

ARMENIAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY RESURRECTION

BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT

JANUARY 25, 1981

On September 28, 1980, the most ambitious, complex and prestigious program undertaken by the Armenian community of New Britain came to a successful conclusion. On that date, after thirteen years of planning and work, New Britain witnessed the consecration of its new church by His Eminence, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian.

1980 was a year of intense activity toward the finalization of the building program. The many fund raising programs were finalized and building construction was successfully completed and the consecration events were designed and came to pass in an outstanding professional manner.

Fund Raising

The fund raising programs consisted of the membership pledge campaign, mail campaigns, buy-a-brick campaign, special friends campaign, memorials program and the consecration events, which included: the consecration book, dance, cultural fair and banquet.

In addition to the above programs, funds were received through in lieu of flowers, bank interest and miscellaneous donations.

The total income thru January 18, 1981 totaled - \$440,205.05.

We are pleased to note that of the total membership pledges of \$72,663 - \$69,468 was paid in full.

Expenditures

All expenditures were prudently made whereby the treasury gained the benefit of maximum earned interest. All financial obligations have been met except for those noted below.

The total expenditures thru January 18, 1981 totaled - \$436,021.98.

Outstanding Obligations

The following are the outstanding financial obligations which must be satisfied as well as the estimated miscellaneous items which should be taken care of in the future:

1) Balance of architect's fee	\$12,000
2) Payback of membership loans	8,250
3) Miscellaneous building and site requirements	3,826
4) Parking lot	24,000
5) Memorials and memorial plaques	<u>6,000</u>
Total balance of outstanding obligations	\$54,076
Cash balance on hand	<u>4,183</u>
Additional funds required	\$49,893

At this point, we wish to make a special note that this total building program was a series of unbelievable accomplishments; the most noteworthy of which is the completion of a building which has a replacement value in excess of a half million dollars by a small parish, without borrowing any money from any financial institution. The relatively small obligations will be met; meanwhile, your church is secure and free of any discomfort from any financial institution.

Satisfaction of Outstanding Obligations

In order to satisfy the outstanding \$49,893, the Building Committee established a Building Program Financial Steering Committee. The committee's responsibility is to implement the necessary fund raising programs to satisfy the outstanding obligations. Arthur Simonian will serve as chairman of the committee and the following persons have been added to the Building Committee as members of the Building Program Financial Steering Committee: Rose Badrigian, John Chiloyan and Queenie Hovanessian.

Maintenance of Building

Our new church is in every respect second to none. Built to the design and specifications of the architect, Ramon Hovsepian, it is structurally sound and outstanding in its architectural character. We have incorporated features which are already the admiration of all who have seen them and may very well be adopted by other churches in the future. These include the stairs across the bema, the cantilever canopy over the altar, the devotional room and the intercom system. In depth, consideration was given to every functional and aesthetic detail. It is, therefore, essential that after this great effort, the structural, functional or aesthetic values of this building not be jeopardized.

The Building Committee, therefore, proposes that a Building Fixtures and Decore Review Committee be instituted. The purpose of the committee will be to insure that additions and modifications to the fixtures or decore of the building are in accordance with the needs, good taste and theme of the building and church. Fixtures are to include items such as furniture, lights, ceremonial or religious articles, etc.

The committee's function will be:

- 1) Determine required items and needs for the church which are suitable as donations.
- 2) Review offers for donations to the church and insure that donations are in harmony with the objectives of the committee.

The committee's organization will be:

- 1) Reports to the Parish Council
- 2) Made up of three (3) persons not on Parish Council and one (1) person from the Parish Council
- 3) Term of office: 2 years

Implementation of above by the Parish Council.

Acknowledgements

Obviously, the success of a task as complex as this building program is the result of physical and financial participation by many. This great effort was successfully accomplished thru the building program organization with major participation by many who were not part of the building program's organized bodies.

In token of the committee's recognition of the many services rendered, we gratefully make the following acknowledgements. This is a token recognition and does not include many others who contributed their time and efforts in various ways.

Our gratitude and thanks to Mr. Gregory Abrahamian who served as construction coordinator of the building program. His efforts resulted in a total savings in excess of \$100,000, the donation of the adjoining property which is now an attractive spacious parking lot and many other personal services. In appreciation of his immeasurable service, the church auditorium was named the John and Mary Abrahamian Auditorium. The auditorium, hereafter, will be referred to by its proper name and no longer as the church hall.

We congratulate Mr. Harry Azarigian on assuming the office of Godfather of our new church and thank him for his many generous financial acts and personal services.

Mr. Leon Hovhanesian and his committee for making the final major move of the furniture and fixtures from Erwin Place to the new church.

Mr. John Maljanian and the members of his conscientious weekly work details who policed the site regularly as well as participated in the many major physical projects.

