

1 **MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 2, 1996 WOMEN'S GUILD CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING**

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3 The second meeting of the 1996-97 Central Council was held at the Diocese on November 2, 1996.  
4 Present were Yerezgin Patricia Buttero, Chairman; Yerezgin Violet Kasparian, Vice-Chairman;  
5 Yerezgin Aurora Jebejian, Recording Secretary; Araxy Gokberk, Corresponding Secretary; Ann  
6 Ajemian, Treasurer; Yerezgin Anahid Kalayjian, Assistant Treasurer; and Claire Bardakian, Advisor.  
7 Absent were Lilly Bouroujian Thomas and Nevart Marashlian, Advisors. Also present was Julie  
8 Ashekian, Coordinator of CASP and Father Garabed Kochakian, Chancellor of the Diocese. Fr. Garabed  
9 read from the Gospel of St. Luke and offered prayers at 10:40 a.m.

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11 Yerezgin Aurora Jebejian read the minutes of July 20, 1996. The following corrections were made:

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13 page 2 - Under Corresponding Secretary's Report - The last sentence should read

14 "Yerezgin Violet will send Nancy Basmajian a letter of appreciation for the Assembly

15 program she presented."

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17 page 4 - Under Pilgrimage - The sentence should read "an additional \$150.00 was collected for

18 each person."

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20 page 4 - Under Saints Day-Altar Paintings - The sentence should read:

21 "Yerezgin Aurora suggested that mission parishes be visited by some of the W.G.C.C.

22 members, especially since next year's theme throughout the Diocese is Mission Outreach.

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24 A motion was made and seconded and passed to accept the minutes as corrected.

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26 Yerezgin Patricia Buttero welcomed the Central Council and Father Garabed Kochakian. She asked

27 that we add the following items to our agenda: Old and New Business, Assembly, Proposals, and

28 Pilgrimage. The Central Council congratulated Father Kochakian on the occasion of the twentieth

29 Anniversary of his Ordination to the priesthood and his receiving the right to wear the flowered

30 pheloneon. The Council extended its good wishes to Father Michael Buttero on his recent

31 retirement. Condolences were expressed to Yerezgin Violet Kasparian on the passing of her mother.

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33 A discussion was held on the proper procedure to gain entrance into the Diocesan complex for

34 meetings. Father Garabed suggested that the 34th Street entrance is the most direct when all other

35 doors are locked. Yerezgin Buttero presented the Council with a bill from the Diocesan office for

36 coffee and doorman. Yerezgin Violet will write a letter to Mr. Frank Stoneson, Director of Facilities,

37 asking why we are being charged for the doorman. Father Garabed said he would also speak to

38 Frank Stoneson regarding this matter.

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41 **TREASURER'S REPORT**

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43 Ann Ajemian submitted the Treasurer's report (See Appendix A). She received a letter from

44 Guy Pontillo, Chief Financial Officer of the Diocese outlining Diocesan Guidelines and questions to

45 follow for all auxiliary organizations. The report is due December 31, 1996. After some discussion a

46 motion was made by Yerezgin Violet Kasparian to have all special accounts separate from our

47 working capital; for example, School Bag Project. Ann Ajemian seconded the motion, it passed.

48 The School Bag CD is to be rolled over; the dates are November 15, 1996 to February 14, 1997.

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50 Ann Ajemian will again contact the Hotel we stayed at last spring to delete the tax charged to us by

51 mistake.

52 A bank charge of \$96.05 will be explained at our next meeting in January.

53 A correction on the Treasurer's report was made; Camp Noubar should read "St. Vartan Camp". Also

54 Saints Day account is the same as the report given at the June meeting.

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56 Transportation mileage is thirty cents a mile.

1 **ASSISTANT TREASURER'S REPORT**

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3 Yeretzgin Anahid Kalayjian presented her report (See Appendix B). She reported that eleven  
4 Guilds have not paid their dues, she has sent reminders. Yeretzgin Anahid questioned the  
5 status of all the mission parishes to whether they are capable of remitting dues. It was explained  
6 that at this time they are not. Yeretzgin Violet will call the Diocese and send Diocesan Directories  
7 to the Council members that do not have one.

