

REPORT OF THE 1981 BUDGET COMMITTEE

The Budget Committee submits the proposed 1981-1982 ACYOA Budget as attached.

Moreover the committee has several other considerations which they felt should be reviewed by the General Assembly. Firstly, we feel that the Central Council should thoroughly re-examine its accounting methodologies. Since the Council is presently using a combination of cash and accrual accounting, it creates a great deal of confusion when preparing reports and budgets which would truly reflect the operations of the programs. Furthermore, we feel that the investments of the organization must be reviewed and an investment strategy defined for the short and long term.

Therefore, the Budget Committee suggests that the Central Council form a Special Financial Committee, to be composed of the Audit Committee and individuals who are knowledgeable in the accounting field, in order to:

- 1) establish an EFFECTIVE accounting system and
- 2) review the investment strategy/policies of the ACYOA

The committee further recommends that the Central Council study the alternative uses of the Permanent ASP Fund and present such report in the form of a proposal to the next General Assembly. In the meantime, however, the monies in this restricted fund should be transferred to a separate high-interest bearing account(eg. money market funds).

Respectfully submitted,

Sona Yazijian, Central Council-Chrm
Harry Tavitian, Westchester
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RECOMMENDED 1981-1982 ACYQA BUDGET

<u>REVENUES</u>	<u>80-81 BUDGET</u>	<u>80-81 ACTUAL</u>	<u>81-82 BUDGET</u>
DUES	\$ 1500.00	\$ 1496.00	\$ 1500.00 ¹
DIOCESAN SUBSIDY			
July-Dec., 1980	5000.00	3507.00	--
DIOCESAN SUBSIDY			
Jan.-June, 1981	7500.00	1500.00	--
DIOCESAN SUBSIDY			
July '81-June '82	--	--	0.00 ⁹
SPORTS WEEKEND '80	5100.00	0.00	1150.75
SPORTS WEEKEND '81	--	--	3000.00
DIVIDEND & STOCK GAINS	1000.00	900.58	800.00 ²
KEGHARD	2300.00	2035.00 ³	0.00 ⁴
ANNIVERSARY BALLS	750.00	309.35 ³	663.89 ⁵
ARCHBISHOP'S CUP	400.00	2198.50 ⁷	400.00 ⁵
ASP's (accrued figures)	0.00	46768.00 ⁷	47000.00 ⁶
ST. VARTAN CAMP	0.00	109.15	1818.01 ⁶
ASP REUNION	200.00	0.00	0.00
AUDIO-VISUALS	--	--	100.00
DONATIONS			
General	0.00	6.00	0.00
ASP Permanent Fund	0.00	30.00	0.00 ⁸
MISCELLANEOUS	0.00	999.22	2500.00
	<u>\$23750.00</u>	<u>\$59858.80</u>	<u>\$54332.65</u>

¹Already received \$1020.00 by 8/81; additional receipts of \$480.00 expected.

²Already received \$619.41 by 8/81; additional dividends of approximately \$180.00 expected.

³Revenues from 1979-1980 Anniversary Balls.

⁴Revenues already received from New England (\$293.79) and Midwest (\$370.10) Regional Anniversary Balls from 1980-1981 fiscal year. Revenues from the 1981-1982 Anniversary Balls is not expected to be received until after June 30, 1982.

⁵Tournament will be held in New York City in the upcoming year; therefore the anticipated decline in profitability.

⁶\$480.30 received for the 1980 Camp; \$1337.71 from the 1981 Camp. It is not anticipated that the revenues from the 1982 Camp will be reflected in the 1982 fiscal year.

⁷PLEASE NOTE: THESE ARE NOT PROFITS, just revenues; the entire bookkeeping for the ASP's was done through the Central Council books this past year.

⁸Credits for erroneous debits, reimbursements etc. Already received \$2050.00 to date.

⁹The Diocesan Subsidy is henceforth considered the Executive Secretary's Expense Account. Therefore, the Diocese is handling the bookkeeping. Since the Central Council does not actually record any deposits of subsidy, we must state this item as above.

<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>80-81 BUDGET</u>	<u>80-81 ACTUAL</u>	<u>81-82 BUDGET</u>
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY	\$ 6000.00	\$ 3558.56 ¹	\$ 0.00
CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETINGS	3000.00	2249.67 ²	3500.00
CENTRAL COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE	2000.00	1521.00	2800.00
REGIONAL/CHAPTER VISITATIONS	1000.00	631.28	1000.00
GENERAL ASSEMBLY/ SPORTS WEEKEND	2500.00	1491.30 ³	2000.00
CHAIRMEN'S ROUNDTABLE	1000.00	298.14 ⁴	200.00
KEGHARD	4000.00	1446.84 ⁵	4000.00
ARCHBISHOP'S CUP	200.00	152.10	200.00
STANDING/SPECIAL COMMITTEES	500.00	132.23 ⁶	1150.00 ⁶
SCHOLARSHIPS/AWARDS	300.00	0.00 ⁷	465.00 ⁷
ASP's (accrued figures)	1000.00	39392.65 ⁸	42000.00
MISSION PROGRAM	500.00	0.00	500.00
PERMANENT ASP FUND	2000.00	2000.00	0.00
ST. VARTAN CAMP	750.00	0.00	1500.00 ⁹
AUDIO-VISUALS	0.00	0.00	500.00
DONATIONS	0.00	200.00	100.00
MISCELLANEOUS	500.00	1861.50 ¹⁰	500.00
	<u>\$25250.00</u>	<u>\$54935.27</u>	<u>\$60415.00</u>

- ¹ Expenses incurred after 4/30/81 were submitted directly to the Diocese.
- ² Does not include the expenses incurred for the July, 1981 Central Council Meeting.
- ³ Expenses related to the 1980 General Assembly and Sports Weekend.
- ⁴ Expenses related to the 1980 Roundtable; no expenses incurred for the 1981 Roundtable.
- ⁵ Cost savings due to typesetting done through Diocesan Communications Office and one less issue. It is not anticipated that the number of issues and the inexpensive typesetting will be available for the 1981-1982 fiscal year.
- ⁶ Increase due to the anticipated expenses of the proposed Special Financial Committee.
- ⁷ 1981 scholarship paid during the 1981-1982 fiscal year. Thus, in 1918-82 it is anticipated that both the 1981 and the 1982 scholarships will be paid.
- ⁸ These are actual expenditures, not losses, since all of the bookkeeping for the ASP was done through the Central Council books.
- ⁹ Anticipated costs will double should the proposed Midwest St. Vartan Camp be established.
- ¹⁰ Inflated numbers due to the erroneous debits (which were later credited to our account) by the bank.

PROJECTED FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE 1981-1982 FISCAL YEAR

OPERATING ACCOUNT as of 7/1/81	\$ 7156.25	
Revenues for 1981-1982	<u>54332.65</u>	
Sub-total:		\$ 61488.90
Expenditures for 1981-1982		<u>(60415.00)</u>
PROJECTED BALANCE AS OF 6/30/82		\$ 1073.90

ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA
 REPORT OF NATIONAL BUDGET COMMITTEE
 PROPOSED 83 - 84 BUDGET

DISBURSEMENTS

	82-83 BUDGET	82-83 ACTUAL	83-84 BUDGET
Central Council Meetings	3000.00	4358.54	3000.00
Central Council Administrative	3500.00	2304.59	2500.00
Regional/Chapter Visitations	1500.00	937.82	800.00
General Assembly/ Sports Weekend	2000.00	2222.81	2000.00
Leadership Conference	300.00	266.70	300.00
Publications	5000.00	1110.30	1500.00
Archbishop's Tournament	200.00	0.00	0.00
Standing/Special Committees	500.00	0.00	100.00
Scholarships/Awards	400.00	260.00	400.00
Mission Program	500.00	0.00	0.00
Audio-Visuals	500.00	106.31	400.00
Donations	200.00	125.00	100.00
Program Research & Development	1000.00	803.59	500.00
Service Charges	0.00	40.27	0.00
TOTALS	18600.00	12535.93	11600.00

Armenian Church Youth Organization of America

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

CENTRAL COUNCIL REPORT

JULY 1, 1980 - JUNE 30, 1981

1981 GENERAL ASSEMBLY
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
SEPTEMBER 2-4, 1981

The Central Council officially convened its meetings on four occasions during the 1980 - 1981 fiscal year. His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate of the Diocese and President of the ACYOA, presided over the Central Council meetings. These meetings were held in order to develop, implement and execute the programs and activities of the ACYOA as approved by the 1980 General Assembly and to review and report on their progress and results.

The first meeting of the Central Council was held at the Hyatt Regency in Cambridge, Massachusetts on August 29, 1980 subsequent to the adjournment of the 1980 General Assembly. At that transitional meeting, the Central Council discussed and selected its officers for the 1980 - 1981 fiscal year. The Council further discussed the parish/chapter representation assignments. The Central Council's review of the annual reports of the chapters was one of a number of considerations taken into account in making the selection of the 1979 - 1980 A Award and Honorable Mention recipients.

The second meeting of the Central Council was held in Watertown, Massachusetts on September 19, 1980 and was reconvened in Worcester, Massachusetts on September 20, 1980. During the September 19, 1980 session the Central Council considered its administrative procedures and responsibilities. During the September 20, 1980 session, a detailed discussion pursued regarding the ACYOA programs and activities. The 1980 General Assembly Proposals were reviewed. The Central Council also determined the liaison assignments for the programs and activities. The Council addressed the goals and purposes of the ACYOA and the proper role or involvement in the Diocese.

The third meeting of the Central Council originally scheduled for December 12 - 13, 1980 in Watertown was rescheduled for January 23 - 25, 1981 in New York. Central Council members presented progress reports regarding the various programs. An extended discussion was



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held regarding the financial condition of the ACYOA. The question concerning the assessment of a budget deficit to the chapters was also included in this discussion.

The fourth meeting of the Central Council was held in Chelmsford, Massachusetts on July 10 - 11, 1981. The Council reviewed the results of the many programs and activities which were conducted since the previous meeting as well as the progress and development of the upcoming events. The Central Council also discussed and reviewed all amendments and proposals intended to be considered by the 1981 General Assembly which had been submitted sixty days prior to the Assembly.

The remaining sections in this report reflect the activities and programs of the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America.

NATIONAL

ARMENIAN STUDIES PROGRAM

The Central Council decided to resume the Armenian Studies Program this year by expanding its scope to include these various programs. The Executive Secretary was assisted in coordinating these programs by Linda Ohanian; of New Britain, Connecticut; to whom the Central Council extends our appreciation.

Program 1: Educational Tour to Armenia June 9, 1981 - July 10, 1981
The Primate appointed the Reverend Father Karekin Kasparian to serve as Director of this group. Mr & Mrs Vartan Abdo, who had been selected to serve as Assistant Directors, were not able to participate in this program, because a proper visa clearance was not received. The Educational Tour to Armenia was reestablished for ACYOA members in order that they have an opportunity to experience four weeks in Armenia as guests of the Catholicos. In addition, members of the ACYOC were invited to participate in this program. In preparing for this program, the Executive Secretary was able to develop a tour handbook of information, which will be used again in the future.

