

SUPPLEMENT TO REPORT
OF THE ACYOA CENTRAL COUNCIL
TO THE DELEGATES OF THE
1990 ACYOA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

On August 18, 1990, the Central Council had its first meeting with our new Primate, the Very Rev. Fr. Khajag Barsamian.

In addition to reviewing and discussing procedures for the General Assembly, the Council reviewed the 1990-91 calendar and came up with some very promising suggestions which will hopefully enhance the quality and diversity of our programs. We also discussed the possibility of piloting a new program called "ACYOA Summer Internship in Jerusalem." His Beatitude, Patriarch Torkom Manoogian has already approved of the project and has given the Council the green light to draft a plan for its implementation.

Our first meeting with Hayr Soorp was very fruitful. The Primate was very enthusiastic and supportive of our plans and overall concerns and will surely provide much guidance to the organization in the coming years.

PERSONAL REMARKS

The Council realizes that it must make more of an effort to achieve and sustain a high level of efficiency and consistency. With the addition of two new members to the Council, the redistribution of assignments and regions, and the support of our new Primate, we hope to begin climbing towards this goal in the coming year.

We have much to build upon and much to be thankful for. His Beatitude, Patriarch Torkom Manoogian, spiritually led the ACYOA through two decades of service to the Armenian Church in America. His wisdom, love and guidance will never be forgotten by those who were privileged to have known Him. We wish His Beatitude much success in his new post and pray that God will bless Him for His never-ending dedication to our Church and our people.

Due credit must also be given to Doug Tashjian, who served as the ACYOA Executive Secretary for 3 1/2 years. Doug was an integral part of the ACYOA. Through his dedication to the organization, Doug initiated and coordinated the Cultural Weekend, the Hye Christian Encounter and the Christian Leadership Seminar. His strong administrative skills went a long way in organizing the ACYOA Earthquake Relief Team and the relief project it took on. The success of that project as well as the programs created

during Doug's tenure as Executive Secretary served to rejuvenate the organization and attracted many individuals to the ACYOA.

A new foundation has been laid and the cornerstones are in place. And so we build again. But we must do it together. The Central Council cannot work miracles. Its output depends upon the collective input of everyone. We need everyone's support, cooperation and assistance. And we must band together -- work together -- and stick together. We are making a difference. Our presence and involvement are witness to that. But if we are to improve the ACYOA and build upon it, it must be through a "team effort."

Serving as Chairman of the ACYOA Central Council this past year has been very rewarding and challenging. With any luck and a little more effort, next year should be even better.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lisa D. Manookian".

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ACYOA Central Council