

Armenian Church Youth Organization of America

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

August 30, 1983

Mr. Maynard Merel
518 Beach 140th Street
Belle Harbor, NY 11694

Dear Mr. Merel,

I am writing to inform you of actions taken by the ACYOA Central Council in response to our phone conversation a few weeks ago. During our last conversation you recommended refunding money to people who had not yet received subscriptions they had ordered through the ACYOA Mag Money Project. The Council agreed that the individuals indicated on the enclosed list had already waited an unreasonably long time and that it was in everyone's best interest to refund their money. Refunds were therefore made. A list was also compiled to indicate those subscriptions which have been processed and is likewise enclosed.

The total amount of the subscriptions processed to date is \$484.00. The organization therefore owes you eighty percent (80%) of that amount or \$387.20. You will recall that on January 22, 1983 Ralph Der Asadourian, Treasurer of the ACYOA Central Council, acted in good faith and sent you a check in the amount of \$460.00. It appears, therefore, that you currently owe the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America \$72.80. A check in that amount made out to the ACYOA Central Council, as soon as possible, would be much appreciated.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Susan Mousigian
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Chairman
ACYOA Central Council

Enclosures

cc Primate
Executive Secretary
Central Council

*Carol Aznakian's subscription to Cosmopolitan has not yet been verified, but we are currently giving you the benefit of the doubt. Central Council



The following people have indicated that they are receiving magazines ordered through the ACYOA Mag Money Project:

Name	Magazine	Price
Magarian, James	Good Housekeeping	\$12.97
Nazerian, Arda	Seventeen	\$10.95
	House & Garden	\$ 7.80
Pernice, M/M Joe	Metropolitan Home	\$12.00
Akgulian, Lisa	Glamour	\$12.00
Shahinian, Dean	Money	\$24.00
Kazanjian, Robin	Time	\$31.00
	Journal	\$11.97
Ajamian, Charlotte	Christian Herald	\$13.97
Cohen, Margaret	House & Garden	\$22.00
Terzian, Katherine	Mademoiselle	\$11.97
	Vogue	\$18.00
Disner, Lori	Glamour	\$ 7.80
Arslanian, Cheryl	Glamour	\$ 7.80
	US News & World Report	\$29.00
Vredjian, Alice	Esquire	\$ 7.97
Avdoian, Alice	Soap Opera Digest	\$21.00
	Better Homes & Gardens	\$22.00
Antaramian, Larissa	Seventeen	\$11.95
Gurka, Jacob	Consumer Report	\$14.00
Simonian, Craig	Vogue	\$24.00
	Time	\$31.00
Sarkisian, Harry	National Geographic	\$15.00
	Prevention	\$12.00
	Boston	\$15.00
Tarazoff, Kenneth	Reader's Digest	\$12.93
	Sports Illustrated	\$19.99
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Ajamian, Reed	T.V. Guide	\$19.40
	Raquetball Illustrated	\$17.25
Abrahamian, Greg	Golf Digest	\$ 7.98
Kazanjian, Mark (Whirlaway Golf)	Travel Holiday	\$ 4.87
	Modern Photo	\$ 7.98
	Golf Magazine	\$13.94
	US News & World Report	\$23.40
Blitz, Gail	Raquetball Illustrated	\$16.25
Chillingarian, Lillian	Better Homes & Gardens	\$12.00
Giragosian, Kegham	People	\$33.77
Giragosian, Van	Newsweek	\$39.00
Bagdasarian, Nancy	Glamour	\$ 7.80
	Glamour	\$ 7.80
	McCalls	\$ 8.95
	Soccer Digest	\$ 4.97
Chapian, Lynn	Discover	\$14.95
Kurkjian, M/M Oscar	Money	\$23.95
Magarian, Thomas	Journal	\$14.97
	TOTAL	\$292.23

PROPOSALS ACCEPTED BY THE 1984 ACYOA ASSEMBLY

1. In remembrance of the Armenian Martyrs, and in cooperation with the events commemorating the 70th Anniversary of the victims of the Armenian Genocide of 1915 by the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America:

THAT: the ACYOA refrain from sponsoring in any way, social events (i.e. dances and parties) on the local, regional or national level during the month of April 1985; and each year thereafter during the week of April 24th.

