

ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

Twenty-fourth General Assembly

July 10 - 12, 1970

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PRESIDING: President - His Grace, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian  
Primate of the Diocese of North America

Chairman - Mr. Gary Zamanigian  
ACYOA Central Advisory Council

ATTENDANCE - GROUPS

BOSTON

Elaine Ohannessian

BRIDGEPORT

Rose-Ann Shegirian  
Perry Shegirian

DETROIT

Very Rev. Paren Avedikian  
Garry Javizian  
Howard Atesian  
Roberta Carman  
Harry Joboulian  
Cathy Soultanian  
Tom Sarkissian

EAST ST. LOUIS

George Marifian  
Aris Boghosian  
Toni Vartanian

LOWELL

Joseph Sarkisian

LAWRENCE

Paul Bogosian  
Robert Maksian

MONTREAL

Alice Baltajian  
Alex Kountarian

N.Y. - LONG ISLAND

Rev. Vartan Megherian

N.Y. - ST. GREGORY

Rev. Garen Gdanian  
Richard Matheossian  
Karl Babikian

NEWARK

Rev. Mampre Kouzoulian

NIAGARA FALLS

Richard Avdoian  
Jack Meharian

NORTH PHILADELPHIA

Very Rev. Zaven Arzoumanian  
Albert Keshgegian  
Edward Kaiserian  
Alice Meserlian

RACINE

Kay Minasian

RICHMOND

Peruz Manoukian

SPRINGFIELD

Rev. Nersess Jebejian

WATERTOWN

Rev. Dajad Davidian  
John Khederian  
Alan Boghosian  
Alan Movsessian  
Linda Matteosian  
Barbara Sarkisian

WEST PHILADELPHIA

Very Rev. Yeghishe  
Gizirian

WORCESTER

Brenda Toromanian  
Karen Nigosian

UNION CITY

Rev. Vertanes Kalayjian  
Dawn Foronjy  
Dinah Dorian

CENTRAL ADVISORY COUNCIL 1969-70

President	-	His Grace, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Chairman	-	Gary Zamanigian
Vice Chairman	-	Richard Norsigian
Recording Secretary	-	Linda Boyajian
Corresponding Secretary	-	Carol DerBoghosian
Treasurer	-	Dianne Greene
		Maryann Khachadorian
		Hayg Misakyan
		Carol Norigian
		Louise Yeghissian
Executive Secretary	-	Howard Stowe

CENTRAL ADVISORY COUNCIL COORDINATORS 1969-70

+ Anniversary Balls	-	Maryann Khachadorian
Armenian Studies Program	-	Richard Norsigian
+ ACYQA Day	-	Carol DerBoghosian
ARMENIAN GUARDIAN	-	Carol Norigian
24th General Assembly	-	Carol DerBoghosian
		Maryann Khachadorian
Finance Director	-	Gary Zamanigian
High School Age Groups	-	Richard Norsigian
Lenten Offering	-	Dianne Greene
Membership	-	Carol DerBoghosian
Public Relations	-	Louise Yeghissian
		Hayg Misakyan
Publications	-	Howard Stowe
Endowment Fund	-	Richard Norsigian
Patrons Fund	-	Richard Norsigian
General Convocation	-	Richard Norsigian
		Gary Zamanigian
Stewardship	-	Louise Yeghissian
Sports Weekend	-	Carol Norigian
		Linda Boyajian
Musical Ensemble	-	Hayg Misakyan
Mission Week	-	Howard Stowe
Mission Program	-	Howard Stowe

FIRST SESSION: FRIDAY, JULY 10, 1970 at 7:45 p.m.

The first session was opened with a prayer led by His Grace, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian.

Carol DerBoghosian, coordinator of the Assembly, welcomed the clergymen and delegates to the Twenty-fourth General Assembly and also presented a gavel to Chairman, Gary Zamanigian.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken and 35 delegates and 9 clergymen, totalling 44, were recorded as present, constituting a quorum.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Watertown moved and New York - St. Gregory seconded:

THAT the Agenda be adopted as submitted.

The motion was passed.

ADOPTION OF THE RULES OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE AND THE RULES OF PROCEDURE

New York - St. Gregory moved and Detroit seconded:

THAT the Rules of Parliamentary Procedure and the Rules of Procedure be adopted as submitted.

The motion was passed.

ELECTION OF PARLIAMENTARIAN

Detroit moved and East St. Louis seconded:

THAT Carol Norigian act as Parliamentarian.

