

ACYOA NEW ENGLAND REGION - ANNUAL REPORT

Surpazan Hayr, Clergy, Central Council and ACYOA Delegates:

Under the leadership of Gary Alexander (Chairperson), Artie Simonian (Co-Chairperson) and myself, the ACYOA New England Region has actively held regional meetings through the 1991 year.

By uniting together on a bi-monthly basis, the New England Regional members have proven their commitment to ensure the continuing success and future of the whole ACYOA organization. As evident by the strong attendance at our meetings and events held thus far, the ACYOA members who compose the New England Region have exemplified their determination and motivation.

Following is a brief synopsis of some of the goals and objectives that were set for the 1991 year:

- I. To organize a consistent base structure for the New England Region.
 - a) Bi-monthly meetings held throughout the year.
 - b) Monthly meetings between the Chairperson and Co-Chairpersons that included various clergy, youth directors and Central Council members.
 - c) Developed an open line of communication between the youth of the New England Region and the New England Diocesan Council.

- II. To promote an open line of communication throughout the ACYOA Chapters in the New England Region.
 - a) Monthly letters from the Chairman.
 - b) Strong attendance and open discussion during the bi-monthly meetings.
 - c) Currently in progress of compiling a monthly "newsletter" listing regional information - scheduled for September 1991.
 - d) Chapter visits by the New England Regional Council.

- III. Organize a regional event open to all chapters once a year.
 - a) Scheduled for November 1991 - TBA at the October meeting in Watertown.

The New England Regional Council is also currently discussing plans for 1992 which include:

- Increasing the ACYOA membership within the New England Region.
- Frequent Parish visitations.
- Bi-monthly activities.
- Also, we are looking forward to working closely with Diocesan Council member, Dean Shahinian who was appointed as the new liason to the youth of our Diocese.

Overall, the New England Region is fortunate in that the ACYOA members who compose this group have not only developed a strong rapport amongst themselves...but are continually willing to work towards ensuring the future success of the national ACYOA.

Thank you

Religious Programming - Gary Alexander Chairman and Paula Jurigian (Cambridge), Lucine Baronian (Bayside), Karin Meguerditchian (Western Queens), Laurie Onanian and Lynda Chagachbanian (Central Council), Jill Arslanian (Watertown), Arpie Bouroujian (Richmond).

ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA
 Dues Paid Members

CHAPTER	1990	1991
Bayside	39	31
Boca Raton	13	8
Cambridge	28	21
Cleveland	55	
Detroit	46	24
Evanston	21	
Fairlawn	20	23
Greenfield	11	
Hartford	23	27
Livingston	17	
New Britain	9	9 12
Providence	41	9
Richmond	5	5
San Antonio	3	
Springfield	5	
Tenafly	0	7
Washington	0	3
Watertown	34	3
Watervliet	28	9
Westchester	20	9 13
Worcester	31	16
Wynnewood	18	
TOTAL	467	289 309
<i>Western Queens</i>		1

**1990-1991 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
ACYOA CENTRAL COUNCIL AND INTERIM EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
TO THE DELEGATES OF THE 1991 ACYOA GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

INTRODUCTION

The Central Council of the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America (ACYOA) presents the following report of the functions and programs of the ACYOA.

The 1990-91 ACYOA Central Council was comprised of the following individuals:

His Grace, The Rt. Rev. Bishop Khajag Barsamian
Primate and ACYOA National President

Ms. Lisa Manookian (Wynnewood)	Chairman
Mr. Charles Shooshan (Hartford)	Vice Chairman
Ms. Sara Andonian (Detroit)	Treasurer
Ms. Lynda Chagachbanian (Fair Lawn)	Recording Secretary
Mr. Steve Megrdochian (Providence)	Corresponding Secretary
Ms. Suzie Ashjian (Bayside)	Advisor
Ms. Laurie Onanian (Watertown)	Advisor

Lisa Manookian, Charles Shooshan and Sara Andonian have completed their terms in office. Lynda Chagachbanian, Steve Megrdochian, Suzie Ashjian and Laurie Onanian have one more year remaining before the expiration of their terms.

Ms. Syraun Palvetzian assisted the Central Council in her capacity as the Executive Director of the Diocese.

Mr. Anthony Barsamian served as Interim ACYOA Executive Secretary.

Ms. Nicole Mazmanian resigned from her position as ACYOA College Coordinator effective May 31, 1991.

MEETINGS

The Central Council held the following meetings during the past year:

August 31, 1990	Cleveland, OH
November 9-10, 1990	New York City, NY (Diocese)
January 25-26, 1991	Boca Raton, FL
April 19-20, 1991	New York City, NY (Diocese)
July 19-20, 1991	Boston, MA

In an effort to create a better understanding of how the Central Council functions and what duties it performs, a summary of each Council meeting is provided:

August 31, 1990: The Council met for two hours during the National Sports Weekend in Cleveland to select officers and distribute regional and program assignments. The following were thoroughly reviewed and

discussed: the Central Council Operations and Procedures Guide, parish visitations, program assignments, the 1990 ACYOA General Assembly/National Sports Weekend, the Christian Leadership Seminar, Cultural Day, the Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Invitational Tournament, Hye Hokin, National Fund Raising, the Membership Handbook and Directory, the National Mailing List, and the Chapter Resource Handbook. The Council also reviewed the calendar for 1991.

Specifics of Meeting: Administrative - As this was the first year the Council had been expanded to seven members, there was a need to re-distribute the regions. Once this was accomplished, regional and program assignments were made. **Regional Conferences** - It was decided to coincide regional conferences with activities and to attempt to establish regional committees. **Chapter "A" Assistance Program** - The Council decided to send the mission team to the parish of Sts. Joachim and Anna in Palos Heights, IL.