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10 **SAINTS DAY**

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12 Araxy Gokberk , Chairman of Saints Day reported that she, Yeretzgin Violet, and Nevart Marashlian  
13 sent a letter to Chairmen to help evaluate Saints Day. She had three guilds respond to her request,  
14 the comments were of a general type of suggestions. Araxy read the three letters, she will  
15 write a general letter to the Guilds thanking them for their input in evaluating Saints Day. She  
16 will give them more guidelines. Araxy will respond to St. David in Boca Raton, Fl. reminding  
17 them that Saints Days are not celebrated on Sunday. We were also reminded that during Lent  
18 Saints are not commemorated during the week. We are asked to encourage the Guilds to plan  
19 Saints Day on Saturdays during Lent. Also to have an appropriate program which is designated  
20 according to the Saint chosen by the Primate. Father Garabed presented the letter dated November 7, 1996  
21 which designates the Saints Nooneh and Maneh, holy women who have borne witness to the  
22 missionary work and zeal in the early days of the formation of the Armenian Church. Saints Day will  
23 be on March 1, 1997, the theme will be Mission and Outreach. Father Garabed felt that  
24 resource material is lacking at the local level. The Saints Day Committee names should be the  
25 contact names if a parish needs help in planning a program. The speakers expenses should be  
26 covered by the local Guild.

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28 Araxy will mail a copy of the Saints Day guideline to the new members of the Central Council.

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31 **CELEBRATORY BANQUET FOR THE PRIMATE**

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33 Father Garabed announced that a banquet honoring the Primate, Archbishop Khajag  
34 Barsamian on the occasion of the 25th Anniversary of His Ordination into the Priesthood of the  
35 Armenian Church. It will be held on Saturday, November 23, 1996 in Kavookjian Auditorium.  
36 It was suggested by Father Garabed that a congratulatory letter on behalf of W.G.C.C. be sent. Proceeds  
37 from this event will be dedicated to Mission and Outreach programs in our Diocese. A motion was  
38 made by Yeretzgin Violet Kasparian to send a check for \$250.00 on the occasion of the 25th  
39 Anniversary of the Primate as a donation to the Mission and Outreach Endowment Fund.  
40 The motion was seconded by Ann Ajemian. The motion passed. Yeretzgin Violet will write the  
41 letter to the Primate.

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43 At this point Patriarch Torkom Manoogian and the Primate entered our meeting. We welcomed the  
44 Patriarch and invited him to take a picture with us. The meeting recessed for a short period.  
45 The meeting resumed with Yeretzgin Violet Kasparian presiding until Yeretzgin Patricia Buttero returned.

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47 Yeretzgin Aurora Jebejian will send a set of address labels of the Chairmen of the Guilds to Father Garabed  
48 for a Saints Day mailing.

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51 **CASP**

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53 Yeretzgin Patricia reported that the Coordinator of CASP, Julie Ashekian and her husband, Clement  
54 will be presented the St. Nersess Shnorhali Medal by the Primate, Archbishop Khajag Barsamian,  
55 on behalf of His Holiness, Karekin I, Catholicos of All Armenians in recognition and appreciation  
56 for their assistance to Armenia and the Mother See of Etchmiadzin through the Children of Armenia  
57 Sponsorship Program on Friday, November 15, 1996 in Hartford, CT. Vespers will be at 7:30 PM and a  
58 reception will follow. Yeretzgin Violet Kasparian will send a letter of congratulations on behalf of the  
59 Central Council.

1 Julie Ashekian, the CASP Coordinator reported that the \$77,000 from Christopher Djihanian of  
2 California has been delivered to Armenia. She also reported that the accounts have enough money  
3 through March. The donation money is supporting the administrative expenses. Sponsors are notified  
4 at the beginning of the month and then around the 15th of the month. Donation monies are mainly  
5 used for the four orphanages. Father Garabed referred George Steiner to Julie. Mr. Steiner is director  
6 of Children's Hope Chest. Children's Hope Chest focuses on children over 18, they provide camps,  
7 health aid and establish half-way homes for children of orphanages. The Children's Hope Chest is  
8 going to Armenia to explore and investigate the possibilities of helping. Julie will contact Mr. Steiner  
9 and help as needed.

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11 She applied for a grant through the John Garabedian Foundation in Fresno, California. This grant is  
12 for children's educational programs.

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14 Through FAR, Julie has sent 35,000 Children's aspirins to Armenia. One of the sponsors is going to  
15 donate hair dyes and hair removal products.

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17 A discussion followed as to the future of the CASP program. We need to study how to obtain grants.

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19 At our January meeting, a Penny Campaign will be discussed.