THAT: the ACYOA Central Council and the Chapters pursue and cooperate with the various commemorative events to be sponsored by the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America during 1985, marking the 70th Anniversary of the victims of the Armenian Genocide of 1915.

THAT: the ACYOA General Assembly direct the ACYOA Central Council to make a donation to the Diocesan Commemorative effort for the 70th Anniversary of the victims of the Armenian Genocide of 1915. The donation would be on the advisement of the Primate. And that it encourages its local chapters to make similar donations to their respective parishes.

2. THAT: the ACYOA Central Council and Executive Secretary promote, provide, and distribute materials to all parishes necessary for a Winter retreat to be held sometime in January of 1985, using the topic "lonliness", and Father Yeprem Kelegian as the resource. It is suggested that it be an overnight retreat, if possible using the facilities of an official retreat center.
 3. THAT: the ACYOA central Council and Executive Secretary promote, provide, and distribute materials necessary to all parishes for a Spring retreat to be held sometime in May of 1985, using the topic "hassles", and Father Yeprem Kelegian as the resource. It is suggested that it be an overnight retreat, if possible using the facilities of an official retreat center.
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BID TO HOST THE 1986 ACYOA NATIONAL SPORTS WEEKEND - Philadelphia



ST. SAHAG AND ST. MESROB ARMENIAN CHURCH

July 22, 1985

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Mr. James Magarian
ACYOA Executive Secretary
99 Long Pond Road
Tyngsborough, MA 01879

Dear James:

On behalf of the Wynnewood ACYOA Seniors of Sts. Sahag & Mesrob Armenian Church, we would like to present a bid to Central Council and this year's delegates to host the 1986 ACYOA General Assembly & Sports Weekend from Wednesday, August 27 through Monday, September 1.

We have received proposals from three hotels, of which we find the Marriott to be the most promising. The 750-room hotel offers free shuttle service every hour to and from Philadelphia International Airport. They have also offered us our very own wing--consisting of 180 rooms, a courtyard, and a pool.

We have not yet selected an athletic facility, but have contacted 5-6 schools and universities which are within close proximity (10-15 minutes) to both the church and the hotel.

With regard to the package plan, it will most likely remain at \$75.00, unless we feel that the expenses we will incur would warrant an increase.

We feel that Philadelphia is one of the most centrally located cities among the parishes in our Diocese. We also feel long overdue to host this extravaganza as it has not been held in our city or anywhere else in the Mid-Atlantic region for close to 15 years.

Additionally, 1986 marks the 40th anniversary of our organization. We feel that this would be a perfect time to get as many of the chapters in the Mid-Atlantic region out to come to Sports Weekend for the first time.

Sincerely,

M. Avrigian
MELCOM AVRIGIAN
Co-Chairman

Lisa D. Manookian
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cc: All Central Council Members

