

August 30th, 1990

Interdiocesan Matters

Present at Meeting

The Very Rev. Father Khajag Barsamian, Primate of The Armenian Church
V Of america

The Very Rev. Father Hovnan Derderian, Primate of The Armenian Church
Of America

Mr. anthony Barsamian, Acting ACYOA Executive Secretary

Mr. Harry Sakarya, ACYO-C Youth Director

The primary objective is to establish and maintain communications and to increase interdiocesan activities. The Primates suggested that initially there be a meeting with all the Central Councils.

Direction was given to the the Acting ACYOA Executive secretary and the ACYO-C Youth Director to draw up a tentative agenda for a weekend meeting between Central Council of the Eastern Diocese, Western Diocese and Canada. this agenda is to be discussed with the participating Central Councils and to be approved by the Primates of the participating Dioceses. The meetings must be practical and address educational and spiritual issues. the questions of what the Dioceses can do together must also be addressed.

This weekend event should also consist of educational and spiritual activities in the form of lectures to workshops.

Contact persons should be established in each diocese and the Executive Secretary/Youth directors should keep in close dialogue both regarding the matter of this meeting or otherwise. The Very Rev. Father Hovnan Derderian suggested that the Executive Secretaries/Youth Directors create time for visits to our neighboring Dioceses.

A brief breakdown of a weekend meeting between the Central Councils was drawn up to give the Executive Secretaries/Youth Directors something to work with. It is as follows:

Friday Evening:

- Registration
- Formal opening ceremonies

Saturday Morning:

- 2 Seminars/lectures by clergy or professionals

Saturday Afternoon:

- Workshop by clergy or professionals

Saturday Evening:

- Cultural Events (theater, music, art, etc) created and carried out completely by the youth

Sunday

- Holy Badarak

It was stressed by Father Khajag and Father hovnan that this weekend event be of "First Class" quality.

The outcomes of such a meeting between Central Councils should be reported to all chapters in all Dioceses.

A further suggestion was made (by Harry Sakarya) that a National/Continental committee be established to take on the business of Inter-Diocesan activities.

It was understood that the Primates are to be well informed of any interdiocesan activity so that they may follow and give directive to such activity.

The meeting ended with Harry and Tony committed to meet at least twice before the end of proposed interdiocesan Central Council meeting and to decide on a date for such a meeting.