



Financial Report for the Period  
January 1, \_\_\_\_\_ - December 31, \_\_\_\_\_  
and  
Report for the Period  
July 1, \_\_\_\_\_ - June 30, \_\_\_\_\_

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**SECTION 1 - GENERAL INFORMATION**

Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_ Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

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**SECTION 2 - MEMBERSHIP**

1. Total number of dues-paid members last year: \_\_\_\_\_
  2. Total number of dues-paid members this year: \_\_\_\_\_
  3. Total number of new dues-paid members this year: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Note: If an individual did not pay his/her dues last year, but paid for the previous year, he/she is considered a new member).
  4. Approximate number of active members: \_\_\_\_\_
  5. Reasons for increase or decrease in dues-paid members: \_\_\_\_\_  
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  6. Reasons for increase or decrease in active members: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**SECTION 3 - CHAPTER ACTIVITIES/EVENTS/PROGRAMS**

1. List below all annual events and programs - providing name, date(s), type (i.e. cultural, religious, social, athletic, educational, service-oriented, etc.) and approximate number in attendance: \_\_\_\_\_

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2. List other events and programs held this year - providing name, date(s), type (i.e. cultural, religious, social, athletic, educational, and service-oriented) and approximate number in attendance: \_\_\_\_\_

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3. On a separate sheet of paper, please provide detailed information (i.e. programming, level of chapter participation, attendance, etc.) for the following, being as descriptive as possible, and attaching copies of any documentation:

- ACYOA Day
- Educational/Cultural Program(s)
- Spiritual Program(s)

4. Please list below the reasons for the success or failure of any given program: \_\_\_\_\_

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**SECTION 4 - MEETINGS**

1. Number of general membership meetings: \_\_\_\_\_  
How often? \_\_\_ bi-monthly \_\_\_ monthly \_\_\_ bi-weekly \_\_\_ Irregularly
2. Average number of members attending each meeting: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Number of executive committee meetings: \_\_\_\_\_  
How often? \_\_\_ bi-monthly \_\_\_ monthly \_\_\_ bi-weekly \_\_\_ Irregularly
4. Reasons for good attendance: \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. Reasons for poor attendance: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**SECTION 5 - SERVICE**

1. List below the ways in which this chapter serves the Parish: \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Indicate the number of members who:  

____ serve on the altar ____ sing in the choir ____ assist the ACYOA Jrs. ____ serve on the Parish Council	____ teach in the Church School ____ teach in the Armenian School ____ are dues-paid members of the parish ____ other _____
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3. Does the chapter have a Parish Council liaison? \_\_\_\_\_  
If so, is the liaison helpful? \_\_\_\_\_  
Is the liaison concerned? \_\_\_\_\_

4. Does the chapter meet with other organizations? \_\_\_\_\_  
If so, for what purpose(s)? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. On another sheet of paper, please provide detailed information (i.e. programming, level of chapter participation, attendance, etc.) for the following, being as descriptive as possible, and attaching any additional documentation:

Service to Parish/Local Armenian Community  
Service to Local Community

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**SECTION 6 - FINANCIAL**

Please attach an income and expense statement for the 1990 calendar year including, but not limited to, dues sent to the ACYOA Central Council, parish contributions, expenses relating to any programs and activities, and expenses for delegates to the General Assembly. Also, include a statement for the first six months of 1991 and list the total cash on hand as of the date this report is being prepared.