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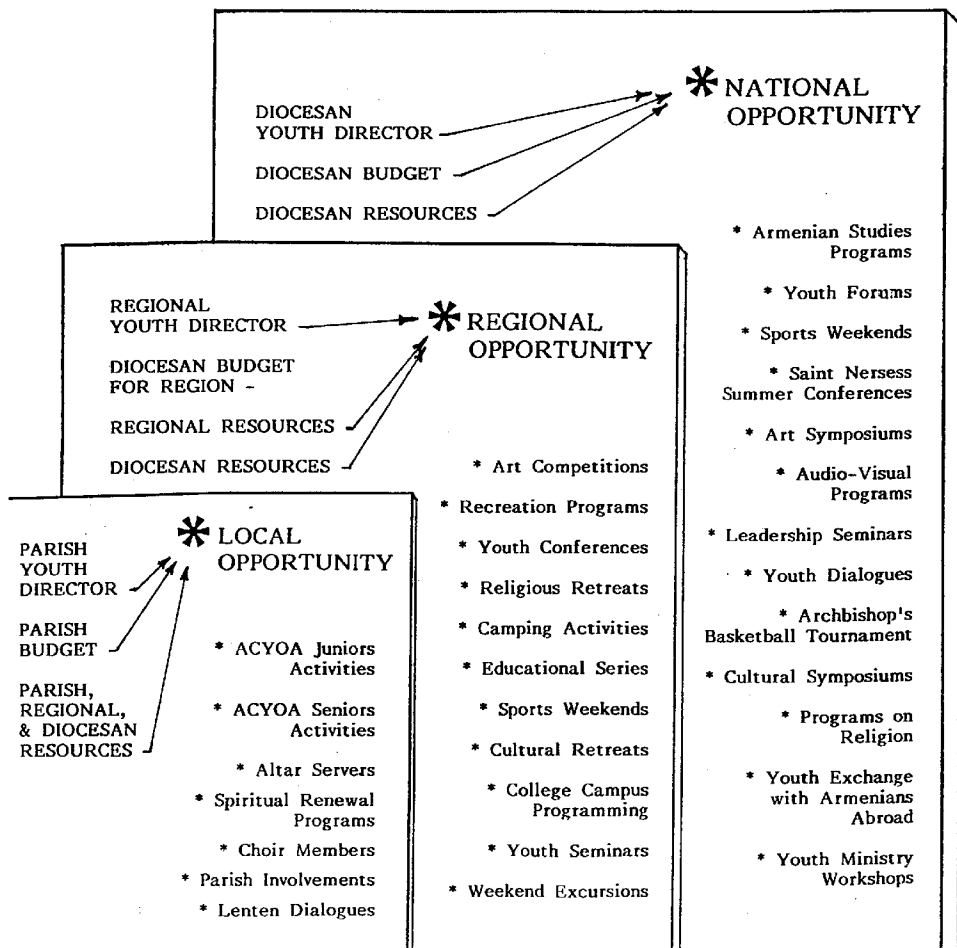
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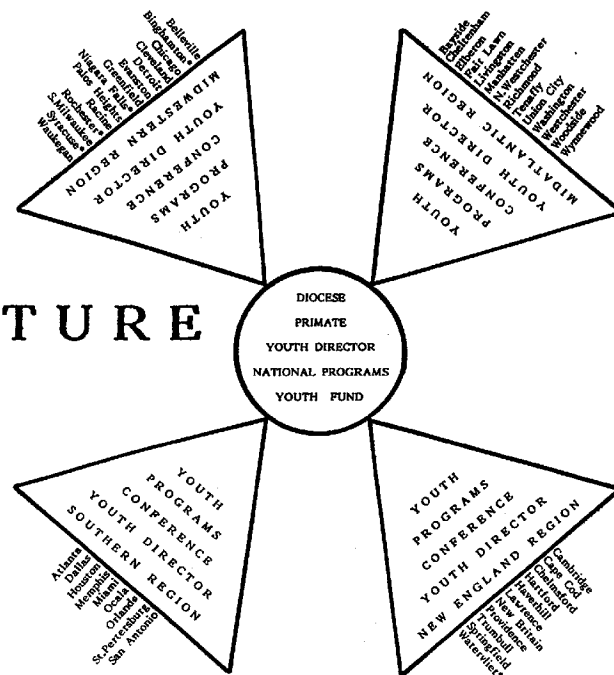
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A PROPOSAL FOR THE 1985 ACYOA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

That the ACYOA be restructured to include Regional Youth Directors, employed by the Diocese, to complement the Diocesan Regionalization Project, as well as achieve the objectives as stated below.

Introduction

The Diocese of the Armenian Church has initiated its master plan for regionalization. This is a result of many years of study and research to find the most effective way of administering to the needs of the faithful spread out in the Eastern and Midwestern parts of the United States.

The Proposal for the ACYOA is aimed at complementing the Diocesan Project, as well as improve and initiate an efficient method of developing and executing programs for the young people of the Diocese.

The Diocesan regionalization project has already begun in the New England area and will soon be started in other areas of the Diocese. The "region" has its various committees, coordinators and workers who will follow through with the specifics of the Project. Eventually, the regional setup will include supervising activities of regional departments, such as Religious Education, Social Services, Finances, Liturgical Education, Public Relations, Ethnic Studies, as well as Youth Development. Within this structure, the ACYOA will function with its own regional emphasis, complementing the work and efforts of the other regional departments.

