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His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate of The Eastern Diocese
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Your Eminence :

I write this in continuation to the telephone discussion we had yesterday on the following matters:

1. Permanent Pastor

Unfortunately the discussions and negotiations with Rev. Zenob Nalbandian did not produce the desired results. The Parish Council decided to terminate these discussions with Rev. Nalbandian at its last session. We shall write to him soon and send a copy of our letter to your Eminence for your reference. At the same time we shall propose other candidates, so that they may be considered in the hope that a suitable Pastor will be found and appointed for Toronto in the near future.

2. Draft Agreement for Land Purchase

We are waiting receipt of the final comments and observations from the Diocese in the matter as soon as possible, so that we may pursue the negotiations with Armen-Ontario/AGBU for purchase of the land, to its logical conclusion.

3. WCC - Sixth Assembly in Vancouver

As mentioned on the phone I have prepared a draft of the resolution on the Armenian Genocide/Question, for presentation at the WCC-Sixth Assembly at Vancouver from July 24-August 10, 1983; and enclosed herewith a copy of the same for your immediate reference.

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I am of the opinion that our best chance of success at the WCC-Sixth Assembly would be to have the resolution proposed and seconded by friends and well-wishers from sister churches, and cultivate as much support from the general membership of the WCC; before the resolution is introduced on the floor of the Sixth Assembly, to insure success of our cause.

For this purpose I am preparing a topical booklet on the "Armenian Genocide/Question" with the help of our NOR SEROUNI editorial staff, and trust that the same will be helpful in giving suitable background information to everyone interested in the Armenian Question.

Furthermore it is agreed that the Armenian Church and People should stand united in this all-important and all-embracing matter which concerns every living Armenian throughout the world. We should, therefore, all work together with humility and in a spirit of cooperation towards the achievement of our objectives to insure success of our efforts.

Looking forward to meeting Your Eminence and the other participants at Vancouver soon,

Yours respectfully,

Caro Martin
Chairman, Parish Council

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