November 9-10, 1990: The Council met for one full day at the Diocese in New York City. The following were thoroughly reviewed and discussed: the organization's financial status, correspondence, parish visitations, the 1990 ACYOA General Assembly/National Sports Weekend, the Hye Christian Encounter, the Chapter "A" Assistance Program, the National Anniversary Ball, the Cultural Weekend, Cultural Day, the Christian Leadership Seminar, the commemoration of Armenian Martyrs' Day, the Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Invitational Tournament, the Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Armenian Studies Program, the Summer Internship in Jerusalem, the 1991 ACYOA General Assembly/National Sports Weekend, Hye Hokin, the Membership Handbook and Directory, the National Mailing List, and the Chapter Resource Handbook.

Specifics of Meeting: 1990 National Sports Weekend - The Council discussed in great length an issue brought to its attention by a parish priest who expressed a concern about individuals who are not involved in the life of their local chapters/parishes and yet actively participate in tournaments and weekends by simply paying dues. **Cultural Weekend** - The Council reviewed a draft of a tentative schedule, scheduled speakers, hotel accommodations and budget for the weekend. **Summer Internship in Jerusalem** - The Council reviewed a draft proposal for the program. **National Anniversary Ball** - The Council reviewed the preparations made and a tentative weekend schedule. **College Student Program** - The Council reviewed guidelines for the 1991 Diocesan Summer Internship and two new programs.

January 25-16, 1991: The Council met for several hours during the National Anniversary Ball in Boca Raton, FL. The following were thoroughly reviewed and discussed: the organization's financial status, correspondence, parish visitations, the 1990 General Assembly/National Sports Weekend, the National Anniversary Ball, the Cultural Weekend, Cultural Day, the Chapter "A" Assistance Program, the Christian Leadership Seminar, the Hye Christian Encounter, the commemoration of Armenian Martyrs' Day, the Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Invitational Tournament, the Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Armenian Studies Program, the Summer Internship in Jerusalem, the 1991 General Assembly/National Sports Weekend, Hye Hokin, the Membership Handbook and Directory, National Fund Raising, the National Mailing List, the College Student Program, and Inter-Diocesan Communication.

Specifics of Meeting: Cultural Weekend - The Council approved the weekend itinerary. **Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Invitational Tournament** - The Council discussed and reviewed the plans for this year's Tournament. **Commemoration of Armenian Martyrs' Day** - The Council reviewed several proposals. **Inter-Diocesan Communications** - The Council decided on several dates to present to the Western and Canadian Dioceses for possible meeting dates. A tentative agenda was also prepared. **Hye Hokin** - The Council went over the new procedures for the review of Hye Hokin prior to publication. **Special Project to Assist Young Artists in Armenia** - The Council received a letter from the Rev. Fr. Abraham Megerditchian of St. Sarkis Armenian Church in Yerevan requesting art supplies for young Armenian artists who have been gathering to paint pictures according to the traditions of the Armenian Church. The Council decided to send a letter to all ACYOA chapters requesting that a portion of the profits raised from ACYOA Day activities be sent to the Council in care of this project. **Chapter "A" Assistance Program** - The Council reviewed the program schedule.

April 19-20, 1991: The Council met for two days at the Diocese in New York City. The following were reviewed and discussed: the organization's financial status, membership dues, correspondence, parish visitations, the 1990 ACYOA General Assembly/National Sports Weekend, the National Anniversary Ball, the Cultural Weekend, the Christian Leadership Seminar, the Chapter "A" Assistance Program, the commemoration of Armenian Martyrs' Day, the Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Invitational Tournament, the Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Armenian Studies Program, the Summer Internship in Jerusalem, the 1991 General Assembly/National Sports Weekend, Cultural Day, the Hye Christian Encounter, Hye Hokin, the Membership Handbook and Directory, national fund raising, the Chapter Resource Handbook, the National Mailing List, the College Student Program and Inter-Diocesan Communication.

Specifics of Meeting: Cultural Weekend - The Council spent a great deal of time discussing the problems associated with the planning of this year's weekend and solutions for better coordination for next year. Armenian Studies Program - The Council reviewed the program outline for this summer's trip. 1990 General Assembly - The Council discussed the problems concerning the Minutes. 1991 General Assembly/National Sports Weekend - The Council discussed the possibility of inviting to the Assembly/Weekend young adults representing various youth organizations in Armenia as guests of the Diocese.

July 19-20, 1991: The Council met for two days at the Sheraton Tara Hotel in Newton, MA. The following were reviewed and discussed: the organization's financial status, membership dues, correspondence, parish visitations, the 1990 General Assembly/National Sports Weekend, the 1991 General Assembly/National Sports Weekend, the 1991 Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Invitational Tournament, the Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Armenian Studies Program, Hye Hokin, the Membership Handbook and Directory, the National Mailing List, the College Student Program, Inter-Diocesan Relations, the proposed structure of the new Department of Youth Ministry, and other issues relating to the General Assembly.

Specifics of Meeting: ACYOA Central Council Report - The Council reviewed a draft of this report as well as the other materials to be sent to the delegates prior to the Assembly. 1991 General Assembly/National Sports Weekend - The Council evaluated the information and materials sent in during the course of the year by each chapter to determine the recipients of the Chapter "A" Award, the Honorable Mention Award, the Chapter Achievement Awards, the Sam Nersessian Award and the Outstanding Young Christian Awards.

The Council thanks the staff at the Diocese for their gracious hospitality in accommodating us during our meetings at the Diocese.

