

ARMENIAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY RESURRECTION
11 Erwin Place, New Britain, Conn. 06051

Parish Council Report for the Calendar Year 1976
Presented at the Annual Parish Assembly on Jan. 30, 1977

At the March 8, 1976 meeting of the Parish Council, the members of the newly formed Council were elected to their respective offices as follows:

President	Rev. Fr. Vartan Der Assadourian
Chairman	Gregory Abrahamian
Vice Chairman	Given Hoosigian
Secretary	Charles Hovsepian, Jr.
Treasurer	John Maljanian
Pledge Custodian	Hurach Azarigian
Advisor	Harry Azarigian
Advisor	B.J. Hovhanessian
Advisor	Monty Bagdigian
Advisor	Charles Takesian

1. Meetings

- a) Fourteen regular meetings of the Parish Council were held to handle routine business of the Council.
- b) Two special meetings were held with the Hartford Church by B.J. Hovhanessian, John Maljanian and Harry Azarigian to organize and plan the Joint Church Picnic.
- c) A special Regional Meeting with the Primate and Diocesan Council held in Worcester, Mass. on November 13, 1976 was attended by Fr. Vartan, Greg Abrahamian, Paul Abrahamian, Monty Bagdigian and Harry Azarigian.
- d) A special Parish meeting was held on October 17, 1976 for the purpose of presenting a comprehensive financial report and the plan of acquisition by the City of the Church property.

2. Church Enterprises

The Parish Council planned, organized and conducted the following affairs in the course of the year:

a) 35th Anniversary Celebration

The 35th Anniversary Banquet was held on Palm Sunday, April 11, 1976, at the Holiday Inn, Plainville, Conn. The Committee consisted of Steve Der Margosian, Given Hoosigian and Charles Takesian. Our Primate, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian was guest of honor joined by Mayor and Mrs. Matthew Avitabile. Total donations amounted to \$4,284.00.

b) Annual Church Picnic

The annual picnic was sponsored jointly with the Hartford Parish at the Elk's Field, East Hartford, on Sunday, August 15, 1976. The committee consisted of B.J. Hovhanessian, Harry Azarigian and John Maljanian. Each Church realized a profit of \$267.00. It has been noted that the expenses rise each year for the entire affair and profit decreases. This does not appear as a lucrative means of financial success in the foreseeable future.

c) Church Dance

The Parish Council sponsored a dance on Saturday, October 2, 1976, held at Emanuel Synagogue. The effort was co-chaired by B.J. Hovhanessian and Given Hoosigian. Due to a gross lack of attendance, including many of our own parishioners, this venture suffered a net loss of \$104.23.

d) Fr. Vartan's 25th Ordination

In commemoration of the 25th Anniversary of his ordination into priesthood, our Pastor, Rev. Fr. Vartan Der Assadourian was honored with a banquet held at the Holiday Inn, Plainville, on September 26, 1976. Fr. Vartan was presented with many fine gifts by the various Church organizations and a Pectoral Cross from the Parish. Charles Takesian and Monty Bagdigian co-chaired the event.

e) Cultural Event

The film "Sons of Sassoun" was shown at the Newington Theatre on Tuesday, November 30, 1976. This project was chaired by Mrs. Queenie Hovhanessian and a profit of \$56.50 was realized. We are grateful and appreciative of Mrs. Hovhanessian's initiative and personal efforts for the success of this project.

3. Maintenance

The regular maintenance of the Church was met on a minor level. There were no major projects undertaken.

- a) The front railing, which was damaged by an automobile, was repaired.
- b) The repair of the stain glass window in the vestry, which was broken last year, has been deferred with the consent of Peter and Manoog Bagdigian, donors of the window. A suitable replacement will be installed in the new Church.
- c) Striving to economize, the Parish Council undertook the responsibility of the trash detail.
- d) Once again, we wish to publicly thank Harry Azarigian for his continual help in making repairs and general maintenance at both Church properties.

4. Publications

Circulars were mailed to keep the membership advised of all Church activities. In addition, the "LOOYS" was mailed quarterly under the general responsibility of the ACYOA.

5. Church Membership

With regard to membership pledges, this has been an extraordinary year insofar as the unpaid pledges amount to less than \$300.00. Our pledge custodian, Hurach Azarigian is once again to be commended for his conscientious efforts resulting in a job well done. This item will be fully explained in detail in the auditor's report.

This year certain members of the Parish Council were appointed as liason between the Council and a particular Church organization, along with the organization providing a written monthly report. The main reason for this report was for the Council to be kept informed and knowledgeable of the activities of all organizations and to offer assistance should the need arise. Unfortunately, the Parish Council is at a loss in understanding the lack of 100% cooperation. The Parish Council again asks that those organizations that did not cooperate do so in the future.

The evident problem of Church membership and attendance was brought to the attention of the entire membership by mail and

at the special Parish Assembly of October 17, 1976, wherein all Church organizations were requested to submit to the Council their findings and suggestions concerning this important matter and as of this date no organization has responded to our request.

For this Church to survive and go forward, our attitudes must be improved. We must all strive to do our fair and equal share and pull together.

6. Other Matters

The Parish Council and the Building Committee has, over the past few years, met with the Elders of the Reformation Lutheran Church on Stanley Street for the purpose of possible acquisition of their property. We have received written formal notification that they are not in a position to dispose of their property at this time. This positive action by the Reformation Lutheran Church has resulted in our course of action in a different vein which will be explained in detail by the Building Committee.

7. 1977 Budget

The proposed budget for 1977 is attached for reference and will be discussed under new business.

8. Resolutions

The Parish Council recommends the approval of the following resolution:

That a special membership committee of 5 persons be nominated and elected at this Parish Assembly. Their duties will be to assist the Parish Priest in obtaining new members and reactivate our non-active members. The committee will meet on a bi-monthly basis, elect their chairman at the first meeting and present a written report at the 1977 Parish Assembly.

Gregory Abrahamian

1977 Budget

Income

Pledge	\$10,100
Plate	700
Weddings/Baptisms	100
Yughakin	1,500
Hokihankist	250
Church Donations	4,700
Loys Donations	300
Hall Donations	50
Church Enterprises	1,000
Miscellaneous	20
Total	<u>\$18,720</u>

Expenses

Stipend	\$9,100
Fuel, Water, Gas, Elec.	1,660
Telephone	160
Insurance	1,300
Diocesan Dues	3,700
Clergy Insurance	600
Building Maintenance	500
Office Supplies	600
Church Supplies	250
Travel, Lodging	400
Association Dues	100
Charitable Donations	50
Miscellaneous	300*
Total	<u>\$18,720</u>

* Steward Transfer	\$100
Etchmiadzin Looma	50
Pectoral Cross	
Payment	<u>150</u>
	<u>\$300*</u>