Mr. Peter Egazarigian and Mr. Alan Waite for donating their personal skills whenever needed.

Mr. Peter Bagdigian/^{Sr.}who assumed the duties of a site superintendent and oversaw and directed the many activities through the final phase of building completion as well as after the consecration.

Miss Carol DerBoghossian for preparing a pictorial documentary of the consecration activities.

The artists whose talents added to the success of the consecration banquet: Mr. Juan Nazarian, pianist; Mr. Philip DerMargosian, vocalist; and Mrs. Maro Donabedian, pianist.

Our architect, Mr. Ramon Hovsepien, of the firm of Millett & Hovsepien, not only for the professional excellence he gave us in our new church, but also the patient guidance and concern he displayed throughout the program.

The membership of our church, the non-member Armenians and the non-Armenians who gave their generous financial, physical and moral support, as well as the many generous professional services rendered.

All of its sub-committee members who carried out their specific tasks so well. Your performance insured the successful outcome of the many programs of the overall plan.

Although all of the Building Committee members worked unselfishly for many months toward the successful completion of our building program, the chairman, hereby wishes to give recognition and extend the committee's appreciation to the following whose responsibilities required some unique demands:

Sarah Yagoobian, committee secretary, who diligently maintained the detailed records of all Building Committee meetings through the years of the Building Committee's activities. She also served as chairman of the memorial book committee.

Hurach Azarigian, committee treasurer, who maintained on a professional level all of the financial records and transactions. Only a professional of his

calibre could have maintained the excellent financial control over the hundreds of transactions involving thousands of dollars which our treasurer's books reflect.

Arthur Simonian, committee financial planner and memorials coordinator. His financial plans served as guidelines within which the building program always maintained a financially sound position. His efforts were a significant factor in raising over \$100,000 thru the memorials program.

Our building program and its successful completion is a unique accomplishment - unknown, unbelievable but admired by all Armenians and non-Armenians.

Every detail of the entire program was well planned, organized, controlled and implemented in a professionally disciplined manner. In conclusion, we would like to introduce you to the formal organization of your building program:

BUILDING COMMITTEE

Reverend Vartan DerAssadourian, President
Stephan DerMargosian, Chairman
Sarah Yagoobian, Secretary
Hurach Azarigian, Treasurer
Gregory Abrahamian
Harry Badrigian
Monty Bagdigian
Peter Bagdigian, Sr.
Gail Gregory
Given Hoosigian
Harry Hougas
Arthur Simonian
Edward Simonian
Wilford Swisher
Vartouhi Yessian

SUB-COMMITTEES

Architect's Committee

Stephan DerMargosian, Chairman
Gregory Abrahamian
Hurach Azarigian
Gail Gregory
Arthur Simonian

Ground-Breaking Campaign

Mary Abrahamian
Harry DerAssadourian
Stephan DerMargosian
Bagdassar Hovhanessian
Wilford Swisher
Elizabeth Vartanian

Membership Campaign Committee

Paul Abrahamian
Hurach Azarigian
Peter Bagdigian, Sr.
Stephan DerMargosian
Susan DerMargosian
Given Hoosigian
Leon Hovanesian
Queenie Hovhanessian
Charles Hovsepian, Jr.
Arthur Simonian
Lucy Simonian
Elizabeth Vartanian
Vartouhi Yessian

Mail Campaign

Given Hoosigian, Chairman
Hurach Azarigian
Gary Hovhanessian
Charles Hovsepian, Jr.

Buy-A-Brick Campaign

Lucy Simonian
Sharon Vartanian

Special Friends

Susan DerMargosian, Chairwoman
Stephan DerMargosian

Memorials

Sarah Yagoobian, Chairwoman
Mary Bogosian
Stephan DerMargosian
Gail Gregory
Given Hoosigian
Arthur Simonian

Consecration Fund-Raising Committee

Harry Hougas, Chairman
Harry DerAssadourian
Richard Kallajian
Lucy Simonian

Consecration Book and General Publicity

Wilford Swisher, Chairman
Mary Abrahamian
Armen Bagdigian
Edward V. DerAssadourian
Brenda DerMargosian
Martin Michalak
Ruth Swisher

Consecration Dance Committee

Bagdassar Hovhannessian, Chairman
Charles Hovsepian, Jr.
Richard Kallajian
Emil Mosey
Paul Ohanian

Consecration Weekend Co-Chairmen

Stephan DerMargosian
Given Hoosigian

Ceremonial Committee

Paul Abrahamian, Chairman
Fr. Vartan DerAssadourian
Sarkis Daouidlarian
Sarah Yagoobian

