

**++Department of Youth Ministry++**

MEMORANDUM

To: His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian

From: Laura Gononian *Laura*

Re: Helen Mardigian

Date: 1 February 1995

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Srpazan Hayr:

I just spoke with Helen to clear up the matter of the Mardigian Institute. In fact she had misunderstood and thought that there was no Mardigian Institute this summer. The matter has been cleared up.

As you requested, I found out that Helen's birthday is Saturday, February 4, 1995. Her address and phone number in Boca is: 350 South Ocean Blvd. Boca Raton, Florida 33432 (407) 391-6586. I have passed this information along to Meline' as well.



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Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate

September 12, 1995

TO: Reverend Clergy, Diocesan Delegates and Parish Council Chairmen

RE: ACYOA 1995 General Assembly—Oct. 13-15, Boca Raton, Florida.

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### MEMORANDUM

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From: Laura Gononian  
Re: Armenian Service Program  
Date: 15 June 1995

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Srpazan Hayr:

In planning for the Armenia trip, for the past few years we have relied on Archbishop Nersissian to host our participants while they are in Armenia. As you know, this year we are being hosted by Fr. Abraham Mgrdichian.

I will be asking Fr. Abraham (through FFAR) to Fax an invitation for our participants so that I can secure travel visas for them. I will work out a daily schedule for our participants with Fr. Abraham or his representative. Fr. Abraham will be responsible for our participants while they are in his Diocese.

I met with Simon last Friday and from our conversation he suggested that Vehapar be sent a letter requesting:


- Accommodations and meals at the Vanadoon for the beginning and end of the trip. July 14 and 15, 1995 and August 5 - August 10, 1995.
- An audience with Vehapar on Saturday, July 15 or Sunday, July 16, 1995 so that he can meet them at the beginning and another audience with him at the end of their stay.
- A bus to pick them up at the airport on July 14, 1995 at 2:20pm and bring them to Etchmiadzin.
- A bus to take them to the airport on August 11, 1995 for a 1:35am flight.
- A bus/van and guide for touring the last week.
- Possible suggestions for an itinerary while they are in Etchmiadzin and group leader (Simon suggested Stephan who is with CASP).
- A meeting with Ambassador Harry Gilmore (or his replacement)

I will be sure that the group present Vehapar with a personal gift as well as a generous monetary gift to Etchmiadzin.

Please advise

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Date: 10 October 1995  
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**MEMO**

**To: Laura Gononian, Director, Department of Youth Ministry, Diocese of the Armenian Church of America**

**From: Lana Kazangian, Director, AGBU New York Summer Intern Program**

**Re: Dinner on Monday, July 17th**

**Date: July 11, 1995**

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**1995 AGBU New York Summer Intern Program**

Guest List for Dinner With Archbishop Khajag Barsamian

Supervisors: Lana Kazangian, Director  
Arthur Bohdjalian, Summer Activities Coordinator

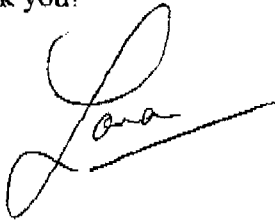
Interns: Gevorg Hamlet Abrahamian  
Lena Karine Akian  
Gregory Robert Badishkian  
Stephanie Basralian  
Asdrig Carine Bourmayan  
Armelle Dalian  
Tigran Ghazarian  
Elizabeth Ankin Hartunian  
Seta Kazandjian  
Taline Kazandjian  
Karen David Kostanian  
Caroline Koundakjian  
Annie Kouyoumdjian  
Nathalie Krikorian  
Edward Manukian  
Hrag Melidonian  
Levon Minasian  
Meline Naryman-Nikoghossian

Sevan Ogulluk  
Patrick Michael Sarkissian  
Eric Louis Save De Beurecueil  
Rita May Sukiasian  
Lena Nairi Thomassian  
Louis Toman  
Sylvie Zaroukian

**Total Number of Guests from AGBU: 27**

I'll let you know immediately if these numbers and names change for any reason. If there's anything else I can do, please call.