Objectives of this Proposal

1. To request the Diocese hire and salary **Regional Youth Directors** who will address the following, among others: organizing parish chapters, regional programming of educational series, retreats, athletics, recreation, art competitions, outings, picnics, college campus activities, and seminars and conferences.
2. To restructure the ACYOA administration (General Assembly and Central Council) into the following:
 - a) Each parish will have an **ACYOA Chapter** which will follow the basics of the present ACYOA Constitution, insofar as it speaks to local parish situation.
 - b) Each parish will appoint or elect 2 **parish youth representatives** who will represent the parish at regional activities and conferences.
 - c) **Regional Conferences** will convene at least twice a year for the purpose of interaction, discussion on regional programming, solving problems, sharing resources, and developing the region. The Conference will appoint or elect a **Regional Representative**, who, together with the Regional Youth Director, will represent the region at the Annual Diocesan Youth Dialogue, which will be part of a broader Annual Youth Forum.
 - d) Annually, the Youth Department of the Diocese will sponsor a **Youth Forum** which will provide an opportunity for all the young people of the Diocese to assemble for the purposes of participating

in workshops, presentations, seminars, discussion groups on problem solving, ideas bank, religious and cultural programs, etc., all of which would be open and well organized. The **Youth Dialogue** would also take place at the Forum, presided over by the Primate, and attended by the Diocesan Youth Director, the Regional Youth Directors, and the Regional Representatives. This small and workable group would discuss specifics on current or new programs and projects, as well as address specific problem areas and deal with the rules governing the national youth programs.

3. On the National and Regional levels, **governing rules and regulations** will be administered through specific programming needs. For example: National Sports Weekend Rules and Regulations would govern all aspects of the National Sports Weekend Program. As other programs are developed, each will have its own set of regulations. Certain standardizations will be included in each.

4. To turn over to the Diocese all funds and assets of the National ACYOA, and request that the Diocese set up a specific (restricted) **Youth Fund**. This Fund would be used to finance the new youth program structure (youth director salaries, administrative expenses, programs...). The present system of dividing profits from national programs (one half), and from regional programs (one quarter) with the host parish would remain the same. Additional funding required to finance the youth program will be provided by the Diocese through its budget. The Diocesan Offices would handle all bookkeeping.

Transition:

The ACYOA Central Council, in addition to their most basic responsibilities, will focus their efforts over the next year (Sept. 1985 thru August 1986) in setting up the aforementioned objectives in cooperation with the Diocese. Whereafter, the new structure would be initiated (Sept. 1986). The first Diocesan Youth Forum would take place prior to the 1986 National Sports Weekend.

Our greatest mistake is to try to exact from each person virtues which he does not possess, and to neglect the cultivation of these which he has.

Hadrian
Roman Emperor
1st Century A.D.



Armenian Church Youth Organization of America

DETROIT CHAPTER

22001 NORTHWESTERN HIGHWAY

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PHONE: 569-3405

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SOUTHFIELD, MICHIGAN 48075

DATE: AUGUST 22, 1985
TO: DELEGATES OF THE 1985 ACYOA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FROM: DETROIT ACYOA DELEGATION
SUBJECT: PROPOSAL #2 SUBMITTED BY THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

We, the Detroit Delegation, question the necessity and feasibility of the proposal to restructure the ACYOA as submitted by the Central Council. The introduction of this proposal states that the Eastern Diocese of the Armenian Church has initiated a master plan of regionalization. The fact is that the Diocesan Assembly has not accepted a national plan of Diocesan regionalization but has, as an ongoing experiment, implemented regionalization as one region in the New England area. Furthermore, the ACYOA itself is currently regionalized.

The proposed request from the Diocese to hire a Diocesan Youth Director and four Regional Youth Directors is unquestionably beyond the means of the 1986 proposed Diocesan budget for the ACYOA.

The proposed reduction of Parish Youth Representatives (formerly known as delegates) to only two per chapter lends itself to unequal representation with respect to chapter size.

The proposed election of only a Regional Representative per region to attend the Youth Dialogue (formerly known as General Assembly) would leave most chapters without an active voice. Furthermore, the Youth Dialogues will consist of only nine individuals as opposed to the current Assemblies of approximately fifty delegates. We question the capability of a body this small to make competent decisions regarding national policies while keeping in mind the concerns of even the smallest chapters. We believe that the proposed oligarchical form of government is substantially less desirable than our present form of democratic representation. We also question the ultimate success of the National Youth Forum in that its participants would be required to sacrifice time and money and yet have no voice in the organization.

The proposed relinquishment of national ACYOA funds and assets to the Diocese would be a short lived solution to the funding proposed structure. Henceforth, the funds and assets would be depleted leaving 40 years of ACYOA effort and devotion depleted.