Program 2: Journey to Armenia July 1, 1981 - July 17, 1981
Reverend Father Arsen Barsamian had been appointed to serve as Tour Director. This program was developed for those ACYOA members without four weeks available for program one as well as anyone interested in seeing Armenia. This program did not receive the minimum required participants in order to take place at group fares. Those who had expressed an interest in this program were then placed on a commercial tour.

Program 3: Jerusalem - The Holy City July 27, 1981 - August 14, 1981
Reverend Father Michael Buttero served as Director of this tour. Fourteen participants traveled to the Holy Land as guests of the Armenian Patriarchate of Jerusalem. This tour also included a three day tour to Cairo, Egypt.

Program 4: University Studies Program
The feasibility of a University Studies Program with course credit is being considered for the future.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY/SPORTS WEEKEND

The Annual General Assembly of the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America was held in conjunction with the 11th Annual ACYOA Sports Weekend hosted by the St James, Watertown Chapter on August 27, 1980 - September 1, 1980. The hotel accommodations were provided by the Hyatt Regency in Cambridge, Massachusetts. The athletic facilities were provided by the Belmont High School, Belmont, Massachusetts. During our September meeting, the Central Council was advised that the Parish Council of the St James Armenian Church, Watertown had secured an attorney who would represent the church regarding the incident which took place at the Hyatt Regency. In late Spring 1981, the St James Parish through legal counsel and hotel were able to reach a settlement. In January 1981, the Council was further advised that the charges against ACYOA members had been resolved. Pending the resolution of some outstanding receivables, the 1980 Sports Weekend Committee will finalize its report and conclude its effort.

ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

The 1981 Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Basketball Tournament was hosted by the Palos Heights, Illinois chapter on February 27, 1981 through March 1, 1981. Basketball competition, which was held in both men and women divisions, was open to all parish youth of the Diocese. Certificates were issued to the St John, Detroit Parish men's and women's teams as tournament champions. New certificates are being prepared for future use.

ST VARTAN ACYOA SUMMER CAMP

The ACYOA and the Diocese of the Armenian Church sponsored the third annual St Vartan ACYOA Summer Camp which was held at the Canterbury School in New Milford, Connecticut from July 12 - 18, 1981. This year's camp was successful in providing the opportunity for 108 Armenian children, aged 8 - 16, to come together during the summer for recreation and instruction in an Armenian atmosphere. Reverend Father Patee Metjian served again as its dedicated Camp Administrative Director. Nancy Basmajian served as the Camp Program Director. ACYOA members are encouraged to serve as counselors. The Central Council expresses its appreciation to Father Patee Metjian and Nancy Basmajian for their capable direction as well as the entire staff of camp advisors, and counselors who assisted in running the camp successfully.

CHAIRMEN'S ROUNDTABLE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The Chairmen's Roundtable was held in conjunction with the 79th Annual Diocesan Assembly hosted by the St James Armenian Church, Watertown, Massachusetts on Sunday May 2, 1981. The Chairmen's Roundtable focused its attention to understanding the leadership skills and motivation needed to oversee the affairs of the local chapters. Doris DerMardirosian, a Career Development Counselor,

gave an enlightening lecture and lead workshops on organizational operation, technique and skills, group dynamics and goal orientation to 30 representatives from 13 chapters.

His Eminence, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, visited and addressed the Chairmen's Roundtable. A Central Council Report on the status of the organization was also presented.

The Central Council encourages all Chapter Chairmen/Delegates to participate in future Leadership Conference/Seminars. We hope that as a result of this conference that Chapter Chairmen/Delegates are better prepared to lead their respective chapters. The Central Council expresses its appreciation to Doris DerMardirosian for her assistance and participation in developing the presentation for the Chairmen's Roundtable Leadership Conference/Seminar.

SAM NERSESIAN SCHOLARSHIP AND AWARD

The Sam Nersesian Scholarship is given annually to an ACYOA member(s) who attends the St Nersess Summer Studies Program/Deacon's Training Conference. This year, the Central Council awarded Christine Sarkisian, of the St James Parish, Watertown.

The Sam Nersesian Award is given annually to the ACYOA member who most fully represents the character of a sincere Christian and servant of the Church. This year's recipient will be announced at the Awards Presentation. The Central Council directed all chapters to work with their Pastors and Parishes in nominating worthy candidates. We further advise that chapters suggest and support the submission of names of worthy candidates from sister chapter/parish.

KEGHARD

Following the release of the "Indian Summer" vol 10 issue of the KEGHARD, the Central Council was advised by the KEGHARD coordinator Michael Zeytoonian, that he would no longer be able to serve in this capacity. The Central Council proceeded to search for a coordinator of the KEGHARD, as was advised, from the membership of the ACYOA. The Central Council is pleased to announce that our search has been successful. Christine Sarkisian of the St James Parish, Watertown will serve as the new coordinator. A new direction and appearance incorporating a varied format is being developed for the Fall issue of the KEGHARD. All literary contributions continue to be encouraged and welcomed. On behalf of the ACYOA, the Central Council expresses its appreciation to Michael Zeytoonian and the KEGHARD Staff for their efforts in producing this fine literary periodical.

ARCHBISHOP'S ESSAY CONTEST

In order to encourage the literary and cultural interests of the ACYOA, the Central Council initiated the Archbishop's Essay Contest awarding both Armenian and English composition. All Armenians, aged 18 - 30, are eligible to participate. Although the program was temporarily delayed pending the development of the contest, the Executive Secretary will initiate the program in January 1982 with contest outline, formats and announcements.

REGIONAL

RETREAT

In accordance with the decision of the 1980 General Assembly, the Central Council directed all regions to organize and conduct a Regional Retreat. The retreats are held usually at a retreat/conference center for a weekend. The Retreat Master must be a member of the Armenian Church Clergy. The New England Regional Retreat was held on March 22, 1981 as a "Day of Renewal". Reverend Father Dajad Davidian, Reverend Father Yeprem Kelegian and Doris DerMardirosian lead a group of participants through various meditations and discussions. More concerted efforts will be made in the future in planning and developing themes, commitments, costs and in reviewing the needs of the ACYOA.

ANNIVERSARY BALL

The ACYOA Anniversary Ball is an annual event marking the establishment of the ACYOA. The 35th Annual ACYOA Anniversary Ball of the New England Region was held Friday evening May 1, 1981 hosted by the St James, Watertown ACYOA Seniors in conjunction with the 79th Annual Diocesan Assembly of the Armenian Church of North America. The ACYOA Anniversary Ball of the Midwest Region was held on Saturday June 13, 1981 hosted by the Holy Shoghagat, Greater St Louis ACYOA Seniors. Unfortunately, an Anniversary Ball was not hosted in the MidAtlantic Region. The Central Council hopes that an extra effort will be made to celebrate the anniversary of the organization in all regions during the 1981-1982 fiscal year with greater participation by all chapters and members.

CHAPTER/PARISH

MISSION PROGRAM

It is anticipated that for this year's Mission Program, the Parish Communities of Palos Heights, Illinois and Syracuse, New York will be visited. Deacon Michael Chevian, serving as Clergy Leader, will head a team of ACYOA members to the Palos Heights, Illinois Parish during the week of January 3-9, 1982. Various religious services, cultural presentations, and community visitations will take place as part of this program. Reverend Father Yeprem Kelegian will lead a similar Mission team to the Syracuse, New York Community. The date of this Mission is pending. The Central Council and the Executive Secretary realize that the 1980 General Assembly requested that a Mission Program be conducted during the 1980-1981 fiscal year. However, proper planning of the Mission did not provide for a Mission Program to be held until 1982.

MARTYRS' DAY COMMEMORATION

In observance of the 56th commemoration of the Armenian Martyrdom, the Central Council sent to all Chapter Chairman a Martyrs' Day Commemorative Program and Blood Drive Guideline. All parishes and chapters commemorate Martyrs' Day according to the facilities available and community customs, etc. The guideline was produced to serve in providing ways of commemorating our Armenian Martyrs this year. These guidelines will be revised and expanded for future use. The Central Council realized that some chapters and parishes are limited and therefore wished to provide a choice of program formats.

ACYOA DAY

ACYOA Day, celebrating the establishment and purpose of the organization, was traditionally held on Palm Sunday in many local parishes. Many chapters have reported successful celebrations which were held on Palm Sunday or on an alternate Sunday. Many celebrations included parish banquets with guest speakers, or other cultural presentations.

ORGANIZATION

FINANCES

In effort to resolve the financial problems which have continually plagued the ACYOA, the Central Council took a conservative position regarding the disbursement of funds and, during our evaluation, regarding the continuation of various programs. As was noted earlier, the Central Council addressed the question of fundraising and the assessment of a budget deficit. The funds earmarked for the Armenian Studies Program have been restored and increased. This year, the ACYOA was fortunate to experience a highly successful Armenian Studies Program and Archbishop Tournament Program. A full financial report will be presented as an appendix to this report.

NEW CHAPTERS

The Central Council would like to announce the formation of the St George, Houston Chapter of ACYOA. Reverend Father Terenig Kondralian, as Parish Pastor, is Chapter President. Mr John Jordan has been elected as Chapter Chairman. The Central Council has also been in contact with and is pursuing the formation of chapters in Binghamton, New York and Washington D.C.

CERTIFICATES AND AWARDS

The Central Council has continued the practice of awarding chapters and individuals in recognition of their excellence of performance on behalf the ACYOA. The A Award is given to the ACYOA chapter that best fulfills the requirements and standards of the organization. The A Award Honorable Mention Certificate is given to the ACYOA Chapter which strives to achieve the aims of the ACYOA.

The Sam Nersesian Award, as was stated, is awarded to an ACYOA member who exemplifies the character of a servant of the Church and ACYOA. The Archbishop's Essay Award will be given for the best essays submitted in the Essay Contest. The Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Basketball Tournament Certificate is awarded to the men's and Women's championship teams. The Central Council has also established an award to be given in recognition of the efforts of individuals who assist the Central Council in realizing the goals of the ACYOA.

CHAPTER HANDBOOK

This year the Central Council had decided to prepare a handbook of information concerning the Armenian Church, ACYOA and leadership techniques, and suggestions for local chapter/Executive Committee use. The intention was to distribute this handbook during the Chairmen's Roundtable. However, the Central Council was advised by the Executive Secretary that due to time commitments in developing and promoting the Armenian Studies Program, the handbook was temporarily postponed. Preliminary copies should be available soon to all chapters. Revisions and refinements will take place during the 1981-1982 fiscal year and a finalized copy distributed accordingly.

CHAPTER REPORT FORMS

The Central Council developed a Chapter Monthly Fact Sheet in order to maintain a continual contact with the local chapter. This report provides information concerning activities of the chapter which are used by the Central Council in order to assist in its further development. The Central Council has also revised the Chapter Annual Report Form in order to review the progress and development of the chapters on an annual basis. In order to provide Membership information and Dues to the national organization, the Council has developed the Membership Renewal Form. All chapters have been sent copies of these forms and should continue to use accordingly. Finally, the Central Council has developed Parish Visitation Report Forms for its own use. These forms allow the Central Council representative to assess and appraise a chapter's progress at the time of the actual visitation. The form is also used as a catalyst for discussing activities of the chapter.