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## 22 MISSION AND OUTREACH

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24 Yeretzgin Aurora spoke about the possibility of holding our Central Council meeting in parishes  
25 where there are weak Guilds or no Guilds at all. We would interact with the Guild, hold vesper  
26 services, have meetings, and present "Guilds in motion". It was suggested that we have one a year.  
27 Some Guilds were suggested. If one were held in Richmond then the mission parishes in that area  
28 could be invited. Chemisford and Haverhill were also mentioned. Father Garabed asked that a  
29 committee bring a time schedule to the January meeting with suggestions for a pilot program. Claire  
30 Bardakian and Yeretzgin Aurora Jebejian will serve on the committee and plan the agenda. Each will  
31 outline the day, and then compare the two outlines.

32 Father Garabed announced that regional meetings are being planned, the first to be held in the  
33 New England area on November 15. Father Garabed suggested that somehow we bridge the  
34 established parishes and Guilds to mission parishes and their Guilds. A parish Guild would adopt a  
35 weak or mission parish Guild. The program would be called "Traveling Women of Faith".

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## 38 PILGRIMAGE

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40 Julie Ashekian presented the financial report of the 1996 Pilgrimage to Armenia. (See Appendix C)

41 It was suggested that we plan another pilgrimage in either June or September of 1997.

42 Yeretzgin Violet made a motion that the W.G.C.C. plan another Pilgrimage to Armenia in 1997.

43 Also that the \$650.00 in the Pilgrimage Fund be left in the present account and that it be used as seed  
44 money. Yeretzgin Anahid seconded the motion. It passed.

45 Seven people have already indicated their desire to be on the trip. Julie will check on the date of the  
46 Young Professionals and then announce the trip in the our Newsletter.

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## 49 GUILD PINS

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51 Nevart Marshlian sold 40 pins and has 36 pins out on consignment.

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## 53 GUILDS IN MOTION

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55 Claire Bardakian rewrote a new cover letter for the Guilds in Motion which was sent to Chairmen  
56 and Priests. Marilyn Larkin will include something on the Guilds in Motion for the Newsletter.

57 Claire will call Nancy Basmajian to see if there is a follow-up session for the 1997 Assembly.

1 **DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY**

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3 The 1998 Diocesan Assembly in New York City will be held a week later than previously announced.

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6 **ANNUAL REPORTS FROM THE GUILDS**

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8 Yeretzgin Aurora Jebejian suggested that the Annual Report submitted to the local parish councils be  
9 submitted to the W.G.C.C. in lieu of our Annual Trophy Award Report. It would be due on February 15, 1997.

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12 **BYLAWS**

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14 Rose Mekenian, Chairman of the Bylaws Committee was present. She reported that she had not received any  
15 comments from the Guilds regarding the August Draft sent to everyone. Rose thanked Yeretzgin Aurora  
16 for re-typing the entire Bylaws. We were reminded that the final draft must be sent out with the "Proposals  
17 Letter" on March 1, 1997.

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19 Yeretzgin Aurora Jebejian will send the Proposals Committee a proposal concerning Article IX, Section 2.  
20 The proposal as it stands does not state how long a guild member must be a church member before serving on  
21 the executive committee. In Article 7 of the Diocesan Bylaws it does read: "Members in good  
22 standing of a Parish Church, who are 18 years of age or over, may participate in the Assemblies of the same  
23 Parish and may vote, provided that at least six months have elapsed since they have registered and paid dues  
24 at the time of registration as members of the Parish. They may be eligible for office one year after becoming  
25 members, provided they have attained the age of 21."

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27 All proposals must be submitted by January 15, 1997.

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30 **LIAISON REPORTS**

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32 Yeretzgin Patricia reported that the mission parish in Ann Arbor, Michigan is becoming active and some  
33 materials were sent.

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35 It was reported that St. David, Boca Raton, Florida has three members serving on the Executive Board that  
36 are not Church dues-paying members. Article IX, Section 2 was discussed at some length.

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38 Yeretzgin Violet Kasparian made a motion to pay expenses of up to \$100.00 for Yeretzgin Aurora Jebejian to  
39 visit Houston, TX to help re-organize the Guild. It was seconded by Araxy Gokberk. It passed.

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41 Liaisons should remind their Guilds to send in names of newly elected officers.

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44 **SCHOOL BAGS**

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46 Yeretzgin Violet reported money is still coming in for the school bags. Items have been ordered and the  
47 bags will be assembled soon.