CENTRAL COUNCIL REGIONAL & PARISH ASSIGNMENTS

See Appendix "A."

REGIONAL CONFERENCES

The only region in which conferences were held this year was the New England Region. This has been due to the functioning of the New England Regional Committee under the leadership of Chairman, Gary Alexander (Cambridge) and Vice Chairmen, Jill Arslanian (Watertown) and Arthur Simonian (New Britain).

The following New England Regional meetings were held:

August 1990	New Britain
October 1990	Cambridge
December 1990	Providence
February 1991	New Britain
April 1991	Cambridge
June 1991	Worcester

All meetings were attended by either Suzie Ashjian, Steve Megrđichian, or Charles Shooshan.

PROGRAMS

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Armenian Studies Program

Due to the situation in Armenia, the 1990 ASP program did not take place.

1990 ACYOA General Assembly August 29 - August 31, 1990

The 1990 ACYOA General Assembly convened at the Holiday Inn in Cleveland, on Wednesday, August 29th and was hosted by the Cleveland ACYOA of St. Gregory of Narek Armenian Church.

His Grace, the Rt. Rev. Bishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate and National President of the ACYOA, presided over the Assembly proceedings.

Assembly officers were: Chairman - Scott Najarian (Worcester); Vice Chairman - Richard Mardirosian (Hartford); Secretary - Christine Kondralian; Parliamentarian - Edward Marootian, Jr. (Cambridge); Asst. Parliamentarian - Charles Shooshan (Hartford); and Sergeant-at-Arms - Rena Jebejian (Boca Raton).

Fifty-five delegates participated in the Assembly from the following chapters: Bayside, Boca Raton, Cambridge, Cleveland, Detroit, Fair Lawn, Hartford, Providence, Springfield, Watertown, Watervliet, Westchester, Worcester and Wynnewood. Special guests included ACYOC Youth Director, Harry Sakarya and ACYOC Central Council Chairman, Annie Marashlian.

The Minutes of the Assembly were never received by the Central Council despite numerous attempts by several individuals to obtain them as well as the tapes from the meetings. Five individuals made repeated attempts to contact the Assembly Secretary throughout the course of the year. In May, she informed the Council that the Minutes were sent to the Diocese to the attention of the Central Council Chairman. After contacting the Diocese, the Council Chairman was informed that no such package was received. The Council is currently in the process of preparing a summary of the Assembly proceedings which will be made available to the delegates at the 1991 ACYOA General Assembly.

Activities included a reception at the hotel and a dinner/cruise on the Cuyahoga River.

The Primate hosted a luncheon on Friday afternoon, wherein the delegates were given an opportunity to discuss various issues with Him.

This was the first General Assembly in which we were graced with the presence of the three Primates of the North American Dioceses: His Eminence, Archbishop Vatche Hovsepien (Primate of the Western Diocese);

His Grace, the Rt. Rev. Bishop Khajag Barsamian (Primate of the Eastern Diocese); and His Grace, the Rt. Rev. Bishop Hovnan Derderian (Primate of the Canadian Diocese).

1990 ACYOA National Sports Weekend
August 31 - September 3, 1990

The 1990 ACYOA National Sports Weekend was hosted by the Cleveland ACYOA of St. Gregory of Narek Armenian Church from August 31st - September 3rd. Weekend Chairman was Mona Karoghlian. Events were held at the Holiday Inn, Stouffers Tower City Plaza and the Cuyahoga Community College.

Over 500 people were in attendance throughout the weekend and over 200 athletes representing over 15 chapters competed in the athletic competitions. Members of the ACYO-WD and ACYOC also participated.

The Awards Banquet took place on Sunday evening. Winners of the major athletic awards were: Greenfield - Babayan Cup (most total points); Greenfield - Masis Cup (highest average # of average points per participant); Washington, D.C. - John Kulhanjian Memorial Award (outstanding team sportsmanship); and Randy Dagley (Watertown) - Charles Yaghoobian Individual Sportsmanship Award (outstanding individual sportsmanship).

The 1990 Sam Nersessian Award (annually given to a member who demonstrates the Christian virtues of love, patience, humility and understanding) was presented to Paula Bechakian (Watertown) and Richard Mardirosian (Hartford). Outstanding Young Christian Awards were presented to Louis Mikitarian (Worcester) and Lauren Koshgarian (Providence).

The Chapter "A" Award (given to the chapter which best fulfills the standards and requirements set forth by the National Organization) went to Hartford. The Honorable Mention Award was given to Watertown and a Chapter Achievement Award was presented to Worcester. Certificates of Special Recognition were also awarded to the chairmen of all national and regional events and committees, as well as the General Assembly officers.

Dean Shahinian once again organized and directed the "Insights" series of lectures and discussions which took place at the athletic facility and coincided with the games.

National Anniversary Ball Weekend
January 25-27, 1991 (Boca Raton, FL)

The 45th Anniversary of the ACYOA was celebrated during January 25-27th in Boca Raton, Florida, with members and alumni from throughout the Northeast and the Midwest joining in the festivities.

The weekend included a cocktail party on Friday night and a cookout on the beach organized by members of the local chapter.

Saturday evening began with a Hrashapar service at St. David Armenian Church, followed by a cocktail hour for banquet attendees. Master of Ceremonies for the evening was Mr. Khachadour Kazarian, an ACYOA alumnus, and guests of honor were long-time supporters and benefactors of the Armenian Church, Edward and Helen Mardigian. The Council presented the Mardigians with a crystal emerald-cut paperweight. The program included various speakers as well as musical selections performed by the Karatsayn Singers and Shami Arslanian. The dance followed the banquet and featured the Roger Krikorian Ensemble and Shami & Steve.