MEMBERSHIP/YOUTH LIST-MAILING LIST

In accordance with the 1980 General Assembly, the Central Council directed the chapters to provide the names of all Armenian Youth (young adults) within the various Armenian communities for compilation into a national listing. The Central Council could not complete this project as of June 30, 1981, because it had not received responses from all chapters. The Central Council, in an attempt to upgrade its membership files, requested the chapters to provide membership information. Again, due to the response that was received, this project was not completed. In addition, the Central Council asked that each chapter provide the Council with the names/addresses of Executive Committee Officers and Delegates. Any chapter that has not submitted this information should do so in the near future. It is important to note that chapters should send corrections/updates as changes take effect.

CONCLUSION

As it was previously stated, the above sections of the report reflected the national, regional, local activities and programs of the ACYOA. In preparing its report, the Central Council sought to state the conclusion reached on each program and activity. However, the Central Council concludes its report with this comment.

Despite a number of the successes of the Central Council, there remains to be areas of involvement which could use improvement. A greater amount of communication and cooperation is needed by the Central Council and Executive Secretary, and ACYOA and the chapters in order for the national organization to progress. The Central Council and Executive Secretary not only seek a greater cooperation and participation from the various chapters' Executive Officers/Delegates but from the ACYOA membership as well throughout the year.

As the organization joins together to see to the needs of these programs, the responsibility of executing them is shared. At that point, cooperation and coordination are needed to assure success. Cooperation is provided by all individuals involved, jointly and severally. Coordination is provided by the Central Council, guided by its President, implemented by its Executive Secretary as part of administering the daily needs of the organization.

The Central Council hopes that the future will see this greater participation throughout the year. Based upon this greater support, the ACYOA should continue to progress.

Armenian Church Youth Organization of America

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Archbishop Tor Kom Manoogian, Primate

January 26, 1981

Dear Mr. Magarian and Central Council Members:

On my way to the airport and during my flight home I was very disturbed as to what had happened at the end of our meeting. This situation is a serious and deep one, which if cannot be corrected, can cause the whole A.C.Y.O.A. to demolish.

We as adults and Central Council members have to remember that we were elected to the Central Council by our delegates of the General Assembly. We are a "Team" representing all of our Chapters in the mid-eastern section of the United States and Canada. If we cannot operate as a "Team" in a well, efficient, businesslike manner how can we even expect our chapters to be successful.

We may overlook alot of things at times but we have to bear one thing in mind. The success of the A.C.Y.O.A. depends on the success of us. We are supposed to be the leaders, guiding and assisting our A.C.Y.O.A. chapters but how can we do this when we cannot guide and assist each other.

All of us have special talents that should be looked upon and praised by each other instead of cutting each other down. I think all of us can admit that we are all at fault. Our past meeting seemed to be very productive in the beginning but what happened in the end? If we all sit down and re-evaluate the situation, hopefully this will never happen again.

Many subjects that come to my mind that must be ironed out amongst ourselves are:

1. Be prepared when we come to a meeting.
2. Agendas should be received by Central Council members AT LEAST two weeks prior to a meeting so that travel arrangements can be made according to the agenda.
3. All members present should come prepared or don't bother coming at all. This way the agenda will not be held up.



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4. Think before talking on any given subject and make sure when voting that that is exactly what you want to see happen.
5. Avoid repeating of what other Central Council members have already said.
6. Give each person a chance to talk instead of always interrupting.
7. When making a motion, allow the secretary ample time to record what is being said and then make sure what was said and recorded is correct. It is very difficult to become involved on a subject, record it and think at the same time.
8. Allow for breaks even if it means running around your chair ten times.
9. When people are getting tired it should be obvious that it is time to adjourn for an hour or whatever (depending on the time). I have never met a person who can think correctly when they are completely exhausted.
10. Make sure that accommodations are taken care of. We may try to save money on lodging but in the end it costs more money. If you do not have a good nights sleep after working hard then you will not be as productive.
11. Try to understand everyones different personalities and needs. We are all only human and sometimes one person may require something that the other one doesn't but we all must respect that person because they are only human.
12. Instead of cutting down and criticizing each other try to help each other if someone is confused and doesn't understand.
13. If you cannot back up a motion then don't make it or vote in favor of it.
14. Run the meetings in a more efficient manner.
15. Try to respect each other feelings.

These are just a few things that I feel we have to try and work out. Please remember that I am not criticizing anyone. I am just asking that you take a moment, sit back and think on each of the above subjects. I can find us all guilty of the above.

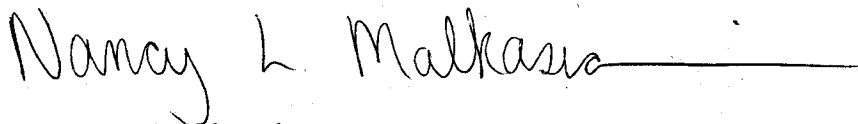
Mr. Magarian and Central Council Members
January 26, 1981
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When we can realize just who we are, what we are and whom we are representing, I am sure we will all agree that we have some changing to do. Once we get on solid grounds, I am sure the A.C.Y.O.A. on a national level will grow and expand but remember, it HAS to come from us first.

I hope that Sona will reconsider her verbal resignation to the Central Council and that we all work together to help each other to become a strong "Team". We may be going through some difficult, trying times, but if done correctly, we will have no problems resolving this. The A.C.Y.O.A. may be at its low right now but if we all work together closely the A.C.Y.O.A. will be on its road to success! Lets work to show the delegates at the 1981 Assembly in Chicago just who we are and what we have done.

I am proud to say that not only do I have a friend in just about every city in the mideastern section of the United States and Canada but also that I am an Armenian. I would never be able to say this if it wasn't for my love for the Church and the A.C.Y.O.A!

Sincerely,



Nancy L. Malkasian
Central Council Representative

cc The Most Very Reverend Archbishop Torkom Manoogian

ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA
Diocese of the Armenian Church

Central Council - Structure and point system to aid in determining the recipients of the annual "A" Award and Honorable Mention

GROUP

INDIVIDUAL

I. RELIGIOUS

3 per sponsorship of weekly Lenten program (ea. program).

3.5 per organizing of regional ACYOA retreat (ea. retreat).

3.5 per sponsorship of religious educational series (ea. series).

3.5 per donation of altar or liturgical article to parish.

3.5 per church school teacher or permanent assistant.

3.5 per permanent Choir singer.

3.5 per deacon/altar server.

3 per St. Nersess Summer Study Conference participant.

3.5 per participant in regional ACYOA retreats.

4.5 per candidate for priesthood or religious education major (Primate's confirmation).

II. CULTURAL

3 per Armenian dance troupe formed.

3 per Armenian orchestra formed

3.5 per Armenian Choral group formed.

2.5 per annual chapter pilgrimage to Diocesan Cathedral.

2.5 per parish Armenian School teacher or permanent assistant.

3.5 per Armenian Studies Program participant.

3 per Essay Contest participant in Armenian or English language (need not be winner).

3 per literary piece or research paper on an Armenian subject (prose, poetry, etc.).

3 per Armenian musical composition.

3 per Armenian art piece (any media, including sculpture, ceramics, wood, etc.).

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III. ORGANIZATIONAL

- 1.5 per new chapter member.
- 1.5 per inter-chapter sponsored activity.
- 2 per \$1,000 donated to parish (per 15-20 members).
- 3 per formation of a new chapter (other than own).
- 1 for service to parish as a chapter (bazaar, banquet, etc.)
- 2 for cooperation with Central Council (filing reports, meeting deadlines, fulfilling financial obligations, etc., etc.).
- 2 for completion of all 12 monthly fact sheets (sent to Exec. Sec. of the ACYOA).
- 2 per dues-paying parish church member.
- 3 per member elected to the parish council or other elected parish office.
- 2 per member elected to a General or special Assembly office (individual competition).

IV. ATHLETIC

- 2 per sponsorship of an ACYOA athletic tournament (regional, per year).
- 4 for Kulhanjian Sportsmanship Award received.
- 2 per inter-chapter athletic competition.
- 2 for team (s) entered in National Sports Weekend.
- 4 for individual (s) entered in National Sports Weekend.

P R O P O S A L:

THAT THE ACYOA CENTRAL COUNCIL INITIATE A
LECTURE/DISCUSSION PROGRAM, AND PUBLISH A
GUIDE TO ASSIST CHAPTERS IN IMPLEMENTING
THIS PROGRAM.

(proposed by the Exec. Sec.)

EXPLANATION

A program designed for the chapter (and/or parish) to introduce serious topics on an informal (or formal where desired) basis.

The intent is for the chapter to schedule educational activities to balance off the social and athletic.

Suggestions will include themes, times of the year, topics, and formats (such as guest speakers, debates, general discussion, films, slides, etc., etc.).

For example: A one time lecture/discussion on the Incarnation.

Time of the year: The Advent Season (Hisnagi) (December)

Invite guest Clergyman to speak and coordinate discussion.

Plan to invite chapter membership or entire parish under the sponsorship of the ACYOA Chapter. Send out announcements.

Serve refreshments.

For example: A series of debates with chapter members making up panels pro & con.

Possible topics: Inter-marriage, abortion, the Draft, Free Armenia, What language should be used in Church, etc., etc.

Invite parish; send out invitations; choose panelists, moderator; serve refreshments.

In this way, the ACYOA Central Council will be promoting an over-all program for youth that includes a wide-range of interests, means of participation, and ways for the youth to express themselves and learn about their faith, heritage and how it all comes together in a pluarlistic society.

It is up to the Executive Secretary and Central Council Members to promote the more serious programs such as these, along with the less-serious more social and athletic activities. Naturally, this program cannot be forced on the membership. However with proper guides making the planning simple and effective, and with incentives and the promotion of certain values, ACYOA can develop an image of having a multi-faceted over-all program meeting the needs of a diversified membership.

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St. Mary Armenian Church
1184 Ocean Ave.
P.O. Box 63
Elberon, N.J. 07740

V. Rv. Fr. Y. Balian
630 Second Ave.
New York, N.Y. 10016

ELBERON, N.J.

Church: (201) 229-3645
Home: (212) 686-0710

St. James Armenian
Church
816 Clark St.
Evanston, Ill. 60201

V. Rv. Fr. V. Kabaradjian
8293 Elizabeth
Niles, Ill. 60648

EVANSTON, ILL.

Church: (312) 864-6263
Home: (312) 824-9641

St. Leon Armenian Church
12-61 Saddle River Rd.
Fairlawn, N.J. 07410

Rv. Fr. Patee Metjian
12-61 Saddle River Rd.
Fair Lawn, N.J. 07410

FAIRLAWN, N.J.

Church: (201) 791-2862
Home: (201) 791-1583

St. John Armenian Church
7825 W. Layton Ave.
Greenfield, Wi. 53220

GREENFIELD, WI.

Church: (414) 282-1670

St. Mary Armenian Church
Box 482 M.P.O.
Hamilton, Ontario
LSN 3H8

HAMILTON, ONTARIO

St. George Armenian
Church
22 White St.
Hartford, Ct. 06114

HARTFORD, CT.