Thank you!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lena", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

MEMORANDUM

To: Diocesan Clergy and Staff  
From: Laura Gononian *LG*  
Re: Diocesan Internship Program - Video  
Date: 21 June 1995

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David Dikranian (intern in Public Relations and the Cathedral) has been asked to shoot a video of his experience as well as Peter Bedrossian's experience as Diocesan interns. We hope to be able to use the final product when we visit parishes and college campuses. David will be taking informal as well as formal video for the next few weeks. If you have any events or programs please contact David at ext. 22 so that he may film it.

We would also like David have the opportunity to film you in your office and to speak with you a bit about your responsibilities and or programs.

Thank you, in advance, for your assistance.



## Department of Youth Ministry

### MEMORANDUM

To: Diocesan Council  
From: Laura Gononian  
Re: Diocesan Interns  
Date: 16 June 1995

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The Diocesan Summer Interns will be joining the Council for lunch this afternoon. The program is six week long running from 12 June - 21 August 1995. The interns this summer are:

- **Peter Bedrossian** - Peter recently received his Masters Degree in Education from Arizona State University and is returning to school in the fall to pursue his Doctorate. He is originally from Hartford, Ct and a member of St. George Armenian Church. Peter was an acolyte for many years, was involved in the ACYOA and served on the Hartford ACYOA executive committee (by the way during this time the Hartford Chapter won the Chapter A Award 3 times). Peter was also a choir member for 5 years and served on the parish council. Peter is working in the Department of Youth Ministry with summer programs and will assist the department in planning for fall College Programs and visitations.
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From: Laura Gononian  
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Srpazan Hayr:

Yesterday, I spoke with Lucine Harvey regarding her leading the ASP. She said that she was already committed to going with Fr. Vertanes and his group. I am still in need of someone to lead the group that last week. Perhaps someone from Armenia could be with them the last week and see that they depart safely.

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MEMORANDUM

To: His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian  
From: Laura Gononian *LG*  
Re: ACYOA Armenia Service Program  
Date: 11 June 1995

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Srpazan Hayr:

On Wenesday, 12 July 1995 the participants of the ACYOA Armenia Service Program will be in the building for orientation. They will also be here on Thursday, 13 July for breakfast before departing for Armenia. Their tentative schedule is attached. Will you be able to **meet with them at 3:30 on Wednesday 12 July 1995?**

Please advise.

# ACYOA Armenia Service Program

Wednesday, 12 July 1995

## Schedule

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|---------|--|
| 12:00pm | Hotel Check-In   |
| 1:00    | Arrival and Welcome (G-Hall)   |
| 1:15    | Trip Information, Laura Gononian   |
| 1:30    | Very Rev. Fr. Nareg Berberian, Group Leader                              |
| 2:00    | Simon Balian Director FFAR<br>Krikor Kapeghian, Project Coordinator FFAR |
| 2:30    | Travel Information - Arto Voorperian, Project Coordinator FFAR           |
| 3:00    | Rev. Fr. Garabed Kochakian, Chancellor                                   |
| 3:30    | His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian (Tahlig)                        |
| 4:00    | Free time  |
| 7:00    | Dinner   |

Thursday, 13 July 1995

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| 9:00am | Check-Out                                |
| 10:00  | Light Breakfast (H-Room)                 |
| 11:30  | Depart for Kennedy International Airport |
| 3:00pm | Flight Departs                           |

MEMORANDUM

To: His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian

From: Laura Gononian *lg*

Re: Diocesan Interns

Date: 8 June 1995

Srpazan Hayr:

The Diocesan Summer Internship Program will begin on Monday, 12 June 1994. This year we will have two interns. I would like to request a meeting (brief) to give them an opportunity to meet with you. This could take place on Tuesday (13 June) or Wednesday (14 June) at your convenience.