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49 The meeting adjourned at 4:45 PM.

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52 Respectfully submitted,

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57 Yeretzgin Aurora Jebejian

58 Recording Secretary



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APPENDIX A

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Begining Balance - January 1, 1996 \$10,926.40

**INCOME:**

Dues	3,282.00	
Assembly Registration	516.00	
Women Guild Pins	174.00	
School Bags Phase 11	5,035.00	
Saint's Day	2,812.61	
Guild Book Marks	10.00	
Guild Anniversary Donation	100.00	
Diocese of the Armenian Church	2,500.00	
Checking Account Interest	94.26	
<b>Total</b>		<b>14,623.87</b>
<b>Gross Income</b>		<b>25,550.27</b>

**EXPENSES:**

Travel	2,916.21	
Postage	481.13	
Printing/Mailing etc.	331.48	
Office supplies	360.10	
Telephone	256.81	
School Bags 11	4,082.45	
Assembly	649.96	
Transfere to Money Market acc't	2,500.00	
Misc. Newsletter's	200.00	
Guild Pins	945.50	
Guest Speaker	200.00	
DRE Camp <del>Nubar</del> <i>Varta</i>	500.00	
Eastgate Tower	353.41	
Certificates	53.75	
ACYOA Booklet	100.00	
Choir Booklet	100.00	
Bank Charges	96.05	
Misc. Total	2,548.71	
<b>Total Expense</b>		<b>14,127.33</b>

Ending Balance - September 31, 1996 11,422.94

Submitted by

*Ann Ajemian*  
Ann Ajemian, Treasurer  
Women's Guild Central Council

**Memo:**

WG Money Market 10,446.25  
School Bags CD 5,311.04



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#### SCHOOL BAG PROJECT 11

Ending Balance - January 1, 1996 \$10,393.00

INCOME:

Contributions - 1996 6,358.00  
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Gross Income 16,751.69

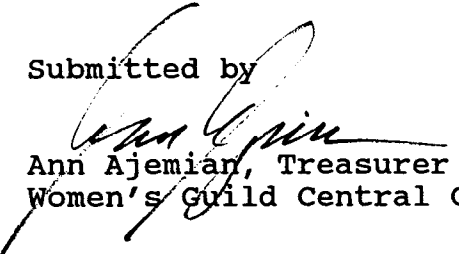
EXPENSES:

Canvas Bags 3,170.25  
Logo on Bags 912.20  
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Total 4,082.45

Ending Balance - September 31, 1996 ✓ 12,669.24

Submitted by

  
Ann Ajemian, Treasurer  
Women's Guild Central Council

MEMO:

Hudson City Savings (CD) 5,311.04  
WGCC Checking Account 7,388.20  
Total 12,699.24



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## SAINT'S DAY GIFT FUND

Beginning Balance - January 1, 1996 \$ 1,942.12

INCOME:

St. Mary's, Washington, D.C.	100.00
St. Thomas Church, Tenafly, N.J.	1,466.75
St. David, Boca Raton, FL.	50.00
St. George, Hartford, CT.	82.00
St. James, Richmond, VA.	55.00
Sts. Joachim & Anne, Palos Hts. IL	482.90
Sts. Sahag & Mesrob, Wynnewood, PA.	246.00
St. Gregory of Narek, Cleveland, OH.	304.96
St. Gregory of Binghamton, N.Y.	25.00

Total 2,812.61

Gross Income 4,754.73

EXPENSES

Diocese of the Armenian Church Department of Religious Education for Camp Vartan	500.00
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Total 500.00