On Sunday, the Primate celebrated the Badarak and ordained three seminarians -- Dikran Bohajian, Robert Boyajian and Krikor Doudoukjian -- to the rank of sub-Deacon. The church was filled to capacity. A farewell brunch was served following church services.

Over 275 attended the banquet while an additional 144 came for the dance. The brunch drew 266 people. 31 package plans were sold.

The Council thanks Rena Jebejian and Melanie Mikaelian, who along with the members of the Boca Raton ACYOA and parishioners of St. David Armenian Church, provided a well-planned and truly memorable weekend for all.

Cultural Weekend
February 15-18, 1991 (Worcester, MA)

This year's Cultural Weekend was cancelled by the Primate due to lack of response.

Christian Leadership Seminar
March 9, 1991 (Wynnewood, PA)

The 1991 ACYOA Christian Leadership Seminar was hosted by the Wynnewood chapter on Saturday, March 9th at St. Sahag & St. Mesrob Armenian Church in Wynnewood, PA. The theme for the day was "Armenian Youth in the 1990s: What Is Their Leadership Role Within the Church"? and the leader was the Rev. Fr. Arshen Aivazian. There were twelve individuals in attendance.

Chapter "A" Assistance Program
April 12-14, 1991 (Palos Heights, IL)

The ACYOA Chapter "A" Award, annually given to the chapter that best fulfills the standards and requirements set forth by the ACYOA Central Council, is based on a point system, whereby the chapter accumulating the most total points receives the award. Chapters accumulating a pre-determined number of points receive an Achievement Award. The awarding of points is based on: (1) the fulfillment of certain obligations to the National Organization; (2) a balanced schedule of local activities; and (3) service within the parish and local communities. The chapter is sent to a new, inactive or reorganized chapter to assist in the organization of programs and the implementation of strategies to help increase the chapter's membership.

This program serves a dual purpose in that it rewards the chapter for its exemplary performance and allows the host chapter to receive the benefits of the experience and expertise of a well-organized chapter.

This year's "mission team" from Hartford (Andrea Bagdikian, Peter Bedrossian, Anoush Khachoyan, Christine Shooshan and Charles Shooshan) visited the parish of Sts. Joachim & Anne Armenian Church in Palos Heights, IL. The group spent several weeks preparing for the visit and was led by Council member, Steve Megrđichian. Their presentation is summarized through the following five topics:

Community Building: Thought-provoking role plays designed to simulate personal reflection towards understanding of oneself and the manner in which individuals relate to each other in groups.

Individual Profile: How each person plays a vital role in their church community and ACYOA chapter.

Community Profile: How the organization fits into the church community and the roles members must play within this church family -- and how to set goals and delegate responsibilities to people with the right talents.

Prayer: An important part of everyday life and how it fits into the group as a family.

ACYOA: The procedures of the organization and the programs and activities which it sponsors nationally, regionally and locally.

The group was very well received by and very successful in their presentation to the parish. Approximately twenty parishioners were in attendance throughout the entire day and were highly impressed with the presentation. The Council extends its appreciation to the Rev. Fr. Diran Papazian, Yerezgin Rosalie Papazian, Anna Giragosian, Violet Bargamian, Debbie Simonian and Irene Arakelian for their assistance and gracious hospitality.

Martyrs' Day Commemoration
April 26, 1991 (New York City, NY)

The ACYOA sponsored an art exhibit by Armenian artist, Valery Boyakchian, entitled "Reflections of Armenia: Paintings, Pastels and Collages." Mr. Boyakchian is a member of the National Association of Artists of the USSR and has had similar exhibitions in Moscow, Tiflis, Yerevan, Vienna, Brussels and Detroit. During the exhibit, Mr. Valentin Oskatsky, Co-Chairman of the Committee of Russian Intellectuals for Nagorno-Karabagh, gave a presentation entitled "Land, Culture, Freedom: The Ongoing Struggle in Karabagh." Following the presentation, the ACYOA hosted a reception. The evening was organized by the Executive Secretary and Council members, Suzie Ashjian and Lynda Chagachbanian.

1991 Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Invitational Tournament
May 10-12, 1991 (Tenafly, NJ)

The 1991 Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Invitational Tournament was once again held in conjunction with the annual Diocesan Assembly from May 10-12, 1991.

Participating were 12 men's basketball teams and 4 co-ed volleyball teams from 12 chapters.

The winners were: Men's Basketball - Bayside and Co-ed Volleyball - Watervliet.

Approximately 118 young adults were in attendance at the Saturday night dance. Although a package plan was initially offered, it was dropped due to lack of response.

The Council thanks Karen Saraydarian, Christine Jamgochian, the members of the Tenafly ACYOA, and the parishioners of St. Thomas Armenian Church for their time and efforts in organizing this year's Tournament.

Special Meeting w/Chapter Chairmen
June 8, 1991 (Watertown, MA)

On Saturday, June 8, 1991, the ACYOA Central Council and Chapter Chairmen convened for a special meeting to discuss the proposed structure of the Department of Youth Ministry as developed by the Primate. The meeting was called by the Primate and was solely for chapter chairmen and ACYOA chapter representatives. In attendance were 38 individuals representing 22 parishes.

The meeting centered on the discussion of the current structure of the ACYOA and the proposed structure of the new Department of Youth Ministry. This included discussion of the ACYOA's current programs and how they would fit in with the proposed structure.

The Council extends its thanks to the New England Regional Committee, as well as the members of the Cambridge ACYOA and the Watertown ACYOA for assisting with preparations for the meeting.

