

September 19, 1990

The Very Rev. Fr. Souren Chinchinian, Pastor
St. Gregory of Narek Armenian Church
678 Richmond Road
Cleveland, Ohio 44143

Dear Fr. Souren:

I extend my deep appreciation to you and your parishioners for coordinating this year's 44th Annual ACYOA Assembly and Sports Weekend.

It was a difficult year in so many ways and yet the spirit of the Cleveland parish embraced all the proceedings with good will. Thank you for your effective leadership and the hard work it took to make it all possible.

God bless you, Fr. Sooren, and may He give us all new strength in His service.

With prayers,

Fr. Khajag Barsamian
Primate

September 19, 1990

Ms. Mona Karoghlianian
4936 Horizon Drive
Richmond Heights, Ohio 44143

Dear Mona:

Thank you very much for the wonderful 44th annual ACYOA Assembly and Sports Weekend you and your Committee planned and accomplished. Every detail was so thoughtfully looked after. Your leadership was a great asset. Despite the huge undertaking, you and all involved were ever so courteous and efficient. I appreciate all the hard work and time that you and those who were part of this huge event gave to the task.

The annual Assembly was an opportunity for all of us to work together and experience the true nature of the Christian community in action.

God bless you and may His spirit endow you with wisdom and grace.

With prayers,

Fr. Khajag Barsamian
Primate

September 19, 1990

Mr. Scott Najarian
8A Robertson Road
Worcester, MA 01602

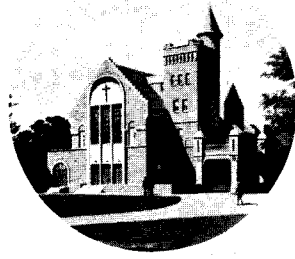
Dear Scott:

I extend my deep appreciation to you for your exemplary chairmanship of the 44th annual ACYOA Assembly held in Cleveland, Ohio, this year. Your leadership was a great asset. The fact that all events went smoothly made what could have been difficult and even tedious proceedings very productive.

God bless you and may He inspire all our youth to the same devotion and service.

With prayers,

Fr. Khajag Barsamian
Primate



st. sahad and st. mesrob armenian church

The Reverend Paree Metjian, Pastor

September 7, 1990

Very Reverend Father Khajag Barsamian
Primate of the Eastern Diocese of the
Armenian Church of America
630 Second Avenue
New York, New York 10016

Dear Father Khajag,

I am pleased to inform you that the A.C.Y.O.A. Juniors of Saint Sahag and Saint Mesrob Armenian Church, will be hosting their first Juniors Sports Weekend from October 5-8, 1990.

Part of our plans include the preparation of a booklet in honor of the occasion. The A.C.Y.O.A. Juniors would very much like to include a message from you, Hayr Soorp, in our booklet.

Additionally, we would like to extend an invitation to you to join us during the weekend's festivities. We are aware that you are leaving for the Holy See of Etchmiadzin around this time, and if you are unable to be with us, we would like to extend our prayers to you, as you leave for the Holy See.

With respect,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "L. Shake' Ajamian". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

L. Shake' Ajamian

ACYOA CONVENTION

DOUG TASHJIAN
STEVE SARKISIAN
NICOLE MAZMANIAN - COLLEGE COORDINATOR
OTHER PROGRAMS

DEAR ACYOA DELEGATES

I am very happy to be here today to share with you this memorable occasion, to get better acquainted with each one of you and to learn from you. *[It also gives me a great spiritual uplift to have with us as guests the Primates of California and Canada, His Eminence Archbishop Vatche Hovsepien and the Very Rev. Hovnan Derderian. Their presence here signifies the unity of the Armenian Church on the North American continent and also the brotherly love prevailing in the Church of Christ. Having them here at my side gives me greater strength, assurance and determination to carry the heavy burden of the yoke of Christ on my weak shoulders.]*

The present Convention in particular will help me as your new Primate to understand you and your needs better. This is a most opportune time in my life to turn to you, since I am not age-wise far removed from you by a wide gap. The past experience of my predecessors, Archbishops Tiran Nersoyan and Torkom Manoogian, serve as a witness to the fact that if a newly-elected Primate of this vast Diocese wishes to achieve any results during his tenure of office, he must be sensitive to the youth movements in our Church.

From the first day of my election as Primate of the Eastern Diocese last May, I decided to follow the example of giant churchmen such as Archbishop Tiran and Patriarch Torkom, now the occupant of the Holy Apostolic See of Jerusalem, by directing my attention to the youth and the ACYOA. One of the points I made in my acceptance speech to the Diocesan Assembly that elected me was the promise that I would make every effort to strengthen the ACYOA and create a department of youth at the Diocesan Headquarters.

Today I come here with a more elaborate proposal, one that aims at reviving our traditional values and strengthening the roots

of our Church community. We shall try to establish within our Diocese a FAMILY MINISTRY, a part of which will be the YOUTH MINISTRY. Family Ministry will draw the people of our Diocese together into a single unit or a family so that everyone will feel himself or herself as a member of the one and the same corporate body of Christ. In all the parishes throughout our Diocese we would like to see a spirit of love, brotherhood, tolerance and acceptance, so that the youth may not be patronized by their elders, the old may not be rejected by their juniors, the newly-arrived immigrants may not feel alien and the American-born may not led to think of themselves as less Armenians. We would like to see an interaction among the different church and community organizations, generations, classes of people and Armenians in general. The resultant atmosphere from such interaction may perhaps keep within the fold of the community the thousands of youth, college and post-college age men and women living away from home, who drift away from Armenian life, get involved in non-Armenian institutions and usually never return to the bosom of the Church.

