

# National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA



## MEMORANDUM

January 5, 1996

Office of the  
General Secretary

To: His Holiness, Catholicos Karekin I  
His Eminence, Archbishop Barsamian

From: Eileen W. Lindner *EWL*  
Associate General Secretary for Christian Unity

Re: **Dinner at Joan Campbell's home on January 11**

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The purpose of this memo is simply to provide you with a listing of those who will be in attendance at our dinner at The Rev. Dr. Joan Brown Campbell, the General Secretary of the National Council of the Churches, at 468 Riverside Dr. at 6:30 p.m. on January 11th. I hope these brief references will be of some usefulness to you.

Your host for that evening is, of course, The Rev. Dr. Joan Brown Campbell, who was recently re-elected to a second term as General Secretary of the National Council of Churches and who served as head of the delegation to Yerevan last April.

**Bishop and Mrs. Craig Anderson** -- Bishop Anderson is the President-Elect of the National Council of Churches, and will begin a two-year term as our President in January, 1998. He is from the Episcopal Church and serves as President of General Theological Seminary here in New York City.

**The Rev. Dr. Gordon Sommers** -- Immediate Past-President of the National Council of Churches and the head of communion for the Moravian Church in America (Northern Province).

**Bishop and Mrs. James Mathews** -- Retired Bishop of the United Methodist Church. It is Bishop Mathews who will make the presentation to Your Holiness of a gift for the support of the seminary in Etchmiadzin.

**Father Leonid Kishkovsky** -- A former President of the National Council of Churches and priest of the Orthodox Church in America.

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**Rev. and Rev. Dr. John (Eileen) Lindner** -- I serve as Associate General Secretary for Christian Unity of the National Council Churches and helped organize the April visit to Yerevan. John serves as Director of the Ecumenical Development Initiative, a fund development resource jointly sponsored by the World Council of Churches and the National Council of Churches located here in New York.

**The Rev. Dr. Albert M. Pennybacker** -- President of the Ecumenical Development Initiative and a member of the delegation which traveled to Yerevan last April.

**Rev. Dr. Randolph Nugent** -- Director of the Board of Global Mission of the United Methodist Church. He was instrumental in assisting Bishop Mathews in securing the grant to be given to the seminary.

**The Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Bruce (Carol) Robbins** -- Bruce serves as Ecumenical Officer for the United Methodist Church.

**The Rev. and Mrs. Wesley (Karin) Granberg-Michaelson** -- Wesley is the head of communion of the Reformed Church in America. Karin has served as adjunct staff to the World Council of Churches and is an author of a volume on spirituality and healing.

**The Rev. Dr. V. Bruce Rigdon** -- Pastor of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, Grosse Pointe, Michigan. A patristic scholar and the primary organizer of the April visit to Yerevan.

**The Rev. and Mrs. Paul (Dede) Wilson** -- Paul serves as Director of the Europe Office of the National Council of Churches, and visited Yerevan in April. Dede is on the staff of Church World Service and Witness Unit of the National Council of Churches.

In addition to these guests, of course, we anticipate hosting those who will be traveling with Your Holiness and Your Eminence.

We have scheduled this evening as an informal, festive and candid conversation among friends with a long history in the ecumenical movement. For that reason there is no particular plan for the evening. However, we have planned in broad outline the following:

**6:30 p.m.** Cocktails and reception, which will provide an opportunity for introductions and for the presentation of the gift from the NCCC for the seminary by Bishop Mathews

- 7:30 p.m.** Dinner with Bishop Craig Anderson being asked to offer a blessing before the meal
- 9:00 p.m.** Completion of dinner  
Archbishop Barsamian will be asked to offer a blessing following the dinner
- 10:00 p.m.** Conclusion of our conversation and the evening. His Holiness Karekin I will be asked to offer a closing Benediction

These times, of course, are only approximate. It is our pleasure to host Your Holiness and Your Eminence. The conclusion of the evening may be at whatever time best suits you and your rigorous travel schedule.

Should there be questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me. We very much look forward to greeting you next week.

cc: G. Kochakian

To: Msgr. McCarthy  
From: Dn. Aren Jebejian  
Date: January 4, 1996  
Re: Invitation list

Please find enclosed the Pontifical Entourage list. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me at 686-0710.

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