

REPORT OF THE
Proposals and Amendments
Committee

Proposal 1

Submitted by the Palos Heights ACYOA Chapter.

Proposal to amend the ACYOA National Sports Weekend Rules and Regulations, Article 4 Section 2.

To eliminate the overall award for the chapter accumulating the most points during the sports competition, and therefore to retire the Babayan Cup.

ACCEPTED

Proposal 2

Submitted by Central Council
(Requires three-fourths approval of General Assembly).

In remembrance of the Armenian Martyrs, and in cooperation with the events commemorating the 70th Anniversary of the Victims of the Armenian Genocide of 1915 by the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America:

That - The ACYOA refrain from sponsoring in any way social events (i.e. dances, parties) on the local, regional, or national level during the month of April, 1985; and each year thereafter during the week of April 24th.

Yes

ACCEPTED

Proposal 3

Submitted by Central Council
(Requires three-fourths approval of General Assembly).

That the ACYOA Central Council ^{and chapters} pursue and cooperate with the various commemorative events to be sponsored by the Diocese of the Armenian Church during 1985, marking the 70th Anniversary of the Victims of the Armenian Genocide of 1915.

Yes

ACCEPTED

Proposal 4

Submitted by Central Council
(Requires three-fourths approval of General Assembly)

That the ACYOA make a donation to the Diocesan commemorative effort for the 70th Anniversary of the Victims of the Genocide of 1915. The donation would be on the Advisement of the Primate.

No

REJECTED

Proposal 4A

(Requires three-fourths approval of the General Assembly)

In the alternative to Proposal 4, the committee recommends the following proposed be adopted:

That the General Assembly direct the ACYOA Central Council to make a donation to the Diocesan Commemorative Effort for the 70th Anniversary of the Victims of the Genocide of 1915. The donation would be on the advisement of the Primate. And that it encourage its local chapters to make similar donations to their respective parishes.

Yes

ACCEPTED

Proposal 5

(Requires three-fourths approval of the General Assembly)

This committee recommends the adoption of the position drafted by the 1982 Diocesan Assembly condemning terrorism in all its forms.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

- I. Submitted by Watertown ACYOA Chapter. Proposed Amendment to Article 8, Section 8.

The President of the Chapter shall be the Pastor in charge of the local parish or such representative delegated by the Pastor and employed by the Parish for youth activities. The President of the Chapter shall have the responsibility of insuring all action taken by the Chapter or any of its committies is consistent with the objectives and policies of this Constitution. The President shall preside over the Chapter Annual Membership and Monthly Membership Meetings. In case of a tie in any voting, the President shall cast the deciding vote. In the event there is no local Pastor or Parish Council, the Chapter Chairman and ACYOA Central Council shall have these responsible.

REJECTED

The committee adopted an amendment striking the words "employed by" in Line 2 and inserting the word "serving" in its place.

ACCEPTED

Art. 10
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The Parish Youth Director, duly employed by the Parish, shall be an ex-officio delegate for youth activities to the General Assembly with the powers of an elected delegate.

Respectfully Submitted by the Proposals & Amendments Committee:

Sona Palvetzian (Central Council)
Michael Ypchaian (Watertown)
Ari Doghramadjian (Montreal)
Roseann Manoogian (Detroit)
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John Harpootian (Providence)
Kevin Giragosian (Palos Heights)

PROPOSALS ACCEPTED BY THE 1984 ACYOA ASSEMBLY

1. In remembrance of the Armenian Martyrs, and in cooperation with the events commemorating the 70th Anniversary of the victims of the Armenian Genocide of 1915 by the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America:

THAT: the ACYOA refrain from sponsoring in any way, social events (i.e. dances and parties) on the local, regional or national level during the month of April 1985; and each year thereafter during the week of April 24th.

THAT: the ACYOA Central Council and the Chapters pursue and cooperate with the various commemorative events to be sponsored by the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America during 1985, marking the 70th Anniversary of the victims of the Armenian Genocide of 1915.