I realize that the Family Ministry is a most ambitious program that deserves a great deal of attention. For that reason, I felt that we should tackle the first step as soon as possible. Consequently, the Diocese contacted a professional organization to assess our resources on a national scale, examine our needs and make recommendations. The research by this firm is already on its way and representatives will get in touch with various individuals in our parishes during the next several weeks.

It was unfortunate that the ACYOA Director, Douglas Tashjian decided to return to his profession after two and a half years of very usef service to the youth of our Diocese. We were fortunate to have him and are thankful for all the wonderful work he did, including the revival of the ACYOA monthly publication. While the Diocese was still looking for a replacement, Steve Sarkisian was appointed as temporary Director with the understanding that he would pursue a special project researching the state and needs of our young people from Birth until marriage. Steve's report will be made available and we are very thankful for his effort throughout the summer months.

Realizing well that the Youth Ministry in our Church could not succeed without bringing into the Church the young people who are in college. For this we now have a young lady, Nicole Mazmanian, who is our College Coordinator. For the past several months she is working hard to gather information on Armenian students in colleges. She already had an impressive list. Ultimately these Armenians will be contacted and encouraged in various Diocesan or parish programs. One such program, called "MY KINSMAN PROGRAM" had already been established four years ago. We shall try to strengthen that as well as other Diocesan programs, particularly those sponsored by the Departments.

The ACYOA can and must play an important role in implementing our plans for a Family Ministry. The Parish Council members, delegates, priests and bishops of our Church will come from your ranks. You are young, vibrant and idealistic; your zeal is what the Church community needs in order to revive herself and restore the youth movement in this country back in the 1940s, 1950s and 1960s, when as many as 5,000 young people and more attended the conventions. Some of those people are now in important positions in the Church. Get involved, and involve your friends and relatives in the Church. Be a part of Christ's family; you will like it. May God bless you and give all of you the wisdom to choose His way.

OTHER PROGRAMS

Preliminary Proposal
from ACYOA Central Council

February 1, 1991

Dear ACYOA Member:

At the invitation of His Beatitude Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, the ACYOA has organized a unique work/study program this summer in Jerusalem. Ten selected participants will intern at the Armenian Patriarchate, offering their skills and talent to various departments (described on the following pages). The interns will be provided with room and board by the Patriarchate.

In addition to working in the Patriarchate, interns may take courses in topics such as: The History of the Jerusalem Patriarchate, History of Armenian Presence in the Holy Land, Armenian Language, and Sacraments of our Church. Interns will also visit local religious and historic sites in Israel.

Interns may select to participate in a four or eight week program. The program will begin in late June and end in late July or August depending upon the program chosen. Exact dates will be determined shortly.

Candidates for the Jerusalem Summer Work/Study Internship will be selected by His Grace Bishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate, Diocese of the Armenian Church of America and the

ACYOA Central Council. To request consideration, please complete and accept the following conditions:

1. Complete the enclosed application and accompanying forms. Return them to Tony Barsamian, ACYOA Acting Executive Secretary, 630 Second Avenue, New York, New York 10016.

Deadline: _____ **Acceptance Notification:**

_____.

2. Provide U.S. passport and four (4) 1 1/16 x 1 1/2 photographs for Israeli visa application.
Deadline for receipt of passports and photos: _____.
3. Attend an orientation meeting at the Diocesan Center, Saturday, _____, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Participants are responsible for travel expenses to New York. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.
4. Participants are responsible for roundtrip airfare between New York City and Jerusalem (approx. \$1,000) - This fee may be waived or reduced should the ACYOA receive a donation to cover all or part of the costs.

We hope that with this new internship program we will continue to fulfill the interests of our members. Together with the Armenian Studies Program, our members will grow in knowledge and understanding of these great hierarchal sees.

We look forward to receiving your application.

Sincerely,

Laurie Onanian

ACYOA Jerusalem Internship Coordinator
Central Council

ACYOA JERUSALEM SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Application Form

Deadline: _____
Passports and photographs due _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone Nos. (Home) _____ (Work) _____

Occupation _____

Marital Status _____

Date of Birth _____

Place of Birth _____

Country of Citizenship _____

Communicant of the Armenian Church (Yes)___(No)___

Parish _____

City _____ State _____

Dues-Paid Member of the Parish (Yes)___(No)___

ACYOA Chapter: Parish _____

City _____ State _____

ACYOA Dues-Paid Member (Yes)___(No)___

Education: Please list all schools attended, starting with high school.

School	City, State	Degree, Date	Major

Armenian Language Fluency: Explain below (Fluent, Good, Fair, Poor)

- Speak*
- Understand*
- Write*
- Read*

Fluency In Other Foreign Languages: If Any, Explain Below

Physical Illnesses, Allergies, or Disabilities: If Any, Explain Below

Have you been to Jerusalem (Yes) ___ (No) ___ If yes, explain below:

Describe any foreign travel or work/study experiences:

Please check below the areas in which you are proficient and explain.

Accounting _____

Architecture _____

Art _____

Carpentry _____

Civil Engineering _____

Construction _____

Electrical _____

Journalism _____

Music _____

Photography _____

Public Relations _____

Secretarial _____

List below any special skills or talents which you feel would contribute to the ACYOA Jerusalem Internship Program.

Please provide the following information to complete your application:

1. Recommendation from your pastor.
2. Recommendation from an employer or professor.
3. Resume.
4. Name of health insurance carrier, policy number, and name of insured.
5. Completed Waiver of Liability form.
6. Valid passport and four (4) 1 1/16 x 1 1/2 inch b/w photographs.

Answer the following questions (please write approximately 100-word answer per question on separate page(s) and attach to this application).

