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# Armenian Church Youth Organization of America

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

14 October 81

TO: All ACYOA Chapters and Potential Chapters  
FROM: ACYOA Central Council  
SUBJECT: Materials and Information for the 1981-82 Year

One of our national goals for the 1981-82 ACYOA year is to have 32 participating and operating Chapters when the 1982 ACYOA General Assembly convenes in Hartford, Connecticut, September 1-3, 1982.

Enclosed you shall find the following:

- 1- Letter announcing this year's newly elected Central Council, and, Central Council Regional Parish Assignments.
- 2- Chapter Obligations and "A" Award Considerations Sheet.
- 3- Chapter Reminder Sheet.
- 4- General Armenian Youth Listing - Format.
- 5- Chapter Reminder Calendar.
- 6- Chapter Monthly Fact Sheet.
- 7- Armenian Studies Programs brochure.

Most of the enclosures are self-explanatory. The Chapter Monthly Fact Sheet should be filled out by every chapter for every month of the year. The ASP Brochure is for your information and should be displayed at your Church.

If there are any questions concerning the above, or any aspect of ACYOA, please contact your ACYOA Central Council Regional Representative, or the Executive Secretary.

We anticipate a very active and productive year ahead and hope that you will take full advantage and participate in the many programs and activities.

We look forward to working with you to build up our ACYOA and provide interesting and exciting programs for the youth of our Church.

*Mark Kazanjian*

Chairman-Central Council



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To: ALL PARISHES AND ACYOA CHAPTERS

Subject: Newly Elected ACYOA Central Council  
Central Council Regional Parish Assignments

We are happy to announce the following as members of the ACYOA Central Council for the 1981-1982 ACYOA year:

Chairman	Mark Kazanjian (Lawrence)
Vice Chairman	Robert Borzakian (Cambridge)
Treasurer	Susan Mousigian (Detroit)
Recording Secretary	Ralph DerAsadourian (Evanston)
Corresponding Secretary	Gary Hovhanessian (New Britain)

Enclosed is an address listing of the Central Council and a breakdown of the regions they are assigned to represent and work with.

During the year, ACYOA Central Council members shall accompany the ACYOA Executive Secretary on parish visitations, as well as perform visitations on their own.

The purpose of Central Council parish visitations is to help, advise and support existing ACYOA Chapters, and assist in establishing new chapters. Our goal during this year is to have 32 established ACYOA Chapters when the year comes to a close on June 30th.

We sincerely ask that all parishes make a concerted effort to bring together all their youth through the official Youth Program of our Diocese - the ACYOA. Through all our efforts, we may strengthen our parishes and prepare a bright and active future for our Church. The ACYOA members of today are the Church leaders and members of tomorrow.

Please contact the Executive Secretary to the ACYOA, or any Central Council member if you wish to present new ideas, or wish a visitation. We are all waiting to hear from you.



Sincerely yours,

*James Magarian*  
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Executive Secretary  
A.C.Y.O.A.

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1981 - 1982

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REGIONAL PARISH ASSIGNMENTS

(Oversees all Regional Parish Assignments)  
Cambridge, MA

New England:

Chelmsford, MA  
Haverhill, MA  
Lawrence, MA  
Springfield, MA  
Watertown, MA

Worcester, MA  
New Britain, CT  
Hartford, CT  
Providence, RI  
Watervliet, NY

Midwest-North:

Cleveland, OH  
Evanston, IL  
Syracuse, NY  
Rochester, NY  
Niagra Falls, NY  
Binghamton, NY

Hamilton, ONT  
Montreal, QUE  
St. Catherines, ONT  
Toronto, ONT  
Vancouver, BC

Midwest-South:

Chicago, IL  
Palos Heights, IL  
Waukegan, IL  
Greenfield, WI  
Racine, WI

S. Milwaukee, WI  
Belleville, IL  
Detroit, MI  
Houston, TX  
Memphis, TE

Mid-Atlantic:

Trumbull, CT  
N. Westchester, NY  
Westchester, NY  
Bayside, NY  
Woodside, NY  
Holy Cross, NYC  
St. Gregory, NYC  
Union City, NJ  
Fair Lawn, NJ

Tenafly, NJ  
Livingston, NJ  
Elberon, NJ  
Wynwood, PA  
Cheltenham, PA  
Washington, DC  
Richmond, VI  
South Florida, FL  
Miami, FL

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OUR GOAL IS TO HAVE THIRTY-TWO ESTABLISHED AND OPERATING  
CHAPTERS BY THE END OF OUR FISCAL 1981-82 YEAR.

**32 A.C.Y.O.A. CHAPTERS IN '82 !!**

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December 30, 1979

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.  
RE: SUGGESTED CHANGES IN KEGHARD PROCESS

Dear Central Council member:

We are about to begin our third year of circulation of the KEGHARD, our national publication. Both our NY and Boston staff people have discussed our pros and cons after two years of existence and have made constructive criticism and suggestions for future operation.

This letter concerns itself with the technical process of printing and circulating, where our shortcomings have been more serious than in the actual "copy" end of the magazine. No matter what the quality of the magazine is, certainly not receiving it when one is entitled to receive is a serious problem and bad PR.