THAT: the ACYOA General Assembly direct the ACYOA Central Council to make a donation to the Diocesan Commemorative effort for the 70th Anniversary of the victims of the Armenian Genocide of 1915. The donation would be on the advisement of the Primate. And that it encourages its local chapters to make similar donations to their respective parishes.
 2. THAT: the ACYOA Central Council and Executive Secretary promote, provide, and distribute materials to all parishes necessary for a Winter retreat to be held sometime in January of 1985, using the topic "lonliness", and Father Yeprem Kelegian as the resource. It is suggested that it be an overnight retreat, if possible using the facilities of an official retreat center.
 3. THAT: the ACYOA central Council and Executive Secretary promote, provide, and distribute materials necessary to all parishes for a Spring retreat to be held sometime in May of 1985, using the topic "hassles", and Father Yeprem Kelegian as the resource. It is suggested that it be an overnight retreat, if possible using the facilities of an official retreat center.
 4. THAT: the ACYOA Central Council and Executive Secretary promote, provide, and distribute materials necessary to all parishes to have "lenten dialogues" held once a week during Great Lent, using Arthur T. Sabounjian as the resource.
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To be considered at the ACYOA General Assembly:

PROPOSALS

- x. Restructuring of ACYOA (see enclosed sheet for details).
- y. That a national project be undertaken by the ACYOA consisting of financial support for the restoration of an Armenian Church which is currently in need of repair in Armenia. The specific church will be designated by His Holiness, Vasken I, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians. This will be an ongoing project for the ACYOA, and will be coordinated by present and future ACYOA administrations.

BIDS

To host the 1986 ACYOA National Sports Weekend - Philadelphia.
(See reverse side.)

BID TO HOST THE 1986 ACYOA NATIONAL SPORTS WEEKEND - Philadelphia



st. sahad and st. mesrob armenian church

July 22, 1985

Mr. James Magarian
ACYOA Executive Secretary
99 Long Pond Road
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Dear James:

On behalf of the Wynnewood ACYOA Seniors of Sts. Sahag & Mesrob Armenian Church, we would like to present a bid to Central Council and this year's delegates to host the 1986 ACYOA General Assembly & Sports Weekend from Wednesday, August 27 through Monday, September 1.

We have received proposals from three hotels, of which we find the Marriott to be the most promising. The 750-room hotel offers free shuttle service every hour to and from Philadelphia International Airport. They have also offered us our very own wing--consisting of 180 rooms, a courtyard, and a pool.

We have not yet selected an athletic facility, but have contacted 5-6 schools and universities which are within close proximity (10-15 minutes) to both the church and the hotel.

With regard to the package plan, it will most likely remain at \$75.00, unless we feel that the expenses we will incur would warrant an increase.

We feel that Philadelphia is one of the most centrally located cities among the parishes in our Diocese. We also feel long overdue to host this extravaganza as it has not been held in our city or anywhere else in the Mid-Atlantic region for close to 15 years.

Additionally, 1986 marks the 40th anniversary of our organization. We feel that this would be a perfect time to get as many of the chapters in the Mid-Atlantic region out to come to Sports Weekend for the first time.

Sincerely,

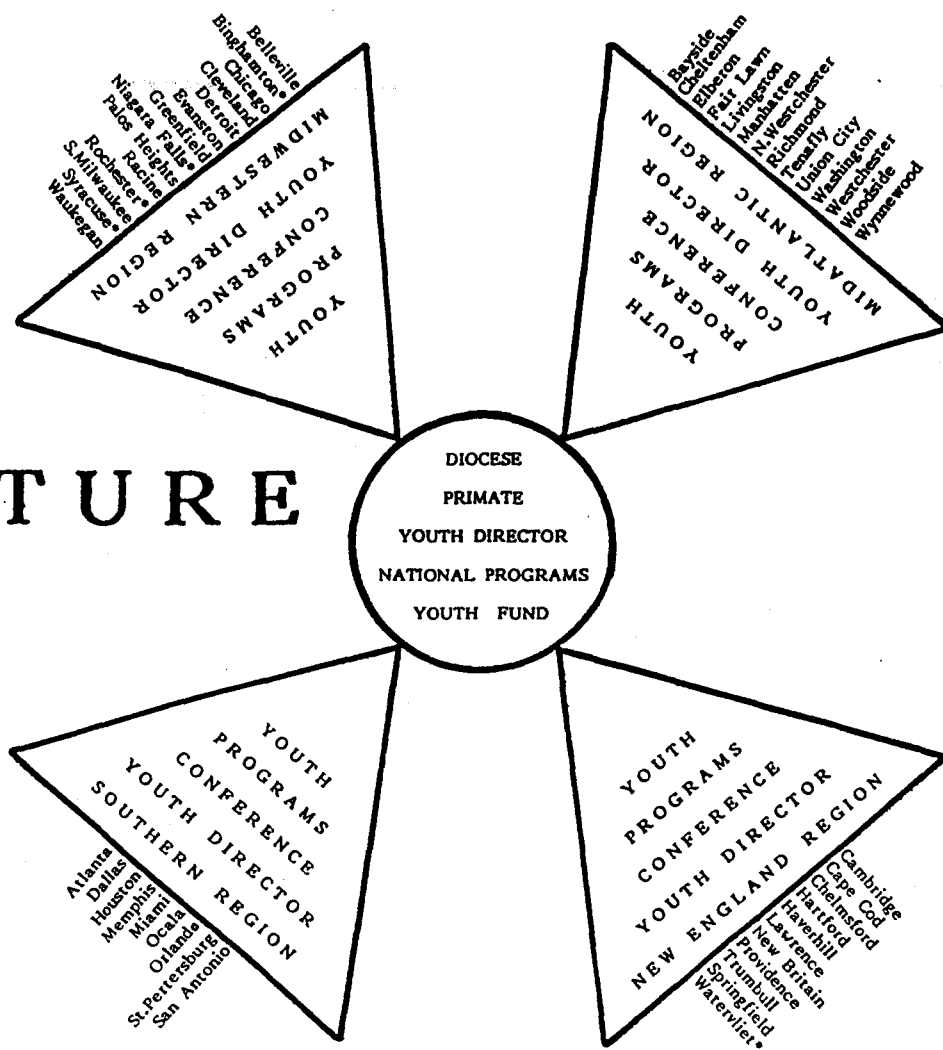
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A NEW STRUCTURE FOR ACYOA



