

28 January 83

KAI KEEBARIAN  
Chairman - Wisconsin ACYOA Chapter  
Wisconsin Area Armenian Churches  
5050 Ruby Street  
Racine, WI 53402

Dear Kai,

We hope that this letter finds you well, and that your activities are going strong in the Wisconsin Chapter.

This is to inform you that we still have the photographs you sent several months ago. Although the idea of a brochure to promote youth and youth projects is important, we have tabled that idea for the time being. Moreover, we actually need color transparencies (slides) to reproduce economically.

We should like to retain the photographs you sent, and possibly use them in a publication possibly coming out in June. Whereafter we will return them to you. If this causes any problem, kindly inform.

We would appreciate hearing from you more often - via the Monthly Fact Sheets. This easy and brief "communique" is meant to keep communication lines open, and to share some of the things you are doing with others. Perhaps you can assign this duty to someone in your Chapters,

Looking forward to hearing from you soon. Stay well.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church

6 November 84

KEVIN GIRAGOSIAN  
Host Committee Chairman  
1984 National Sports Weekend - ACYOA  
8101 West 131st Street  
Palos Park, IL 60464

Dear Kevin,

Enclosed you will find a copy of a letter recently sent to the members of your Host Committee for the 1984 ACYOA National Sports Weekend.

I have also enclosed a few extra copies for those Committee Members not listed below, and who you feel should receive such a letter.

Looking forward to your final Report.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN

Letters sent to: Gail Giragosian, Renee Giragosian, Tamara Lave, Van Giragosian, Susan Boyajian, Jill Boyajian, Brian Nighbosian, Greg Bumanian.

7 November 84

MARK KASHGEGIAN  
29 Jason Road  
Belmont, Ma 02178

Dear Mark,

Enclosed is the ACYOA National Mailing List used for the 1984 National Sports Weekend. Kevin Giragosian forwarded this copy for me, as is. A copy of this list was also sent to George Jevardjian of the ACYOA Central Council, who is over-seeing the updating of the entire National Youth Listing.

Kindly make copies of this listing as you need them, and please return the original, as is, and as separated, as soon as you can.

When an updated copy of the entire National Youth Listing is prepared, you will be sent a copy directly for your use.

Stay well....

JAMES MAGARIAN

9 November 84

LORI KALEMKERIAN  
Chairman - Northern N.J. ACYOA  
203 Devon Road  
Westwood, New Jersey 07675

Dear Lori,

It was very nice to speak with you this morning, even though things are not going that well with your Chapter. (You can call when things are going well too!) Remember you're not alone with these types of problems, but together we can at least approach options and new ways of making things work better.

It was also nice to hear that you're not quite ready to give up, and are willing to start over following the format of the National Organization of the ACYOA. As I had mentioned, the ACYOA Central Council has discussed the problems of multi-parish chapters, and is considering new alternatives for these situations in an attempt to avoid some of the reoccurring problems therein.

As per your request, enclosed are materials for your use in re-organizing the group. The Chapter Handbook contains most everything you need to know regarding the ACYOA, including the ACYOA Constitution and various rules and regulations governing programs and events. The "ACYOA Today" pamphlets also contain an overview of the organization. The various administrative forms are self-explanatory, and please feel free to make additional copies of any as you need them.

As I had mentioned, contact Shake Ajamian as soon as possible. She will be happy to assist wherever she can. Of course, please feel free to contact me at any time if you have any questions or would like to exchange ideas. Stay well.

Sincerely yours,



19 November 84

ARMENIAN FILM FOUNDATION  
580 E. Thousand Oaks Blvd. - Suite 101  
Thousand Oaks, CA 91360

Dear Sirs,

At your earliest convenience, kindly forward a complete listing of the various films you have in your library for loan or rental purposes.

If a catalogue is available, please send several copies.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA

Please send to the following address:

99 Long Pond Road  
Tyngsborough, MA 01879

26 November 84

MARYANN OHANIAN  
New Britain ACYOA Chapter  
47 Maple Street  
New Britain, CT 06051

Dear Maryann,

Thank you for your letter of a couple of weeks ago. I hope that you and your family enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday, as we did in also celebrating Jimmie N.'s 2nd birthday. I appreciate your sincere and meaningful thoughts and comments on the ACYOA situation in your parish.

You mentioned that the "craziness" synonymous with Sports Weekends was missing this year - or - was it that you were missing from it? The majority of the young people at the Weekend were younger and tended to gather accordingly. Our age group is slowly moving out of the main stream - if it isn't already.

I am disappointed that your Chapter has ceased to operate in any manner or form. I thought that Brenda Der Margosian was going to do something, but apparently not.

Perhaps we should all meet again and either decide to set up a formula that is to work, or, simply disband the group. But we should not just let it go on like it is without some action.

After the holidays, in January, I should like to schedule another visit with you and whoever is interested. This need not be at the Church, but somewhere that we can talk seriously about the future of the New Britain ACYOA and Church in general. Maybe a select few could have dinner together, then we could meet in a more formal setting at the Church later that same evening. As I have said in the past, the many hours and years of work and effort on the part of you, Sharon, Gary and others deserves a better situation.

Please give me a call or write me another letter with any thoughts or comments you might have. I should like to come in early January, before the 10th if possible, weather permitting.

Stay well. Please give my personal regards to Sharon and Gary, and relay my concern to them as well. Have a joyous Christmas season.



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DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF AMERICA, 630 SECOND AVENUE, NEW YORK, N.Y. 10016-4885 212 686-0710

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

26 November 84

PASTOR & PARISH COUNCIL  
St. Mesrob Armenian Church  
4605 Erie St. - Racine, WI 53402

Rev. Fr. Garabed and Parish Council Members:

As previously announced, the Diocese of the Armenian Church offers a special **2-year training program** for people interested in working with youth.

Entitled "**INTERIM**", the program provides a unique opportunity for the individual and the Parish:

1. It provides the individual with training in youth ministry, with on-going supervision in the field (parish), as well as concentrated course work.
2. It provides the Parish with a full time youth worker who will apply learned strategies and insights to the youth program of the Parish. **Full time** attention means results.

The Parish is required to recruit and sponsor interested individuals at an approximate cost of \$10,000 (plus room and board if necessary). Parishes may "share a youth worker", and share the expenses as well.

The individual is required to commit two years to the program which is basically made up of summer courses and parish field work from September to June.

Begin now to consider possible candidates.  
**Deadline: April 25th** for training that begins in June and Parish placement in September of 1985.

Contact the Youth Directors of the Diocese with names of candidates, and further information and assistance.

Respectfully yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN

18 December 84

PETER BABIGIAN  
Chairman - Watertown ACYOA Chapter  
St. James Armenian Church  
35 Beaver Brook Road  
Waltham, MA 02154

Dear Peter,

You're a good man, Peter.

You've taken your position and responsibilities seriously and with a proper attitude. You know what's important and go after it. Keep it up, it's wonderfully refreshing.

Enclosed is the form you requested, along with a membership application - of course you may make copies as you need them.

As I had mentioned, the Next Executive Update contains a short listing of Armenian oriented films that are available through a distributor. In addition, as more lists are received, they shall be shared with the Chapters.

As you know, the Diocese has some films available, albeit limited. In addition, the Department of Religious Education at the Diocese also has films and related A-V materials. Contact Arthur Sabounjian for addition information, or the Diocese itself.

ACYOA A-V materials is of course just beginning. Time and financial limitations have hampered work in this area. The Symbolism: The Church as the Temple of Our Faith is available. The Jersualem program is in the form you saw at the preview in Toronto. Although it is good as is, editing and separation into smaller segments remains to be done. We do have a complete set of slides on the Divine Liturgy, produced by the Primate, but this is in need of a proper script and sound-track. There are other sets of slides in my collection available, but again, selection, editing, script-writing, recording takes time and money. We can do a little each year, and slowly build up the materials.

(I should tell you that the films listed in the Update are also lable in video form for purchase.)