1. Why do you wish to participate in the ACYOA Jerusalem Internship program?
2. What personal qualities do you possess that would make you an asset to the program?
3. Describe the duties you perform in your present job. If you are a student, use a summer job or extra-curricular activity as an example.
4. Explain the volunteer activities in which you are or have been involved in the Armenian Church or in your community.

WAIVER OF LIABILITY FORM

Diocese of the Armenian Church of America
630 Second Avenue
New York, New York 10016

I hereby waive any claim or right of action that I may hereafter acquire against you, your agents, representatives and employees arising out of such trip to and from Jerusalem inclusive of any losses, costs and expenses including reasonable attorney's fees incurred or suffered by me.

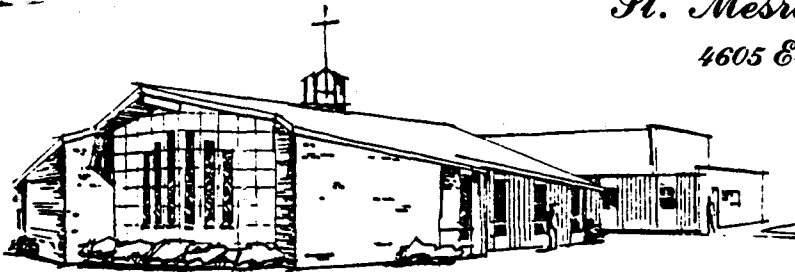
I understand that I am not eligible to participate in the ACYOA Internship in Jerusalem unless I sign and deliver this Waiver to you.

Dated:

St. Mesrob Armenian Apostolic Church

4605 Erie Street, Racine, Wisconsin 53402

414-639-0531



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Reverend Father Garabed Kochakian, Pastor

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September 25, 1990

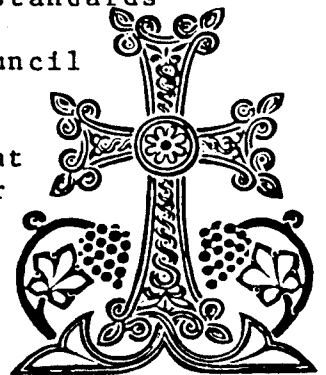
Mr. Anthony Barsamian, Interim Executive Director
ACYOA Seniors
Diocese of The Armenian Church
630 Second Avenue
New York, NY 10016

Dear Anthony:

First, let me congratulate you on your re-appointment as Interim Director of ACYOA Srs. I know you shall do your utmost to secure a more solid future for our youth.

In the spirit of true Christian love and concern, I am writing to you about the recent Sports Weekend, which the Seniors convened in Cleveland, Ohio. I recently learned that members from my own parish, as well as other Mid-Western Armenian parishes comprised a team(s) for sports competition, had won first place trophies, honors and the glory of the day. I cannot say I was happy. This disturbed me to find this out. Why?

The members from Racine, who participated, are not active in their own community here, nor is there really officially an ACYOA Seniors group of my parish. Many of them, neither pay dues to the National Organization, nor do they lend their hands in the service of the church. I question the Central Council and Sports Weekend Committee criteria for allowing them to compete; the screening of all participants by the "committee", and the eligibility of those who participate in ACYOA Sports. Also, I wonder about the "players" and their commitment to the Church. For this 'victorious' team from the Mid-West; are they truly worthy of the glory and honor given to them on the occasion, are they in compliance with the standards of the ACYOA Seniors -- upholding the integrity of our National Organization? In all honesty, is the Central Council 'proud' to honor these young people? Or, did the dark horse team, unknown of before the weekend, just capture the moment, steal the hour and walk away with an award that will mean nothing to them on October 1st or the days after that and after that, just for the fun of it all?



Mr. Anthony Barsamian,
Interim Executive Director

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I thought the Central Council had a tighter grip and a more responsible monitoring of the games. I really think for the future, this issue must be addressed in the light of fairness, justice and fair play to all who compete. It is indeed a reflection of the integrity of our Church's efforts to be the just and fair Christians that we espouse to be or -- at least hope to become through ACYOA.

I am sorry and sad that I must unleash these feelings of dismay on to you at such a critical time, as the ACYOA Seniors journey toward becoming a more model and exemplary group for Armenian Christian Youth in America. But, I feel that unless something is said, this type of deception will eventually corrode and eat away the very fiber of what ACYOA was established for, stands for and hopes to become. To the memory of Abp. Tiran Nersoyan, this and other improprieties must be examined and scrutinized.

Are we that insecure about being honest that our fear tempts and even leads us astray from the path of truth? How will these occurrences affect the quality of what ACYOA aspires to be for our youth? These and other questions surround this problem and I hope that in future years such 'mistakes' will not win first place. The truth and holiness of God can only shine from honest hearts and souls.

Let us not lament that "The Glory of God has departed from Israel (God's chosen), because the Ark of God has been captured." (1 Samuel 4:21)

With my continued prayers,

Fr. Garabed

Fr. Garabed Kochakian

Lucine Amara

20 December 1990

260 West End Avenue
New York, New York 10023

His Eminence Bishop Khajag Barsamian
DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF AMERICA
620 Second Avenue
New York, New York 10016

Your Eminence Barsamian:

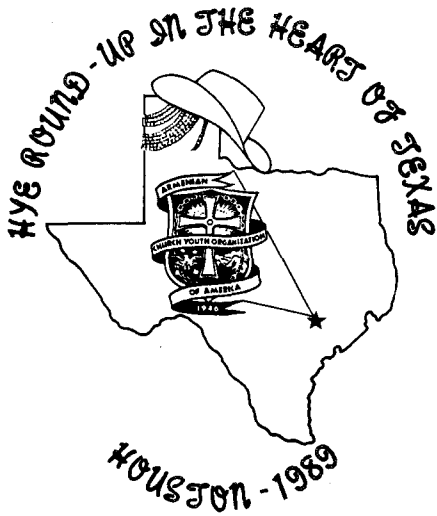
This is to formally thank you for your presentation to me of the Primate's Renaissance Award. The evening was one of the touching evenings of my career. I have always tried to uphold with spirituality and artistic integrity that entrusted gift from God. Sharing that gift with those who have taken their time to listen, has given me peace and joy on this earth. My happiness is abounding.

