

Annual Meeting 1980

Report of the Diocesan Delegate

The 77th Annual Diocesan assembly Was held May 3,4, and 5, 1979 at the Sts Vartanantz Church , Chelmsford Mass. Unfortunately your delegat became hospitalized just prior to that time and was unable to attend.

We have received a copy of the minutes and it is available for examination. There were few issues of any significance but the following highlights may of interest to our members.

1. There was an attempt to standardize the names of churches in much the same manner we altered our name, for uniformity and better public revognition. It was concluded that each church retain their identity according to how they are registered in their respective jurisdictions rather than go through a wholesale name changing schme.
2. There is a continuing shortage of clergymen throughout the whole of North America. Communities are springing up faster than the supply of clergymen can be prepared.
3. The situation in Canada was discussed in great detail. I concluded from the m minutes that if we really want to know what is happening we will have to getdeepy involved. Suffice it to say there has been a question of establishing a third diocese in the North American continent.
4. The saatus of the St Nerses seminary is still up in the air , so to speak. Lack of students, interest etc have temporarily slowed activity.
5. There was considerable preoccupation with the financing and staffing of the cathedral center complex and its activities.
6. The site and date of the 1980 assembly was set to be New York in early May to coincide with the visit of the Vehapar. Now that has been delayed to the end of May and to Washington. Barring unforeseen circumstances, your delegat plans to attend.

Respectfully submitted