Stay well and have a joyous Christmas.

18 December 84

SHAKE AJAMIAN  
ACYOA Central Council  
15 Arjay Lane  
Commack, NY 11725

Dear Shake,

Thank you for your letter of December 3rd, it was nice to hear from you after such a long time. Arda had just mentioned to me that your mother was ill. I hope that she is feeling better.

Your plan for a Regional ACYOA Conference seems good on paper. I suppose that you now realize the importance of planning and having the Conference in November before the "holiday blitz". Stay with it and see that it comes off in a meaningful way for the Chapters.

Regarding the Treasurer's books, I had mentioned to you before that you should have discussed all aspects of the financial records with Vaughan Totovian - having him explain the routine and the situation. If there were problems and inconsistencies, they should have been straightened out long ago. However, you should be in contact with him and clear this up. The policy regarding the bank statements and related materials is for the Diocese to receive everything, whereupon it is sent as soon as possible to the respective officers. In the past, different addresses were used and as different officers came and went, confusion and lost materials resulted. Presently, you received the materials about 5-7 days later than you normally would with direct mail.

Concerning ACYOA Day in Bayside, Palm Sunday is the customary day. It is even indicated on the official Diocesan Calendar. It is possible that because of the special nature of the ACYOA Martyr's Commemoration this year, being in conjunction with ACYOA Day, a request of the Primate to issue a letter to all Parishes is in order. However, this may not alter the fact that the Bayside Women's Guild is planning something on that day. In addition, there are a number of Chapters who celebrate "ACYOA Day" on another Sunday, due to so-called customary parish events held on Palm Sunday.

If the Council will act quickly on approving the outline previously sent out by me, and officially designate the program for all Chapters to follow, then a letter from the Primate, along with a letter and the outline of the Program might carry a little more weight in convincing

Parish Councils (not only in your Parish, but elsewhere).

Please pass this along to Arda and request that she contact the other Council members and decide NOW on this Program. An official letter with the Program Outline should be sent by the Council to all Chapters and Parishes as soon as possible. The Primate's letter, should His Eminence decide to send one, would be separate but referring to what the Central Council decided and distributed.

Please stay in touch. Happy Holidays.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN

c.c. Council Chairman

11 December 84

MESROB KERMIAN  
Administrative Director  
Armenian Diocese  
630 Second Avenue  
N.Y.C., N.Y. 10016-4885

Dear Mr. Kermian,

The enclosed letter was just received via the Diocesan Office. The attached note mentions an original letter, which I never received.

This particular situation is more of an inconvenience than anything else. It's too bad that this woman was not answered sooner.

However, this does point to a larger issue, that is the so called "Armenian Scout Program" represented by the Ararat Award. I have previously said that this so called "program" is in need of serious review by current staff as well as those who were involved in its inception.

Sincerely yours,

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Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN

c.c. Primate



6 December 84

SCOTT NAJARIAN  
Chairman - Host Committee  
1985 ACYOA National Sports Weekend  
34 South Lenox Street  
Worcester, MA 01602

Dear Scott,

It was a pleasure to meet with you and the members of your Committee. Although the entire Committee was unable to attend, those present seemed committed and ready to follow up on their responsibilities.

Enclosed you will find a copy of the Official Rules and Regulations governing the ACYOA National Sports Weekend. As requested, a copy has been sent to Steven Migridichian. You may want to make additional copies for other members of the Host Committee. These rules are also found in the ACYOA Chapter Handbook.

There remains many different and exciting things to do as you and the Host Committee makes plans and preparations for the Weekend. Keep in mind that these tasks should be approached from a positive and "fun" perspective. In this way the group will look forward to coming together and taking on the many responsibilities.

Stay well, and do stay in touch.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN

C.C. Pastor

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18 December 84

MESROB KERMIAN  
Administrative Director  
Armenian Diocese  
630 Second Ave., N.Y.C., N.Y. 10016-4885

Dear Mr. Kermian,

As per your request, two members of the ACYOA Central Council have been assigned to assist the Diocese with 1985 Martyr's Commemorative events. They are:

ARDA NAZERIAN	SHAKE AJAMIAN
Council Chairman	Council Treasurer
186-39 Midland Parkway	15 Arjay Lane
Jamaica Estates, NY	Commack, NY
11432	11725
<b>212-454-8370</b>	516-543-1560

Although not mentioned in your letter, the Primate had mentioned that the ACYOA might coordinate an activity in conjunction with the Poon Paregentan, perhaps the Saturday evening before. Please consult with His Eminence if plans should continue on this or not.

A previous letter was sent to you requesting a schedule of 1985 Commemorative events so that the ACYOA might participate and/or promote the activities. When the events are confirmed, please forward a listing. Thank you.

Sincerely,

JAMES MAGARIAN

c.c. Primate  
Central Council-ACYOA

18 December 84

MESROB KERMIAN  
Administrative Director  
Armenian Diocese  
630 Second Ave., NYC, NY 10016-4885

Dear Mr. Kermian,

Enclosed you will find the Annual Reports for the Department of Youth Ministry and the ACYOA Senior Group, as per your request using the standardized format you had sent.

I do hope this format results in a saving of space, using only the most pertinent information on the Diocesan Departments.

The Reports are sent to you early so that a qualified person may translate the important sections into the Armenian Language for that section of the overall Report.

If there are any questions, please do be in touch.

Sincerely,

JAMES MAGARIAN



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DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF AMERICA, 630 SECOND AVENUE, NEW YORK, N.Y. 10016-4885 212 686-0710

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

18 December 84

Dear ACYOA Central Council Members,

Enclosed is a recent mailing to all Parishes and ACYOA Chapters.

Also enclosed is the January Issue of the Executive Update that has been mailed directly to all Parishes and ACYOA Chairmen. Please do your best to send these out to your respective regions as soon as possible. The past issue was sent very late in some regions, albeit understandable, but it does result in the members receiving the newsletter beyond a reasonable amount of time.

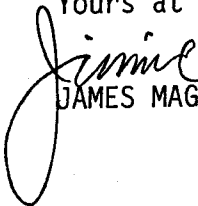
Keep in mind that this issue has some "Christmas" greetings and related material....although we celebrate the Birth of Christ on January 6th, let's not miss it by too much!

The newsletters printed on the white sheets are to be given to your printers for reproduction on gold color stock (or as close to the color as you can).

If there are any questions, please be in touch.

Hoping everyone is well and enjoying this wonderful season of joy and love. May God bless you all with good health and happiness during this joyous time, as well as throughout the New Year.

Yours at Christmas,

  
JAMES MAGARIAN

27 January 83

VAUGHAN TOTOVIAN  
Regional Representative - Midwest North  
ACYOA Central Council  
16 Concord Road  
Watertown, MA 02172

Dear Vaughan,

The following is for your information as regards your Region:

- [1] The Toronto Chapter is slowly coming together in terms of preparation for the Nat. Sports.Wknd. Although they are somewhat less "organized" than we should like for this time of year, they will nonetheless pull themselves together and cover the many loose ends. Since the Program Liason for this Program resigned, and since you feel somewhat uncomfortable with taking on this additional responsibility, we have extended our services to the Host Committee to fill this void, and shall assist when necessary. The next meeting between the Executive Secretary and the Host Committee will take place in May.
- [2] The Toronto Chapter in general must also be kept in mind (i.e. regular activities, programs, events, etc.). Since you are the Regional Representative for the Chapter, your responsibility here is most important. As you know, being a past Chapter Chairman and Sports Wknd. Chairman, the activities of the Chapter are very important. The preparations for Spts. Wkd. cannot "take over" as the only concern of the Chapter. Keep in touch with them and make sure they maintain their operations - with regular chapter meetings, etc.
- [3] We met with the V. Rev. Fr. Kegham Zakarian, Pastor of St. Gregory's in St. Catherines. They have an organized Junior Group, but as yet no Seniors. Fr. Kegham will be working on a mailing list and begin basic communications with the young adults. In May, a special meeting is planned to introduce the ACYOA and begin organizing the Chapter there. It would be good if you could communicate your concern and offer any assistance you can to Fr. Kegham. If possible you might want to meet with the youth at sometime before or after the May meeting (or both) to ensure the existence of a chapter for the Assembly and Weekend - which should serve as a boost to the St. Catherines group. Perhaps we can discuss this together soon.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA

26 January 83

FRANK STONESON  
Executive Director  
Diocese of the Armenian Church  
630 Second Avenue  
N.Y.C., N.Y. 10016

Dear Mr. Stoneson,

The January 18th Memorandum from your office regarding the development of Departmental Goals for 1982 (and the future) has been received. Along with this was a copy of the goals submitted in July 1982 - including short-term and long-term goals, administrative accomplishments, and financial considerations.