Church: (203) 524-5647

St. Gregory The
Illuminator Church
110 Main St.
Haverhill, Ma. 01830

V. Rv. Fr. H. Melkonian
6 Buttonwoods Ave.
Haverhill, Ma. 01830

HAVERHILL, MA.

Church: (617) 372-9227
Home: (617) 372-9227

St. George
Armenian Church
15119 Wellman Lane
Houston, Tx. 77060

Rv. Fr. T. Kondralian
15119 Wellman Lane
Houston, Tx. 77060

HOUSTON, TX.

Church: (713) 448-9686
Home: (713) 977-8865

Holy Cross
Armenian Church
54 East Haverhill St.
Lawrence, Ma. 01841

LAWRENCE, MA.

Church: (617) 683-9042

St. Mary Armenian Church
200 W. Mt. Pleasant Ave.
Livingston, N.J. 07039

V. Rv. Fr. H. Bagdasian
202 W. Mt. Pleasant Ave.
Livingston, N.J. 07039

LIVINGSTON, N.J.

Church: (201) 533-9794
Home: (201) 992-8255

St. John The Baptist
120 North East 16th St.
Miami, Florida 33132

St. Gregory The
Illuminator Church
615 Stuart Ave.
Outremont, Quebec
H2V 3H2

Armenian Church of the
Holy Resurrection
1910 Stanley St.
New Britain, Ct. 06053

St. Gregory The Illumin-
ator Armenian Church
630 Second Ave.
New York, N.Y. 10016

Holy Cross Church
of Armenia
580 W. 187th Street
New York, N.Y. 10033

St. Sarkis
Armenian Church
300 Ninth St.
Niagara Falls, N.Y.
14303

Armenian Church of
Northern Westchester
P.O. Box 114
Lake Peekskill, N.Y.
10537

Sts. Joachim and Anne
Armenian Church
12600 South Ridgeland
Palos Hts., Ill. 60463

Sts. Sahag & Mesrob
Armenian Church
70 Jefferson St.
Providence, R.I. 02908

St. Mesrob
Armenian Church
4605 Erie St.
Racine, Wi. 53402

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11427

Rv. Fr. U. Nalbandian
17-08 Walnut Ave.
Niagara Falls, N.Y.
14301

Dn. Onnig Terzian
630 Second Ave.
New York, N.Y. 10016

V. Rv. Fr. Keshishian
41 Columbus Ave.
N. Providence, R.I.
02911

MIAMI, FLORIDA

Church: (305) 371-4484

MONTREAL, QUEBEC

Church: (514) 279-3066
Home: (514) 341-4813

NEW BRITAIN, CT.

Church: (203) 223-7875
Home: (203) 225-1115

NEW YORK, N.Y.

Church: (212) 679-1728
Home: (914) 423-6966

NEW YORK, N.Y.

Church: (212) 927-4020
Home: (212) 464-6464

NIAGARA FALLS, N.Y.

Church: (716) 282-2587
Home: (716) 282-7807

NORTHERN WESTCHESTER
N.Y.

Home: (212) 686-0710

PALOS HEIGHTS, ILL.

Church:

PROVIDENCE, R.I.

Church: (401) 272-7712
Home: (401) 231-4140

RACINE, WI.

Church: (414) 639-0531

Responsibilities of the Central Council

1. To execute the wishes of the General Assembly. Working in cooperation with the Diocesan Council, Diocesan Office, ACYOA Membership, Executive Secretary and any other groups or persons to insure the progress of the ACYOA.
2. To uphold the Constitution and act in the best interest of the ACYOA.
3. To advise and maintain correspondence with the local chapters and regional committees, to aid in their development, and guide them to act in the best interest of the ACYOA.
4. To convene each year the General Assembly, and to execute the required duties set forth in the Constitution.
5. Create special committees to aid in the execution of specific programs: the Central Council has been assigned to carry out.
6. To meet, to discuss and decide on the direction and emphasis of the ACYOA.
7. To actively interact with and conscientiously represent the respective Parishes and Chapters in the ACYOA.
8. To speak on behalf and represent the needs of the Diocesan youth to the Diocesan Council and the Primate.
9. To spread the message of the Armenian Church to its youth, for its youth.
10. To educate the public the meaning and purpose of the ACYOA.
11. Work toward preserving the traditions and heritage of the Armenian People.

Central Council by Office

Chairman

1. Convene all Central Council meetings and all other pertinent meetings deemed necessary. It is the Chairman's responsibility to form the Agenda and distribute it to all council members. Working to insure 100% attendance.
2. Set the example. Maintain a professional administration. Maintain communication between all Central Council members.
3. Maintain a high level of correspondence on behalf of the Central Council with all interacting agencies, within the Armenian community or outside the Armenian community. Written correspondence should always be recorded by the Central Council Recording Secretary and the Executive Secretary.
4. Represent the Central Council and the ACYOA when necessary.
5. Follow up on the duties of the Central Council members and stimulate progress.
6. To feel the pulse of the ACYOA and along with every council member interpret the needed feedback to the council, Primate and Executive Secretary.
7. Understand the meaning of, and the need for Parliamentary Procedure.
3. THE CHAIRMAN, IS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CENTRAL COUNCIL. THE CENTRAL COUNCIL IS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANIZATION.
9. Insure progress with all national, regional and local programs with the cooperation of the Executive Secretary.
10. Voice the opinion of the Central Council in an emergency, or "pressed for time situation. Try to get the opinion of other council members when possible.

TOOLS

1. Constitution
2. Rules of Order
3. Protocol (Addressing the Clergy)
4. Membership List, and lists of all subsidiary committees of the ACYOA, including an up-to-date list of current local leaders.
5. By-Laws (NEVER HAD A WRITTEN DOCUMENT)
6. Minutes of all meetings. (regional and national)
7. Annual reports of the local chapters.
8. Written reports on all national functions.
9. Work with the Treasurer on all Financial Transactions.
10. Organization. (Council chairman must be organized to tend to any ACYOA matter at any time. Many times sacrificing time and money to insure success.

Many of the above tools also pertain to other council members. However, the "Buck Stops Here".

Vice Chairman

1. Be prepared to take over the responsibilities of the Chairman at any given time.
2. Act as representative between the Central Council and assigned local Parishes, Chapters and Regional Committees.
3. Usually is assigned to organize and initiate specific national programs.

Tools

All of the Chairman's except 7,8,& 9

Treasurer

1. Receive and record the accounts of all ACYOA finances. Insure proper transactions on a timely basis.
2. Collect or pay out monies owed on a timely basis to insure a high credit rating with all public and internal agencies.
3. Receive the full financial reports on all regional and national functions.
4. Receive and record all dues money forwarded by the membership. The annual membership list is prepared by the Treasurer.
5. Submit quarterly a written financial report of all ACYOA transactions to the Executive Director of the Diocese. This insures timely subsidy money to be forwarded to the Central Council
6. To report to the council the state of our financial position. This includes all Checking, Savings, Trusts, or Special Accounts set up by the ACYCA.
7. Report the full position of our Securities. Investigate the proceedings of our Broker and report the recommendations of our broker.
8. Enforce re-imbusement rules.

Tools

1. SAFEGUARD SYSTEM and all documents needed to operate the system.
2. All of the Chairman's.

The Treasurer's office is the most visual office of the Central Council since it deals with money, especially in a tight economy.

Recording Secretary

1. Record the pertinent records of all official ACYOA Central Council meetings. The minutes must be documented and distributed on a timely basis since the minutes are the official documents for which to act upon.
2. Act as representative between the Central Council and assigned local Parishes, Chapters and Regional Committees.

Tools

1. Tape recording system.
2. Paper and Pencil
3. Short Hand - (The Recording Secretary should stop the progress of an official meeting to insure all information is properly documented).
4. All of Chairman's except 7 & 9.

Corresponding Secretary

TOOLS

1. Envelopes , Stamps
 2. Typewriter
 3. Mailing Labels
 4. All of Chairman's except 7,8,& 9
1. Type and distribute all official ACYOA Correspondence.
 2. Work with Chairman, and other members of the council to use proper wording in all correspondence.

Armenian Church Youth Organization of America

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

REGIONALIZATION

NEW ENGLAND

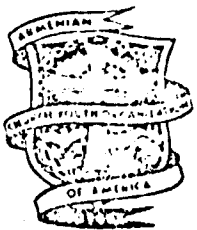
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HAVERHILL, MA
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PROVIDENCE, RI
SPRINGFIELD, MA
WORCESTER, MA
WATERVLIET, NY
TRUMBULL, CT
WATERTOWN, MA

MID WEST

- HAMILTON, ONT
MONTREAL, QUE
ST. CATHERINES, ONT
- TORONTO, ONT
- VANCOUVER, B.C.
- BELLEVILLE, IL
CHICAGO, IL
EVANSTON, IL
PALOS HEIGHTS, IL
WAUKEGAN, IL
- DETROIT, MI
ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.
CLEVELAND, OH
MEMPHIS, TN
HOUSTON, TX
GREENFIELD, WI
RACINE, WI
SOUTH MILWAUKEE, WI

MID-ATLANTIC

WASHINGTON D.C.
MIAMI, FL
ATLANTA, GA
CHELTEMHAM, PA
ELBERON, N.J.
FAIR LAWN, N.J.
LIVINGSTON, N.J.
TENEFLY, N.J.
UNION CITY, N.J.
NEW YORK CITY
BAYSIDE, N.Y.
BINGHAMTON, N.Y.
MANHATTAN, N.Y.
NIAGRA FALLS, N.Y.
NORTHWESTCHESTER, N.
POUGHKEEPSIE, N.Y.
ROCHESTER, N.Y.
SYRACUSE, N.Y.
WESTCHESTER, N.Y.
WOODSIDE, N.Y.
WYNNEWOOD, PA.
RICHMOND, VA



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REGIONAL PLANNING

The need for planning and organizing with a regional orientation is logical, basic and simple. In a Diocese that measures thousands of miles, includes varying concentrations of Armenians, and is comprised of several different geographical regions and social orientations, regional planning enables the operations of certain aspects of the Diocese to function more effectively and efficiently while producing better results.

From a practical perspective, regional planning is an efficient method of organizing and executing programs and measuring their results. Understanding the needs of a given region, as well as the various specifics involved, aid in proper planning procedures.

WHAT IS INVOLVED

Three programs of the Diocese that could immediately benefit and utilize a regional approach are: Religious Education, Armenian Language Education, and youth programming - ACYOA.

On a regional level, the communication and program execution aspect of the three aforementioned areas could more effectively take place. Variables of a given region could be taken into consideration and addressed, thereby assisting with program design and development.

HOW IT WORKS

Using the ACYOA as an example, field workers would be appointed as "extended arms" of the Junior and Senior ACYOA Directors to defined regions and the parishes therein.

The field workers would immediately acquaint themselves with their respective regions - concentrations of Armenians, numbers of youth in parishes, active and non-active parishes, parish priests, youth advisors, socio-economic factors, standard/annual events and activities of the region, etc., etc.

The field workers would meet with the Directors to plan programs for the particular region - design special programs and modify national programs.