Thank you again and may you enjoy the spirit of this Season with all the gifts of Love.

Respectfully yours,

Lucine Amara
LUCINE AMARA

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A.C.Y.O.A. ASSEMBLY AND SPORTS WEEKEND

September 27, 1990

Dear Anthony,

Enclosed the mailing list along with the Program disk - I understand such a program is about \$200. - aside from the work that goes into the setting up, programming and feeding some 2600 addresses (the original list which we put into the computer was 3400+). Therefore, I shall leave it to your judgment for the amount you want to send us.

Best wishes —

Prayerfully,
J. Newman

Armenian Church Youth Organization of America

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

September 25, 1990

Rev. Fr. Diran Papazian, Pastor
Sts. Joachim and Anne Armenian Church
12600 South Ridgeland
Palos Heights, IL 60463

Reverend Father:

At the 1990 ACYOA National Sports Weekend, the Hartford ACYOA of St. George Armenian Church in Hartford, CT was the recipient of the 1990 Chapter "A" Award, which is annually given to the chapter that best fulfills the standards and requirements set forth by the ACYOA Central Council. Each year, the winning chapter participates in a "mission program" called the Chapter "A" Assistance Program, whereby it is sent to a new or inactive chapter or to an area where there is no existing chapter in an effort to stimulate young adult involvement within the local parish community.

During the ACYOA Central Council's transitional meeting in Cleveland, OH, the Council decided to extend an invitation to the young adults of the Sts. Joachim and Anne Armenian Church to take part in the 1990 Chapter "A" Assistance Program. Please accept this letter as a formal invitation to host this program. The program has been slated for the weekend of January 11-13, 1991. Transportation, lodging and all meals for the "mission team" will be arranged for and paid by the ACYOA Central Council.

If you have any questions or need more information, please feel free to contact me at 215-649-8426 (after 7 p.m.). I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Respectfully,



Lisa D. Manookian
ACYOA Central Council Chairman

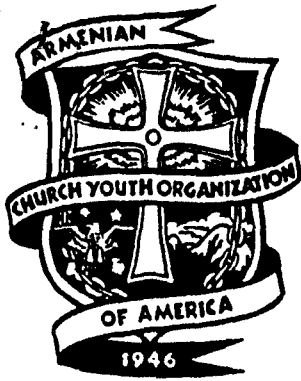
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cc: Mr. Sam Arzoumanian
Ms. Irene Arakelian
Ms. Violet Bargamian
Mr. Keg Giragosian
Ms. Debbie Simonian
Central Council
Acting Executive Secretary



Central Council

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**St. David Armenian Church
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2300 Yamato Road, Boca Raton, Florida 33431
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October 22, 1990

The Right Reverend Bishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America
630 Second Avenue
New York, NY 10016

Your Grace,

As you know, the 1991 ACYOA Anniversary Ball will be held on January 26, in Boca Raton Florida. The National Anniversary Ball Committee is requesting that each parish include the attached material in their next parish newsletter in support of the ACYOA's efforts. As always, we thank you for your cooperation and support.

Respectfully,

1991 ACYOA ANNIVERSARY BALL COMMITTEE

Rena Jebejian
Lisa Manookian
Melanie Mikaelian
Laurie Onanian

Enclosures

OF AMERICA

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

October 31, 1990

VIA TELECOPY

Ms. Syraun Palvetzian
Executive Director
Diocese of the Armenian Church
630 Second Avenue
New York, NY 10016

Dear Syraun:

Tony contacted me this past week and informed me that you had requested some information from the Council with regard to our responsibilities and activities. Accordingly, I am providing you with an update of our progress this year with regard to the visitations and many programs we are coordinating. I think it might prove helpful to communicate in this manner every so often as the Council only meets four times during the course of the year and does not seem to communicate as much with you and I realize that the need is apparent every now and then.

First and foremost, you have requested from us a list of who is on the Council for the 1990-91 year and what each person's responsibilities are. I apologize for not getting this to you earlier as I should have forwarded it to you in September. I am, nevertheless, attaching a copy of the 1990-91 ACYOA Central Council listing which indicates each Council member's name, address, phone number, assigned region, and areas of responsibility.¹ To provide you with further information, the following is an update of the status of each program/project:

Mye Christian Encounter: The retreat was originally scheduled to be held in Providence but due to the unavailability of a retreat location and various other factors, we have decided to have it in Racine. We anticipate having it in mid-January. Tony has already been in contact with Der Garabed.

ACYOA National Anniversary Ball: Laurie and I went down to Florida from October 4-8, 1990 to prepare for the affair. While there, we

This list will be forwarded with a cover letter to all chapters next week with other pertinent materials (i.e. monthly fact sheets and membership renewal forms). The following week I will be forwarding a second copy to the clergy of those parishes where there is no existing and/or organized chapter. I will provide everyone with copies of these correspondences at our meeting on November 10th.



Central Council

DIocese of the Armenian Church of America

We are, of course, honoring Mr. & Mrs. Edward Mardigian, our benefactors, during the banquet, as well as celebrating our 45th Anniversary.

Cultural Weekend: This year's Cultural Weekend will be held in Worcester from February 16th to 19th. Tentative plans include a reception on Friday night, a day of intense lectures on Saturday, trips to the various Armenian churches and a museum on Sunday, and another lecture on Monday. Laurie is coordinating the weekend with the assistance of Tony, Charlie and Steve and will have a more definite update, including the names of some of the speakers by our meeting.