ACYOA College Student Program

Diocesan Summer Internship June 16 - July 27, 1991

This year the Diocesan Summer Internship received four interns. Three of the interns worked in the Krikor and Clara Zohrab Information Center while the fourth intern worked in the Public Relations Department. The internship was six weeks long, as opposed to four weeks in the past, and each intern was required to produce a research paper as part of the new internship structure.

Each intern was given a weekly stipend of \$100.00. Accommodations were provided by New York University and meals included breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Services were also held on a daily basis with seminarian, Richard Bohajian, serving as the chaplain.

New College Programs

This year the ACYOA implemented two pilot programs for college students. They are summarized below:

The "Armenian College Open House" was created to give New York area students the opportunity to meet and discuss Armenian and college issues. The first Open House was held on February 21st and featured a slide presentation on Armenian Church Architecture, presented by Dr. Lucy DerManuelian, Professor of Armenian Architecture at Tufts University. Over 100 students from the metropolitan New York/New Jersey area attended the lecture.

The "Armenian Students' Educational Series" offered a series of lectures to Armenian Clubs on their university campuses. The first program was held on March 21st and was hosted by the Brown University Armenian Club. Dr. Dennis Papazian, Director of Armenian and Soviet Studies at the University of Michigan in Dearborn, spoke on "The Armenian Political Process and the Emerging Armenian State."

PUBLICATIONS

Hye Hokin

The ACYOA quarterly was issued once this year. The 1990-91 Editorial Staff was comprised of: Leda Nakas (Editor), Lucine Baronian (Design/Layout) and Laurie Onanian (Coordinator).

In early May, Hye Hokin was temporarily suspended by the Diocese due to a budgetary freeze on publications.

ACYOA Membership Handbook

The Membership Handbook and Directory was published again this year. Copies have been sent to all 1990 dues-paid members who did not previously receive the Handbook. Those individuals who have binders will receive inserts at the Assembly.

The Handbook was printed in a loose-leaf format to allow for updating on a yearly basis. Binders were given to those who did not receive them previously. The Handbook contains the following:

Organizational Overview
ACYOA Prayer and Pledge
National Organization (listing of ACYOA Central Council)
ACYOA Constitution
Editorial Staff of Hye Hokin
ACYOA Programs (description)
Calendar of Events
National Sports Weekend Rules & Regulations
Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Invitational Tournament Rules & Regulations
Anniversary Ball Guidelines
1990 ACYOA National Directory

ACYOA Chapter Resource Handbook

The Central Council was unable to revise the Chapter Resource Handbook due to lack of time and the unavailability of funds. The Handbook is currently divided into sixteen sections:

Table of Contents	Publicity
Introduction	Letters
Organizational Overview	Administrative Forms
The Chapter Executive Committee	Prayers
Standing Committees	Protocol
Meetings	Guidelines for the Submission of Proposals and Amendments to the General Assembly
Programs	Rules of Parliamentary Procedure
Budgeting	
Reports	

The sections concerning the Organizational Overview, Programs, Publicity, Letters, Administrative Forms, and Protocol will be revised and expanded. Anyone wishing to make a resourceful contribution to this Handbook is welcome to do so at any time.

Armenian Students' College Communicant

The Armenian Students' College Communicant is a quarterly publication sent out to over 700 college students throughout the country.

FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES

1988-89 National Fund Raising Committee: The David Onanian Challenge

At the 1988 General Assembly in Providence, General Assembly Chairman, David Onanian, challenged the delegates to make an investment in the organization through a monetary donation. David pledged to donate dollar for dollar, up to \$100.00, for each donation made by a delegate. Through the efforts of the National Fund Raising Committee led by Chairman, Greg Arpajian, \$1,800.00 was raised. The monies were placed in the ACYOA Armenian Church Endowment Fund, the interest of which is to be used for ACYOA programming. David was formally contacted by the Council via a letter dated June 25, 1990 regarding matching the monies raised. In early August, the Council sent David a follow-up letter. To date, the Council has not yet received the matching funds nor a response from David.

Armenian Church Endowment Fund (ACEF)

The ACYOA/ACEF account has grown significantly due to the generous contributions of Mr. & Mrs. Edward Mardigian. Mr. & Mrs. Mardigian are kept apprised throughout the year of the organization's growth and accomplishments. More information will be provided in the Central Council's financial report, which will be presented at the General Assembly.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

The ACYOA offered seven awards and one scholarship in 1990. Listed below are descriptions for each and the names of the recipients.

Chapter "A" Award/Honorable Mention Award/Achievement Awards

The ACYOA Chapter "A" Award, annually given to the chapter that best fulfills the standards and requirements set forth by the ACYOA Central Council, is based on a point system, whereby the chapter accumulating the most total points receives the award. The chapter coming in second, receives the Honorable Mention Award and chapters accumulating a pre-determined number of points receive an Achievement Award. The awarding of points is based on: (1) the fulfillment of certain obligations to the National Organization; (2) a balanced schedule of local activities; and (3) service within the parish and local communities. The criteria used are listed with detailed explanations in the "ACYOA Chapter "A" Award Guidelines," attached as Appendix "B" to this report.

1990 Recipients: Chapter "A" Award - Hartford. Honorable Mention - Watertown. Achievement Award - Worcester.

1991 winners will be announced at the Awards Banquet during the 1991 ACYOA National Sports Weekend in Hartford, CT.

The Sam Nersessian Award

This award is given to an ACYOA member who best exemplifies the character of a true Christian and servant of the Church. Individuals are nominated by the executive bodies of the chapter or the parish priest and the selection is made by the ACYOA Central Council.