Although this particular outline is in need of revision, the only additional aspect that should be given attention is the section on "Expanded Youth Department" (page 2, part II, #6).

At this time, I should like to discuss a number of items regarding this Department - before revising a goals outline. Perhaps the next time I am at the Diocese we can arrange a convenient time so that we may seriously discuss some of the things we have only touched upon in the past.

Sincerely,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church

c.c. Primate

26 January 83

REBERT SHAMGOCHIAN  
12 Germain Street  
Worcester, MA 01602

Dear Robert,

We have been informed that you have prepared a slide program on Armenia following your visit there with the ACYOA Armenian Studies Program: Educational Tour To Armenia 1982.

As you probably know, the ACYOA is currently sponsoring a program involving Audio-Visual Programs, Lectures, and Exhibits.

One of the topics for the Audio-Visual Programs is an Armenia-related program on the many sites and points of interest. As you are well aware, there are an abundance of interesting places in Armenia - all of which should be made known to Armenians in America - young and old alike.

If you are interested in working on such a program, consider the following:

- (1) The slides to be used must be first quality, or one of a kind.
- (2) The script will have to be drafted, revised and eventually taped.
- (3) Appropriate music will be selected and included in the taping.
- (4) Four copies will be made of the Program for circulation purposes.

If you are still interested in this ambitious and time-consuming project, please contact us as soon as possible. Perhaps you might know of others with quality slides and similar inclinations. It would be good if we could sit together soon to discuss this. Please respond to this address, or call: 99 Long Pond Road, Tyngsborough, MA-01879 (617-255-5275 days).

Looking forward to hearing from you very soon.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church

26 January 83

DIRECTOR OF ACCOMMODATIONS  
Dormition Abbey  
P.O.B. 22  
Jerusalem - Mount Sion  
Jerusalem, ISRAEL

Dear Mr. Director,

The Armenian Church Youth Organization of America (ACYOA) is presently considering initiating an ambitious Educational Tour to the Holy Land this coming summer. Under the auspices of our Diocese in America, the ACYOA will spend 8-10 days in the Holy City of Jerusalem with the leadership of our Clergymen.

The purpose of the Program is to acquaint our young people (ages 18 - 30) with the many Holy Places of Christendom, and with the Armenian Quarter of Jerusalem itself. We understand that your facility is located near the Armenian Quarter, which would make this most convenient. Some of our Clergymen have stayed with you before, and commented on the clean, efficient and hospitable atmosphere of the Abbey.

As we are most anxious to begin our publicity, could you kindly forward the following information at your earliest convenience:

- (1) Are the dates of August 19-30, 1983 open?
- (2) What are the room rates?
- (3) What is included in the room rates?
- (4) Please describe the rooms offered. (i.e. double, single, bath, etc.)
- (5) What is the deadline for reservations?

We appreciate your cooperation in making this aspect of our Program as convenient and comfortable as possible. Kindly forward all correspondence and information to the address given below:

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
99 Long Pond Road  
Tyngsborough, MA 01879

Thank you - we certainly look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA



26 January 83

NANCY BASMAJIAN  
Director - ACYOA Junior Division  
Diocese of the Armenian Church  
828 Brighton Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19111

Dear Nancy,

Hope your trip to Houston was met with success and answers to our many questions! I can remember when we all went there.....

I've just returned from Toronto and St. Catherines.

The meeting with the Sports Weekend Committee 1983 was interesting to say the least. They're not as organized as I would like for this time of the year, but it's just something we'll have to work on - like everything else.

From what I could understand, the Junior Division in Toronto (Holy Trinity) is all but extinct. The Senior members I spoke with said that "all the Juniors have gone to the AGBU Center..." There is some talk of getting the older Juniors/younger Seniors involved in the Sports Weekend preparations and thereby re-instate them in the parish activities and ACYOA. But what can we do about that situation with the younger ones?

I also heard that the Antilliasagans have "organized" or "opened" a "Church" in the Cambridge, ONT area. This news came to me from Fr. Kegham during my meeting with him and some of his youth.

The Juniors at St. Catherines seem to be doing a few things. The boys I spoke with were somewhat enthusiastic and willing to do things together. However, they do not have any Seniors. I am planning to return to the Toronto area in May to meet again with the Sports Weekend Committee, as well as visit St. Catherines and meet with whatever Seniors Fr. Kegham can come up with.

Fr. Kegham also mentioned some type of joint responsibilities soon to be established with the Niagra Falls Church.

That's all the news from here....hope you are well....looking forward to seeing and speaking with you again. Stay well.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church

26 January 83

HAIG KRIKORIAN  
11467 James Morrice  
Montraal, Quebec  
Canada H3M 2E6

Dear Mr. Krikorian,

We are in receipt of your letter (January 6th) and first would like to thank you for your kind words regarding our Newsletter and amount of Organizational activity.

Regarding our Organization's Directory, we are presently revising our old copy. Moreover, we usually do not give out our listings. However, we are enclosing a listing of our ACYOA Central Council Members and the areas they represent. You may want to contact them during your travels in the United States.

Have a pleasant trip.

Sincerely,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church

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25 January 83

LISA AKGULIAN  
1016 Romaine Avenue  
Racine, WI 53402

Dear Lisa,

It was nice to hear from you recently - good to know all is fine with you.

Regarding the ACYOA MagMoney Project, and your subscription/renewal. Due to many procedural and organizational setbacks, the delays in processing orders has been somewhat unreasonable. We recognize this and can only say that we apologize for any inconveniences.

As you know, the Assembly gave its full support for this potential money-making project for the ACYOA - yet, most members (delegates included) have not really promoted the Project to a great extent. In fact, we receive many inquiries as to how the Project actually works. We feel it is most simplistic, yet it has not caught on as it should - at least by now. We're sure that people like you are doing your best - please continue and encourage other members of your Chapter to continue in their promotion and support.

It may be good if you expressed your concern with your Regional Representative.

Incidentally, we too have re-ordered our magazine via this project, and we too have had our subscription end without the renewal taking over. Such is the mechanics of a new Project.

We are happy to hear from you - continue to voice both your positive and negative comments - we need to hear them. Stay well and stay in touch. Looking forward to seeing you and the other members of the Wisconsin ACYOA at the Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Basketball Tournament (Detroit - April) and the Leadership Seminar in Palos Heights (May).

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church

25 January 83

JILL BOYAJIAN  
Recording Secretary  
Palos Heights ACYOA Chapter  
Ss. Roachim and Anna Armenian Church  
6101 West 129th Place  
Palos Heights, IL 60463

Dear Jill,

We received your note (Jan.14) and canceled check for the article/photo for the Armenian Reporter. Usually, the Armenian press will print any worthwhile news item and accompanying photograph - without charge. The fact that the check was cashed leads one to assume that they will print your requested material. However, you should write/call them if you think too much time as gone by. In the future, if you would like our office to submit your material, along with our usual press releases, we can certainly do it. This might ensure its appearing in the paper. Why do you only send things to the Reporter? The Mirror-Spectator should also be utilized for public relations as well.

As Recording Secretary for your Chapter, you should know the answer to this question - why haven't "Monthly Fact Sheets" been filled out and sent from your Chapter ?? We're sure that Palos Heights has been active and are somewhat surprised that this simple task is not being done. If this is some type of problem, please inform.

