

HOLY TRINITY ARMENIAN CHURCH  
PARISH COUNCIL  
CHAIRMAN'S FINAL REPORT  
1967

Since the interim Parish Assembly held in October last, we are pleased to report that the Parish Council has successfully concluded its activities for 1967. As every one will recall with gratification, 1967 was truly a memorable year. Canada's Centennial was celebrated throughout the land and our community is proud of the privilege to have participated in these festivities and to have been able to make a modest yet useful contribution on this historic occasion.

On February 16th next a delegation will visit Ottawa and present a set of historical and literary books to the National Library; this presentation will receive wide publicity through T.V., radio and the press. Similar presentations will be made to the Toronto Central and the University of Toronto libraries.

The past year, however, was significant in more ways than one. We had the honour of welcoming the Primate of our Diocese early last December and during his visit we witnessed the elevation ceremony of our beloved Pastor, Very Rev. Father Jirayr, to the order of Vartabed which was conferred in recognition of his dedicated and devoted services rendered to our Parish. In mid-December we had the good fortune of welcoming His Grace Bishop Vatche Hovsepian, the first Vicar-General for Canada. The arrival of His Grace in our midst promises far reaching and unlimited potentials for all the parishes under his administration. His dedicated zeal and talent for organizing are truly remarkable. In a short time he has already introduced several reforms and improvements which will be most beneficial for us. The Community has welcomed him open heartedly and has been struck by his cheerful disposition, extreme modesty and dynamic personality.

Your Parish Council unanimously proclaims its loyalty to His Grace and assures him its wholehearted collaboration in upholding the sacred traditions of our Church and to work towards the improvement and consolidation of the Parish Schools and other dependent organizations, as well as maintaining the closest harmony between the community and the Church. We feel we must express to our Primate, His Grace Bishop Torkom, our deepest gratitude for his foresight in the timely appointment of a vicar-general for Canada and our sincere appreciation for selecting His Grace Bishop Vatche.

Meetings. The Parish Council held 47 meetings since taking office last year. At all times collaboration between council members was close, cordial and harmonious. The same atmosphere prevailed at all meetings with the executives of the auxiliary organizations. I take this opportunity of expressing my sincere gratitude to all my colleagues for their unflinching support and solidarity in the Parish Council as well as to all the executives of the various committees for their collaboration.

Dues paying members. The total to-date has reached 206 which can be considered satisfactory; but we believe we are still far from our maximum potential. Nevertheless, we are hopeful that during the current year we shall be favoured with a better response.

Telephone Directory. Very shortly the Parish telephone directory will be ready for distribution. Unfortunately our letters soliciting for ads did not receive the anticipated response. Once again we make a final appeal to all our friends in business.

Finance The attached audited statement portrays the financial position of the church which is satisfactory on the whole. Since the last Parish Assembly the Church mortgage was further reduced by \$1,000 and now stands at \$6,000.- It is hoped that this amount will, at least, be halved by the end of the current year, under normal conditions. On the other hand, we can do even better; we appeal to one and all in the community to dedicate the year 1968 to 'write off the church mortgage year'. The target is not an impossible one, in fact quite attainable by the 15th Anniversary celebration of our church. Let us all work towards this goal during the coming months.

General. The Parish Council expresses its sincere thanks and appreciation to:

Mr. A. Cavouk, Dr. N. Coylanli, Mr. E. Eudemishlian, Mr. A. Sarian and Mr. V. Vartanian - all members of the Nominating Committee who have worked indefatigably during the past 4 weeks to find candidates for the Parish Council elections.

Mr. S. Adourian for his tireless efforts as Chairman of the Kohar Kasparian concert 'Sale of tickets and publicity committee'. And of course for being the heart and soul of the Church Picnic committee.

Mr. Y. Bogadjian as chairman of the cultural committee for the special programme presented in memory of Yoghishe Charentz.

The Parish Council of the Armenian Evangelical Church for their co-operation in accommodating the kindergaten classes in their Church Hall.

The Principal, Mrs. D. Artinian, and teaching staff of the Parish Schools, the deacons, choirmaster and choir.

Finally to all our generous members of the community for their unceasing support and kind co-operation go our deepest gratitude.

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