Presently, the gathering of material, final editing, layout, typesetting and paste-up are done in the Boston area, while printing and mailing take place in NY. It is in the latter of these areas that we've experienced problems, which are dissected for you as follows:

1. PRINTING: The present printer is an excellent person who has been good to us as well as to the Diocese and has given us an excellent price. The drawbacks are that the quality of printing has been inconsistent, and more importantly, the time needed in the printing process varies from 10 days to more than two weeks, depending on his work load. Furthermore the layout has to travel from Boston to NY which requires extra time and extra peril. It should be noted that this is not the fault of the printer for the most part, but the process can be made smoother and quicker.
2. ADDRESSING: Our addressing is done at the Diocese, where one staff member of the Diocese handles the entire mail room operation. There are two problems here. One is that there is no one constantly updating and checking the plates to make sure the lists are complete and correct. Secondly, depending on the work load of the other Diocese mailings, there may be delays in the addressing, sorting and delivery of the KEGHARD to the Post office.
3. MAILING: Somewhere in the process, either on the original lists, the plates, the addressing, the sorting or the actual mailing by the post office, several issues of the KEGHARD do not get to their destination. Since the NY Postal service is one of the possible places where issues get lost, NY because of sheer volume, may not be the most desired city to mail from. NY mail is also the most delayed mail and often takes longer than it should.

SUGGESTED ADJUSTMENT: Move the printing, addressing, and mailing process all to the Boston area. We've already found a printer who does better quality work and guarantees the job will take no more than a week, but who will be slightly more expensive. However, costs would decrease because of the deleting of mailing things back and forth from Boston to NY; you should also know that since the typesetting and paste-up have moved to Boston, both are now done more cheaply and this cut saves the ACYOA more than \$100.00 per issue. So even with the increase in printing costs, we will remain about the same and still well under budget.

The mailing list will be made into a master for KEGHARD and each time the list will be Xeroxed onto labels (minimal cost). The labels will be neater, placed on the back of the magazine, the list will be easy to correct, and the labelling and sorting process will be handled by the Boston staff, thus freeing up the mail room person, Papken, to do other jobs.

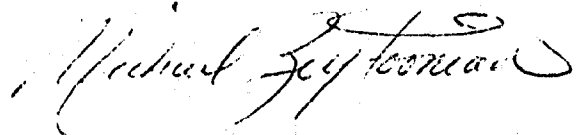
Lastly, we are checking into the legal requirements for having the magazine mailed from here with a second class permit, which should not pose any problem.

With these adjustments, we'll have a neater, more accurate operation, which will in turn insure a better magazine, reaching more people. This can only help promote the magazine further, thus increasing subscriptions and with them increasing income.

We've discussed this thoroughly in our meetings and feel it's the best way to go. We would like the Central Council to discuss it and hopefully give us the green light as soon as possible, perhaps by the Spring or Summer issue. I'll be glad to answer any questions you have on this matter.

My best wishes for a productive, fruitful, and healthy new year and decade.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Michael Feitman". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed word "Sincerely,".

December 30, 1979

TO: ACYOA CHAPTER CHAIRMEN, CENTRAL COUNCIL MEMBERS  
RE: KEGHARD- ACYOA IMPUT

Dear Chapter Chairman:

Our quarterly publication, KEGHARD, is starting its third year of publishing. We have produced 8 issues and our efforts have been worthwhile and enjoyable.

However, the actual input of the ACYOA in the material of the KEGHARD has been minimal. As you know, the "Harvest" section is dedicated to ACYOA articles, photos, etc., news about the chapters and activities. In addition, we encourage any and all of our members who wish to contribute pertinent articles of things of interest. Furthermore, if you or any of your members know others who can contribute articles, photos, or sketches, please urge them to do so.

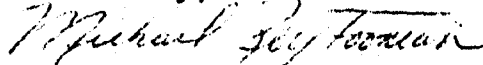
In order to maintain and improve the magazine, we depend on good and varied material. And our chief human resource is the ACYOA membership. We ask you, as the chairman of your ACYOA chapter to help in the following ways:

1. Designate one person to be responsible for the task of getting chapter news and other material. Send that name, address and phone no. to KEGHARD, 34 Pequossette Street, Watertown, Ma. 02172 (no later than February 1, 1980.)
  2. Encourage pastors, members and friends to write and submit material, responses to forum essays, etc. to the same address.
- Help promote the KEGHARD by selling subscriptions. They are \$4.00 a year and checks can be sent payable to ACYOA to: KEGHARD Subscriptions, 98 Spruce Street, Watertown, Ma. 02172.

We urge that you work help on these matters right away so our national publication can be a good reflection of our ACYOA. If you have any questions, comments, criticisms, or suggestions, please feel free to send them as well.

Best wishes for a productive, exciting, and healthy new decade.

Sincerely,



Michael Zeytoonian

Coordinator- KEGHARD

December 30, 1979

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE CENTRAL COUNCIL  
RE: POTENTIAL PROGRAM FOR ACYOA CHAPTERS

Dear Central Council member:

I'd like to suggest a program which may serve two purposes at once. It revolves around the Readers' Forum section of KEGHARD.