Regarding the Diocesan Assembly and the ACYOA Leadership Seminar that will take place there, who is the liaison from the Host Committee to the ACYOA for purposes of preparation and accommodation of the program (seminar).

Wishing you the best - please give our fond regards to your family.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church

25 January 83

RICHARD ABDALIAN  
Youth Director  
Holy Trinity Armenian Church  
145 Brattle Street  
Cambridge, MA 02138

Dear Richard,

It was a real pleasure to hear from you recently. For a long time we had planned to write and congratulate you on your appointment as Youth Director for the Greater Boston Parish of Holy Trinity Armenian Church. Having been involved at various levels at Holy Trinity, we're aware of the many needs and problems regarding the general youth program for the Parish. We're confident that your dedication and loyalty to our Church will more than carry you over the burdens and obstacles that will confront you. Soon you will meet with success and begin to feel that some progress is being made.

You mentioned that by the summer we might have the Senior Division of the ACYOA re-organized - must we wait until summer? If it is possible, perhaps we can get together and discuss a plan of action, as well as schedule some "get togethers" for the purposes of [1] gathering the interested young adults, and [2] discussing their role in the parish and how they can participate in the parish and in the ACYOA as large. It has been a long time since a serious chapter has been operating at Holy Trinity, and now, with a Youth Director, it probably has the best chance of success and stability.

Melanie Barsamian, ACYOA Central Council Regional Representative for New England, has mentioned her concern and would also like to meet and assist where possible.

Regarding the Audio-Visual Programs, only the first part of the Symbolism series is presently complete and ready for showing. [see enclosure for details] The A-V Programs of the ACYOA are loaned free of charge to Armenian Church Parishes of the Diocese, and ACYOA Chapters. A small handling fee is charged to others. Please inform of the dates you would like to reserve the Program.

Stay well Richard, and please keep in touch. God Bless.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church

cc Pastor

25 January 83

SUSAN MALJANIAN  
Sports Coordinator  
1982 ACYOA National Sports Weekend  
96 Eddy Lane  
Newington, CT 06111

Dear Susan,

In reviewing some of the materials of the 1982 ACYOA National Sports Weekend, we note your correspondence of October 6th to those chapters with a balance due to the Weekend Committee regarding Athletic Fees (we presume).

We thought that you would contact us within a reasonable amount of time as to whether or not these chapters have paid what is due. As of this date, we have not heard from you. The following is our reference:

Toronto (sent to Arpi Kuimdjian)	-	\$140.00
Evanston (sent to Rich Gergerian)	-	\$35.00
Worcester (sent to Ed Agazarian)	-	\$25.00

Please inform at your earliest convenience regarding the aforementioned. Hope you are well and that everything is fine with you, your family and the members of your chapter.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church

c.c. Weekend Committee Chairman

25 January 83

GARY HOVHANESSIAN  
Chairman - 1982 ACYOA National Sports Weekend  
377 Farmington Avenue  
Plainville, CT 06062

Dear Gary,

This is a reminder concerning the final report of the 1982 ACYOA National Sports Weekend. As you know, the Toronto Chapter was awarded the bid for the 1983 Weekend, and could certainly use the information contained in your report for reference purposes.

At your earliest convenience, it is important that this report be filed with our office, and a copy sent to the Toronto Chapter. If you are experiencing some difficulties, kindly inform.

Hope all is well.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church

P.B. As of this date, we haven't received a report and your recommendations on the 1982 Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Basketball Tourney. It would be good to send a copy of the final report to the Detroit Chapter, in light of the great success of the 1982 Tourney. Please inform on its status.

19 January 83

SOUREN TASHJIAN  
3 Desmond Avenue  
Watertown, MA 02172

Dear Mr. Tashjian,

Enclosed you will find brochures for the ACYOA Armenian Studies Programs, as well as application forms for the "Educational Tour to Armenia (Program #1).

Please keep in mind the following, so that we may avoid some of the problems experienced in the past from your applicants:

- 1) All applicants for Program #1 - Educational Tour to Armenia must be dues paid members of the ACYOA Senior Division of their local parish, or, members-at-large.
- 2) All applicants must be 18 years of age or older, or, high school graduates.
- 3) Valid passports must accompany all applications.
- 4) Applications may be rejected for any reason. There is no special consideration given - first come first served - space is limited.

We do hope that you have some eligible and enthusiastic young people who are interested in traveling to the Fatherland of Armenia. Kindly inform them from the beginning that this Program is sponsored solely by the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America (ACYOA) under the auspices of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church





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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

17 January 83

SUSAN MOUSIGIAN  
Chairman - ACYOA Central Council  
1407 Fairway Court  
Dearborn, MI 48124

Dear Susan,

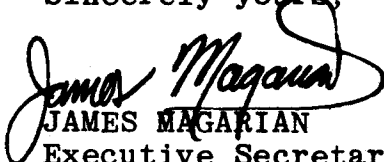
Regarding the recent resignation of Gary Hovhannessian from the ACYOA Central Council, this is something that should have been brought to our attention immediately. We received Gary's letter a week or two after it was written.

As you know, the alternates are (first) Melissa Markaridian, and (second) Sharon Vartanian. They should be contacted as to their availability. As a matter of fact, it is their responsibility to take over the position until September.

If, for some reason, they do not wish to fulfill their responsibility, then we should choose a responsible and enthusiastic person. For matters of geographic practicality, the person should come from the New York-New Jersey-Philadelphia area. Naturally, Melissa is perhaps the best choice. Arda Nazerian is another good choice, especially after her enthusiastic spirit as Vice Chairman of the past Assembly.

If this presents a problem, it is possible to finish off this year without the fifth person. However, this would give you additional duties. In the interim, you are responsible for Gary's duties (i.e. mailing of the Update, contact with chapters in region, etc.) And, does the Council accept Gary's resignation? If not, then what?

Sincerely yours,

  
JAMES MAGARIAN

Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church

18 January 83

FRANK STONESON  
Executive Director  
Diocese of the Armenian Church  
630 Second Avenue  
N.Y.C., N.Y. 10016

Dear Frank,

At the recent meeting of the Diocesan Council Leasons and their respective Departments, a very brief discussion was held regarding the BEMA. Although I had not intended to sand a letter expressing my concerns, I was just looking through the Oct.-Nov. issue and my concerns again rose to the sarface.

It's really annoying to write no fewer than 8 articles about the largest and most successful Program the ACYOA sponsors for the Young people of the Diocese, only to have it "bumped" (I assume) to the next issue (if, I assume) there is room). We both know this is not the way to handle public relations (on any scale). Next issue will present it's own space problems - what then?

If it were not a major Program; if it were not important; If New Britain ACYOA hadn't done such an outstanding job; If it were not a successs if it didn't involve wo many people, then perhaps I wouldn't be so concerned.

Contact and communcations with out people is so very important - yet for so long now we all seem to drag our feet and hope something happens. Perhaps you and I can talk sometime (the list of things we have to talk about is growing everyday) about some realistic solutions to this ongding problem.

What would it cost for the ACYOA to "sponsor" iss own page ? Now wouldn't that be something different! Looking forward to speaking with you soon. Stay well.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA

3 January 83

RAFFI ARDALJIAN  
66-39 211 Street  
Bayside, N.Y. 11364

Dear Raffi,

It was nice speaking with you a week or so ago, and we think that your idea for a panel discussion involving the various Armenian youth groups concerning the Armenian Question is a good one.

We have made several inquiries with possible candidates to participate, however, we could not come up with any commitments yet.

Therefore, we suggest that you go ahead with your plans and arrangements, and if we can work something out, we'll be in touch.

Please let us know when you have determined-a date, place and time.

May the new year be a successful one for you, and may the many blessing of the Holy Birth be with you and your family.