Some Definitions.....

DIOCESE: A determined area of jurisdiction for the Church, headed by a ranking clergyman, usually a bishop or archbishop.

PRIMATE: Elected head or leader of a diocese, some of whose responsibilities include supervision of clergy, parishes, programs and education of the faithful.

YOUTH DIRECTOR: Appointed by the Primate to direct efforts in reaching the goals of the Diocese as pertains to youth and youth programming. Salaried.

NATIONAL PROGRAMS: Opportunities for youth to participate in the life of the Church, as well as grow morally, socially, spiritually and intellectually. Open to all young people of the Diocese.

YOUTH FUND: A restricted fund administered by the Diocese to finance staff and programs for youth. Contributors include the Diocesan budget, shared profits from national programs and regional programs, as well as donations.

REGION: A determined area consisting of Armenian communities and parishes. Usually following an accepted geographical area, but sometimes including selected communities due to their location.

REGIONAL YOUTH DIRECTOR: Appointed by the Primate to direct efforts in reaching the goals of the Diocese in a specific region as pertains to youth and youth programming. Works closely with parishes and utilizes the resources of the particular region.

REGIONAL CONFERENCE: Gathering of youth representatives of the various parishes of the region for the purpose of interaction, discussion on ideas for regional programs, sharing ideas and solving problems.

REGIONAL PROGRAMS: Opportunities for youth to participate in the life of the Church as well as interact with other youth in the region. Varied formats for diverse interests. Open to all youth.

YOUTH - CHAPTERS: The young people of the parish who wish to organize themselves for specific purposes. "Chapters" would follow the basics of the ACYOA Constitution, as it speaks to their local needs and situation.

PARISH YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES: Appointed or elected by the chapter, or parish if no chapter is organized. Represents the parish at regional conferences, as a participant in program development, sharing of ideas and problem solver.

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES: A young person of the region, elected or appointed, who, together with the Regional Youth Director, represents the region at the Annual Diocesan Youth Dialogue.

YOUTH DIALOGUE: Presided over by the Primate of the Diocese. Participants include the Diocesan Youth Director, Regional Youth Directors and Regional Youth Representatives. This workable group would address specific details concerning national programs, their rules and regulations, ongoing projects, and share ideas through their experiences in the region and in the Diocese as a whole. The Dialogue would take place at the Annual Youth Forum.

YOUTH FORUM: Open to all youth of the Diocese and takes place the three days prior to the National Sports Weekend (Labor Day). Provides opportunity to participate in workshops, discussion groups, seminars, problem solving groups, cultural presentations, instructional sessions, etc., in areas of youth programming, Armenian language, history, cooking, dance; interpersonal relations. Bible studies, Armenian trivia sessions, - the potential lists vast.

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A PROPOSAL FOR THE 1985

That the ACYOA be restructured to include Regional Youth Directors, employed by the Diocese, to complement the Diocesan Regionalization Project, as well as achieve the objectives as stated below.