Ending Balance - ~~June 28, 1996~~ <sup>Nov. 2, 1996</sup> 4,254.73

Submitted By

*Ann Ajemian*  
Ann Ajemian, Treasurer  
Women's Guild Central Council

## Women's Guild Central Council

Dues Received as of Oct. 31, 1996

GUILDS	1994	1995	1996
St. George, Hartford, CT	\$ 39.00	\$ 56.00	\$ 56.00
Holy Resurrection, New Britain CT	80.00	80.00	80.00
Holy Ascension, Trumbull, CT	100.00	100.00	.0
St. Mary, Washington, DC	200.00	150.00	140.00
St. John the Baptist, Miami, FL	.0	.0	26.00
St. David, Boca Raton, FL	106.00	118.00	104.00
St. Hagop, St. Petersburg, FL	.0	.0	48.00
St. Mary+ Holy Shoghagat, Belleville, IL	22.00	38.00	52.00
St. Gregory, Chicago, IL	24.00	20.00	20.00
St. James, Evanston, IL	58.00	30.00	30.00
St. Joachim & Anne, Palos Hts, IL	60.00	60.00	58.00
St. George, Waukegan, IL	30.00	30.00	34.00
Holy Trinity, Cambridge, MA	286.00	280.00	.0
Holy Trinity, Cambridge, MA (Seniors)	36.00	.0	66.00
Sts. Vartanantz, Chelmsford, MA	60.00	64.00	100.00
St. Gregory The Illuminator, Haverhill, MA	72.00	.0	.0
Holy Cross, Lawrence, MA	158.00	156.00	156.00
St. Mark, Springfield, MA	74.00	84.00	90.00
St. James, Watertown, MA (Seniors)	.0	.0	.0
St. James, Watertown, MA	250.00	300.00	400.00
Arm. Church of Our Savior, Worcester, MA	144.00	232.00	172.00
St. John, Southfield, MI	.0	.0	.0
St. Stepanos, Elberon, NJ	102.00	100.00	104.00
St. Leon, Fair Lawn, NJ	180.00	198.00	186.00
St. Mary, Livingston, NJ	46.00	40.00	.0
St. Thomas, Tenafly, NJ	254.00	270.00	270.00
Holy Cross, Union City, NJ	.0	140.00	140.00
Arm. Church Of Western Queens, NY	.0	.0	.0
Holy Martyrs, Bayside, NY	306.00	326.00	318.00
St. Gregory, Binghamton, NY	26.00	22.00	18.00
St. Gregory, New York, NY	50.00	.0	.0
Holy Cross, NY (Women's League)	48.00	48.00	40.00
Holy Cross, NY (Ladies Society)	90.00	.0	.0
St. Paul, Syracuse, NY	.0	44.00	46.00
St. Peter, Watervliet, NY	100.00	88.00	94.00
St. James, Westchester, NY	.0	28.00	70.00
St. Gregory of Narek, Cleveland, OH	72.00	72.00	68.00
Holy Trinity, Cheltenham, PA	70.00	80.00	.0
St. Sahag & St. Mesrob, Wynnwood, PA	.0	50.00	.0
St. Sahag & St. Mesrob, (L.A.), Prov. RI	12.00	120.00	120.00
St. Sahag & St. Mesrob, Prov., RI	.0	128.00	.0
St. Sarkis Arm. Church, Dallas, TX	44.00	56.00	64.00
St. Kevork, Houston, TX	40.00	.0	.0
St. James, Richmond, VA	60.00	70.00	72.00
St. John the Baptist, Greenfield, WI	.0	.0	32.00
Holy Resurrection, S. Milwaukee, WI	36.00	36.00	36.00
St. Mesrob, Racine, WI	58.00	90.00	.0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$3,393.00</b>	<b>3,804.00</b>	<b>\$3,280.00</b>

## Mission Parishes

St. Sarkis, Ocala, FL; Armenian Church Council of Atlanta, GA; Armenian cultural Assoc. of New Mexico; Armenian Church of Tennessee; St. Garabed, Orlando, FL

Yeretzgin A. Kalayjian, Assistant Treasurer



FINANCIAL REPORT

Women's Guild Central Council  
 Pilgrimage to Armenia  
 June 7-18, 1996

The group consisted of 13 members. The cost per member was \$1550. Due to change of airlines, and the trip being extended by one day, there was an additional cost of \$150 per member. This was paid directly to the travel agent through the efforts of Julie Ashekian, who collected this additional amount.

## Income

13 X \$1550=	\$20,150.00
Additional from non-group member of trip	<u>50.00</u>

TOTAL INCOME	\$20,200.00
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## Expenses

WGCC Postage for flyers (19X\$.32)	6.08
Application packets (11X\$.55)	6.05
Overnight to FAR and Utopia (2X\$10.75)	21.50
Telephone	24.37
Refreshments in Armenia for group	10.00
Gave to FAR (luggage)	<u>5.00</u>

TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$73.00-</u>
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Sub Total	\$20,077.00
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## Transfers

Check sent to FAR	11,024.00-
Check sent to Utopia Travel	<u>8,450.00-</u>

TOTAL TRANSFER	<u>\$19,474.00-</u>
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TOTAL (Profit)	\$653.00
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