Sincerely,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

4 January 83

PAUL GUZZI  
Vice President  
Wang Laboratories, Inc.  
One Industrial Avenue  
Lowell, MA 01851

Dear Mr. Guzzi,

Thank you for personally writing to us and properly informing that the Contributions Committee is unable to assist us at this time. We realize that your donations to the Massachusetts Public Higher Education System is a first priority, and, that this is a valuable asset to the students and staffs of Massachusetts.

As you had mentioned, perhaps you will be in a position to help in the future, and we look forward to that day.

However, can you tell us ~~that~~ you have available any reconditioned or obsolete equipment that we may purchase at a reasonable price?

We would be most grateful and appreciative if you could give us access to this opportunity.

Thank you again, and may the New Year be successful and fruitful for you.

Sincerely,

JAMES MAGARRAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

local address: 99 Long Pond Road  
Tyngsborough, MA 01879

4 January 83

VICTOR V. ARZOOMANIAN  
Executive Director  
Armenian Church Endowment Fund  
630 Second Avenue  
N.Y.C., N.Y. 10016

Dear Victor,

Your letter of December 14th was very much appreciated and could not have come at a better time, in terms of the way we have been moving in recent months. No doubt all the Diocesan Departments are in a similar position.

If the youth of our Church deserves some of the "action", then so be it - especially if you think there is enough "action" to go around!

Although our schedules are quite full, and we may have difficulty in getting together, we would like to try. On January 13, 14, 15 I will be in the Diocese for various meetings - perhaps we can get together over lunch or dinner. If not, then perhaps next time. Keep in mind that I am quite familiar with the Fund, and that I do promote the program where and when it is appropriate.

Stay well Victor - looking forward to seeing you later this month. A very happy New Year and blessed Christmas to you and your family.

Sincerely,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church

Please note mailing address: 99 Long Pond Road, Tyngsboro, MA 01879

28 February 83

ROSE AKGULIAN  
422 South Street  
Racine, WI 53402

Dear Mrs. Akgulian,

It was a pleasure to receive your letter of Feb. 14th. Your concern and interest in sending your children to Armenia is to be commended. Please note the enclosed application forms and other information regarding the ACYOA Armenian Studies Programs.

Regarding Nicholas, there seems to be no problem, and he should apply as soon as possible. Please read the pink-colored sheet for details on applications.

The possibility of Laura accompanying the group as an assistant this year is remote. We have already considered several other mature women for this responsibility. However, it is possible for 1984 or some other future year.

We look forward to receiving the applications of your children, and in offering this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to them.

Sincerely,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYDA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church

28 February 83

SOUREN TASHJIAN  
3 Desmond Avenue  
Watertown, MA 02172

Dear Mr. Tashjian,

This is to inform you that all applications for the ACYOA Armenian Studies Programs must meet with our requirements. In case you have not been made aware of these requirements, we are restating them here.

1. All ~~memberships~~ in Program One - Educational Tour to Armenia must be dues paid members of the ACYOA Senior Division.
2. All applications must be filled out completely - Pastor's recommendation required for Program One.
3. All applications must be accompanied by:
  - a) valid Passport
  - b) doctor's certificate of good health
  - c) \$500.00 deposit - which included a \$10.00 non-refundable application fee.
4. Upon acceptance and confirmation, all participants will be informed of what they must do - (i.e. 4 passport photographs, etc...)

We hope that this information will avoid any problems with applicants from your sources. If you have any questions, please call, 617-256-7234 during regular office hours.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church

22 February 83

CHARRES AVEDIKIAN  
Chairman - St. Vartan Camp/Committee  
119 Stewart Street  
New Britain, CT 16053

Dear Mr. Avedisian,

Enclosed you will find a revised "second draft" of the By-Laws for the Saint Vartan Camp Committee of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America.

The revision is consistent with our discussion on the By-Laws and may be used for discussion purposes at the next Committee meeting. It is suggested that this procedural segment of the Committee planning and preparation be dealt with quickly, so as to allow for more time with other matters.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACFOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church

c.c. Primate  
All Executive Committee Members



22 February 83

NANCY BASMAJIAN  
Director - ACYOA Junior Division  
828 Brighton Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19111

Dear Nancy,

Enclosed for your review and commentary is a form for the "installation of officers" for the ACYOA.

Kindly consider it for use by both Junior and Senior Division ACYOA Chapters on appropriate occasions, perhaps ACYOA Day or some other day in the parish.

A copy is also being forwarded to the Primate, and, Rev. Fr. Garabed Kochakian for their commentary as well. Upon receiving input, a finalized copy will be prepared and sent to the parishes for their use.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church

22 February 83

REV. FR. GARABED KOCHAKIAN  
Pastor - St. Mesrob Armenian Church  
4605 Erie Street  
Racine, WI 53402

Ref. Father Garabed:

Enclosed you will find a format for the "Installation of Officers Service" for use by both ACYOA Junior and Senior Division Chapters of a parish. Please review and comment.

The enclosed format is a combination of past installation services, as well as present formats in use in some of the parishes. Your particular format was used as a base.

Upon receiving your commentary, as well as Nancy Basmajian and the Primate, a finalized version will be published for optional use by the parishes.

Respectfully yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church

16 February 83

V. REV. FR. KEGHAM ZAKARIAN  
Pastor - St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church  
70 Carlton Street  
St. Catherines, ONT L2R 1P7

Rev. Father Kegham:

It was certainly a pleasure meeting with you and the young men of your parish. We appreciate your coming to Toronto on such short notice, and look forward to visiting your parish in May.

Fr. Kegham, we're confident that with your support and assistance, the St. Gregory parish can have a successful Senior Division ACYOA Chapter in the near future. It is very important that the young people have the opportunity to participate in the life of the parish, as well as come together as Armenians.

At your earliest convenience, please forward a complete mailing list of the young people of your area. We should like to include them in our national mailings. Please refer to page 33 of the Chapter Handbook for the format of the mailing list. It is very important to include birth dates. In addition, and as we had discussed, a meeting should be arranged soon for those who are interested in the formation of a Chapter. Plans should be made to attract ~~thesmany~~ others, as well as activities for those who show an interest. ~~ThemNghtabEgbed Parish~~ include the Niagra Falls parish in this endeavor, and, if possible, include them on the mailing list.

Enclosed is the ACYOA Chapter Handbook which you and the young people will find useful in planning successful activities and participating in the National ACYOA. The ACYOA Central Council Regional Representative for your area is Vaughan Totovian. (16 Concord Road, Watertown, MA 02172 617-256-7234) and should be contacted for assistance.

As a start, some type of recognition and promotion of ACYOA on Palm Sunday may be a good idea, since Palm Sunday is designated as ACYOA Day.

We look forward to hearing from you soon Fr. Kegham, stay well.

Respectfully yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church

16 February 83

MONA BELLYAN  
Chairman - Toronto ACYOA Chapter  
Holy Trinity Armenian Church  
601 Huntingwood Drive  
Agincourt, ONT M1W 1H2

Dear Mona,

Almost one month has passed and we have not yet received the photographs of the ACYOA 1983 National Sports Weekend Committee members, meeting, etc. The articles have long since been written and are waiting for the appropriate photographs. If you are unable to forward them immediately, please inform. These news articles and the like must be sent on a timely basis.

Enclosed is a revised copy of the ACYOA Chapter Handbook. We hope you will read it and use it when and where possible.

In addition, there are copies of the UPDATE that were undeliverable as addressed. Please see to it that these are forwarded to the addressees, and inform us of the correct addresses.

Regarding the St. Catherines ACYOA, they are presently a Junior based group. We have plans to begin the formation of a Senior group there, however this will take some time and organization. If you wish to solicit their assistance for the Sports Weekend, we strongly suggest that you contact the V. Rev. Kegham Zakarian who is the pastor and explain how he and the youth there might help out. We also suggest that you plan some joint-activities that might stimulate and motivate the young adults there. We're sure that Fr. Kegham will welcome your call.