1990 Recipients: Paula Bechakian (Watertown) and Richard Mardirosian (Hartford).

The 1991 recipient will be announced at the Awards Banquet during the 1991 ACYOA National Sports Weekend in Hartford, CT.

Outstanding Young Christian Award

The Outstanding Young Christian Award is selected from amongst those nominated for the Sam Nersessian Award and is given to individuals who have shown many of the qualities recognized through the Sam Nersessian Award.

1990 Recipients: Louis Mikitarian (Worcester) and Lauren Koshgarian (Providence).

The 1991 recipients will be announced at the Awards Banquet during the 1991 ACYOA National Sports Weekend in Hartford, CT.

Certificates of Special Recognition

Certificates of Special Recognition are given to the chairmen of all national and regional events and committees, as well as the General Assembly officers. The Certificates are awarded by the ACYOA Central Council and presented at the ACYOA National Sports Weekend Awards Banquet.

The Sam Nersessian Scholarship

This scholarship is annually given to an applicant to attend one of the St. Nersess Summer Studies Programs. Applications are sent to all chapters and parishes and the recipient is selected by the ACYOA Central Council.

No applications were received this year.

The Archbishop's Essay Contest

The Archbishop's Essay Contest includes Armenian and English categories and the emphasis is on writing style and literary ability, not subject matter; however, subjects must be Armenian-oriented. The winner in each category receives a monetary award of \$150.00.

1990 Winner: Greg Norsigian (Hartford).

No entries were received this year.

VISITATIONS/PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

Chapter visitations and program participation with respect to the ACYOA Central Council and the Executive Secretary were as follows:

August/September

(August 29 - August 31, 1990 - Cleveland, OH)
1990 ACYOA General Assembly
Anthony Barsamian, Sara Andonian, Suzie Ashjian, Lynda Chagachbanian, Lisa Manookian, Steve Megrdochian, Laurie Onanian and Charles Shooshan.

(August 31 - September 3, 1990 - Cleveland, OH)
1990 ACYOA National Sports Weekend
Anthony Barsamian, Sara Andonian, Suzie Ashjian, Lynda Chagachbanian, Lisa Manookian, Steve Megrdochian, Laurie Onanian and Charles Shooshan.

October

(October 1, 1990 - Hartford, CT)
Meeting: 1991 General Assembly/National Sports Weekend
Anthony Barsamian

(October 4-8, 1990 - Boca Raton, FL)
Parish Visitation: Boca Raton
Program Organization: National Anniversary Ball Meeting
Lisa Manookian and Laurie Onanian

(October 5-7, 1990 - Niagara Falls, NY)
Parish Visitation: Niagara Falls
Sara Andonian

(October 15, 1990 - Hartford, CT)
Parish Visitation: Hartford
Steve Megrdochian

(October 17, 1990 - Cambridge, MA)
Parish Visitation: Cambridge
Steve Megrdochian

October 18, 1990 - Providence, RI)
Parish Visitation: Providence
Steve Megrdochian

(October 20, 1990 - Cambridge, MA)
New England Regional Meeting
Steve Megrdochian and Charles Shooshan

November

(November 2, 1990 - Cleveland, OH)
Wrap-Up Meeting: 1990 General Assembly/National Sports Weekend
Anthony Barsamian

(November 4, 1990 - Detroit, MI)
Parish Visitation: Detroit
Anthony Barsamian

(November 5, 1990 - Toronto, Ontario, Canada)
Inter-Diocesan Relations: Meeting w/ACYOC Youth Director
Anthony Barsamian

(November 12, 1990 - Hartford, CT)
Parish Visitation: Hartford
Steve Megrdochian

(November 16, 1990 - Cambridge, MA)
Parish Visitation: Cambridge
Anthony Barsamian

(November 23-26, 1990 - Los Angeles, CA)
Inter-Diocesan Relations: ACYO-WD General Assembly
Suzie Ashjian and Anthony Barsamian

(November 26-28, 1990 - Racine, WI)
Parish Visitation: Racine
Suzie Ashjian and Anthony Barsamian

December

(December 1, 1990 - Providence, RI)
New England Regional Meeting
Steve Megrdochian and Charles Shooshan

January

(January 4, 1991 - Bayside, NY)
Parish Visitation: Bayside
Lynda Chagachbanian

(January 13, 1991 - Fair Lawn, NJ)
Parish Visitation: Fair Lawn
Lynda Chagachbanian

(January 18, 1991 - Bayside, NY)
Parish Visitation: Bayside
Lynda Chagachbanian

(January 19, 1991 - Watertown, MA)
New England Regional Committee - Executive Board Meeting
Steve Megrdochian

(January 24, 1991 - Orlando, FL)
Parish Visitation: Orlando
Laurie Onanian

(January 25-27, 1991 - Boca Raton, FL)
National Anniversary Ball Weekend
Anthony Barsamian, Sara Andonian, Suzie Ashjian, Lynda
Chagachbanian, Lisa Manookian, Steve Megrdochian,
Laurie Onanian and Charles Shooshan.