Cultural Day: Tony and I have discussed the possibility of eliminating this as we feel that there is enough of a balance and we might be putting ourselves in a position where we are competing with the various chapters. This will be discussed at the meeting.

Christian Leadership Seminar: The Christian Leadership Seminar is scheduled for Saturday, March 9, 1991. It will be coordinated by myself and held in Wynnewood, PA. I will begin preparations in early December.

Chapter "A" Assistance Program: The program will take place sometime in the Spring. Five members of the Hartford chapter will visit the parish of Sts. Joachim & Anna in Palos Heights, IL. I wrote a letter to Der Diran on September 25th and Tony made subsequent contact.

Armenian Martyrs' Day Commemoration: Suzie and Lynda will be coordinating this year's program at the Diocese.

Archbishop Torkom Manogian Invitational Tournament: This year's Tournament will be held once again in conjunction with the Annual Diocesan Assembly in Tenafly. The Tenafly chapter will be organizing it with the assistance of the Fair Lawn chapter.

Armenian Studies Program: Tony is working on this and will hopefully be able to update us at the meeting.

Summer Internship in Jerusalem: Laurie is drafting an outline of the Internship and will present it to us at the meeting. Subsequently, the Primate will need to confer with the Patriarch in order to ascertain the needs of the Patriarchate so that the internship can be organized accordingly.

College Student Program: Nicole has drafted three proposals which she will present to the Council for consideration. Tony has briefed me on them and they sound good.

Ms. Syraun Palvetzian
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finalized plans for the weekend, met with the caterer and selected the menu, met with a salesperson at the hotel, visited the Deerfield Beach Chamber of Commerce and met with members of the chapter.

The first flyer for the affair has already been sent both locally and nationally. Tony should have a copy. Information on the affair has already appeared in several articles sent to the various papers and Laurie is in the process of preparing an article specifically publicizing the affair. Two more flyers will be prepared -- one to be sent to the local parish community and the other to be sent to those on the ACYOA National Mailing List. They should be completed by mid-November and out to everyone by the beginning of December.

The basic information is on the first flyer. Laurie is working on the program and has asked Crosby Kazarian to serve as Master of Ceremonies. We have tentatively scheduled the reception for 6:00, the banquet for 7:00 and the dance for 9:00. We have arranged with the caterer for a chicken dinner, however, we are trying to work out an arrangement where we can offer a choice of Prime Rib or Chicken. The cost is \$50.00 per person and includes the reception, banquet and dance.

With regard to ACYOA members, we are offering a package plan of \$70.00 which will include a Volleyball Beach Party/Cookout on Saturday afternoon; the reception, banquet and dance on Saturday evening; and a brunch on Sunday following church services, coordinated by the Women's Guild of St. David Armenian Church. Hotel accommodations have been secured with the Howard Johnson Resort Hotel in Deerfield Beach for \$80.00 a night. Laurie and I stayed at the hotel while we were down there and were given a tour of the facilities. It is right on the beach and within fifteen minutes of the church.

Entertainment during the banquet will be provided by Shami Arslanian and the Karatsayn Singers from Hartford. Entertainment during the dance will be provided by Shami and her husband, Steve Weisbart, and the Armenian All-Star Band from the Greater Boston area, featuring Roger Krikorian, Kenny Kalajian, Leon Janikian and Joe Kouyoumjian.

Tickets for the affair are limited and all reservations must be made by January 18, 1991 (reservations made upon receipt of check). We are limiting the banquet to 350 as that is the maximum that Mardigian Hall can comfortably hold. Once the banquet is over, the tables around the dance floor (at which we will make sure ACYOA members are seated) will be taken down for the dancing and an additional 150 individuals will be admitted. We will not be accepting anyone at the door, neither for the banquet nor for the dance. All reservations must be made in advance. Seating arrangements will also be made.

General Assembly/National Sports Weekend: We are still waiting for a post article from Cleveland, as well as a list of the winners. I anticipate the Council reviewing a draft of the Assembly Minutes on Friday, November 9th for accuracy.

With regard to the 1991 General Assembly/National Sports Weekend, several meetings have been held and the committee seems very organized. The weekend is being hosted by the Hartford chapter and the weekend co-chairmen are Richard Mardirosian and Christine Shooshan. I believe that Tony has attended one meeting and might be able to give you more information. Additionally, Charlie should be able to update us at each meeting.

National Fund Raising Committee: Sara is working on several prospects and suggestions.

Membership Handbook: Suzie and I are almost through updating the contents. They will be distributed by the end of the year to all dues-paid members of the 1990 fiscal year.

Chapter Resource Handbook: Suzie and I will begin updating this in mid-December. It is scheduled for distribution in February.

National Mailing List: The National Mailing list is finally on the ACYOA computer and has been updated. Nicole has been very helpful to us in this respect.

Hye Hokin: The next issue will be dedicated to the anniversary of the passing of Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan. It will include the usual sections, as well as Sports Weekend news and a list of the winners, and articles concerning the Primate's consecration and the Patriarch's enthronement.

With regard to visitations, the following have been made and scheduled:

Visitations Made

October 4-7, 1990	Boca Raton, FL	Laurie/Lisa
October 7, 1990	Niagara Falls, NY	Sara
October 15, 1990	Hartford, CT	Steve
October 17, 1990	Cambridge, MA	Steve
October 18, 1990	Providence, RI	Steve

Visitations Scheduled

November 3, 1990	Detroit	Steve
Mid-Late January	Miami, Ocala, Orlando St. Petersburg, etc.	Laurie
Early Spring	Atlanta	Laurie

Ms. Syraun Palvetzian
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Lynda and Suzie are in the process of making contact with the various chapters in their regions and will try to provide us with some dates at the meeting. I have also made contact with Richmond in an attempt to schedule a date to visit the parish within the next few months.