The field worker would work with local chapters - especially local leadership, offering advise, guidance, assistance and facilitating program execution. The worker would develop master mailing lists for dissemination of youth related materials and information. The worker would be responsible for the administrative aspects of the given region, as well as the programs to be offered.

THE REGIONS (to be more clearly defined)

- 1- New England (excluding Trumbul, including Watervliet)
- 2- New York-New Jersey (including Trumbul, excluding the far north)
- 3- Philadelphia-Washington, DC, Richmond
- 4- Midwest
- 5- Canada (?)
- 6- (other)

Parishes and communities existing outside of these areas would be included in the nearest, or most convenient, region.

GENERAL

Initially, the field workers could be used on a part-time basis and begin with the preliminary research and organization. Depending on the region, the workers could develop the positions into full time working closely with the Directors.

Presently, the Directors cannot do a truly effective job while trying to reach and stay in touch with every parish and community throughout the Diocese. The parishes that are struggling, in terms of youth programming, are usually the ones which receive the least amount of attention - while they remain in need of the most attention.

It is important that a high amount of contact and communication exist between the youth department/office and the parish youth in terms of guiding, advising and orientation. Most chapters of the ACYOA are in need of attention and contact. Regional youth workers would handle the bulk of this contact and assistance. A great deal of the administrative and organizational work could be more efficiently handled through the field workers as well.

In addition, time and concern could be focused on the changing needs of the youth - thereby designed new programs to fit the needs of a given region. Moreover, the desperate need in the Diocese for a post college age group may be addressed, as well as a pre-teen group could be given consideration and time to develop. Presently, there is little time to devote to new programs and addressing the needs of different age groups.

CONCLUSION

There can be little doubt that there exists a need for more communication and effective program execution with youth programming, Religious

Education and Armenian Language Education. We are faced with a rapidly changing population that demands more of our time, resources and energy. Because of our set up, the great dimensions of the country, as well as the escalating costs of travel and personal communication, we are left with few alternatives but to adjust and continue our work as best we can.

Regional planning can effectively assist in maintaining the lines of communication with the implementation of a staff of regional field workers. Initially, these field workers could work in all three aforementioned areas of programming in the Diocese. Much of the preliminary work could be applied to different aspects of the Diocese as well.

Youth as part of the Pastoral Mission of the Church:

EDUCATION	-	Academic Religious	-	Faith/Doctrine
		Academic Cultural	-	Language/History
		Practical Application	-	Community involvement Oraniizational Social interaction
AGE GROUPS	-	Church School	-	4-16
		Armenian Language School	-	4-16
		Practical Application	-	(1) 10-13 (2) 14-16 basic (3) 17-23 age (4) 24&up groups
OPERATIONS/ADMINISTRATION/EXECUTION	-			
		Youth Director	-	Program development Over all administration
		Regional Field Workers	-	Execute and implement programs in assigned regions. Concentrating on the 10-16 age group. "Extended arm" of the Director. Understand demography of region - use it to formulate and implement programs.

Use of "ACYOA" as a vehicle through which programs may be implemented and as a means to "organize" the youth, providing for social and practical interaction as young people with a common faith and identity.

ACYOA

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ACYOA CENTRAL COUNCIL TO THE DELEGATES OF THE 1983 ACYOA GENERAL ASSEMBLY July 1, 1982 - June 30, 1983

I. INTRODUCTION

The Central Council of the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America (ACYOA) - Diocese of the Armenian Church of America presents the following Report of the functions and programs of the ACYOA during the immediate past fiscal year - 1982-83.

Members of the ACYOA Central Council this year were:

His Eminence

ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN

Primate and National President

SUSAN MOUSIGIAN

Chairman

GARY HOVHANESSIAN

Vice Chairman

RALPH DER ASADOURIAN

Treasurer

MELANIE BARSAMIAN

Recording Secretary

VAUGHAN TOTOVIAN

Corresponding Secretary

As appointed by the Primate, James Magarian, Executive Secretary - ACYOA, assisted the ACYOA Central Council in fulfilling its duties and responsibilities.

Completing their terms in office (two year) are Susan Mousigian and Ralph Der Asadourian. Gary Hovhanessian who began the year as Vice Chairman of the Central Council resigned in December citing his forthcoming marriage and increased involvement in the family business as reasons for his resignation. First alternate Melissa Markaridian (Wynnewood) and second alternate Sharon Vartanian (New Britain) were both contacted to fill the vacancy on the Council, but both declined for various reasons. Melanie Barsamian and Vaughan Totovian have one year remaining until the completion of their terms.

Meetings

Five meetings were held during the past year:

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| September 3, 1982 | - Sheraton-Hartford Hotel, Hartford, CT
(transitional meeting) |
| November 10 & 11, 1982 | - St. George Armenian Church,
Hartford, CT |
| January 15 & 16, 1983 | - Meeting to be held at the Diocesan Center
in N.Y.C. was cancelled due to inclement
weather |
| March 5, 1983 | - Diocesan Center, N.Y.C., NY |
| April 9, 1983 | - St. John's Armenian Church, Southfield, MI |
| July 8 & 9, 1983 | - Sts. Vartanantz Armenian Church,
Chelmsford, MA (general meeting &
preparation for General Assembly) |

Central Council members arrived the night before the meeting to discuss important issues and areas of concern. The meetings usually lasted one or two full days with about 12 - 14 hours of meeting time. Sunday morning, the Council Members attended Divine Liturgy together and completed any unfinished business before departure.

A review of the current status of each chapter, reports on parish visitations and programs, as well as the general operations of the ACYOA on the national and regional level were a part of all Council meetings.

II. ADMINISTRATIVE

Administrative Tools

The following administrative tools were used this year:

1. ACYOA Central Council Parish Visitation Report Form
2. ACYOA Central Council Operations and Procedures Outline
3. ACYOA Central Council Reminder Calendar
4. ACYOA Central Council Expense/Reimbursement Form
5. ACYOA Program Breakdown
6. ACYOA Chapter Monthly Fact Sheet
7. ACYOA Annual Chapter Report Form
8. ACYOA Chapter Obligations & "A" Award Consideration Sheet
9. ACYOA Chapter Reminder Sheet
10. ACYOA Chapter Reminder Calendar
11. Format for General Armenian Youth Listing
12. ACYOA Chapter Handbook

The forms mentioned above which are intended for chapter use (5-12) were mailed to all Chapters and Parishes during the year. All chapters were asked to make use of these "administrative tools" and request additional copies as needed.

Guidelines & Reprintings

Guidelines which were revised as a result of amendments passed by the delegates at the 1982 General Assembly in New Britain, CT included:

1. ACYOA Constitution
2. National Sports Weekend Rules and Regulations

Other guidelines which were mailed to all the Chapters include

3. Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Basketball Tournament Rules and Regulations
4. Sam Nersesian Award - Guide for Selection of Recipient
5. Sam Nersesian Scholarship - Guide for Selection of Recipient
6. Archbishop's Essay Contest & Award - Rules and Procedures
7. ACYOA Chapter "A" Award and Honorable Mention

Computerized Membership Listing and National Armenian Youth Listing

The A.C.Y.O.A. Membership Listing and Armenian Youth Listing developed last year has been updated to reflect the many duplications and changes in addresses discovered since that time. Currently the list contains approximately 2200 names. The potential size for the list far exceeds that number. The list is computerized and allows the user to sort the list in alphabetical order by name, alphabetical order by chapter, zip code order, or any given combination of the three. A sub list of key contact people (parish priests, parish council chairmen, and chapter chairmen) is easily attainable as well as a sub list of the current ACYOA membership. A list of A.C.Y.O.A. Juniors can also be generated. Many thanks to Mike Mousigian (Detroit) who assisted the Central Council by developing the software for generating and maintaining the list.

To date Armenian youth listings have been received from the St. Gregory the Illuminator Church in New York City, the Ss. Vartanantz Armenian Church in Chelmsford and the Wisconsin ACYOA Chapter. The response to the effort to develop a National Armenian Youth Listing has been very slow. We ask again for your concentrated effort to find the names and addresses of the many Armenian youths who do not have the opportunity to participate in our programs because they do not receive any correspondence and therefore are not aware of what programs exist.

Membership Cards

Official ACYOA Membership Cards were prepared again this year and mailed to all dues paid ACYOA Members for the 1982-83 fiscal year. An incentive plan for the use of the card was utilized both at the 1982 General Assembly/Sports Weekend and the 1983 Archbishop's Basketball Tournament.

Monthly Fact Sheets & Annual Reports

All Chapters are asked to send in their Monthly Fact Sheets to the Executive Secretary. The sheets are used to maintain contact with the Chapters on a monthly basis, as well as serve publicity purposes. Sheets should be filled out as completely as possible and sent in a timely manner each month, even if "nothing" happened during the given month.

The Annual Chapter Report is due at the end of the fiscal year which is June 30th. This year only Cleveland, Lowell, and Palos Heights had submitted their reports on time. The information on the annual reports is used in determining the status of a chapter and in determining the winners of the ACYOA Chapter "A" Award and Honorable Mention. If elections are held in June, the outgoing Executive Committee should prepare the Report and review it with the newly elected Committee before sending it in. We hope that the reports will be submitted on a much more timely basis next year.

Regional and Parish Assignments

Regional and Parish Assignments for ACYOA Central Council Members consisted of the following:

Susan Mousigian Chairman	(Chairman over-sees all assignments) Evanston, IL	
Gary Hovhanessian Vice-Chairman (resigned 12/82)	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 Wynnewood, PA Cheltenham, PA Washington, DC Richmond, VA South Florida, FL Miami, FL
Ralph DerAsadourian Treasurer	Midwest-South Chicago, IL Palos Heights, IL Waukegan, IL Greenfield, WI Racine, WI Cleveland, OH	S. Milwaukee, WI Belleville, IL Detroit, MI Houston, TX Memphis, TE
Melanie Barsamian Recording Secretary	New England Chelmsford, MA Haverhill, MA Lawrence, MA Springfield, MA Watertown, MA	Cambridge, MA New Britain, CT Hartford, CT Providence, RI Watervliet, NY
Vaughan Totovian Corresponding Sec.	Midwest-North Worcester, MA Syracuse, NY Rochester, NY Niagara Falls, NY Binghamton, NY	Hamilton, ONT St. Catharines, ONT Toronto, ONT Vancouver, BC

All Council Members were responsible for visiting and/or maintaining contact with their respective parishes. Those with organized chapters, or, with the potential to support a chapter, were to be visited and/or periodically contacted through other means.

Melanie and Vaughan assumed the responsibilities of communicating with the chapters originally assigned to Gary Hovhanessian. Vaughan's responsibilities included those chapters in Canada, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Melanie assumed responsibility for chapters in Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Washington DC, and Virginia.

Program Coordinators

The Programs of the ACYOA, as well as certain administrative procedures, were assigned to the Council in the following manner:

Susan Mousigian	Leadership Seminar Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Basketball Tournament Membership Listing National Armenian Youth Listing Mag Money Project (assumed mid-year to resolve difficulties)
Ralph DerAsadourian	Chapter Obligation Check Lists Financial Securities Mailing of Executive Update
Melanie Barsamian	Membership Cards Mission Program Mailing of Executive Update
Vaughan Totovian	Bema St. Vartan Camp Program ACYOA Sports Weekend Mailing of Executive Update

Other Programs and related activities coordinated by the Executive Secretary included:

Armenian Studies Program
Archbishop's Essay Contest
Executive Update
Mag Money Project (initial
responsibility)

III. CHAPTERS

Visitations

This year the effort to visit ACYOA Chapters and Parishes of the Diocese fell somewhat short of our goals with the resignation of one Council member and the need to assume many of his administrative duties. Council members did endeavor, however, to maintain lines of communication via telephone and correspondence, and were always present at regional functions within their regions.