This year's the interns are:

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Please advise as to your availability for a meeting.

Thank you.

Mary's Copy

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### MEMORANDUM

To: His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian  
From: Laura Gononian *LG*  
Date: 5 October 1995  
Re: Armenia Trip for Young Professionals

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Srpazan Hayr:

I spoke with Simon regarding a meeting for the trip to Armenia for young professionals. According to your availability, could we meet on Wednesday, 11 October in the afternoon. Please advise as to a convenient time and I will inform Simon. Thank you.

Oct. 11 at 4 p.m.

Fr. Garabed ✓

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**cc.** Rev. Fr. Garabed Kochakian  
Simon Balian

**From:** Laura Gononian

**Re:** Programs in Armenia

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**Srpazan Hayr:**

**As per our conversation of yesterday, I have scheduled two meetings for our two programs in Armenia this summer. Kim Kasparian (a participant in the 1995 program) will be coming down from Stamford, CT in the morning. I have attached a schedule for the morning.**



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Memorandum

To: His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian  
From: Laura Gononian *lg.*  
Date: 27 November 1995  
Re: Meetings

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Srpazan Hayr-

I am still waiting to confirm a meeting time for Friday, 1 December with yourself, Fr. Abraham, Fr. Garabed, Simon, Kim Kasparian and myself. I will keep you posted as to the timing.

For our meeting on Thursday, 30 November at 10:00am with Fr. Garabed, it is my understanding that we will be discussing the following items:

ACYOA Central Council Meeting  
ACYOA ASP Program  
DYM/ACYOA "Coordinator" and Job Description  
Young Professionals Trip to Armenia  
Young Professionals "Standing Committee"  
Visit of the Vehapar

I have attached a draft of the invitation to the Christmas party. Please let me know if it meets with your approval. The final will be close to this version.

P.S. Do you have any changes or additions to the agenda for the Central Council meeting?  
Please advise.



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To: His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian  
From: Laura Gononian *LG*  
Date: 15 November 1995  
Re: Diocesan Christmas Party

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Srpazan Hayr -

We have started planning for the Diocesan Staff Christmas Party and would like to know if you will be available on **Wednesday, 20 December at 12:00.** so that we may plan the party for that time and date.

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Date: 7 August 1995

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Srpazan Hayr:

As I have been away for the Summer Conferences I wanted to touch base with you regarding some upcoming programs.

**ACYOA ASP**

The ASP group will be returning this Wednesday.

**ACYOA Sports Weekend**

A suite has been reserved for you at the hotel for Sports Weekend. Will you be needing it or will you be returning to the Diocese at night?

Is there any special guest that you would like to have seated at the head table at the banquet at Sports Weekend?

Have you decided on a recipient for the Renaissance Award?

**Party on the Plaza**

The DYM and Cathedral will be hosting "Jazz on the Plaza" on Friday, 18 August 1995. See attached flyer.

**Misc**

I have attached a thank you note from the AGBU for the dinner you hosted.

To: Laura Gononlan/Peter Bedrossian  
From: Very Rev. Fr. Nareg Berberian  
Re: ACYOA ASP  
Date:

Laura:

We have arrived safely in Armenia.

Fr. Nareg Berberian  
Ada Harboosh  
Grace Shaghig Kerdian  
Karen Kazanjian  
Eleonore A. K...  
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Brian M. L...  
Hil & Nancy Maserejian  
Sharmen D...  
Christopher K...  
Elsa R. G...  
Joe Hagg...  
K... K...

Aileen Hovhannesian  
G. M...  
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We...  
w/ the Vehapar.  
Our trip went well, not that  
bad except Moscow! What a  
Zoo! Fortunately though we  
didn't have to pay extra for our  
bags.  
I saw Hatch & Michael -  
the group is fun.  
Later we are going to the  
flea market.  
Bye-  
Kim