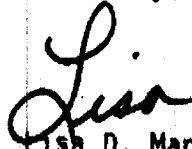
This is a very difficult time of the year to schedule, let alone make, visitations as many chapters are into a "transitional phase" and begin preparing for the upcoming year. The holiday season puts another damper on things and when visitations are scheduled they must be scheduled to accommodate the Council member visiting, the parish priest, the members of the chapter and, in some cases, the local parish community.

Our goal is to visit each chapter at least once between now and the next General Assembly. If we accomplish this we will have made substantial improvement from previous years. Considering that only two months have passed since the General Assembly, I feel we're off to a good start.

With regard to our finances, I am attaching a copy of the financial packet given to the delegates at the General Assembly. The actual budget passed will be in the Minutes, which the Council has yet to receive from the Secretary.

All of these issues will be discussed at our meeting on November 10th. If you need any clarification prior to that time, feel free to call me.

Sincerely,



Lisa D. Manookian
Chairman
ACYOA Central Council

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Attachments

cc: Central Council
Acting Executive Secretary
Edward Onanian



ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

Diocese of the Armenian Church of America
Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

Central Council
630 Second Avenue
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October 22, 1990

Mr. Douglas Tashjian
80 E. Hartsdale
#523
Hartsdale, NY 10530

Dear Doug:

On behalf of the ACYOA Central Council, I wish to thank you for your efforts in strengthening the ACYOA during your tenure as Executive Secretary. During the past three years, many things were accomplished for which we must all take pride in. Through your efforts, new ACYOA programs were created, implemented and consistently improved from year to year.

Although there were times when we did not see eye to eye and were critical of your efforts, we nevertheless appreciate them. The cultural and Christian education programs which you developed did much to enrich the ACYOA and we have all seen the results.

We acknowledge you for your service and wish you much success in all your endeavors. Please accept this gift as a token of our appreciation.

Sincerely,

Lisa D. Manookian
Chairman
ACYOA Central Council

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Enclosure
cc: Central Council
Acting Executive Secretary



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May 25, 1990

The Very Rev. Fr. Khajag Barsamian
Primate
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America
630 Second Avenue
New York, NY 10016

Very Reverend Father:

I am writing to Your Grace on behalf of the ACYOA Central Council regarding a matter with which we are very concerned.

The Spring issue of Hye Hokin, originally scheduled to be the Winter issue, has been delayed from production for six weeks now. The issue centers on the feelings and concerns of young people regarding the important role of the Church, and the course we, as young Armenian adults, should take in this decade.

All of the material for this issue was submitted to Karen Sirabian, the Editor, by mid-February. A typeset copy was submitted to the Rev. Dr. Krikor Maksoudian for review towards the end of March. Dr. Krikor suggested a few changes. Once the changes were made, he approved publication of the issue. Karen then sent the revised copy to Michael Kane, the printer, on April 10th. On April 23rd, Karen contacted Michael to inquire when the blueprints would be ready and was informed that the material was intercepted by the Diocese for additional review. Karen later learned from Doug that there was some concern with one of the articles.

While I realize the need for review, it is most unfortunate that six weeks have passed and the matter has not yet been resolved.

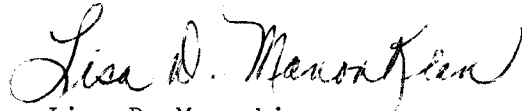
The Council views Hye Hokin as the ACYOA's biggest communication tool; and it has been well received by many. When a lengthy delay of this sort occurs, much of the contents (i.e. national and chapter news) becomes irrelevant. This provides for a loss of consistency; which, in turn, promotes poor public relations.

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Very Reverend Father, the Council respectfully requests that this situation be addressed and resolved by Your Grace and the Diocesan Council as soon as possible. Additionally, the Central Council would like some clarification and guidance from the Diocesan Council with regard to the review process of Hye Hokin so that it can establish a time frame within which to produce forthcoming issues of the quarterly.

I appreciate Your Grace's attention to and assistance in this matter, as I realize that you are very busy and have many important matters to tend to.

Respectfully,



Lisa D. Manookian
ACYOA Central Council Chairman

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cc: The Honorable Judge Vincent Gurahian
Dr. Edward Onanian
Karen Sirabian
Syraun Palvetzian
Douglas Tashjian
ACYOA Central Council



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September 4, 1990

His Beatitude Abp. Torkom Manoogian
Patriarch of Jerusalem
St. James Armenian Patriarchate
Jerusalem (Old City)
Israel

Your Beatitude:

We, the clergy, delegates and members of the A.C.Y.O.A., who gathered in Cleveland, Ohio from August 29-September 3, 1990 under the presidency of the Very Rev. Khajag Barsamian, Primate, for the 44th Assembly and 20th Sports Weekend of the Organization, congratulate you upon your election and subsequent ratification as the 96th Patriarch of the See of St. James in Jerusalem. We ask the Almighty to give you the wisdom, strength and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit to give new life and spiritual power to that venerable and Holy See of the Apostles.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to you for the selfless leadership and spiritual guidance you gave to all the membership of our organization during your many outstanding years as Primate.

Yours respectfully,

Tivan of the Assembly



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September 14, 1990

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mardigian
1525 Tottenham Road
Birmingham, Michigan 48010

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Mardigian:

Thank you so much for the many and great kindnesses you have bestowed upon the youth of the Armenian Church. With your generous gift of \$50,000, you have given their programs and outreach efforts an enormous boost; and then, in your customarily gracious manner, you gave of yourself and your time as well, by being with them at the annual ACYOA Convention as Honorary Chairpersons.

