUTH DIRECTOR, PART TIME WITH A POSSIBILITY OF A SECRETARY, SHOULD BE AND THE FOLLOWING WERE DECIDED UPON:

1. IMPLEMENT NATIONAL PROGRAMS
2. COMMUNICATION WITH ALL CHAPTERS, AS THEY NEED AND WANT THE DIOCESE TO TAKE INTEREST IN THEM, ESPECIALLY THE SMALLER CHAPTERS
3. STRENGTHENING GROUPS TO HIS CAPACITY.
4. TO BE OUR VOICE IN NEW YORK.
5. IN CHARGE OF THE NATIONAL PUBLICATIONS

THE FOLLOWING WAS DECIDED ON FOR THE NATIONAL STRUCTURE OF OUR ORGANIZATION:

STRONG LOCAL GROUPS AND THE YOUTH DIRECTOR CO-ORDINATING AND IMPLEMENTING NATIONAL GROUPS THROUGH NEW YORK. NO DICTATING. SOME ORGANIZATION.

REGIONAL DISTRICTS OR GROUPS WILL BE LOOKED INTO AND ENCOURAGED IF IT WILL HELP THE WEAK LOCAL CHAPTERS, MAINLY NEW ENGLAND. IT SHOULD BE UP TO THE LOCAL CHAPTERS TO FORM THIS GROUP AND NOT THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE YOUTH DIRECTOR. HOWEVER, IF THIS GROUP GOES TOO FAR ON ITS OWN AND TAKES POWER AWAY FROM THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OR IF IT GETS IN THE WAY OF STRONG LOCAL CHAPTERS, IT WILL THEN BE DISCOURAGED.

A SUGGESTION WAS MADE THAT THE YOUTH DIRECTOR SHOULD BE ON A FULL TIME BASIS AND THAT THE YOUTH SHOULD BE ABLE TO VOTE ON WHO THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE FOR THIS POSITION. A SPECIAL YOUTH COMMITTEE FOR THIS PURPOSE SHOULD BE

APPOINTED, HOWEVER, MANY OF THE DELEGATES FELT THAT THIS WAS COMING ON A LITTLE TOO STRONG. NO FURTHER DECISION WAS MADE ON THIS AT THE PRESENT TIME.

OUR NEXT DISCUSSION INVOLVED THE FINANCIAL ASPECT. DAVID READ THE PROPOSAL WHICH THE SPECIAL YOUTH COMMITTEE, FOR THIS CONFERENCE CAME UP WITH:

"PROPOSE THAT THE PRIMATE AND THE DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY LEVY ON EACH PARISH, AN ADDITIONAL X% TAX ON ITS ANNUAL ASSESSMENT TO THE DIOCESE, WHICH THE PARISH WILL OBTAIN FROM THE RESPECTIVE YOUTH GROUP, FOR THE CREATION OF A DIOCESAN YOUTH FUND TO BE USED EXCLUSIVELY AS IS DIRECTED BY THE ANNUAL YOUTH ASSEMBLY:

THE COMMITTEE FELT BY WRITING THE PROPOSAL IN THIS WAY, THOSE PARISH COUNCILS WHO HAVE NOT TAKEN THE INTEREST IN FORMING AND HELPING THE YOUTH GROUPS WILL DO SO NOW, ONLY BECAUSE IF THE YOUTH DO NOT RAISE THE MONEY, THE PARISH COUNCIL WILL BE OBLIGATED TO TAKE IT OUT OF THEIR TREASURY.

MANY DELEGATES HAD A STRONG OBJECTION AGAINST USING THEIR OWN MONEY TO FUND THEMSELVES AND FELT THAT THE DIOCESE SHOULD BE WILLING TO PUT MONEY IN. MANY FELT THAT SINCE WE ARE GOING THROUGH THE RE-ORGANIZATION PERIOD AND ARE AND WILL BE HAVING PROBLEMS DURING THIS TIME, THIS SHOULD BE OUR ONLY CONCERN, AT LEAST FOR THIS YEAR. SINCE WE HAVE MONEY NOW, WE SHOULD NOT CONCERN OURSELVES WITH FUNDING THE DIOCESAN BUDGET AT LEAST AT THE PRESENT TIME AND IF WE DO HAPPEN TO DEplete THE FUND THIS YEAR THE DIOCESE WILL HAVE TO ALLOCATE MONEY FOR US.

A VOTE WAS TAKEN, 12-5 OPPOSED THE PROPOSAL AT THE PRESENT TIME, THEREFORE WE WOULD NOT APPROACH THE DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY.

THE DELEGATES WANT TO SEE A NATIONAL PUBLICATION SENT OUT QUARTERLY, TWO FOR THIS YEAR. EACH CHAPTER SHALL SEND IN A SMALL ARTICLE TO THE DIOCESE AND IT WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE YOUTH DIRECTOR TO COMPILE THE INFORMATION SENT IN FROM THE CHAPTERS AND SEND OUT A PUBLICATION.

A GENERAL ASSEMBLY WILL BE HELD FOR DELEGATES TO MEET AND DECIDE THE COURSES OF ACTION FOR THE FOLLOWING YEAR. ALL WERE AGAINST MEETING IN MAY DURING THE DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY. IT WAS SUGGESTED AND APPROVED BY ALL TO MEET THIS YEAR IN PHILADELPHIA TWO DAYS PRIOR TO THE SPORTS WEEKEND TO DECIDE THE PROGRAMS, FUNDING, ETC. FOR 1974 PROVIDING FATHER NERSESS IS IN AGREEMENT WITH THIS IDEA.

MANY WERE UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT THE MISSION PROGRAM WAS FOR THE ACYOA MEMBERS TO RECRUIT AND ORGANIZE CHAPTERS AND BECAUSE OF THIS THEY DID NOT WANT IT TO BE A NATIONAL PROGRAM. HOWEVER, SINCE THERE WERE A FEW WHO KNEW OR ATTENDED THE MISSION PROGRAM THEY EXPLAINED WHAT THE PURPOSE OF IT WAS. A VOTE WAS TAKEN, 12 FOR AND 2 AGAINST.

THE DELEGATES FELT THAT WE SHOULD WORK ON QUALITY NOT QUANTITY, AS IT IS A NEW START FOR THE ACYOA. THEREFORE, THE PROGRAMS SET UP UNTIL THE END OF 1973 CONSIST OF:

1. SUMMER STUDIES PROGRAM
 - a. Self-Supporting
 - b. Senior function
2. ST. NERSESS PROGRAM
 - a. Self-Supporting
 - b. Junior & Senior
3. ANNUAL SPORTS WEEKEND
 - a. $\frac{1}{2}$ of profits sent to Diocese
 - b. Senior attendance
 - c. " participation in games
- 4.

4. ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY
 - a. Two days before Sports Weekend in Philadelphia
 - b. Senior function
5. NATIONAL PUBLICATION
 - a. Youth Director collecting articles submitted from chapters
 - b. Sent out quarterly
 - c. Junior and senior combined
6. MISSION PROGRAM
 - a. Junior and senior combined
7. NATIONAL PRIMATE'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT
 - a. Junior and senior
 - b. Playoffs in the regions and regional winners attend
 - c. Suggestion- George Washington's Birthday Weekend
8. REGIONAL RETREATS
 - a. Will be discouraged if it interferes with national activities

THE SENIOR MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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