

Armenian Church of the Holy Ascension
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Highlights of the 84th Annual Diocesan Assembly

The 84th annual Diocesan Assembly was held on the first week of May, 1986 at the St. Mesrob Armenian Church in Racine, Wisconsin.

The major event of the Assembly was the re-election of his Eminence, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian as the Primate of the Eastern Diocese.

Of the one hundred thirty-four (134) delegates voting, he received one hundred and four (104) votes for his sixth term.

On the Unity Issue, the general expression was to continue to seek the unity of the Armenian churches under the leadership of Holy Etchmiadzin.

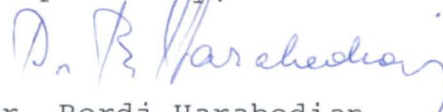
The Primate proposed an internship program for young people of college age who would come to the Diocesan Headquarters and work with the Diocesan Staff.

The proposal of the ordination of qualified women to Deacon was passed by the Assembly and will be implemented upon the approval of His Holiness, Vasken I.

At the annual assembly banquet "Friends of the Armenians" award was presented to Senator William Proxmire and Congressman Les Aspin.

The site for the 1987 Diocesan Assembly will take place at St. Mark Armenian Church, Springfield, Mass.

Respectfully,



Dr. Berdj Harabedian
Delegate