There is a very beautiful and inspiring spirit among our young people today and that is wonderfully reflected in their gratitude and admiration for all you do and are. In my travels as Vicar and now Primate, I am always impressed by the energy and hope of our ACYOA members; now thanks to you, there is that much more for them to hope for and that much more for them to do.

God bless you both, for as champions of our young people, you are investing your love in God's great gift to the community: young hearts, full of faith.

With prayers,

Fr. Khajag Barsamian

Fr. Khajag Barsamian
Primate

May 23, 1990

Ms. Syraun Palvetzian
Diocese of the Armenian Church
630 Second Ave.
New York, NY 10016

Dear Syraun:

I am writing in order to resolve the impasse you seem to have reached regarding the as-yet-to-be-printed volume 2, number 1 of **Hye Hokin**. It is now fully one and a half months since you pulled the publication from the printer (it went to him on April 9). I have yet to receive a phone call regarding your problem with the issue or even notifying me of what appears to be your decision to table the issue.

Needless to say, I am rather disgusted by this inexcusable delay. The publication has a spring pub date, which has now been rendered ridiculous, the calendar is completely out of date, and I can no longer vouch for the condition of the boards or the artwork that was contained therein.

Angered as I am at 1) the time wasted by your pulling the job from press surreptitiously; 2) your sitting on it for over a week and half without making known either your actions or your problem with the issue; 3) your complete lack of courtesy to me as the editor in not even notifying me of this action; and 4) most important, the specter of censorship your actions raise--angered as I am by all of that, I am writing really to educate you more than anything else. Perhaps with more information at your disposal you will be able to resolve your conflicts.

I fully understand your concern for having the Diocese always appear in the best light; about misrepresentations that might appear in the press or other media; about the public image your employees put forth. I am also well aware that, as in any small ethnic group, ours is fraught with often unconstructive criticism--usually by the same small (in all senses of the word) group of people. However, all of the above, including your present position, does not excuse your unfortunate--and I truly do believe unintentional--torpedoing of this issue and its publication schedule.

At the risk of irritating you, let me put your actions in publishing perspective.

1. There is a fundamental difference between a press release, a house organ, and a member publication. I am

fairly sure you grasp the distinction, but will outline it here just to make sure there are no misunderstandings.

Press releases are public relations instruments. These are meant to present facts in the best light possible and to put forth, unequivocally, the company's or organization's point of view. Objectivity (while it would be refreshing) is rarely aimed for. A **house organ** refers to any publication published by a company, organization, etc. whose prime purpose is to educate others specifically about that organization, its positions, its good works, its employees, etc. Your **The Armenian Church** publication is a commendable example of this. Once again, there is no question as to whose views are represented--those of the Diocese.

Hye Hokin is neither of these. It is a publication put out by the ACYOA to serve as a forum for discussion and as a means of disseminating information. This aspect of diversity is what makes the publication a valuable one, I believe. Articles that appear in **Hye Hokin** represent only the views of the author--not those of the Diocese, the ACYOA or Armenians in general. This is reinforced by the statement that appears on the copyright page: "Letters and essays do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the editorial staff." It is further reinforced by the fact that all articles are signed, making authorship quite clear.

2. The publisher of **Hye Hokin** is the Diocese/ACYOA. Since you oversee and vet everything that is published by the Diocese, I would consider you the publisher. (If you would like to be so listed on the masthead of **Hye Hokin**, I would be happy to do so. Perhaps in light of the situation at hand, it should be done.) As publisher, it is your prerogative to read everything you publish. Normally, publishers trust their editorial staff enough not to have to bother with this, but it is a right they reserve. As publisher, you have the right to query any material you feel is slanderous, libelous, erroneous, ill-written, etc. Most publishers draw the line at killing a piece because they don't like the opinion put forth, but that's not to say it doesn't happen.

Unfortunately for publishing today, more and more are crossing that line and flirting with outright censorship. I have personally known of reporters' pieces yanked from the **New York Times** not for factual errors but because the editor did not like the unflattering portrayal of a particular country. Books are suffering, too--as more publishing companies are subsumed by megapublishers, conflicts arise. Little Brown recently cancelled an expose on the organized crime suit against Time Warner when that merger was completed, making Time Warner Little Brown's parent.

The more notable incidents generate a great deal of controversy and publicity. At the very least, editors and other staff resign, and in some cases lawsuits are filed citing First Amendment and other protections. In other cases the censorship may take place without incident, rationalized of course by words like image.

I have launched into all this to make it quite clear to you where I stand and what I will and will not be a party to. I take the business of putting words in print and distributing them very seriously--as seriously as you.

3) When I agreed to launch and edit **Hye Hokin** I did it with a very clear understanding of what the publication would be and what my responsibilities would be. As editor, I would never consider printing a piece that was gratuitously inflammatory or denigrating; I would not knowingly print material that was incorrect; I strive to render the material grammatical; I have attempted to make the voice of the publication not that of my own, but that of the contributors; I have encouraged diversity among the articles solicited and would continue to do so. Finally, I have a great deal of faith in my own judgment regarding all of the above. I also recognize my accountability to you as publisher, and that's fine with me so long as your judgments are made based on sound principles.

Now for the matter at hand.

Essentially, your problem with this issue boiled down to one sentence in Elise's article. (Or so, in light of any communication from you, I have been told by Doug Tashjian.) For this, you stopped press on a job that had a May deadline (the Diocesan Assembly) and then sat on it for weeks. This is not how things are done. As publisher, you have the right to demand to read the publication. But pulling it from press is akin to shooting yourself in the foot. You could have read Doug's xeroxes and if you had a problem told him or, more properly, me. Mike could have continued the time consuming press work on the cover and photos, and on the rest of the material and, if a change had to be made, it could have been made in blues.