As you know, the Readers' Forum section presents an essay on a pertinent subject each issue. Forum essays have discussed the following relevant areas: monastic clergy, the role of the Armenian language, who goes to church-why and why not, the film Midnight Express, the faith of our Fathers, Women and Christian Priesthood, and young people and their roles in the community.

These have been good essays that shed light on the subject, but unfortunately have generated little written response. An actual forum for discussion has not yet taken shape. Therefore, perhaps by having a program based on these topics, the readers' forum and ultimately the KEGHARD can be enhanced.

My suggestion is to hold "Readers' Forum Panel Discussions" in the chapters and communities. For each panel night, get four or five panelists, a moderator, and send them the essay ahead of time. If you can, try to pick panelists that have some tie to the topic of discussion, or get the author of the forum essay himself to be a panelist. For example in Cleveland or Chicago, have the panel on Women and Priesthood and invite Prof. Hagop Nersoyan, an Armenian clergyman, a young woman interested in working in the church, and another. Or in NY, have a panel night on young people and public service in the Armenian community and invite Jack Antreassian, Syraun Palvetzian, a young clergyman, and another, like a young college student about to consider careers.



# Armenian Church Youth Organization of America

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

11 February 81

## MEMORANDUM

Enclosed are various materials for your review, commentary and suggestions. Kindly review each item (note backed sheets) and return to the Executive Secretary to later than MARCH 1st.

### Item I. Certificate of Recognition

✓ Intended for ACYOA members who have served on the Central Council. Designed in such a way that it may be given by the Organization to individuals who deserve to be recognized for their outstanding contributions - members and non-members.

### Item II. ACYOA Emblem

A redesigning, or, Armenianizing of the ACYOA Emblem. Major distinctions to note: Armenian Cross, black on white design and (to be drawn) the American eagle.

### Item III. Stationery design

Intended to standardize ACYOA stationery - from the Office of the Executive Secretary to the Chapters themselves. Where "Central Council" is imprinted, the Chapter name may be inserted. The Council may consider providing "official" ACYOA Stationery and charge a nominal fee for the service. The ACYOA Junior Division Director has requested that both the Junior and Senior Divisions use similar stationery to illustrate continuity between the two. The type-face for the "ACYOA" is modern and is used by graphic artists to imply a flow or moving image, with depth and content. (Note: Reversal of Primate and Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, etc. See Item V. for costs.)

### Item IV. Lecture - Discussion Program

Self-explanatory. This program would be initiated in Mid-Autumn of 1981, or, the Winter of 1981-82.



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Item V. Printing Costs

Membership Cards are needed.  
Stationary is needed.

We may perhaps not concern ourselves with the costs of reprinting any former ACYOA publications until the financial situation of the Organization is more stable.

Item VI. ACYOA Banners and Posters

Self-explanatory.

This would add a needed visual perspective within the parish for established, as well as new chapters.

Using like or similar designs, posters with thought-provoking statements done in a very fine and artistic way would also serve to give a physical presence to the Organization. Like any symbolism, banners and posters can only reflect the particular chapter. However, if done properly and directed to the public eye, it can serve to show a fine illustration of the Organization from an ideal perspective. It may also assist when soliciting for funds.

We should like to remind Council members that during parish visitations, programs and coming events should be promoted. Refer to the Outline of Programs and their Breakdown for brief descriptions of some of the ACYOA programs. Be sure to review the Parish Visitation Report form before to understand information requested.

Any and all inquiries concerning the Armenian Studies Programs for this year should be directed to the Executive Secretary at the address below.

  
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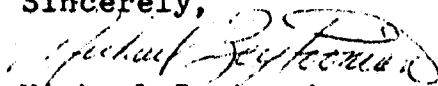
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The amount of work involved is not great and it can be a nice event. Advertise, have refreshments, set up a KEGHARD table to promote subscriptions after the event, and have a minimal charge (\$1.00). This can be done in any chapter.

Please consider this idea and then if you feel it's worthwhile, filter it down to the chapter chairmen and activity directors.

Sincerely,

  
Michael Zeytoonian

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Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

March 1, 1980

TO: Parish Priests, Parish Council Chairmen and Senior ACYOA  
Chapter Chairmen.

FROM: ACYOA Central Council

RE: Martyrs' Day Commemoration

As you are well aware, April 24, 1980 is the 65th commemoration of the Armenian Martyrdom. In observance of this date, a program has been prepared for the ACYOA Chapters to stress our unity in the remembrance of our forefathers. It is in keeping with the recommendations of the General Assembly that we offer a special religious service to be held by all chapters.

It is of utmost importance that this service be shared by all of the members of your parishes. Let us share unity in life as our heroic ancestors shared unity in the sacrifice of their lives, so that we may have life.

Questions regarding the guidelines, program procedures or the actual program itself should be directed toward:

Vahan Janjigian -- (312) 764-5489 or  
Sona Yazijian -- (312) 328-7207

Encl.



APPENDIX C

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