

EXPLANATIONS

In order to achieve the goal of the ACYOA, which is to reach, instruct, guide, and assist young adults to grow as Armenian Christians, and to lead and support the church, we must increase our personal contact and our programs.

I am asking for large increase in these ~~is~~^{two} areas because during 1987 and early 1988, our intensified efforts in these two areas have brought satisfying results. We have brought more people into the organization, and they are attending our programs. (Examples: General Assembly/Sports Weekend - Detroit, New England Regional Meeting, Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting, Cultural Weekend, and Christian Leadership Weekend)

The funds to achieve these initial successes are extraordinary, in that they came from our own fundraisers, and we cannot assume the annual ~~availability~~^{responsibility} of funding. We need a permanent and strong commitment to the development of youth programs.

Programs such as Cultural Weekend and Christian Weekend cost approximately \$8,000. We have four programs like these planned for 1988 which all fall into the category of Christian, Cultural, and Educational. In 1988, the programs are national, which limits participation to those who can travel. Therefore, in 1989, we would like to regionalize some programs so we can reach areas like the Midwest and Southeast, in addition to maintaining our efforts in the Mid-Atlantic and New England regions. Thus, we have asked for \$50,000 to accomplish these goals.

In order to inform, guide, assist, and administrate, we have asked for \$5,000 for visitations, \$2,000 for meetings, and \$1,000 for advertising.

This budget request is in accordance with a proposal which was passed at the 1987 General Assembly, which reads, "Be it proposed that the 1987 ACYOA General Assembly direct the Central Council to present to the Diocesan Council a proposal for the funding of ACYOA programming for the fiscal years 1988 and 1989. Said proposal must include program specifications and budgeting ~~and~~ must be submitted to Diocesan Council in time to be presented on the agenda for the 1988 Diocesan Assembly."