Instead, we are entering the month of June and the issue still remains at the Diocese, the problem remains unresolved, and no attempt has been made to address any of it. In addition, the schedule is shot, no type has been set (the typesetter erases the files after my final corrections unless I tell her to hold them) and, incidentally, in addition to being fairly furious, I have been severely inconvenienced.

Unlike most people involved in non-profit organizations I take my deadlines seriously. To this end instead of going

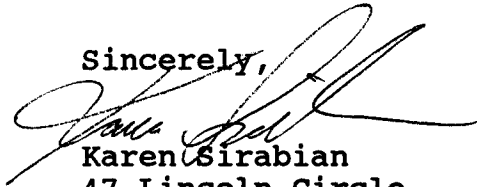
through the mail I made several trips personally to the typesetter, with young children in tow. Again to save time, I did much of the paste-up myself. To facilitate the transfer of the publication to Ledda, I was arranging for a babysitter so I could get down to the Diocese to go over the blues with her and familiarize her with the other details. I learned of this fiasco when I called Mike on April 23 to see when blues would be ready.

All of this is not just because you had a problem with an article, Syraun. Rather, it is what comes of making decisions in a vacuum and without consulting those whom you are paying to do the job in the first place. The solution to your problem could be a five-minute fix--a change in the footnote, for example or the alteration of a word. Almost two months delay for this?

I hope you've stayed with me this far. I do value your eye and opinion, and so I am sure will Ledda. But unless you can maintain a sense of urgency and perspective when dealing with **Eye Hokin**, your involvement will obfuscate, not clarify. Certainly the mishandling of this issue reinforces this.

I do expect the courtesy of a reply to this letter; whether by phone or mail is up to you. I need to know what is going on. At the very least, I owe an explanation to the many people who have been involved in this issue, from authors to artists, as to what has happened to their work. We also need to resolve the many questions that this episode has raised in my mind with regard to future issues if we are all to be spared further professional embarrassment.

Sincerely,



Karen Sirabian
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Crestwood, NY 10707
(914) 793-8713

cc: Lisa Manookian, ACYOA Central Council
Laurie Onanian, Coordinator



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Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

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Վեհափառ Տէր,

Ամերիկայի Հայց. Եկեղեցոյ Երիտասարդաց կազմակերպութեան տարեկան համագումարը
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Այս տարի հիւրընկալ համայնքըն է Գլիվլընտ Օհայոյի Ս. Գրիգոր Նարեկացի Եկեղեցին:
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December 4, 1989

His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America
630 Second Avenue
New York, NY 10016

Your Eminence:

The St. Gregory of Narek ACYOA chapter in Greater Cleveland has many things of which to be proud. Most notably and recently, we were awarded the honor of hosting the ACYOA General Assembly and Sports Weekend to be held August 29 through September 3, 1990. This will be the 20th anniversary of the sports weekend competition. The enthusiasm of our youth has rapidly spread throughout the rest of our parish and beyond into neighboring Armenian communities in Ohio. Committees have already been formed and work begun. The enormity and responsibility of this undertaking is not being taken lightly. It is a joy to see the youth drawn even closer in their collaboration to produce what we all feel will be an unsurpassed experience for the Armenian youth of our diocese.

Your Grace, it is with great pride that we extend to you this invitation to the General Assembly and Sports Weekend in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1990. Your presence during that weekend and support of the ACYOA and its many programs and projects is a source of encouragement to all our youth throughout the diocese.

Traditionally, a weekend booklet is prepared and distributed to the attendees. We would deem it an honor and privilege to have a message from Your Grace, as well as a black and white photograph to include in the booklet. We understand that for similar events in the past, you have used your good offices to respectfully request a message and black and white photograph of His Holiness Vasken I, Catholicos of All Armenians. This booklet will become a historic document and inspirational messages from

ST. GREGORY OF NAREK ARMENIAN CHURCH
678 Richmond Road
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both Your Grace and Vehrapar Hayre will be cherished and treasured by all of those who participate. Soorpazan Hayre, in order to meet production deadlines, we look forward to receiving this information prior to June 1, 1990.

Also, we look forward to sharing the "O-Hye-O '90" experience together in the best location in the nation...

Prayerfully yours,

Very Rev. Fr. Sooren Chinchinian
Very Reverend Father Sooren Chinchinian
President, ACYOA Cleveland Chapter and
Pastor, St. Gregory of Narek Armenian Church

Mona Karoghlanian

Mona Karoghlanian
Chairman, 1990 ACYOA General Assembly
and Sports Weekend Committee

Anita Arpajian

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Corresponding Secretary, 1990 ACYOA
General Assembly and Sports Weekend
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January 15, 1990

His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America
630 Second Avenue
New York, New York 10016-4885

Dear Surpazan Hayr,

On Friday, January 12, 1990 I was informed as to the resignation of Central Council member Gregory Arpajian. Being elected as the first alternate in the case of a withdrawal of any elected member, it is with much dismay that I will be unable to accept a Central Council position at this time.

After further reflection, in light of my increased responsibilities over the past several months as ACYOA Jr. Youth Director, Parish Social Worker and the changes that have occurred with my community employment as a hospital Social Worker I realistically would not be able to fulfill such a responsibility in a effective and efficient manner.

It is my hope that this decision does not create any problems for the Council, however perhaps I will be able to serve in this capacity at a more convenient time. May the year 1990 be a prosperous one for the ACYOA Central Council.

Respectfully,



Beth Bilbilian

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His Holiness Catholicos Vasken I
Etchmiadzin
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