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The annual gathering is an excellent means of building:

- a) strong ties among our youth,
- b) injecting youthful vigor into the affairs of the Church,
- c) building the profile of the Armenian Church nationally and internationally.

It brings together the strands of faith, health and fitness and culture in an open and inviting way, and with the expansion of the idea, would give North American youth more opportunity to come to understand the breadth and depth of the Armenian Culture around the world.

To be implemented by the Executive Secretary and the Central Council.

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