The following visitations were made by Council Members:

Detroit, Lowell, Palos Heights, Toronto, Watertown,
Wisconsin and Worcester.

Visitations made by the Executive Secretary:

Bayside, Boston, Cheltenham, Cleveland, Detroit,
Greenfield, Hartford, Haverhill, Lawrence, New Britain,
Palos Heights, Racine, St. Catharines, Toronto (2),
Watertown, Westchester, Worcester, and Wynnewood.

Chapter Status

The following list of Chapters represents those which are organized and operating to some degree:

1. Bayside - Holy Martyrs
2. Boston - Holy Trinity (Cambridge)
3. Cheltenham - Holy Trinity
4. Chicago - St. Gregory the Illuminator
5. Cleveland - St. Gregory of Narek
6. Detroit - St. John (Southfield)
7. Evanston - St. James
8. Hartford - St. George
9. Lawrence - Holy Cross
10. Lowell - Ss. Vartanantz (Chelmsford)
11. Montreal - St. Gregory the Illuminator
12. New Britain - Holy Resurrection
13. Northern New Jersey - Holy Cross (Union City), St. Leon
(Fairlawn), St. Thomas (Tenafly),
St. Mary (Livingston)
14. Palos Heights - Ss. Joachim and Anna
15. Providence - Ss. Sahag and Mesrob
16. St. Catherines - St. Gregory the Illuminator
17. Toronto - Holy Trinity
18. Washington, DC - St. Mary
19. Watertown - St. James
20. Westchester - St. James (Purchase)
21. Wisconsin - St. John (Greenfield), St. Mesrob (Racine),
Holy Resurrection (S. Milwaukee)
22. Worcester - Our Saviour
23. Wynnewood - Ss. Sahag & Mesrob

IV. PROGRAMS

National Participation1982 ACYOA General Assembly - September 1-3

The Annual General Assembly of the ACYOA convened at the Sheraton-Hartford Hotel on Wednesday, September 1, 1982. Nineteen chapters were represented by 52 delegates at the opening of the Assembly. Representing the Primate in the absence of His Eminence was the V. Rev. Fr. Houssig Bagdasian, Vicar General, and in the absence of the Vicar General, the V. Rev. Fr. Ghevont Samoorian. His Eminence was in Holy Etchmiadzin at the time of the Assembly and therefore was unable to attend.

Assembly officers elected included: Harry Tavitian (Westchester) Chairman; Arda Nazarian (Bayside) Vice Chairman; Michael Mousigian (Detroit) Parliamentarian; Steven Parnagian (Providence) Sargeant-at-Arms. The Secretaries of the Assembly, Andrea Karanian, Mary Abrahamian, and Dina Bagdigian, were appointed by the ACYOA Central Council and were assisted by Ralph Der Asadourian, Central Council Recording Secretary, who added continuity.

Since no bids were made by any chapter to host the 1983 ACYOA General Assembly and Sports Weekend, the delegates of the Assembly passed a proposal to allow the Central Council to decide on the location of the next Assembly. Bids were thus solicited and received by the Central Council from Lawrence, Palos Heights, Toronto, and Watertown. The Central Council, after careful consideration, awarded the opportunity to host the event to the Toronto ACYOA Chapter.

1982 ACYOA National Sports Weekend - September 3-6

The 13th Annual ACYOA National Sports Weekend, hosted by the New Britain ACYOA Chapter was successfully held at the Sheraton-Hartford Hotel immediately following the General Assembly. The weekend festivities attracted a large number of young people from throughout the Diocese as well as many local supporters and participants. All those who attended the weekend agreed that the host chapter had done a great job.

The New Britain ACYOA Chapter has thus far met their financial obligations, but has submitted only a list of winners of of the various athletic events to date. Their completed 1982 ACYOA General Assembly and Sports Weekend Report has not yet been received despite repeated requests for its timely submission so that the hosts of the 1983 General Assembly and Sports Weekend might benefit from their experiences.

1983 Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Basketball Tournament

This year's tournament took place in Southfield, MI and was hosted by the Detroit ACYOA Chapter. The tournament attracted 6 mens' and 2 womens' teams representing 6 parishes.

Hotel registration began Friday morning, April 8, at the Michigan Inn and continued all day. All participants and guests were invited to the Coney Island party Friday evening at the St. John's Armenian Church Recreational Center. The games began Saturday morning and continued throughout the afternoon with the Watertown men's team and the Detroit women's team emerging victorious. Saturday evening featured an Awards Dinner-Dance with an all-you-can-eat family style dinner. Awards were presented by Father Paren Avedikian who represented the Primate who was unable to attend. Divine Liturgy was attended Sunday morning at St. John's Armenian Church followed by a farewell pancake brunch.

Special thanks to co-chairmen Janet Malkasian and Robert Simonian who coordinated the successful event.

1983 ACYOA Leadership Conference

The ACYOA Leadership Conference took place on Saturday, May 7, 1983 in Oakbrook, Illinois at the site of the Annual Diocesan Assembly. The conference, which is held annually, was hosted by the Palos Heights ACYOA chapter and was open to all interested ACYOA members. Participants from nine chapters attended the conference representing Bayside, Boston, Chicago, Detroit, Evanston, Palos Heights, Toronto, Watertown, Waukegan and Wisconsin. Kevin Giragosian, Chairman of the Palos Heights chapter assisted the Central Council in coordinating the event.

Howard Hayward, the Director of Counseling and Placement at Lewis University in Joliet, Illinois, and an associate of the Center of Human Potential in Evanston, Illinois, was the guest speaker for the morning session of the conference. Mr. Hayward's presentation on "Motivation, Values, and Goal Setting" was very well received by all those in attendance.

Mr. Hayward pointed out that the key to getting people involved is to determine what their primary motivators are and to see that those needs are met. He also pointed out that the key to making groups work is to encourage positive attitudes and be willing to accept new ideas.

The afternoon session of the conference was led by Central Council members who gave an update of the various national and regional programs of the ACYOA. His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian and Mr. Frank Stoneson, Executive Director of the Diocese also stopped in during the session to greet the participants and encourage them in their endeavors. Mona Selyan, chairman of the Toronto ACYOA chapter also gave a report on the preparations for the upcoming General Assembly and Sports Weekend in September.

The conference concluded with a discussion of the experiences of various chapters and ways of improving the ACYOA.

Research and Development Committee

The 1982 ACYOA General Assembly passed a proposal which instructed the Central Council to establish a Research and Development Standing Committee to look into the priorities of the National Organization. The Central Council established such a committee with the following serving as members:

Joyce Boyajian	Palos Heights
Robert Borzakian	Boston
Kai Kazerian	Wisconsin
Debbie Stepanian	Evanston
Michael Yapchaian	Watertown
Susan Mousigian	Central Council liason

The responsibilities of the committee were:

1. To evaluate the current programs of the ACYOA as to their effectiveness in meeting the needs of the members of the organization as well as the objectives stated in the ACYOA Constitution.
2. To research the feasibility and methods of implementation of the programs suggested by the ACYOA Central Council, the General Assembly, and the Research and Development Committee itself.
3. To present a report to the ACYOA Central Council of work done throughout the fiscal year.
4. To present amendments/proposals to be acted upon at the General Assembly.

The committee met as a group at the conclusion of the Leadership Conference in Oakbrook, Illinois on May 7, 1983. Other meetings took place on a regional level. The members of the committee will meet again at the General Assembly and present a report of their work to the delegates of the assembly.

Audio-Visuals

Progress continues, although at a slow pace, in developing the Audio-Visual Programs of the ACYOA. The program, "Symbolism in the Armenian Church, Part One" was shown in the Cleveland, Wisconsin, and Detroit Chapters this past year. Due to various time limitations, additional programs and their development have been slow to reach their final stages.

Slides of the Divine Liturgy, prepared years ago under the direct supervision of the Primate, have been received and work has begun on developing them into a program with narration and sound track.

Slides on Jerusalem along with a script has been developed and is presently in its final stages of completion.

Other slides on hand include "Khatchkars", "Illuminated Manuscripts", "Holy Etchmiadzin" (and other sites in Armenian), and "Armenian Art Treasures."

An opportunity to have the slide programs transferred to video tape is being pursued to enable both media forms to be available to those interested. The intention to "rent" the programs to non-Armenian groups has been found to be unrealistic since all interested parties seem to want the programs without paying any type of fee. It is perhaps more important to have the programs shown to more people at no charge, than to realize little revenue and fewer showings.

Publications

Although the delegates at the 1982 Assembly proposed a regular publication of professional quality for the youth of the Armenian Church, the cost and resources needed prohibits the ACYOA from pursuing this good idea at the present time. The Central Council agreed that the Diocesan Chronicle, BEMA, should be utilized, as suggested by the Primate, with its wide circulation (the largest of any Armenian publication anywhere).

Careful consideration was given by the Central Council in providing some kind of a "newsletter" for members and non-members of the ACYOA. The "Executive Update", initiated by the Executive Secretary two years ago, was originally intended for the Chapter Chairmen and Executive Committees of the ACYOA. This year, however, noting the need to inform the Armenian youth currently on our mailing list of the various programs and ongoing activities of the ACYOA, it was decided to expand the circulation of the Update. The Update is printed approximately 6 to 8 times per year and is sent by first class mail to all Chairmen and Parishes, and by bulk-rate class mail to all Armenian youth on the National Mailing List.

"Sacraments and Prayers of the ACYOA", a useful and informative book published by the ACYOA in the past, remains in review and revision by the V. Rev. Fr. Haigazoun Melkonian. Fr. Haigazoun is nearing the completion of his review and revision. The initial first draft will be reviewed by the Primate before the final printing. A benefactor will be sought out to sponsor the printing of the book.

ACYOA Mag Money Project

This fund raising project which involves magazine subscriptions was introduced to the ACYOA general membership through the delegates at the 1982 General Assembly. The Primate and the Executive Director of the Diocese had approved the plan prior to the Assembly. The project saw a slow start with chapters slow to respond with magazine subscription drives. Regional coordinators were also unsure of how the project was supposed to work and seemed to lose interest. Throughout the year many difficulties were encountered with the magazine distributor, Maynard Merel. Letters were received from him suggesting modifications of the initial verbal agreements with him. A letter was finally sent asking Mr. Merel to clarify, in writing, what he saw as the responsibilities of the ACYOA to the Mag Money Project and what he saw as his own responsibilities. A follow-up phone call later revealed that he had not even processed all the magazine subscriptions received to date. A survey sent to all magazine subscribers also showed that approximately half had not yet received their magazines, although some of the subscriptions had been sent in last October. The Central Council has decided that it is in the best interest of the organization not to accept any more subscriptions at this time. Efforts are continuing to get an answer from the distributor as to the status of the subscriptions that have not yet been processed.