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**SECTION 7 - CHAPTER & INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP PARTICIPATION**

1. List the names of those individuals who participated as delegates in the 1990 General Assembly in Cleveland, Ohio \_\_\_\_\_:

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2. Indicate the teams the chapter fielded for the 1990 National Sports Weekend in Cleveland, Ohio \_\_\_\_\_:

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3. Provide the names of two individuals who participated in the athletic competitions of the 1990 National Sports Weekend in Cleveland, Ohio \_\_\_\_\_:

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4. Provide the names of two additional members who attended the 1990 National Sports Weekend but did not participate in any athletic competitions:

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5. Indicate the teams the chapter fielded for the 1990 Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Invitational Tournament in Worcester, Massachusetts:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

6. Provide the names of two additional members who attended the 1990 Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Invitation Tournament weekend but did not participate in the Tournament itself:

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7. Indicate the names of two members who participate in a regional conference, providing the complete date (i.e. month/day/year) and conference location: \_\_\_\_\_

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8. Please indicate with an "x" the following programs that members of your chapter have participated in:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Armenian Studies Program
- \_\_\_\_\_ Hye Christian Encounter
- \_\_\_\_\_ Christian Leadership Seminar
- \_\_\_\_\_ Cultural Weekend
- \_\_\_\_\_ Cultural Day
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other



**SECTION 8 - ORGANIZATIONAL**

1. What new programs should the ACYOA consider on the national, regional, and local levels? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. If you have any additional suggestions or comments with regard to any other aspect of the Organization, positive or negative, please indicate:

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If you need more space, please feel free to attach additional pages.

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**SECTION 9 - CHAPTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE/DELEGATES**

On a separate sheet of paper, please provide the name, address and telephone number of each member of the Chapter Executive Committee and each delegate to the ACYOA General Assembly. Please provide two lists, one for 1990 and one for 1991.

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Signature of Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Recording Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Treasurer: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Pastor: \_\_\_\_\_

August 12, 1991

REPORT ON THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH MINISTRY PLAN  
AND DISCUSSIONS OF YOUNG ADULT LEADERSHIP MEETING  
JUNE 8TH, 1991

This is a brief report of the meeting of ACYOA Chapter Chairmen and Young Adult Leaders held at the St. James Armenian Church in Watertown, Massachusetts, on June 8th, 1991.

Thirty-eight young adults from twenty-two parishes participated; only one parish with an existing ACYOA Chapter was absent. The meeting began at 10:45 a.m and concluded at 3:05 p.m., with one ten minute break.

The Acting Executive Secretary began the meeting by expressing the sincere wish of His Grace Bishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America, to strengthen the youth and young adult programs of the Diocese. As part of a general restructuring of the Eastern Diocese, the Primate had brought in outside consultants to evaluate the structure of the Diocese. He had also commissioned an evaluation of all past committees of ACYOA, including the 1968 Study, the 1970 Study, the 1980 re-evaluation, and most recently the 1987 Blue Ribbon Committee Report.

The Primate announced at the 1991 Diocesan Assembly that he has been working on a new Department of Youth Ministry (DYM), and the first step in its implementation is to go directly to the young adults of the Diocese so that they may review the structure and give their opinions and concerns. Bishop Barsamian set this date of June 8th to meet with young adult leaders, and to present the plan to them. The plan is to resume discussion of the DYM plan at the ACYOA General Assembly in the presence of the Clergy Delegates and the ACYOA Delegates. A report of the June 8th meeting is to be distributed prior to the Assembly Session.

Next the Department of Youth Ministry was outlined. It was explained that the DYM is a sub-department of the Family Ministry Plan for the Diocese; the Family Ministry Plan will follow the progression of the life of all Christian Armenians throughout their lives in the Church.

The new Department of Youth Ministry is an administrative structure to facilitate better programs for our youth, young adults, young professionals and young married couples. After full implementation, the Department of Youth Ministry will consist of a director, three national coordinators, six regional coordinators, and a parish coordinator for each parish. The concept is to provide a better administrative structure to develop programs for distinct age group's based on each groups specific and unique needs.

## DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS

The meeting participants began by discussing the structure of the proposed department, in terms of how it would affect them in their parishes.

It was suggested that the DYM focus on acquiring a Director of the Department, and then make it a priority to place regional coordinators in the field. In order to have the greatest direct impact on the parishes themselves, it was reasoned that the best strategy would be to have one director supported by several regional coordinators.