Introduction

The Diocese of the Armenian Church has initiated its master plan for regionalization. This is a result of many years of study and research to find the most effective way of administering to the needs of the faithful spread out in the Eastern and Midwestern parts of the United States.

The Proposal for the ACYOA is aimed at complementing the Diocesan Project, as well as improve and initiate an efficient method of developing and executing programs for the young people of the Diocese.

The Diocesan regionalization project has already begun in the New England area and will soon be started in other areas of the Diocese. The "region" has its various committees, coordinators and workers who will follow through with the specifics of the Project. Eventually, the regional setup will include supervising activities of regional departments, such as Religious Education, Social Services, Finances, Liturgical Education, Public Relations, Ethnic Studies, as well as Youth Development. Within this structure, the ACYOA will function with its own regional emphasis, complementing the work and efforts of the other regional departments.

Objectives of this Proposal

1. To request the Diocese hire and salary **Regional Youth Directors** who will address the following, among others: organizing parish chapters, regional programming of educational series, retreats, athletics, recreation, art competitions, outings, picnics, college campus activities, and seminars and conferences.
2. To restructure the ACYOA administration (General Assembly and Central Council) into the following:
 - a) Each parish will have an **ACYOA Chapter** which will follow the basics of the present ACYOA Constitution, insofar as it speaks to local parish situation.
 - b) Each parish will appoint or elect **2 parish youth representatives** who will represent the parish at regional activities and conferences.
 - c) **Regional Conferences** will convene at least twice a year for the purpose of interaction, discussion on regional programming, solving problems, sharing resources, and developing the region. The Conference will appoint or elect a **Regional Representative**, who, together with the Regional Youth Director, will represent the region at the Annual Diocesan Youth Dialogue, which will be part of a broader Annual Youth Forum.
 - d) Annually, the Youth Department of the Diocese will sponsor a **Youth Forum** which will provide an opportunity for all the young people of the Diocese to assemble for the purposes of participating

ACYOA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

in workshops, presentations, seminars, discussion groups on problem solving, ideas bank, religious and cultural programs, etc., all of which would be open and well organized. The **Youth Dialogue** would also take place at the Forum, presided over by the Primate, and attended by the Diocesan Youth Director, the Regional Youth Directors, and the Regional Representatives. This small and workable group would discuss specifics on current or new programs and projects, as well as address specific problem areas and deal with the rules governing the national youth programs.

3. On the National and Regional levels, **governing rules and regulations** will be administered through specific programming needs. For example: National Sports Weekend Rules and Regulations would govern all aspects of the National Sports Weekend Program. As other programs are developed, each will have its own set of regulations. Certain standardizations will be included in each.

4. To turn over to the Diocese all funds and assets of the National ACYOA, and request that the Diocese set up a specific (restricted) **Youth Fund**. This Fund would be used to finance the new youth program structure (youth director salaries, administrative expenses, programs...). The present system of dividing profits from national programs (one half), and from regional programs (one quarter) with the host parish would remain the same. Additional funding required to finance the youth program will be provided by the Diocese through its budget. The Diocesan Offices would handle all bookkeeping.

Transition:

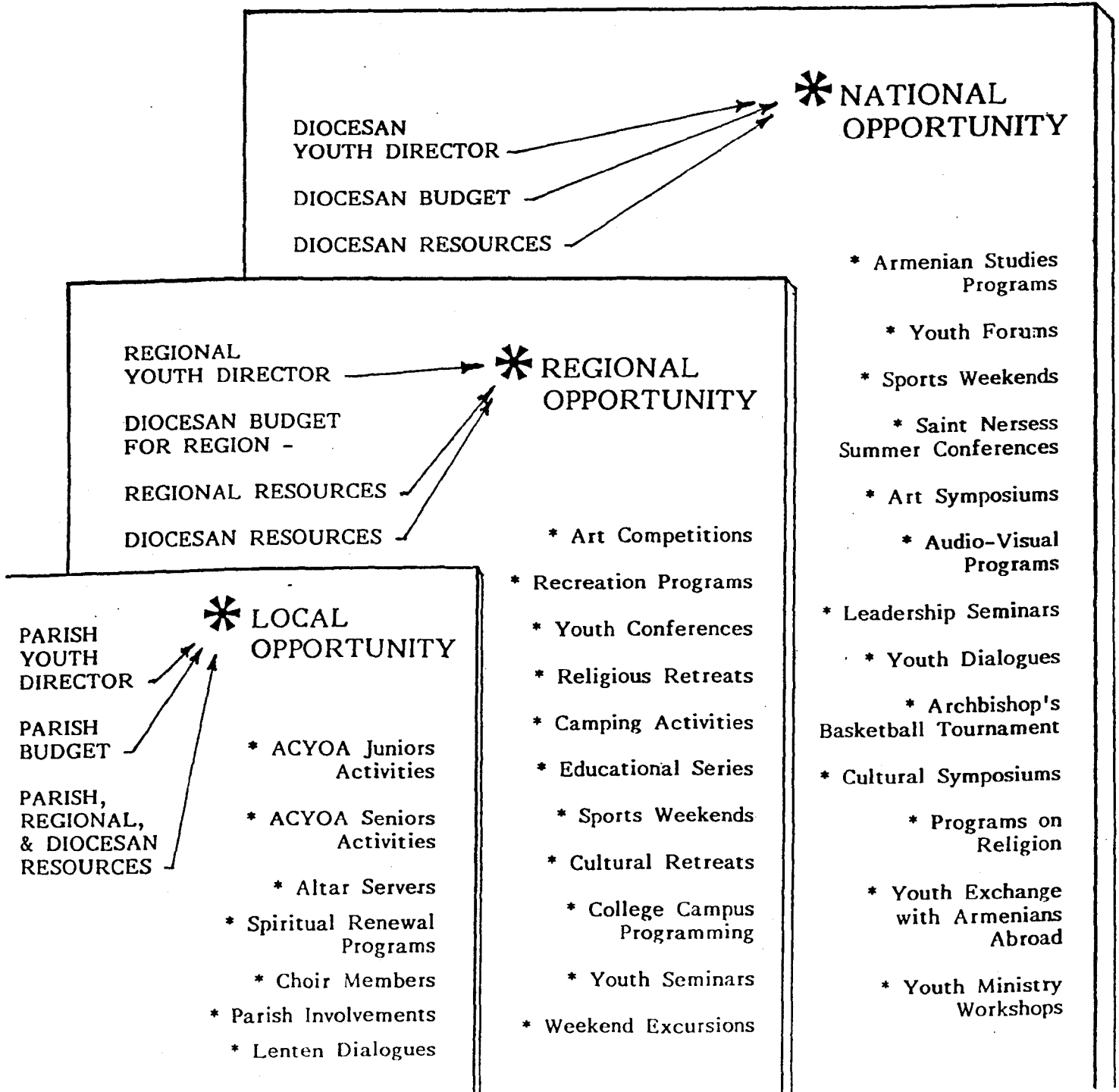
The ACYOA Central Council, in addition to their most basic responsibilities, will focus their efforts over the next year (Sept. 1985 thru August 1986) in setting up the aforementioned objectives in cooperation with the Diocese. Whereafter, the new structure would be initiated (Sept. 1986). The first Diocesan Youth Forum would take place prior to the 1986 National Sports Weekend.

Our greatest mistake is to try to exact from each person virtues which he does not possess, and to neglect the cultivation of these which he has.

Hadrian
Roman Emperor
1st Century A.D.

PROGRAMS OF OPPORTUNITY

"Creating opportunity" for young people to relate and participate in the Armenian Church and community is the primary purpose and concern here. These "opportunities" will take place on the national, regional, and local levels of the Diocese, and will include religious, cultural, athletic and social programs and projects. This schemata is an efficient means of providing the needed programs.



SUB-COMITTEE FOR RELIGIOUS IDEAS

Proposal 1

We propose that the Central Council and Executive Secretary promote, provide, and distribute material necessary for a winter retreat to be held some time in January of 1985, using the topic, 'Loneliness,' and Father Yeprem Kelegian as the resource. We suggest that it be an overnight retreat, if possible using the facilities of an official retreat center.

Proposal 2

We propose that the Central Council and Executive Secretary promote, provide, and distribute material necessary for a spring retreat to be held some time in May of 1985, using the topic, 'Hassles,' and Father Yeprem Kelegian as the resource. We suggest that it be an overnight retreat, if possible using the facilities of an official retreat center.

Proposal 3

We propose that the Central Council and Executive Secretary promote, provide, and distribute material necessary to have Lenten dialogues held once a week during Lent, using Arthur T. Sabounjian as the resource.