Thanks go to Arda Nazerian (Bayside) who gave her time and effort in processing the subscriptions as they arrived at the Diocese. as well as to the Bayside ACYOA Chapter and other chapters who held various magazine subscription drives and participated in the program, Our appreciation also goes to the many people who supported the Mag Money project through their magazine subscriptions.

Scholarships & Awards

Presently the ACYOA offers five types of awards/scholarships:

1. Sam Nersesian Scholarship
2. Sam Nersesian Award
3. Archbishop's Essay Contest Award
4. Chapter "A" Award
5. Chapter "A" Award Honorable Mention Certificate

The Sam Nersesian Scholarship is a scholarship given annually to an ACYOA member who attends the St. Nersess Summer Studies Conference in New York. This year the Council felt it important to award two scholarships to attend the Conference. The scholarship recipients were Raphael Barsamian of Richmond, Virginia and Reed Ajemian of Bayside, New York.

The Sam Nersesian Award is given annually to the ACYOA member who best demonstrates Christian virtues of love, humility, patience, and understanding and is active in service to the church and the ACYOA. Nominations are made by the parish priest and/or ACYOA Executive Committee from the parish of the nominee. The recipient of the award will be announced at the Annual Awards Banquet during Sports Weekend.

The Archbishop's Essay Contest & Award, which was begun last year as a result of a voiced desire to offer something in addition to athletic competition, ran again this year. A few entries were received in the English language division and none were received in the Armenian language division. Clearly the contest must be better publicized next year. An award will be presented to the winner of the contest during the Annual Awards Banquet.

The "A" Award is given to the ACYOA Chapter that best fulfills the requirements and standards set forth by the organization. The "A" Award Honorable Mention Certificate is given to the ACYOA Chapter which strives to achieve the aims of the ACYOA. Chapters winning these awards will also be announced at the Annual Awards Banquet.

Chapters are encouraged to make note of the various awards and scholarships available and publicize them to their general membership. Guidelines regarding all the items listed above are mailed to each parish during the year and also appear in the ACYOA Chapter Handbook which should be on file at each parish.

St. Vartan Camp Program

The Diocesan Council informed the Central Council of its decision to assume responsibility for sponsoring Camp Vartan. It was decided by the Central Council to donate all profits realized by the camp in the time that it was under the sponsorship of the ACYOA to the new camp program with the exception of the initial investment of \$500.00.

Armenian Studies Program

Program One: "Educational Tour to Armenia" - June 16 - July 15: Group Leaders for this year's trip were the Rev. Fr. Untaz Nalbandian of Greenfield, Wisconsin, and Mrs. Arline Dadekian of Upper Saddle River, New Jersey. Replacing Father Untzag at the last moment due to a rejection of his visa application was the Rev. Deacon Onnig Terzian of Worcester, Massachusetts.

An unprecedented number of applications were received this year and the largest group of 22 met at St. Vartan Armenian Cathedral for orientation, luncheon, tour, and a reception with the Primate prior to departure. In addition, 5 members of the ACYO of the Western Diocese of the Armenian Church participated in the group making for a total of 29, including the group leaders.

Several complications were experienced with the participation of the Western Diocese. We learned of their participation just two weeks prior to departure which meant that many arrangements had to be made, adjusted, secured and changed to accommodate them. In the past, 5 places on the tour were reserved for Western Diocese participants. This year, however, they wanted to secure as many spots as they were able to fill and could therefore not be accommodated, especially in light of the large response received from our own members. Subsequently, the Western Diocese tried to form their own tour group and failed. They then had no alternative but to impose upon our program and group leaders, which with some extra effort was accomplished. Steps will be taken to avoid this situation next year.

Program Two: Journey to Armenia: 6 applications received. This program was initiated from the suggestions of young people who do not have the four weeks of vacation time necessary to participate in Program One. This program is 2 to 3 weeks in length. More promotion is necessary to make this program a success.

Program Three: Jerusalem - "The Holy City" was slow to get organized this year. Again conflicts in the Middle East, as well as some problems in the Armenian Patriarchate of Jerusalem, may have hindered efforts to form a group. This trip remains a tremendous resource and potential once it becomes a regular yearly event. More time and effort will be given next year, barring any unusual circumstances that are beyond our control.

Regional Participation

Regional Conferences

Midwest

The Annual Thanksgiving Weekend Midwest Regional Conference was held in Detroit on November 27, 1982 and was well attended by members from Cleveland, Detroit, Palos Heights, Toronto, and Wisconsin. Regional and national programs were discussed and the slide presentation on "Symbolism in the Armenian Church" was used as an educational presentation. Dean Shahinian (Washington DC) also served as a guest speaker and spoke on the "Ten Rules of Decision Making." It was agreed to forego a regional conference in the spring/summer and discuss any regional areas of concern at the conclusion of the Leadership Conference which was held in the Midwest region.

New England

A New England Regional Conference scheduled for November 6, 1982 was attended by the New Britain, Providence and Worcester chapters. Plans were made to organize a New England regional activity during Thanksgiving weekend. A regional dinner was held on Wednesday, November 24, 1983 at a Boston area restaurant and was well attended by members of the Lawrence, Lowell, New Britain, Watertown and Worcester chapters. Following the dance the group attended a nearby Armenian dance. It is hoped that this will become an annual Thanksgiving weekend event.

A New England Regional Conference and volleyball tournament was scheduled for January 23, 1983. Although representatives from Boston, Hartford, Providence and Worcester did attend, the latter half of the conference and volleyball tournament was cancelled due to inclement weather.

On Friday, June 17, 1983, a youth forum was held in conjunction with the New England Diocesan Jubilee weekend commemorating the twentieth anniversary of Archbishop Torkom Manoogian's primacy. Members from Boston, Hartford, Lawrence, Providence, Watertown, and Worcester participated in a panel discussion of the past, present and future of our church along with the Primate, the clergy and ACYOA Juniors.

Anniversary Balls

Anniversary Balls seem to be lacking in popularity at the present and hosts for the event are therefore difficult to find. No Anniversary Balls were held this year. It is the recommendation of the Central Council to promote Anniversary Balls every three to five years rather than annually in hopes of increasing their success.

Regional Retreats

Regional retreats have also seen a lack of popularity in recent years. Perhaps there is a lack of understanding of the meaning behind a retreat as well as a need for qualified retreat leaders who are interested in leading a senior group. The Northern New Jersey Chapter held a retreat at the St. Nersess Seminary in New York and was the only chapter to participate in a retreat this year. The Junior ACYOA members have participated in many retreats on a regional level and at the St. Nersess Summer Studies Conferences and may therefore have a better appreciation for retreats. We hope what we may thus see an increased response to retreats in the future.

Local Participation

The programs and activities on the local/parish level of the ACYOA are directly coordinated by the individual ACYOA Chapter. Activities vary from one parish community to the next. The ACYOA Chapter Handbook lists several programs which are suggested:

1. Martyr's Day Commemoration
2. ACYOA Day Celebration
3. Parish Mission Program
4. Lecture/Discussion Programs

For any additional information regarding the above listed programs please refer to your ACYOA Chapter Handbook.

V. GENERAL

The response to administrative requests has been slow again this year perhaps because local chapters do not realize the importance of the requests. Monthly fact sheets, for example, are used primarily for publicity purposes to inform the Armenian community about the activities of the ACYOA on a local level. The form also serves as a quick reference when completing the Annual Chapter Report.

An even more important request is that of a National Armenian Youth Mailing List. The need is great for an accurate and much more complete national mailing list of all the youth in our diocese. ACYOA publications, announcements, invitations, etc. cannot be mailed to individuals whose whereabouts we lack. The success of our programs depends primarily on the publicity surrounding them and the number of people who are made aware of them.

The need is also great for strong leadership at the local, regional, and national levels. We need young people to organize chapters and be willing to serve with commitment as officers of various committees. We need individuals who will help the ACYOA grow with new and positive ideas and serve as public relations people promoting our programs to the Armenian community.

Finally, there is a need for greater communication between the local executive committees, the Central Council and the Executive Secretary. We should have a singleness of purpose and work together to assess our current goals and direction and recommend changes which will strengthen the ACYOA and keep the youth of our diocese actively involved.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan R. Mousigian

SUSAN MOUSIGIAN
Chairman
ACYOA Central Council

Attached to this report is the ACYOA Central Council Chapter Check-List for Obligations as of mid-July. The list is attached for informational purposes.

Part VI. FINANCIAL represents only the balance sheet and will be expanded upon at the General Assembly.

EXPLANATION OF CHAPTER CHECK-LIST - AS OF JULY 15th, 1983
Two weeks after the end of the fiscal year.

It should be noted that the "ACYOA Central Council Check-List for Chapter Obligations" is merely a reference sheet to see "at a glance" what the chapters are doing and their response in terms of administrative operations.

If the ACYOA experienced "complete functioning", then such a list could be used to merit (or demerit) chapters for their fulfillment of obligations and other given functions that are part of any organization. Note here that "obligations" is a loose term that is used to describe those functions that are a main part of the organization. These are the minimum, in terms of chapter relationship with the national body.

Information is based on Monthly Fact Sheets, Chapter Annual Reports, visitations and communication between chapters and the Executive Secretary and ACYOA Central Council.

- X = fulfillment of an expected item.
- 0 = non-fulfillment of an expected item.
- = not-expected, or, not applicable.
- inc. = incomplete.

regular numbers are just that, numbers.

The thirty-one parishes listed represent those Armenian Church parishes in the Diocese who most likely could support an ACYOA Senior Division Chapter, in terms of number of young adults and parishioners in general. This figure could realistically be larger.

- active = means that the group participates and meets on some regular basis using the name "ACYOA" and affiliated with an Armenian Church parish.
- semiactive = means that the group meets irregularly with loose ties to the parish, as well as between the members themselves. Usually, social activities and a few annual events keep this type of group together.
- new = means that during this year, the young adults of the parish came together to start (or restart) the parish youth group. Note that some items were fulfilled, however few were expected.
- unorganized = means that the group is or has recently become unorganized and does not meet regularly or irregularly, and, the parish does not acknowledge the existence of a young adult group on an organized level. Those parishes noted are, perhaps, the most likely to be organized during the next year.