The motion was passed.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

The Central Advisory Council, at its meeting preceding the General Assembly, appointed the following delegates to the Standing Committees.

AMENDMENTS COMMITTEE

Rev. Vertanes Kalayjian - Union City, Advisor  
Richard Norsigian, C.A.C.

Richard Avdoian	-	Niagara Falls
Alice Baltajian	-	Montreal
Joyce Karageozian	-	Detroit
John Khederian	-	Watertown

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Rev. Dajad Davidian - Watertown, Advisor  
Dianne Greene, C.A.C.

Harry Joboulian	-	Detroit
Alan Movsessian	-	Watertown
Joseph Sarkisian	-	Lowell
Toni Vartanian	-	East St. Louis

MINUTES READING COMMITTEE

Louise Yeghissian, C.A.C

Paul Bogosian	-	Lawrence
Bob Dorian	-	Union City
Robert Maksian	-	Lawrence
Jack Meharian	-	Niagara Falls

PROPOSALS COMMITTEE

Very Rev. Paren Avedikian - Detroit, Advisor  
Carol Norigian, C.A.C.

Howard Atesian	-	Detroit
Aris Boghosian	-	East St. Louis
Alan Boghosian	-	Watertown
Albert Keshgegian	-	North Philadelphia

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Rev. Garen Gdanian - New York - St. Gregory, Advisor  
Linda Boyajian, C.A.C.

Roberta Carman	Detroit
George Marifian	East St. Louis
Barbara Sarkisian	Watertown
Tom Sarkissian	Detroit

TAXATION COMMITTEE

Rev. Vartan Megherian - New York - Long Island, Advisor  
Carol Norigian, C.A.C.

Garry Javizian	Detroit
Linda Matteosian	Watertown
Alice Meserlian	North Philadelphia

ASSEMBLY BID COMMITTEE

Rev. Nersess Jebejian - Springfield, Advisor  
Hayg Misakyan, C.A.C.

Edward Kaiserian	North Philadelphia
Alex Kounkarian	Montreal
Perus Manoukian	Richmond

The Chairman announced the meeting places for these committees.

The meeting was recessed at 8:10 p.m.

SECOND SESSION: SATURDAY, JULY 11, 1970 at 10:00 a.m.

The Chairman called the meeting to order and after roll call, the secretary reported that a quorum was present.

MINUTES READING COMMITTEE REPORT

Louise Yeghissian, acting Executive Secretary, presented the delegates with the minutes of the Twenty-third General Assembly. The following corrections were made:

1. Page 2 under WATERTOWN  
Change Jadjian to Hadjian
2. Page 7 under NOMINATING COMMITTEE  
Nancy Basmajian instead of Rosemarie Haigazian

3. Page 7 under ASSEMBLY BID COMMITTEE  
Debbie Guveyian of West Philadelphia should be added.
4. Page 8 under MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT  
Change Jojegian to Hojegian
5. Page 8 at bottom  
Change Cahpter to Chapter
6. Page 13 under TAXATION COMMITTEE REPORT  
Add:

Evanston	-	4	points
East St. Louis	-	5	"
Wisconsin	-	2	"

  
Change:

Watertown HSAC	-	6	"
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7. Page 13 at bottom  
Change Kachadoorian to Khachadoorian

New York - St. Gregory moved and East St. Louis seconded:

THAT the minutes of the Twenty-third General Assembly be accepted as corrected.

The motion was passed.

#### ABSTRACT

Watertown moved and Lawrence seconded:

THAT we extend the temporary usage of the Abstract for one more year and that the Chair appoint a committee to review the Abstract, make necessary changes, submit their report at least one month before the Assembly to the Groups, and report this review to next year's Assembly.

The motion was passed.

#### CENTRAL ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT

In order to save time, the Chairman did not read the Central Advisory Council Report with the delegates. The delegates were asked to read the minutes, reports, and other materials submitted by the Central Advisory Council prior to this session.

Watertown moved and North Philadelphia seconded:

THAT we receive the Central Advisory Council Report for discussion.

The motion was passed.

A question was raised on the priority of selecting the applicants to participate in the Armenian Studies Program. Richard Norsigian explained the procedure and also announced that the following donations to the Armenian Studies Program were made:

The Holy See of Etchmiadzin will provide lodging and food for a substantial number of the participants.

The Committees for Cultural Relations with Armenians Abroad will provide the instructors for the study classes and guides for the tours.

The Alex Manoogian Cultural Foundation donated \$2,400.

Mr. Alex Manoogian, of Detroit, donated \$1,000.