February

(February 2, 1991 - New Britain)
New England Regional Meeting
Steve Megrdochian

(February 3, 1991 - Tenafly, NJ)
Meeting: Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Invitational Tournament
Lynda Chagachbanian

(February 10, 1991 - Fair Lawn, NJ)
Parish Visitation: Fair Lawn
Lynda Chagachbanian

March

(March 2, 1991 - Richmond, VA)
Parish Visitation: Richmond
Lisa Manookian

(March 9, 1991 - Wynnewood, PA)
Christian Leadership Seminar
Suzie Ashjian, Lynda Chagachbanian and Lisa Manookian

(March 21, 1991 - Providence, RI)
ACYOA College Student Program: Armenian Students
Educational Series (ASES)
Anthony Barsamian and Nicole Mazmanian

(March 24, 1991 - Racine, WI)
Guest Speaker: Palm Sunday Banquet
Anthony Barsamian

(March 25, 1991 - Greenfield, WI)
Parish Visitation: Greenfield
Anthony Barsamian

(March 26, 1991 - Evanston, IL)
Parish Visitation: Evanston
Anthony Barsamian

(March 26, 1991 - Hartford, CT)
Program Organization: Preparation for Chapter "A" Mission Program
Steve Megrđichian

(March 27, 1991 - Palos Heights, IL)
Parish Visitation: Palos Heights
Anthony Barsamian

(March 30, 1991 - Hartford, CT)
Program Organization: Preparation for Chapter "A" Mission Program
Steve Megrđichian

April

(April 6, 1991 - Cambridge, MA)
New England Regional Meeting
Suzie Ashjian and Charles Shooshan

(April 12, 1991 - Fair Lawn, NJ)
Parish Visitation: Fair Lawn
Lynda Chagachbanian

(April 12-14, 1991 - Palos Heights, IL)
Chapter "A" Assistance Program
Steve Megrđichian, Charles Shooshan

(April 26, 1991 - New York City, NY)
Martyrs' Day Commemoration
Suzie Ashjian, Anthony Barsamian and Lynda Chagachbanian

May

(May 10-12, 1991 - Tenafly, NJ)
Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Invitational Tournament
Suzie Ashjian, Anthony Barsamian, Lynda Chagachbanian,
Lisa Manookian, Steve Megrđichian and Charles Shooshan.

June

(June 4, 1991 - Cleveland, OH)
Mid-West Regional Retreat
Anthony Barsamian

(June 7-9, 1991 - Watertown, MA)
Special Meeting w/Chapter Chairmen
Anthony Barsamian, Sara Andonian, Suzie Ashjian, Lynda
Chagachbanian, Lisa Manookian, Laurie Onanian and Charles Shooshan

(June 15, 1991 - Worcester, MA)
New England Regional Meeting
Steve Megrđichian and Charles Shooshan

(June 27 - July 1, 1991 - Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada)
Inter-Diocesan Relations: ACYOC General Assembly & Sports Weekend
Anthony Barsamian and Charles Shooshan

July

(July 10, 1991 - Detroit, MI)
Parish Visitation: Detroit
Sara Andonian

(July 30, 1991 - Sunnyside, NY)
Parish Visitation: Western Queens
Anthony Barsamian

INTER-DIOCESAN RELATIONS

The Central Council once again represented the ACYOA at the ACYO-WD General Assembly in November as well as the ACYOC General Assembly in June.

At its January meeting, the Council prepared a tentative agenda for a meeting with the Western and Canadian Dioceses and decided upon several dates in the Fall to present to the Central Councils of both Dioceses. Plans are underway for a joint meeting of the Councils in the coming year.

MISCELLANEOUS

Special Project to Assist Young Artists in Armenia

At its January meeting, the ACYOA Central Council decided to undertake a project to assist our brethren in Armenia. The Council received a letter from the Rev. Fr. Abraham Megerditchian of St. Sarkis Armenian Church in Yerevan requesting art supplies (i.e. paints, brushes, canvasses, etc.) for young Armenian artists who had been gathered to paint pictures according to the traditions of the Armenian Church. The Council sent a letter to all chapters requesting that a portion of the profits raised from ACYOA Day activities be sent to the Council in care of this project. Only four chapters responded to this appeal. They are:

Richmond	\$ 250.00
Hartford	165.00
Providence	100.00
Springfield	100.00

LOOKING AHEAD: FUTURE PLANS

Summer Work/Study Program in Jerusalem

At its October 1991 meeting, the ACYOA Central Council decided to formulate guidelines for a summer work/study program in Jerusalem. The Council communicated with the Patriarchate and was given the okay to draft guidelines which were subsequently sent to Jerusalem. However, due to the situation in the Middle East at the time, the Patriarch requested that the program be postponed until next year.

Memorial Project in Memory of His Grace, Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan

At its October 1990 meeting, the Central Council discussed several ideas with which to honor the memory of His Grace, Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan, the founder and father of the ACYOA. Tiran Srpazan's commitment and dedication to the St. Nersess Armenian Seminary inspired the Council to coordinate a project with the building of the Nersoyan Library. The Council decided to commission a khatchkar for the Library in Srpazan's memory. No steps have yet been taken to move ahead with this project.

Respectfully submitted,



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Albuquerque Dallas
Austin Houston
Baton Rouge San Antonio

GREAT LAKES REGION

Cleveland Detroit

(Special Assignment - Niagara Falls,
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MID-ATLANTIC REGION

Bayside NYC (Holy Cross)
Binhamton Tenafly
Cheltenham Union City
Elberon Westchester
Fair Lawn Western Queens
Livingston Wynnewood
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ADMINISTRATIVE/PROGRAM ASSIGNMENTS

Council Administration
National Anniversary Ball
Christian Leadership Seminar (Wynnewood)
Membership Handbook
Chapter Resource Handbook

General Assembly/National Sports Weekend
Cultural Weekend
Cultural Day

Finances
National Fund Raising Committee

Minutes
Abp. Torkom Manoogian Invitational Tournament
Armenian Martyrs' Day

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Cape Cod	Springfield
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Haverhill	Watertown
Lawrence	Watervliet
Lowell	Worcester
New Britain	