Hope all is well. We look forward to hearing from you very soon with photographs and the Chapter Monthly Fact Sheets, and the information on your Sports Weekend Preparation for publicity purposes.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary ACYOA

15 February 83

FRANK STONESON  
Executive Director  
Diocese of the Armenian Church  
630 Second Avenue  
N.Y.C., N.Y. 10016

Dear Mr. Stoneson,

Enclosed is a letter received today (via the Diocesan Office) from the Armenian Assembly, regarding the Holocaust and Genocide curriculum for use in New York State Public Education.

The letter asks that letters of support for the project be sent to individuals provided on a separate sheet (also enclosed) due to some opposition to the inclusion of the Armenian Genocide in the curriculum itself.

This is a very important matter and certainly deserves our attention. Is it possible that a form letter be drafted and sent out on the Word Processor from the Diocesan Office? This would make things alot easier.

Thank you for your attention on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

15 February 83

RALPH DERASADOURIAN  
Treasurer - ACYOA Central Council  
29720 North Bayshore Drive  
Lake Bluff, IL 60044

Dear Ralph,

Enclosed are the latest financial statements and related materials. These were just received today from the Diocese. We understand that there is a considerable time lapse from when the statements are issued, assuming they are sent out on the date shown, and the actual receiving date. Thus, it is understandable for you to be somewhat behind in issuing the statements on the financial accounts of the ACYOA Central Council. Try and do your best and do not fall too far behind. We need the statements on a regular monthly basis for our records.

Regarding the ACYOA Membership Cards for 1982-83. We trust that by now you have sent the necessary materials to Melanie Barsamian so that she may issue the cards appropriately. As you are well aware, sending out the cards takes a considerable amount of time, and thus, the soon she may begin the easier it will be for her to fulfill this responsibility. Please be in touch regarding this matter.

Hope all is well with you.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary- ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church

15 February 83

SUSAN MOUSIGIAN  
Chairman - ACYOA Central Council  
1407 Fairway Court  
Dearborn, MI 48124

Dear Susan,

Enclosed you will find national mailing list related materials. These may help in producing a finalized, and upto-date listing.

Concerning the Audio-Visual Program, Symbolism Part One, we received the materials from you, however, the slides were not returned in the specially purchased plastic boxes. Please forward these as soon as possible. The boxes ensure the safe keeping and safe handling of the slides.

Thank you for your prompt attention on this.

Sincerely,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

11 February 83

REV. FATHER GAREN GDANIAN  
Pastor - St. Peter Armenian Church  
100 Troy-Schnectady Road  
Watervliet, N.Y. 12189

Rev. Father Garen,

In the near future we should like to schedule a parish visitation to meet with you and your young people. Realizing that we have tried in the past to gather the youth and begin some type of group, we must at least try again.

If for no other purpose, I should like to meet with you and discuss the situation, not only in your parish, but also in the Church at large. We are currently working on some new approaches and would like to discuss them with you.

Father Garen, we need not have 25 youths to sit and discuss the formation of a Chapter for the Seniors. In fact, smaller groups usually have the edge on successful activities and true camaraderie.

Please be in touch soon with convenient dates. I really look forward to speaking with you. Hope all is well with you.

On another note, it appears that we haven't had too much response from the Synod groups, your area regarding the Armenian Studies Programs. (See enclosure) There must be some young people in the Watervliet area that are interested in traveling to Hayasdan or the Holy Land. Aren't there?

Hope to see you soon,

Respectfully yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church



11 February 83

KORY SIRMAIAN  
Chairman - ACYOA Lawrence Chapter  
Holy Cross Armenian Church  
26 Applewood Lane  
Methuen, MA 01844

Dear Kory,

In the very near future we should like to schedule a visitation to your parish and meet with you during an ACYOA Chapter meeting, or, Executive Committee meeting, or both.

Please be in touch very soon with possible dates so that we may finalize our plans.

A short while ago we received your "report" on the activities of the Chapter during the past six months or so. It look very good. If you have any photographs, we should like to write an article about the Chapter for the Armenian press. Photographs are a must however, since ACYOAC Chapter news isn't quite enough.

Although the report was a nice touch, the Monthly Fact Sheets are still due, at least from January of this year. It only takes 10 minutes to fill out the form and send it in. See to it that the person responsible for this does it on a regular basis.

Looking forward to hearing from you very soon. Hope all is well.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church

cc: Pastor

11 February 83

JAN ASLANIAN & GARY DODAKIAN  
Co-Chairmen - Worcester ACYOA Chapter  
Armenian Church of Our Saviour  
60 Richmond Avenue  
Worcester, MA 01602

Dear Jan & Gary,

In the very near future we should like to schedule a visitation to your parish and ACYOA Chapter. It would be appropriate and convenient if we could schedule this when you have scheduled a regular Chapter Executive Committee Meeting, or, Chapter Meeting, or both. It need not be on the same day.

As you probably know, I shall be participating in your parish's Lenten Program on March 2nd. Perhaps you can have possible dates ready for the visitation at that time, and we can finalize the arrangements then. Naturally I expect to see you both there at the Church that night, and look forward to it.

We hope that everything is going well, and if there are any problems or needs, please inform so that we may be of assistance.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church

c.c. Pastor  
Co-Chairman

11 February 83

SABOU BOYADJIAN  
Chairman - Watertown ACYOA Chapter  
St. James Armenian Church  
368 Mount Auburn Street  
Watertown, MA 02172

Dear Sabou,

In the very near future we should like to schedule a visitation to your parish and attend one of your ACYOA Chapter Meetings, as well as meet with your Chapter Executive Committee. Perhaps this can be arranged within the next few weeks. It need not be done in one night.

Please be in touch soon with available dates so that this may be arranged. Your prompt attention is appreciated on this matter.

Recently we received a telephone call from Jenifer Menetrez, an 18 year old girl from the Washington, D.C. area who is currently in her first year at Wellesly College. She was interested in knowing the closest Armenian Church and in the local ACYOA Chapter. She now has your name and telephone number and will probably contact you soon for information. She is interested in the Armenian Community, and was part of the ACYOA Chapter in Washington DC, St. Mary Armenian Church. Please be sure to include her on your mailing list.

Jenifer Menetrez  
Freeman Hall  
Wellesly College  
Wellesly, MA 02181

We look forward to hearing from you soon. Hope all is well with you.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA



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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

10 February 83

SUSAN MOUSIGIAN  
Chairman - ACYOA Central Council  
1407 Fairway Court  
Dearborn, MI 48124

Dear Susan,

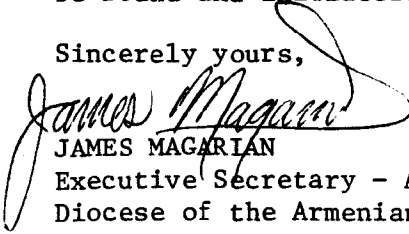
First, we received the slide-tape program, Part One of the Symbolism Series, however the slides were not in the specially purchased plastic boxes that they were sent out in. We should like to know if you received the slides with the plastic boxes, and if so, expect to have them returned.

Second, we received your letter and various correspondence of January 29th. The tone of your letter to the Executive Secretary is rather questionable and certainly out of place. Your understanding of your position, "as Chairman of the Organization" is totally incorrect. You are the Chairman of the Central Council, with the same privileges of any Council member - no more no less. If you feel you need further clarification, please inform.

We need a great deal of patience given the amount of accomplishments achieved thus far on the part of the Council as a whole. As you know, some work is being done by certain individuals, but as a group it does not show too much. We know that everyone's time is valuable, but it isn't too much to ask for the minimum. Above and beyond that seems to be a luxury, and perhaps we shouldn't expect it. In any case, all Council members must make a few sacrifices during their terms in office if only to fulfill their obligations. This might mean giving up some things, re-arranging priorities in the name of the Church. It's only for two years, certainly not a life time.

At present, we are working on an analysis of the current youth programming structure within the Diocese, and the Church as a whole. Many people, and we concur, feel that the current set up is fine on paper, but it actually doesn't accomplish what needs to be done. Our entirely approach and methodology needs a "face lift" of sorts and is in the planning stages. Given your two years of experience on the Council, we're sure you'll agree that new and better approaches and techniques can be found and initiated.