Messrs. Edward and George Bashjian, of New York, donated \$200.

Mr. Dickran Boyajian, of Watertown, donated \$25.

Mr. Andre Martisian, of Providence, donated \$10.

The Watertown Armenian Community has promised a substantial sum of money.

The Chairman asked the delegates to make the following corrections to the Central Advisory Council Report:

1. Page 5 under ACYQA DAY  
Figure should be \$615.58 rather than \$485.58.
2. The Financial Report should include the figure \$18,520.28, representing "Total Assets." The date of maturity for the A T & T Bond is 1984.

East St. Louis suggested that in the future the interest on the bonds should be indicated in the Financial Report.

Watertown moved and East St. Louis seconded:

THAT the report of the Executive Secretary be referred to the Proposals Committee for consideration.

The motion was passed.

Watertown moved and Richmond seconded:

THAT the Central Advisory Council Report be accepted as corrected.

The motion was passed.



PROPOSALS

The Chairman turned this portion of the meeting over to Carol Norigian. The following proposals were presented by the committee.

1. Proposed that an allotment for the room and transportation (not to exceed \$150.00) of the C.A.C. Chairman be added to the budget in order that he preside over the deliberations at the Sports Weekend.

DEFEATED

2. Proposed that the ACYOA make available the interest of the New York Telephone bond to the St. Nersess Armenian Theological School as an annual scholarship grant towards the education of a seminary student.

PASSED

3. Proposed that one half of the proceeds of the ACYOA Day celebrations remain with the Groups and that one half be given toward a Seminary Scholarship Fund for 1971.

PASSED

4. Proposed that the proceeds from the 1971 Lenten Offering be donated to the St. Nersess Summer Religious Study Conference Scholarship Program.

PASSED

5. Proposed that the Central Advisory Council be authorized to discontinue the publication of the ARMENIAN GUARDIAN and that it be directed to substitute for the ARMENIAN GUARDIAN either the following or parts thereof as it deems necessary:

- a. An ACYOA Forum in "The Armenian Church"
- b. A bi-monthly mimeographed newsletter
- c. Subscription for all ACYOA members to a suitable youth publication.

PASSED

6. Proposed that Central Advisory Council in conjunction with the District Committees, Groups, and individual members investigate the decline in membership of the ACYOA and formulate suggestions for the possibility of bringing together all Armenian Church youth and report back to the next General Assembly.

PASSED

7. Proposed that the ACYOA encourage and work with St. Nersess Armenian Theological School to interest more men and women in the ministries of the Church and to investigate new forms of ministry and service in which laymen as well as clergy can take part.

PASSED

8. Proposed that in 1971 the site of the next two General Assemblies be selected, and effective 1972 the Assembly site for two years later will be chosen.

DEFEATED

9. Proposed that in 1971 the site of the next two Sports Weekends be selected, and effective 1972 the Sports Weekend site for two years later will be chosen.

DEFEATED

10. Proposed that one half of the proceeds of the Anniversary Ball be turned over to the Central Advisory Council and one quarter be turned over to the Senior District Committee and one quarter turned over to the Junior District Committee.

PASSED

11. Proposed that the ACYOA urge the Diocesan Council to undertake feasibility studies for a Diocesan Publication Office and a Diocesan Audio-Visual Library; and that if the Audio-Visual Library be established, the ACYOA will work with the Diocese in maintaining it.

DEFEATED

The Assembly decided not to consider the following proposal:

Proposed that the ACYOA urge the Diocesan Council and the Primate to direct the parishes of our Diocese to use non-boycotted grapes on the Feast of the Assumption.

Carol Norigian turned the chair back to our Chairman, Gary Zamanigian.

AMENDMENTS

The Chairman turned the meeting over to Richard Norsigian. Mr. Norsigian presented the following amendments which were accepted by the committee.

1. The term of a Central Advisory Council member shall be decreased from three years to two years.

Watertown moved and Richmond seconded:

THAT the Amendment be accepted.

The motion was passed.

2. The High School Age Groups shall be governed according to the Outline drawn up at the 1970 General Convocation and that we adopt the Outline incorporating the revisions made by the Primate for a one-year trial basis.

Watertown moved and Lowell seconded:

THAT the Amendment be accepted.

The motion was passed.

3. The High School Age Groups shall be called Junior Groups and the Post High School Age Groups shall be called Senior Groups.

New York - St. Gregory moved and Detroit seconded:

THAT the Amendment be accepted.

The motion was passed.