ACYOA CENTRAL COUNCIL
CHECK-LIST FOR CHAPTER

General Armenian Youth Listing
Chapter dues-paid membership list
Chapter Executive Committee Listing
Monthly Fact Sheets [12]
Use of Membership Renewal Form
Annual Chapter Report
Membership Dues
Special event Report
Items received on time
ACYOA Day Celebrations
Participation in last Assembly
Number of dues paid members
Chapter Status

OBLIGATIONS

	0	0	0	0	0	0	X	-	0	X	X	9	active
1 Bayside, NY	0	0	0	0	0	0	X	-	0	X	X	9	active
2 Boston, MA	-	X	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	X	0	11	new
3 Cheltenham, PA	0	X	0	4	0	0	X	-	0	X	0	7	active
4 Chicago, IL	0	X	0	0	0	0	X	-	0	X	X	21	active
5 Cleveland, OH	0	X	X	12	X	X	X	-	X	X	X	23	active
6 Detroit, MI	0	X	X	0	X	0	X	X	0	0	X	131	active
7 Evanston, IL	0	X	0	0	0	0	X	-	0	0	X	25	semiactive
8 Montreal, QUE	0	X	0	5	0	0	X	-	0	0	0	19	semiactive
9 Hartford, CT	0	X	X	2	0	0	X	-	0	0	X	6	active
10 Houston, TX	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	unorganized
11 Lawrence, MA	0	X	X	2	0	X	X	0	0	X	X	29	active
12 Lowell, MA	X	X	X	0	X	X	X	-	0	X	X	20	semiactive
13 Manhattan, NY	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	unorganized
14 Northern New Jersey	0	0	X	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	active
15 New Britain, CT	0	X	X	7	X	0	X	inc.	0	X	X	25	active
16 Palos Heights, IL	0	X	X	4	X	X	X	-	0	0	X	29	active
17 Providence, RI	0	X	0	0	X	0	X	-	0	0	X	31	semiactive
18 Richmond, VI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	unorganized
19 Saint Louis, IL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	unorganized
20 Springfield, MA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	unorganized
21 Toronto, ONT	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	-	0	X	X	0	active
22 Washington, DC	-	X	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	5	new
23 Watertown, MA	0	X	X	0	X	0	X	-	0	X	X	14	active
24 Watervliet, NY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	unorganized
25 Waukegan, IL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	unorganized
26 Westchester, NY	0	X	X	0	-	0	0	-	0	0	X	0	active
27 Wisconsin	X	X	X	11	X	0	X	-	0	0	X	34	active
28 Worcester, MA	0	X	0	3	X	0	X	-	0	X	X	27	active
29 Wynnwood, PA	0	0	0	2	0	0	X	-	0	X	X	19	active
30 Haverhill, MA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	unorganized
31 Saint Catherines	-	X	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	8	new
												Members-at-Large..... 1	

VI. FINANCIAL

- ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA
COMPARATIVE FINANCIAL REPORT

RECEIPTS

	82-83 BUDGET	82-83 ACTUAL
Membership Dues	2500.00	1734.96
Sports Weekend '81	500.00	514.08
Sports Weekend '82	3800.00	5110.19
Dividend & Stock Gains	2200.00	1298.97*
Publications	1000.00	0.00
Armenian Studies Program	5000.00	3500.00
Anniversary Balls	200.00	0.00
Camp Program	1000.00	0.00
Archbishop's Tournament	1250.00	595.40**
Audio-Visuals	100.00	0.00
Donations	100.00	0.00
Fund Raising	3000.00	0.00
TOTALS	19750.00	12753.60

* This figure does not reflect the interest gained on the Merrill Lynch Money Market account. The interest on that account was around \$800.00

** \$510.40 from the '82 Archbishop's Tournament and \$85.00 from the '82 Archbishop's Tournament

ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA
COMPARATIVE FINANCIAL REPORT

DISBURSEMENTS

	82-83 BUDGET	82-83 ACTUAL
Central Council Meetings	3000.00	4358.54
Central Council Administrative	3500.00	2304.59
Regional/Chapter Visitations	1500.00	937.82
General Assembly/Sports Weekend	2000.00	2222.81
Leadership Conference	300.00	266.70
Publications	5000.00	1110.30
Archbishop's Tournament	200.00	0.00
Standing/Special Committees	500.00	0.00
Scholarships/Awards	400.00	260.00
Mission Program	500.00	0.00
Audio-Visuals	500.00	106.31
Donations	200.00	125.00
Program Research & Development	1000.00	803.59
Miscellaneous	0.00	2540.27*
TOTALS	18600.00	15035.93

*Telephone
Transpiration*

* \$2500.00 was transferred to the Ready Assets accounts,
\$21.00 in NSF charges, and \$19.27 in service fees

Armenian Church Youth Organization of America

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

CENTRAL COUNCIL REPORT

This report of the Central Council reflects the activities - of the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America as of May 1, 1981.

NATIONAL-

ARMENIAN STUDIES PROGRAMS

The Central Council decided to resume the Armenian Studies Program this year by expanding its scope to include these various programs which are coordinated by the Executive Secretary.

Program 1: Educational Tour to Armenia June 9, 1981 - July 10, 1981
The Primate has appointed the Reverend Father Karekin Kasparian as Director of this group. Mr & Mrs Vartan Abdo have also been selected to serve as Assistant Directors. All but one reservation for this tour has been confirmed.

Program 2: Journey to Armenia July 1, 1981 - July 17, 1981
Reverend Father Arsen Barsamian has been appointed as Tour Director. At least 15 participants are needed in order for this program to take place at group fares.

Program 3: Jerusalem - The Holy City July 27, 1981 - August 14, 1981
Reverend Father Michael Buttero will serve as Director of this tour. At least 15 participants are needed in order for this program to take place at group fares. This tour will also include a three day tour to Cairo, Egypt.

Program 4: University Studies Program
The feasibility of a University Studies Program with course credit is being considered for the future.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY/SPORTS WEEKEND

The Annual General Assembly of the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America will be held in conjunction with the 12th Annual ACYOA Sports Weekend hosted by the Chicago/Evanston Chapters on Sept. 2 - 7, 1981. At that time, the Central Council should be able to report on a number of upcoming or pending programs, the Chapters will be able to compete for athletic excellence and sportsmanship, and the ACYOA will find out just what kinda Hye Town Chicago really is!



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ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

The 1981 Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Basketball Tournament was hosted by the Palos Heights, Illinois Chapter on February 27, 1981 through March 1, 1981. Basketball competition, which was held in both men and women divisions, was open to all parish youth of the Diocese. The Detroit men's & women's teams were tournament champions. The Central Council would like to congratulate the Palos Heights Chapter for a highly successful basketball tournament.

ST VARTAN ACYOA SUMMER CAMP

The ACYOA and the Diocese of the Armenian Church are sponsoring the third annual St Vartan ACYOA Summer Camp which will be held at the Canterbury School in New Milford, Connecticut on July 12 - 18, 1981. Reverend Father Patee Metjian will serve again as its dedicated Camp Director. All Chapters & Parishes are urged to promote the camp in their respective communities by working with Armenian Schools and Church Schools in encouraging the camp to youth aged 8 - 16.

CHAIRMEN'S ROUNDTABLE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

This year, the Chairmen's Roundtable, which convened today, focuses attention to understanding the leadership skills and motivation which are needed to oversee the affairs of the local chapters. The Central Council hopes that as a result of this conference that Chapter Chairmen/Delegates, who have attended, will be better prepared to lead their respective chapters.

SAM NERSESIAN SCHOLARSHIP AND AWARD

Application and Nomination Forms have been prepared for the Sam Nersesian Scholarship and the Sam Nersesian Award. The annual scholarship is given to an ACYOA member(s) who will attend the St Nersess Summer Studies Programs/Deacon's Training Conference. The Sam Nersesian Award is given to the ACYOA member who most fully represents the character of a good Christian and servant of the Church. The Central Council directs all chapters to work with their Pastors and Parishes in nominating worthy candidates.

KEGHARD

Following the release of the "Indian Summer" vol 10 issue of the KEGHARD, the Central Council was advised by the KEGHARD coordinator that he would no longer be able to serve in this capacity. The Central Council proceeded to search for a coordinator of the KEGHARD, preferably, as was advised, from the membership of the ACYOA. The search continues. The feasibility of a "co-coordinatorship" is being considered. Material which was being developed for the Fall issue vol 11 and Winter issue vol. 12 is currently being reviewed by the Primate as a first draft before printing a combined Fall-Winter issue #11-12. All literary contributions are encouraged and welcomed.

ARCHBISHOP'S ESSAY CONTEST

In order to encourage the literary and cultural interests of the ACYOA, the Central Council initiated the Archbishop's Essay Contest which would have an Armenian and an English category. All Armenians, aged 18 - 30, are eligible to participate. The Executive Secretary has advised the Central Council that the program has been delayed temporarily until a final draft of the contest outline and explanation is available.

REGIONAL

RETREAT

In accordance with the decision of the 1980 General Assembly, the Central Council has directed all regions to organize and conduct a Regional Retreat. It is advised that the Retreat Master be a member of the Armenian Church Clergy. The retreats are held usually at a retreat/conference center for a weekend. The New England Regional Retreat was held on March 22, 1981 as a "Day of Renewal". It is hoped that other retreats are being planned.

ANNIVERSARY BALL

The ACYOA Anniversary Ball is an annual event marking the establishment of the ACYOA. The 35th Annual ACYOA Anniversary Ball of the New England Region was held Friday evening May 1, 1981 hosted by the St James, Watertown ACYOA Srs in conjunction with the Annual Diocesan Assembly of the Armenian Church of North America. The ACYOA Anniversary Ball of the Midwest Region, which will be held on Saturday June 13, 1981, is hosted by the Holy Shoghagat Greater St Louis ACYOA Seniors.

CHAPTER/PARISH

MISSION PROGRAM

It is anticipated that for this year's Mission Program, the Parish Communities of Palos Heights, Illinois and Syracuse, New York will be visited. Deacon Michael Chevian and Reverend Father Yeprem Kelegian are considered to serve as Clergy Leaders respectively. Mission teams of ACYOA members will assist the Clergy in making the various visitation. The Executive Secretary will determine the financial & time feasibility and will pursue the program accordingly.

MARTYRS' DAY COMMEMORATION

In observance of the 66th commemoration of the Armenian Martyrdom, the Central Council sent to all Chapter Chairmen a Martyrs' Day Commemorative Program and Blood Drive Guideline. We hope that a commemorative program was developed by all chapters and that, at least, a commemoration was observed in conjunction with the local parish.

ACYOA DAY

ACYOA Day, celebrating the establishment and purpose of the organization, traditionally is held on Palm Sunday in many local parishes. Some chapters have celebrated or plan to celebrate ACYOA Day on an alternate Sunday. The Central Council advises all chapters to celebrate this occasion in an appropriate manner.

ORGANIZATION

CHAPTER HANDBOOK

This year the Central Council had decided to prepare a handbook of information concerning the Armenian Church, ACYOA and leadership techniques and suggestions for local chapter/Executive Committee use. The intention was to distribute this handbook during the Chairmen's Roundtable. However, due to time commitments in developing and promoting the Armenian Studies Program, the handbook was temporarily postponed. It is hoped that a final copy of this handbook would be available by the General Assembly.

CHAPTER MONTHLY REPORT FORMS

The Chapter Monthly Report Forms are requested in order for the Central Council to maintain a continual contact with the local chapters. This report provides information concerning activities of the chapter which will be needed by the Central Council in order to assist in the further development of the chapter.

MEMBERSHIP/YOUTH LIST-MAILING LIST

In accordance with the 1980 General Assembly, the Central Council directs the chapters to provide the names of all Armenian Youth within the various Armenian Communities for compilation into a National listing. The Central Council, in an attempt to upgrade its membership files, requested the chapters to provide membership information. In addition, the Central Council asks that each chapter provide the Central Council with the names/addresses of Executive Committee Officers and Delegates and that the chapters send corrections/updates as changes take effect.