Saturday Afternoon Fair Committee

Gail Gregory, Chairwoman	Lucy Simonian
Gloria Azarigian	Elizabeth Vartanian
Seranoush Azarigian	Ruth Waite
Maryann Azarigian	Vartouhi Yessian
Helen Badrigian	Angel Yirigian
Margaret Bagdigian	
Eleanor Egazarian	
Takouhi Erikian	
Violet Galazan	
Naomi Girgorian	
Beverly Hoosigian	
Rita Hovanesian	
Henrietta Kallajian	
Roxie Maljanian	
Sonia Ohanian	
Alice Onanian	

Dignitaries Committee

Charles Avedisian, Chairman
Fr. Vartan DerAssadourian
Queenie Hovhanessian
George Simonian
Sharon Vartanian

Banquet Committee

Beverly Hoosigian, Chairwoman
Rose Badrigian, Co-Chairwoman
Harry Badrigian, Co-Chairman
George Simonian

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Vartan DerAssadourian, Pastor

Stephan DerMargosian
Chairman, Building Committee

Sarah Yagoobian, Secretary

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 BUILDING COMMITTEE TREASURER'S REPORT
 APRIL 1, 1977 THROUGH JANUARY 18, 1981

INCOME:

Sale of Erwin Place Property	\$100,000.00
Membership paid Building Fund Pledges	69,438.00
Interests-Certificate of Deposit & Treasury Bills	18,843.46
Interest - Savings Account	5,498.17
In Lieu of Flowers Donations	14,062.13
General Building Fund Contributions	36,719.65
Memorial Contributions	100,025.00
Men's Club Contribution	9,249.88
Women's Guild Contribution	7,783.62
Choir Contribution	600.00
Mr. & Mrs. Club Contribution	500.00
ACYOA Contribution	500.00
Groundbreaking Book	10,556.00
Buy A Brick Campaign	6,310.00
Consecration Banquet Net Profit	3,081.77
Dances (2) Net Profit	1,497.24
Consecration Book Income	6,145.00
Sale of Jewelry	214.65
Sale of Old Equipment	150.00
Insurance from Broken Window	765.00
IEM Dividend	15.48
Membership Loans (To be Repaid)	8,250.00
Borrowed from Parish Council	20,000.00
Special Contribution - SJC Corp.	20,000.00

TOTAL INCOME TO DATE

\$440,205.05

In addition to the above, the Building Committee received a gift of Nine (9) Shares of IEM Stock which has an approximate value at this time of \$540.00

EXPENSES:

Building Construction to Date	\$334,241.80
Site Work to Date	5,667.95
Major Furnishings to Date	37,394.20
Religious Articles to Date	960.56
Architect Fee - Partial	12,000.00
Permits & Fees	656.00
Construction Insurance	2,136.00
Construction Supervision	1,550.00
Utility Services	1,400.20
Security Services	520.00
Rental of Equipment	1,826.50
Telephone	407.60
Printing & Photography	9,069.20
Postage, Envelopes & Post Office Box	1,929.87
Advertising	259.58
Travel	105.28
Trash Removal (One Time Only)	60.00
Treasurer's Supplies	42.26
Bank Charge for Printed Checks	11.48
Miscellaneous	183.50
Rent of Erwin Place Property	5,600.00
Purchase of Extra Lot	20,000.00

TOTAL EXPENSES TO DATE

\$436,021.98

Cash Balance in Treasury, 1/18/81

\$ 4,183.07

SPECIAL NOTES

- (1) The Building Committee paid the rent on the Erwin Place property because the proceeds of the sale of the Erwin Place property were turned over to the Building Committee and it was agreed that the Committee would pay the rent during construction of the new church.
- (2) The \$20,000.00 paid for the purchase of the extra lot is offset by the special contribution of \$20,000.00 from the SJC Corp.

Cash Balance in Treasury, 1/18/81

\$ 4,183.07

Unpaid Items:

Heating System	(1,735.00)
Glass Work	(1,271.00)
New Thresholds	(50.79)
Refurbishing of Religious Articles	(520.00)
Architect Fee - Balance	(12,000.00)
Membership Loans to be Repaid	(8,250.00)
Kitchen Equipment & Other Memorials - Estimated	(4,000.00)
Memorial Plaque in Narthex - Estimated	(2,000.00)
Sidewalk Balance - Estimated	(250.00)
Parking Lot & Driveway - Estimated	(24,000.00)

CASH DEFICIT 1/18/81

\$(49,893.72)

SPECIAL NOTES

(1) Total Membership Pledges	\$72,663.00
Total Paid to Date	<u>(69,468.00)</u>
Unpaid as of 1/18/81	<u>\$ 3,195.00</u>
(2) Membership Loans	\$41,000.00
Converted to Memorials	<u>(30,750.00)</u>
Repaid in 1980	<u>(2,000.00)</u>
Balance to be Paid	<u>\$ 8,250.00</u>