We also find the illustration of the proposed restructuring to be absolutely misleading and inappropriate for our needs. First, each region has significantly less active chapters than listed. Second, the diagram makes provisions to hire a Regional Youth Director for a region where there are no active chapters.

Therefore, it is our opinion that this proposal be defeated and our efforts be directed towards strengthening our current organization.

Respectfully submitted,
DETROIT ACYOA DELEGATION

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Statistical Youth Report

<u>PARISH</u>	<u>Actual # of dues paid members w/names appearing on list</u>	<u>Potential # of participants for programs</u>
Bayside *	16	320
Boston *	20	90
Chicago	-	80
Cleveland *	16	50
Detroit *	131	350
Lawrence *	25	70
Evanston *	6	50
Lowell *	15	150
New Britain	-	40
Montreal *	25	300
N. New Jersey	-	350
Palos Heights *	40	60
Providence *	41	100
St. Catharines *	16	30
Washington, DC *	25	70
Watertown *	34	450
Westchester *	8	80
Wisconsin *	32	175
Wynnewood *	18	150
Toronto	-	120
	TOTAL - 468	TOTAL - 3085

* denotes that an ACYOA chapter exists, at least to some degree. Note, however, that it does not, BY ANY MEANS, mean that they are consistently active.

INTERNATIONAL ARMENIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

A proposal for an annual gathering of Armenian young people from sister Dioceses.

With the creation of a Canadian Diocese, this is the last year in which the Canadian young people will be taking a direct path in the ACYOA assembly and sports activities. But there is no reason why there should not be a maintenance and strengthening of ties among the various youth organizations of our Church. Therefore, it is proposed that, starting in 1986, an international Armenian Youth Fellowship Week or Weekend be held. Initially, it would bring together young people from the Eastern, Western and Canadian Dioceses. But if the program of the sports events, conferences and seminars and socializing is successful, there is no reason why such an annual event could not be extended to welcome young Armenians from other parts of the world, from Europe, from South America, from Erevan and elsewhere. The week or weekend of fellowship, moving each year to a different Diocese, would be open to all young people of ACYOA age.

The annual gathering is an excellent means of building:

- a) strong ties among our youth,
- b) injecting youthful vigor into the affairs of the Church,
- c) building the profile of the Armenian Church nationally and internationally.

It brings together the strands of faith, health and fitness and culture in an open and inviting way, and with the expansion of the idea, would give North American youth more opportunity to come to understand the breadth and depth of the Armenian Culture around the world.

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ARMENIAN CHURCH PROFESSIONALS OF AMERICA (ACPOA)

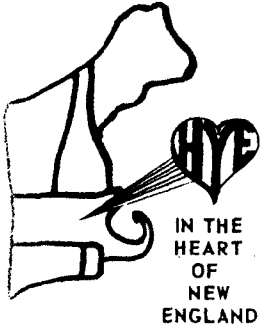
A proposal for a continuation of ACYOA's work beyond youth and into adulthood.

At the present time, membership in the ACYOA is open-ended beyond the qualifying age of 18. Thus the membership aims and commonality of interest is ill-defined as members grow beyond an age at which they can be called "youths" or are even inclined to be.

Proposal:

It is proposed that membership in ACYOA begin at age 18 and end at age 26 (that is, when the member reaches his/her 27th birthday). It is further proposed that a new organization, following from ACYOA be formed tentatively called "the Armenian Church Professionals of America" (ACPOA), open to any members of the Church 27 years of age and older.

The intention is that such an organization provides an outlet for the skills and abilities of our young adults, taking into account their growing pre-occupations with careers and family, and their need to perform services for their Church beyond what might be expected of "youth". The organization would be tacit recognition that a new generation is eager to assist in church affairs, to build on what their fathers and their fathers fathers have built, together in strengthening their faith in a modern and a relevant way. In addition, ACPOA would provide an opportunity to develop regional chapters, able to operate continuance programs and service work within their regions and providing a focal point for the energies of people who may feel they are growing beyond the concerns of ACYOA.