4. The Abstract shall govern only the Senior Groups of the ACYOA.

Watertown moved and East St. Louis seconded:

THAT the Amendment be accepted.

The motion was passed.

Richard Norsigian turned the chair back to our Chairman, Gary Zamanigian.

BUDGET

Watertown moved and Richmond seconded:

THAT the 1970-71 Proposed Budget be accepted as corrected.

The motion was passed.

FINANCIAL REPORT

1969-70

<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Central Advisory Council		
C.A.C. Meetings	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,565.09
General Assembly	700.00	1,054.49
Visitations and District Conf.	700.00	326.69
Intra-Church Relations	100.00	121.80
Secretarial Services		
Executive Secretary Travel	150.00	20.00
Part-Time Secretary	250.00	-0-
ARMENIAN GUARDIAN	5,200.00	3,864.33
Administrative Expenses (Grouped)	1,000.00	1,145.60
Organizational Expenses		
Mission '69	600.00	474.99
NCC Membership	100.00	110.00
Audio Visual Library Fund	100.00	50.00
Contingency	100.00	
Books		51.31
Records		25.90
Patrons		638.75
	<u>\$11,000.00</u>	<u>\$10,448.95</u>
<u>Credits</u>		
Assembly	\$ 1,000.00	\$1,331.63
Anniversary Ball	800.00	366.66
ARMENIAN GUARDIAN	1,700.00	183.00
Membership Dues	1,000.00	1,321.00
Pilgrimage to Armenia	2,150.00	-0-
ACYQA Patrons	1,000.00	1,031.00
Records	-0-	260.00
Taxes	3,350.00	2,835.00
	<u>\$11,000.00</u>	<u>\$7,328.29</u>

Reserve Fund Income Statement  
For the year ended July 31, 1970

Income

Interest: Savings Bank Interest	\$	326.29
Stocks & Bonds Interest & Dividends		471.31
Income from sales of publications and slides		656.75
St. Nersess Scholarships (Lenten Offering)		197.50
College Scholarships		
1968-69 - 597.68		
1969-70 - <u>615.58</u>		1,213.26
General Convocation		858.50
<u>Total</u>		<u>\$3,723.61</u>

Expenses

Printing and binding new edition of <u>Sacraments and Prayers</u>	\$	175.00
St. Nersess Scholarships		200.00
College Scholarships		500.00
General Convocation		<u>1,372.00</u>
<u>Total</u>		<u>\$2,247.00</u>

Net Income over Expenses \$1,476.61

Savings Accounts

Bowery Savings		2,968.67
New York Telephone Time Bonds		<u>5,127.00</u>
<u>Total</u>		9,572.28

Reserve Fund 1968-69 \$2,215.74

<u>Saints and Sacraments</u>	1,095.00	
Typewriter	<u>794.80</u>	
	1,889.80	<u>-1,889.80</u>
		\$ 325.94

STOCK REPORT FOR 1969-70

One A T & T Bond purchased at \$990.00 worth \$1,000.00 at maturity 710.00  
(1984)

<u>Security</u>	<u>Shares</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>9/14/69</u>	<u>7/6/70</u>
Eastman Kodak	40	1,342.50	3,000.00	2,520.00
A T & T	20	1,497.28	1,062.40	800.00
General Motors	15	1,330.63	1,065.00	930.00
Goodyear	40	931.62	1,094.00	1,000.00
Niagara Mohawk	50	1,163.35	1,375.00	700.00
Standard Oil of Calif.	32	<u>1,815.78</u>	<u>1,844.00</u>	<u>1,248.00</u>
		9,071.46	<u>10,739.20</u>	<u>8,238.00</u> & 238.00
<u>Total Assets</u>				18,520.28

PROPOSED BUDGET 1970-71

Expenditures

Central Advisory Council & Executive Secretary	\$ 2,500.00
General Assembly	800.00
Travel to Group Conferences & other functions	750.00
ACYOA Periodical	1,500.00
Administrative Expenses	1,000.00
Organizational Expenses	
Mission '70	-0-
NCC Membership	100.00
Ecumenical Meetings	300.00
Audio Visual	100.00
Contingency	<u>200.00</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$ 7,250.00</u>

Credits

Assembly and Sports Weekend	\$ 1,500.00
Anniversary Balls	500.00
Dues	900.00
ACYOA Patrons	<u>1,000.00</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$ 3,900.00</u>

Tax Point Value - \$33.50

NOTE: Watertown suggested that within the month we inform the Junior Group Chairmen of the proposed expenses for this coming fiscal year and they, in turn, will cover these expenses.

TAXATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Chairman turned the meeting over to Carol Norigian. Miss Norigian announced that the following Groups have accepted tax points.

Boston	6
Chicago	2
Detroit	13
East St. Louis	7
Evanston	3
Lawrence	4
Montreal	7
New York - St. Gregory	2
Niagara Falls	5
North Philadelphia	11
Racine	3
Richmond	7
Toronto	12
Watertown	12
Worcester	6
	<u>100</u>

Watertown moved and Detroit seconded:

THAT the tax points be accepted.

The motion was passed.

Carol Norigian turned the chair back to our Chairman, Gary Zamanigian.

The meeting was recessed at 6:30 p.m.

FOURTH SESSION: SUNDAY, JULY 12, 1970 at 1:15 p.m.

REPORT OF CENTRAL ADVISORY COUNCIL ELECTION

The Districts meeting in caucus reported that the following Central Advisory Council representatives were elected:

New England	-	Mr. Joseph Sarkisian
Midwest	-	Miss Joyce Karageozian Mr. Richard Norsigian Mr. Byron Melkonian

RESOLUTIONS

The Chairman turned the meeting over to Linda Boyajian. Miss Boyajian read the following Resolutions:

1. Whereas we extend our most humble and sincere greetings to His Holiness Vasken I and whereas we are overjoyed by the exchange of the historic Kiss of Peace between His Holiness Vasken I and Pope Paul VI, be it resolved that on this occasion we bring forth a spirit of ecumenism and spiritual unity of all Christian churches for the furtherance of His Kingdom on earth.

Detroit moved and East St. Louis seconded:

THAT the Resolution be accepted.

The motion was passed.

2. Whereas our Primate, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian has shown through his many services the able leadership and the courage of the good shepherd which has inspired and proven to be the guiding light of our organization, be it resolved that we extend our congratulations on the occasion of his unanimous re-election as Primate of our Diocese and that we express our gratitude and respect to him and pledge our continued support for and cooperation to him.

East St. Louis moved and Worcester seconded:

THAT the Resolution be accepted.

The motion was passed.

3. Whereas we are on the threshold of the twenty-fifth year of the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America, be it resolved that the Central Advisory Council and each individual group do as much as they possibly can to celebrate this milestone in our history.

Worcester moved and Watertown seconded:

THAT the Resolution be accepted.

The motion was passed.



4. Whereas we are cognizant of the problems of world peace and the lack of sociological and moral stability, be it resolved that the youth initiate the process of the restoration of love and brotherhood of mankind.

Watertown moved and Niagara Falls seconded:

THAT the Resolution be accepted.

The motion was passed.

5. Whereas St. Vartan Armenian Cathedral stands as a pinnacle of the hopes and dreams of all of the Armenians in America and that it serves as the center for youth activities, be it resolved that we express our sincere gratitude to the Diocesan Council for permitting the ACYOA to use its facilities for the Twenty-fourth General Assembly.

East St. Louis moved and Niagara Falls seconded:

THAT the Resolution be accepted.

The motion was passed.

6. Whereas the ACYOA also acknowledges services rendered to the organization by the retiring Executive Secretary, Howard Stowe and by the three outgoing members of the Central Advisory Council - Gary Zamanigian, Richard Norsigian, and Louise Yeghissian - on the occasion of the completion of their term of office, be it resolved that appreciation be expressed for a job well done.

Detroit moved and East St. Louis seconded:

THAT the Resolution be accepted.

The motion was passed.

A special acknowledgement of appreciation for services rendered to the organization was given to Carol Norigian on her resignation as a member of the Central Advisory Council.

Linda Boyajian turned the chair back to our Chairman, Gary Zamanigian.

#### SPORTS WEEKEND

Directives will be sent out notifying each group to send some form of representation to the Sports Weekend meeting on Monday, September 7, 1970. At this meeting the success or failure of the Sports Weekend will be determined. Groups should come prepared to bid for the next Sports Weekend.

SELECTION OF ASSEMBLY SITE

Hayg Misakyan announced that the North Philadelphia Group will host the Twenty-fifth General Assembly.

PRESENTATION OF HOST BANNER

Gary Zamanigian presented the ACYQA Banner to Alice Meserlian of the North Philadelphia Group.

Niagara Falls moved and East St. Louis seconded:

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

The motion was passed.

The Primate closed the Twenty-fourth General Assembly with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

*Linda Boyajian*

Linda Boyajian  
Recording Secretary

Report prepared August 22, 1970.