Sincerely yours,

  
JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church

c.c. Primate

10 February 83

NANCY BAGDASARIAN  
Chairman - Cleveland ACYOA Chapter  
St. Gregory of Narek Armenian Church  
1096 S. Belvoir Blvd.  
S. Euclid, OH 44121

Dear Nancy,

First, please excuse the long time in responding to your questions; and second, thank you for your kind words on the birth of our son.

Regarding the "bulletin Board" for placing announcements; it is the responsibility of the Parish Council to make such decisions, and, such decision should take into consideration all the organizations of the Parish, and not just one. However, it might be an advantage if the ACYOA Chapter were to donate part of the expenses for such a bulletin board - which would benefit all organizations and the Parish as a whole. We're confident that you will work something out so that you can post your announcements and other such things.

Dues payments are always a problem, and they always will be a problem. We can't scare off the members we have with too many threats and deadlines, however, we must maintain some form of organization and operational respect. It is up to us to inform the members as to the importance of the dues money, and that it is needed to help keep the Organization operating - locally and nationally.

The Audio-Visual program, Symbolism in the Armenian Church has been reserved for your Chapter, to be presented on Palm Sunday - ACYOA Day. It will be mailed to you the week before. Kindly return it immediately after use.

We appreciate your invitation to the Feb. 11th dance, but it is really impossible at this time - thank you.

Stay well Nancy, please give our best regards to your family. We hope to see you at the Archbishop's Basketball Tournament, or, the Leadership Seminar, or both. Take good care.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church

10 February 83

REV. FATHER LEVON ARAKELIAN  
Pastor - Holy Ascension Armenian Church  
1460 Huntington Turnpike  
Trumbull, CT 06111

Rev. Father Levon;

As you probably know, the Executive Secretary to the ACYOA schedules visitations to the various parishes of the Diocese during the year. These visitations are, in some cases, to strengthen existing ACYOA chapters or help revitalize others. In parishes without ACYOA (senior division) chapters, the visitation is seen as the first step toward establishing an operating chapter for the Parish.

We are not aware of a Senior Division ACYOA Chapter at the Holy Ascension Parish, and it has certainly been a number of years since one existed there. Therefore, we should like to schedule a visitation to your Parish to meet with you and your young people for the purposes of re-establishing the ACYOA for the young adults in your area.

We have written several notes to Lisa Tutunjian asking the potentials of a Senior Group for the Parish, but she has not yet replied. We understand that she advised that Junior Group, which, we have heard is a dynamic and very strong group of young people.

Within the next week or two we shall call and determine a convenient date. We hope that soon the ACYOA Senior Division will again serve the Parish of the Holy Ascension Church of Trumbull. Looking forward to speaking with you Der Hayr.

Respectfully yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church

10 February 83

DOUGLAS TASHJIAN  
Chairman - Northern New Jersey ACYOA Chapter  
954 Wildwood Road  
Oradell, N.J. 07649

Dear Douglas,

It was nice speaking with you last week. You had mentioned sending some information regarding your successful New Year's Eve Party, as well as some general Chapter information for a news article. Can you do it soon? When someone or some group works hard and accomplishes something, we should share this with the other chapters, as well as with the public. This is where the Monthly Fact Sheets come in. The Sheet only takes a few minutes to fill out.

Concerning visitation and meeting, please be sure to give a couple of weeks notice so that there will not be a problem in scheduling. In addition, it would be convenient if we could schedule Northern New Jersey on one night, and Bayside on another. This would make the trip that much more fulfilling, as our schedules are rather full.

If you need any forms [i.e. Membership Renewal, Membership Application, Fact Sheets, or even the Chapter Handbook] please inform.

As you know, we are trying very hard to put together a complete master mailing list of all Armenian Youth People of the Diocese - according to birth of birth. (See Handbook, p. 33 for details.) You know the importance of an up-to-date mailing list, especially one that can easily be changed via word processor, as well as according to age groups. Please inform as to your progress in this area.

Looking forward to hearing from you soon on the visitation date. Stay well.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church

10 February 83

SELMA ALEXANIAN  
Chairman - Cheltenham ACYOA Chapter  
Holy Trinity Armenian Church  
599 Adams Street - 2nd floor  
Philadelphia, PA 19120

Dear Selma,

It was disappointing to have to postpone our scheduled visitation for tomorrow night. We were looking forward to seeing you again and meeting with the members of your Chapter. This many times happens during the winter months. It might be best to wait until the weather is less problematic, as our schedule is quite full at this time. We'll be in touch regarding a new visitation date.

Selma, we haven't received any "Monthly Fact Sheets" from you. Are we to assume that whoever you planned in charge of this is a little irresponsible? We're sure that your Chapter has done a few things. Please see to it that the Sheets are filled out and sent in soon.

If you are in need of any forms; [i.e. Monthly Fact Sheets, Membership Renewal, Membership application, Handbook, etc.] please inform.

We look forward to hearing from you soon. Hope you are well.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church



10 February 83

LISA KAZANJIAN  
1 Patterson Place  
Newtown, PA 19073

Dear Lisa,

It was a disappointment to have to postpone our meeting for this evening. This many times happens during the winter months, and there isn't too much we can do to prepare for such things. Unfortunately, our schedule is full and it may be best to wait until the weather is a little less problematic.

Nancy Basmajian informed me that you've been elected Chairman of the Wynnewood Seniors. If this is correct, congratulations! Kindly forward a complete list of your Chapter Executive Committee, with addresses.

Enclosed are some items Nancy mentioned you need. If there is anything else, please inform. Do you have a Chapter Handbook?

As you probably know, the ACYOA is trying to set up an accurate mailing list of all Armenian Young People, according to year of birth. [See Handbook, p. 33] Have you had the chance to start work on this? It is so very important.

Please keep me informed. We'll set up a new visitation date soon.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church

c.c. Pastor

9 February 83

CHARLES AVEDISIAN  
Chairman-- St. Vartan Camp Committee  
119 Stewart Street  
New Britain, CT 16053

Dear Mr. Avedisian,

Enclosed you will find some of the files regarding the ACYOA St. Vartan Camp Program for the past few years. I thought you might like to review them before we place them in our files for records purposes. Please feel free to copy any parts that you may want to keep, although there isn't too much here besides a casual reference.

Perhaps when we meet to discuss the by-laws I can pick them up, so whenever it is convenient.

Sincerely,

JAMES MEGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church

9 February 83

CHARLES AVEDISIAN  
Chairman - St. Vartan Camp Committee  
119 Stewart Street  
New Britain, CT 16053

Dear Mr. Avedisian,

Enclosed is a "first draft" of the committee by-laws we discussed.

Upon completing this, I realized that there are many areas that are not included, and most likely will need to be addressed.

As mentioned in my last letter, I will not be able to attend the February 19th at the Diocese. I have several conflicts that day and will not be able to make any changes. Please inform me as soon as possible when the next meeting will be.

I should like to come to New Britain and meet with you to discuss a second draft of the by-laws. Please contact me when it is convenient for you. A week-day night is fine for me.

I look forward to hearing from you soon. Best of luck in your Church related endeavors.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

8 February 83

CHARLES AVEDISIAN  
Chairman - St. Vartan Camp Committee  
119 Stewart Street  
New Britain, CT 16053

Dear Mr. Avedisian,

This is to inform you, as per your request, that I shall not be able to attend the next St. Vartan Camp Committee meeting scheduled for Saturday, February 19th at the Diocesan Center.

It was a pleasure speaking with you recently. As we had discussed, I shall begin working on a "rough" draft for the by-laws. As time permits, they shall be forwarded to you as soon as possible - most likely the week before the Feb. 19th meeting.