1985 ACYOA NATIONAL SPORTS WEEKEND
34 SOUTH LENOX STREET
WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS 01602



REGISTRATION INFORMATION

FILE BOX PERSON

- 1) ASK REGISTRANTS NAME AND PULL CARD OUT OF FILE
- 2) ASK IF THEY ARE A DELEGATE...IF SO, CHECK "DELEGATE" BOX (THIS ONLY NEEDS TO BE DONE WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY)
- 3) TELL THE CASH PERSON HOW MUCH THE REGISTRANT OWES. THIS AMOUNT APPEARS IN RED INK NEXT TO THE WORDS "BALANCE DUE"
- 4) TELL THE CASH PERSON IF THEY ARE TO RECEIVE A SPORTS WEEKEND PACKAGE PLAN OR A MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY PLAN
- 5) IF THERE IS A RED STAR (*) LOCATED IN THE BOTTOM LEFT HAND CORNER OF THE REGISTRATION CARD, LOOK ON THE REVERSE SIDE OF THE CARD FOR SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS OR INFORMATION
- 6) GIVE EACH PACKAGE PLAN PURCHASER A COFFEE MUG (THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY)

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

- * SPORTS WEEKENDERS WHO HAVE NOT SENT IN A DEPOSIT FOR A PACKAGE PLAN MAY REGISTER UPON ARRIVAL. JUST MAKE OUT A NEW CARD LOCATED IN THE REAR OF THE FILE BOX
- * SPORTS WEEKENDERS WHO WISH TO BUY TICKETS FOR SEPARATE EVENTS MUST PURCHASE THEM AT THE DOOR
- * IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS WHICH YOU ARE UNABLE TO ANSWER, FIND SOMEONE WHO CAN. SPORTS WEEKEND COMMITTEE MEMBERS WILL ALWAYS BE AROUND (WEARING BLUE RIBBONS) THEY ARE FAMILIAR WITH ALL THE EVENTS AND PROCEDURES.

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DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF AMERICA, 630 SECOND AVENUE, NEW YORK, N. Y. 10016 212 686-0710