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Chicago	Racine
Evanston	South Milwaukee
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Armenian Martyrs' Day
Membership Handbook
Chapter Resource Handbook
National Mailing List

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Boca Raton	Orlando
Memphis	St. Petersburg
Miami	

National Anniversary Ball
Cultural Weekend
Summer Internship in Jerusalem
Hye Hokin
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College Student Program

ACYOA CHAPTER "A" AWARD GUIDELINES

The Chapter 'A' Award is given annually to the chapter that best fulfills the standards and requirements set forth by the ACYOA Central Council. Chapters are expected to meet deadlines, file proper reports and meet the needs of ACYOA members in their parishes with a well-rounded schedule of activities throughout the year. The Award is based on a point system, whereby the chapter accumulating the most points wins. Chapters accumulating a pre-determined number of points receive an achievement award. The criteria required and explanations thereto are as follows:

Delegation at General Assembly: 20 Points
 Each chapter must be represented by the chapter chairman or a delegate as outlined in the ACYOA Constitution.

Representation at Regional Conference: 10 Points
 At least one representative from each chapter must attend any regional conference held in their respective region.

Representation at Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Invitational Tournament: 5 Points
 At least one member from each chapter must attend the Tournament. It is not necessary to participate in the Tournament. A list of those who purchase package plans will be forwarded to the ACYOA Central Council. Those who do not purchase package plans must provide the Council with a means of verification.

Team Representation at Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Invitational Tournament: 10 Points
 A minimum of one team from each chapter must participate in basketball and/or volleyball. Participation is subject to the rules and regulations that govern the Tournament.

Representation at National Sports Weekend: 5 Points
 A minimum of one member from each chapter must attend the National Sports Weekend. It is not necessary to participate in athletic events. The verification procedure for the Archbishop's Tournament applies here also.

- Athletic Representation at National Sports Weekend:** 10 Points
 A minimum of two members from the chapter must participate in a minimum of one athletic event each. Participation is subject to the National Sports Weekend Rules and Regulations.
- Service to Parish/Armenian Community:** 0-50 Points
 Points will be awarded to each chapter based on the degree of service it bestows upon its respective Parish/Armenian community. Chapters will be judged at the end of the fiscal year. The number and quality of the programs as well as the manner in which the chapter communicates with the ACYOA Central Council will determine the number of points.
- Service to Local Community:** 0-20 Points
 The same criteria that applies to the Parish/Armenian Community, applies here. Examples include "Toys for Tots," donating Armenian-related books to a local library, a general donation to a selected charity, participating in a blood drive or walk for hunger, etc.
- ACYOA Day Recognized in Parish:** 20 Points
 Each chapter in conjunction with its local parish must designate one day a year as ACYOA Day (usually held on Palm Sunday).
- Educational/Cultural Program:** 10 Points
 Each chapter must sponsor a minimum of one program that is educational and/or cultural. The program may be open to the chapter, the Armenian community, and/or the general public.
- Spiritual Program:** 20 Points
 Each chapter must sponsor a minimum of one program that is spiritual. Examples include religious retreats, Bible studies, etc.
- Annual Fund Raising Activity:** 10 Points
 Each chapter must sponsor a fund raising event, at its discretion, and forward the proceeds to the Central Council for national and regional programs. Suggestions include bake sales, car washes, luncheons after Church, etc.

- Submission of Monthly Fact Sheets:*** 2 Points/Per Month
The fact sheets inform the ACYOA Central Council of local happenings. They must be postmarked 15 days following the reported month and should be sent regardless of whether activity takes place.
- Submission of General Armenian Youth Listing:*** 20 Points
Listing of the names and addresses of all Armenians living within the parish jurisdiction. Initially, a master list is established, names for which can be obtained from the parish's baptismal records, as well as from ACYOA membership lists. The list is forwarded to the ACYOA Central Council, which then integrates it with the National Mailing List.
- Submission of Chapter Membership Listing:*** 20 Points
Listing of names, addresses, and phone numbers of all members of chapter. The list must be submitted to the ACYOA Central Council by January 1st and updated periodically.
- Executive Committee Listing w/Delegates:*** 20 Points
Consisting of the names, addresses, phone numbers and positions of each member, this list must be forwarded to the ACYOA Central Council within thirty (30) days following elections.
- Membership Dues/Membership Renewal Forms:*** 20 Points
Memberships must be renewed and the designated form forwarded to the ACYOA Central Council Treasurer by January 1st. Dues are \$10.00 per person, half of which is forwarded to the Council. Chapters which have not renewed by January 1st will be assessed a penalty fee. New members must fill out an application form. All membership applications, dues, and renewal forms must be submitted by January 1st (beginning of fiscal year).
- Sam Nersesian Award Nomination:*** 20 Points
The Priest and/or Executive Body should nominate at least one individual from their chapter. Nominations are due by June 30th.

Annual Chapter Report:*

20 Points

A self-explanatory form requiring general information, the report must be filed with the ACYOA Central Council by June 30th (end of third quarter of fiscal year).

Notes:

1. Those criteria marked with a (*) are the responsibility of the Executive Body.
2. A "member" is defined as a dues-paid member for the current fiscal year (January 1st to December 31st).
3. Each program is eligible for only one category. For example, a cultural program held on ACYOA Day will only be credited towards ACYOA Day.

As an incentive to this program, the Executive Body (maximum of 5 members) of the winning chapter will receive funding to visit a new, inactive, or reorganized chapter. This is known as the Chapter 'A' Mission Program. The ACYOA Central Council will subsidize the transportation, lodging and meals for the group. The winning chapter is announced at the National Sports Weekend Awards Banquet.