The meeting participants felt uncomfortable with the age group distinctions in the upper categories - i.e. "18 to 24 range" or the "25-35 range." At the very least it was suggested that age groups overlap, and that there be no upper age limit regarding the young married group.

Some members felt that while the structure provided a good skeleton, the critical questions were not being answered in the structural plan: What is the ACYOA trying to accomplish? What is our purpose and goal? Where are we heading? What is the five or ten year plan? The Primate feels that such questions will provide the points of departure in the formative discussions which will take place over the next year. The Primate is clear that an effective plan cannot be coordinated within a small group of participants; rather, the Primate would like to carefully survey many youth, young adults, and young married Armenian Church members to understand their needs, and then with their participation tailor the DYM to their wants and needs.

It was added that while the ACYOA fulfills a social need for young Armenians in the Armenian Church, there is a question whether it should focus on just social activities. If ACYOA is to be more than a social organization, what are its priorities, and how is the DYM Plan going to lead us towards better administering certain programs?

Many expressed the concern that our clergy, Parish Leaders, and Seminarians do not have experience in youth ministry, and therefore, are not helpful to the youth and young adults.

Many of the participants feel that the clergy are too quick to comment on problems, rather than listening to the needs of youth and working with them to try to improve parish life.



Of serious concern is the present lack of manpower with in the ACYOA, and organization's deficiency in following up on chapters and parish programs. In this regard, the June 8 meeting was applauded as a model forum which should be continued. Youth leaders would like to meet annually prior to each ACYOA Assembly to discuss issues, as they did during this weekend.

All the participants felt that the choice of Boston as the meeting location was conducive towards building brotherhood and sisterhood through group discussions.

### CONCLUSIONS

The conference recommended that dues should be done away with and that an emphasis should be put on generating a dues-paying parish membership. All would like to see better representation on a Diocesan level by this age group, and an effort will be made to have more young adults active as Parish Council members and Parish Delegates.

Many felt their was a need to have better liturgical instruction and education for our Church. A special emphasis was added to have better programs to educate non-Armenian spouses with regard to the Armenian Church and its doctrines.

A suggestion was made that all seminarians should be required to perform an internship in Young Adult and Youth Ministry.

A suggestion was made that there be one national sports competition on Labor Day Weekend, rather than two Sports Weekends, one of which is the Archbishop's Invitational. It was further suggested that the Assembly be convened on a seperate weekend. It was recommended that the ACYOA discuss this with the Primate.

Another topic considered the feasibility to open discussions with the Armenian Youth Federation towards holding one major event on Labor Day Weekend, rather than two separate conventions.

Finally, it was suggested that the current ACYOA structure continue until the new modified DYM administrative structure is in place and running. The ACYOA should streamline its programs, while the DYM increases its activities.

REPORT TO CENTRAL COUNCIL

New England Region

Visitations

September thru October

1. Cambridge, Ma
  - A. Established new executive committee.
  - B. Hosting College Dinners.
  - C. Comedy Club.
  - D. Bazaar.
  - E. Annual Banquet.
2. Watertown, Ma
  - A. College Dinners.
  - B. Volley Ball Tournament.
  - C. Christmas Night Dance.
  - D. Halloween Party.
3. Worcester, Ma
  - A. College Dinners.
  - B. Halloween Party.
  - C. Preparing Teams.
  - D. New Executive Committee.
4. Chelmsford, Ma
  - A. Starting to organize a chapter, about 15 potential members.
5. Lawrence, Ma
  - A. Two visitations made.
6. Watervliet, N.Y.
  - A. Hosted regional meeting.
  - B. New Executive Committee.

On two separate occasions I met with Mr. Zarvin Kasparian who is the Chairman of New England Regional Council to discuss the position of Regional Youth Director and status of the ACYOA within the New England Region. Mr. Kasparian has always been very encouraging and supportive of the ACYOA and it is very important that the youth leaders work in direct coordination with him and the regional council.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deacon Gary Alexander