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

DEAR ACYOA CENTRAL COUNCIL MEMBERS,

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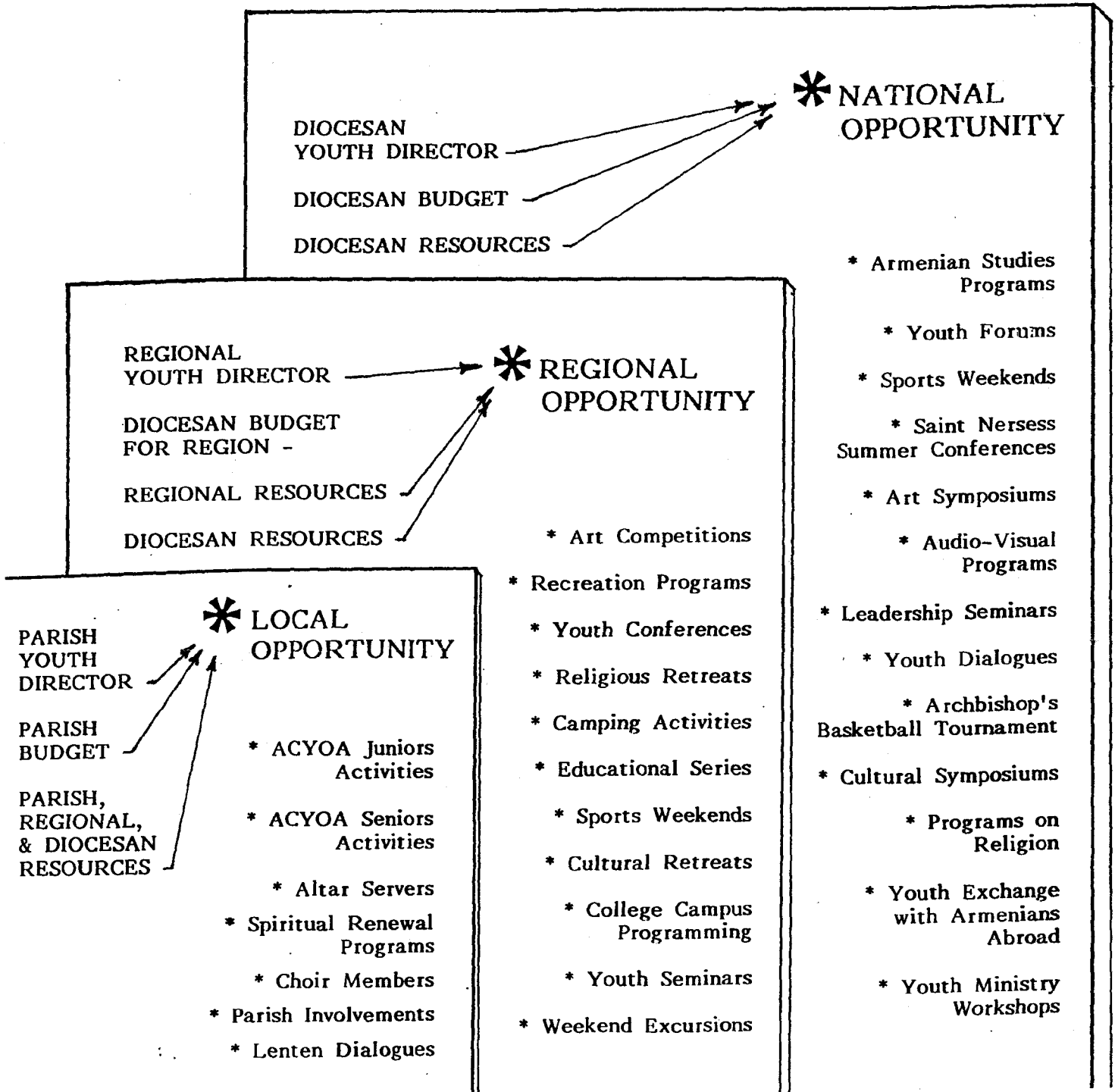
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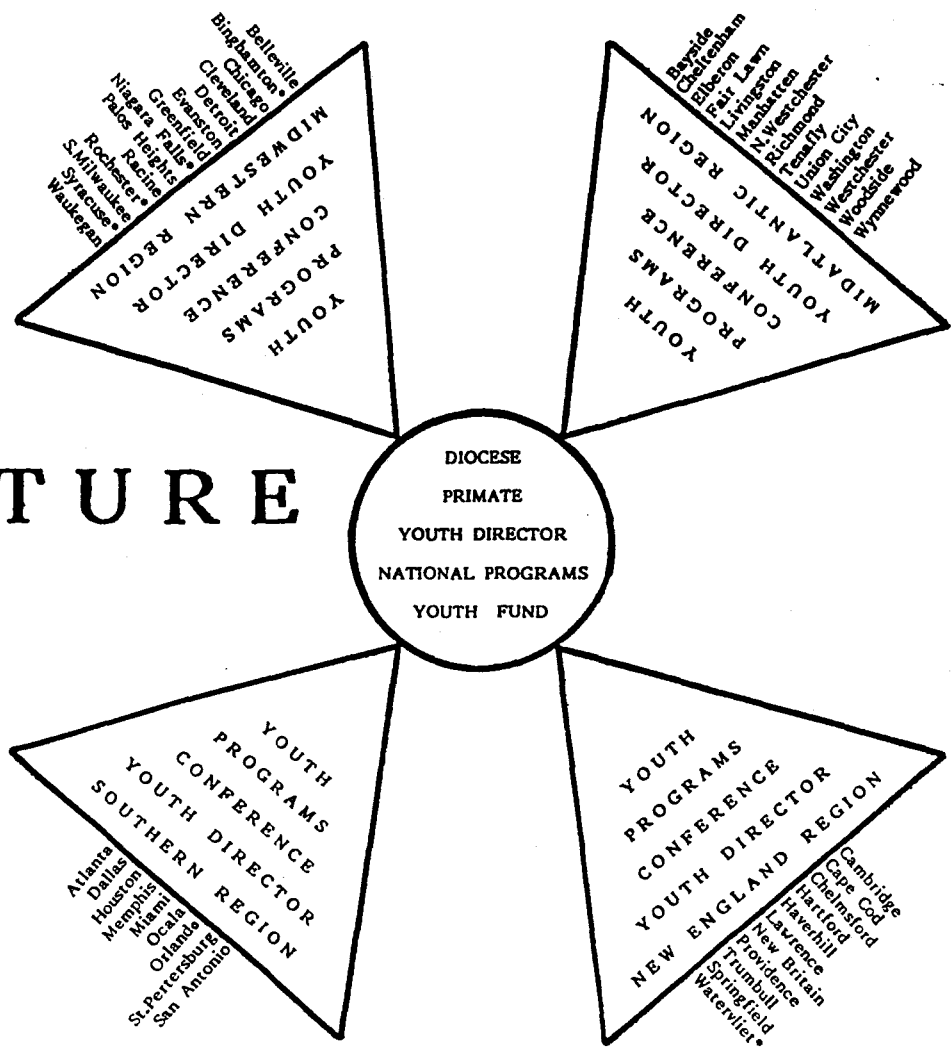
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Introduction

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The Proposal for the ACYOA is aimed at complementing the Diocesan Project, as well as improve and initiate an efficient method of developing and executing programs for the young people of the Diocese.

The Diocesan regionalization project has already begun in the New England area and will soon be started in other areas of the Diocese. The "region" has its various committees, coordinators and workers who will follow through with the specifics of the Project. Eventually, the regional setup will include supervising activities of regional departments, such as Religious Education, Social Services, Finances, Liturgical Education, Public Relations, Ethnic Studies, as well as Youth Development. Within this structure, the ACYOA will function with its own regional emphasis, complementing the work and efforts of the other regional departments.

Objectives of this Proposal

1. To request the Diocese hire and salary **Regional Youth Directors** who will address the following, among others: organizing parish chapters, regional programming of educational series, retreats, athletics, recreation, art competitions, outings, picnics, college campus activities, and seminars and conferences.
2. To restructure the ACYOA administration (General Assembly and Central Council) into the following:
 - a) Each parish will have an ACYOA **Chapter** which will follow the basics of the present ACYOA Constitution, insofar as it speaks to local parish situation.
 - b) Each parish will appoint or elect **2 parish youth representatives** who will represent the parish at regional activities and conferences.
 - c) **Regional Conferences** will convene at least twice a year for the purpose of interaction, discussion on regional programming, solving problems, sharing resources, and developing the region. The Conference will appoint or elect a **Regional Representative**, who, together with the Regional Youth Director, will represent the region at the Annual Diocesan Youth Dialogue, which will be part of a broader Annual Youth Forum.
 - d) Annually, the Youth Department of the Diocese will sponsor a **Youth Forum** which will provide an opportunity for all the young people of the Diocese to assemble for the purposes of participating

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in workshops, presentations, seminars, discussion groups on problem solving, ideas bank, religious and cultural programs, etc., all of which would be open and well organized. The **Youth Dialogue** would also take place at the Forum, presided over by the Primate, and attended by the Diocesan Youth Director, the Regional Youth Directors, and the Regional Representatives. This small and workable group would discuss specifics on current or new programs and projects, as well as address specific problem areas and deal with the rules governing the national youth programs.

3. On the National and Regional levels, **governing rules and regulations** will be administered through specific programming needs. For example: National Sports Weekend Rules and Regulations would govern all aspects of the National Sports Weekend Program. As other programs are developed, each will have its own set of regulations. Certain standardizations will be included in each.

4. To turn over to the Diocese all funds and assets of the National ACYOA, and request that the Diocese set up a specific (restricted) **Youth Fund**. This Fund would be used to finance the new youth program structure (youth director salaries, administrative expenses, programs...). The present system of dividing profits from national programs (one half), and from regional programs (one quarter) with the host parish would remain the same. Additional funding required to finance the youth program will be provided by the Diocese through its budget. The Diocesan Offices would handle all bookkeeping.

Transition:

The ACYOA Central Council, in addition to their most basic responsibilities, will focus their efforts over the next year (Sept. 1985 thru August 1986) in setting up the aforementioned objectives in cooperation with the Diocese. Whereafter, the new structure would be initiated (Sept. 1986). The first Diocesan Youth Forum would take place prior to the 1986 National Sports Weekend.

Our greatest mistake is to try to exact from each person virtues which he does not possess, and to neglect the cultivation of these which he has.

Hadrian
Roman Emperor
1st Century A.D.

PROGRAMS OF OPPORTUNITY

"Creating opportunity" for young people to relate and participate in the Armenian Church and community is the primary purpose and concern here. These "opportunities" will take place on the national, regional, and local levels of the Diocese, and will include religious, cultural, athletic and social programs and projects. This schemata is an efficient means of providing the needed programs.