I look forward to making the following Camp Committee meeting, and to discussing with you the various parts of the by-laws.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACTOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church

c.c. Executive Director - Diocese

II

3 February 83

HARRY TAVITIAN  
41 Marshall Road  
Yonkers, N.Y. 10705

Dear Harry,

It has been quite some time since you received the materials of the 1982 ACYOA Armenian Studies Programs. We have written before, but perhaps you did not receive our correspondence. In addition, we have left numerous messages with your family to return our calls, but we assume the the "tax season" has you running and quite busy.

As we have already begun our preparations for the 1983 ASPs, we must have our records from the past year for reference purposes. Therefore, kindly return all materials received concerning the 1982 ASPs - whether or not you have had time to review them.

We shall expect these materials within the week. Please send to this address: 99 Long Pond Road, Tyngsborough, MA 01879

Stay well, and give a call when you get the chance.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church

c.c. Primate

2 February 83

DEACON MICHAEL CHEVIAN  
Director  
St. Nersess Summer Studies Conferences  
St. Nersess Armenian Seminary  
150 Stratton Road  
New Rochelle, N.Y. 10802

Dear Deacon Michael,

At your earliest convenience, could you forward a copy of your St. Nersess Summer Studies Conference mailing list? We are interested in those young people who are eighteen years of age or older.

As you know, we begin our Armenian Studies Programs promotions at this time and would like to expand our mailing lists. To this end, we should like to cross check our current lists with your "graduates" listing, or any mailing list containing the names of Armenian young people over eighteen.

We would certainly appreciate your assistance. Kindly send whatever you have - it need not be complete for the time being.

See the enclosure for a copy of our Armenian Studies Programs brochure.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church

2 February 83

SUSAN MOUSIGIAN  
Chairman - ACYOA Central Council  
1407 Fairway Court  
Dearborn, MI 48124

Dear Susan,

As you know, each year the ACYOA sponsors its annual Leadership Seminar in conjunction with the Annual Diocesan Assembly.

This year, the Diocesan Assembly will be held by Shants Joachim and Anna Armenian Church of Palos Heights, IL, May 6-8,

Plans for the Seminar should begin soon. We suggest that you contact the Parish Council Chairman, or, the Chapter Chairman at Palos Heights for detailed information on facilities. In addition, you may want to ask for references in terms of a guest speaker for the day.

We have an opportunity to provide this program in an area that has not had the chance to participate for several years. Thus, proper planning and execution, as well as coordination with the hosts is essential.

Sincerely yours,

ARMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church

2 February 83

MELANIE BARSAMIAN  
Recording Secretary  
ACYOA Central Council  
74 Woodland Street  
Boylston, MA 01583

Dear Melanie,

This is to remind you that the record of the minutes of ACYOA Central Council meetings are to be sent out to the Primate, Executive Secretary, ~~and~~ Council Liaison, and all ACYOA Central Council members within two-weeks of the meeting - according to the operations and procedures guide of the ACYOA Central Council.

We ask that this be given top priority so that all persons concerned will have an accurate record of the meetings proceedings.

Thank you for your prompt attention on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church

c.c. Council Chairman



2 February 83

RALPH DERASADOURIAN  
Treasurer - ACYOA Central Council  
29720 North Bayshore Drive  
Lake Bluff, IL 60044

Dear Ralph,

As you are well aware, the Treasurer of the ACYOA Central Council is to submit monthly financial statements to the Executive Secretary. As of this date, we have not received the monthly statements.

Please keep in mind that the statements are a necessary part of our records keeping. These statements should be simple, providing the month's receipts and disbursements, with a balance.

Kindly forward the monthly statements from July 1982. In addition, even though an ACYOA Central Council meeting may be coming up during a given month, please do not wait until the meeting - rather, send the statements on a regular basis, regardless of meetings.

Thank you for your assistance and prompt attention.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church

c.c. Council Chairman

1 February 83

TORY TOPJIAN  
1113 East Los Altos Avenue  
Fresno, CA 93710

Dear Tory,

Enclosed are some recent ASP materials.

The person who was suppose to handle these types of out-going materials for us has been unable to help, and thus we are somewhat behind in the mailing of these things. In addition, your name may have been omitted for the new Chairman (K. Hagopian), however we do not have his address. Kindly forward his current correct address as soon as possible.

We've noticed your work in the Californian - keep it up.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church

29 March 83

REV. FATHER LEVON ARAKELIAN  
Pastor-Holy Ascension Armenian Church  
1460 Huntington Turnpike  
Trumbull, CT 06111

Rev. Fr. Levon:

Thankyou for your prompt response to our letter. We appreciate your openness on the subject of the young adults of your parish.

Hopefully in the future we can visit your parish and meet with the young people and offer them some of our programs and opportunities to participate in the parish and Church.

Until such a time, could you please send a complete mailing list of these young people 17 years of age to 30 years of age. We should like to include them in our mailings and keep them informed of various youth happenings in the region and throughout the Diocese.

Stay well Der Hayr. May the many blessings and joys of this season of the Holy Resurrection be with you and your family.

Respectfully yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church

99 Long Pond Road  
Tyngsborough, MA 01879

29 March 83

REV. FR. GAREN ~~ORRMAN~~  
Pastor - St. Peter Armenian Church  
100 Troy-Schenectady Road  
Watervliet, N.Y. 12189

Rev. Fr. Garen:

Your letter of March 8th was just received at our working office (please note direct address below) and your prompt response is very much appreciated.

Your invitation for the April 24th Program at your Parish came after we have confirmed a visitation to the Wisconsin area parishes including their April 24th Programs.

As you know, we ~~were~~ been trying to arrange a visitation to your area and hope that a new date can be arrived at soon. Sometime after May seems to be good at this time.

Der Hayr, please don't think any type of elaborate program has to be set up for my visit. Although I would like to meet with the youth and adults who are interested in discussing the Armenian youth situation, there need not be a special occasion in the parish for such a meeting.

Hopeful of your good judgement and your prompt response. May the many blessings and joys of the Season of the Holy Resurrection be with you and your family.

Respectfully yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church

99 Long Pond Rd.  
Tyngsboro, MA 01879

21 March 83

Margaret Dagavarian  
57-2825~~855~~ Street  
Little Neck, N.Y. 11362

Dear Mrs. Dagavarian,

Thank you for your letter of March 10th requesting information on the ACYOA Armenian Studies Programs.

You mentioned that you and your husband are interested in traveling to Armenia this year, specifically in September. This is certainly a good time to go, in light of the many planned festivities in Yerevan and Etchmiadzin. Perhaps you are aware of the events involved with the Holy Blessing of Muron, performed once every seven years. It will take place this September.

The ACYOA Programs are geared for young adults - 18 to 30 years of age. Our programs are offered in the summer months when students are able to travel. (See the enclosed brochure)

We suggest that you contact one of the many travel agents preparing groups for the September trips. We happen to use the following agent; feel free to contact him and say we recommended him -

COLOYAN TRAVEL SERVICE (Mr. Ed Coloyan)  
379 ~~RR~~Apelo Road  
Belmont, MA 02188 (617-489-1860)

We hope that you will find our information helpful. Best of luck in your travels.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

17 March 83

NANCY BAGDASARIAN  
Chairman - Cleveland ACYOA Chapter  
St. Gregory of Narek Armenian Church  
1096 South Belvoir Blvd.  
South Euclid, OH 44121

Dear Nancy,

Enclosed you will find the ACYOA Audio-Visual Program, Symboldsm in the Armenian Church, Part One, "The Church as the Temple of Our Faith".

The Program consists of 88 slides, tape cassette, script and handouts.

Be sure to read carefully the script and instructions. The operator should be familiar with the instructions, and, if possible review the entire Program ahead of time.

If there are any problems or questions, be sure to contact us. We appreciate hearing from you regarding the response by the audience and if any discussion was generated.

We expect that you will return the entire program (except the handouts) the day after the presentation. Please send first-class, insured.

Best of luck.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

17 March 83

MICHAEL MOUSIGIAN  
ACYOA Auditing Committee Member  
1407 Fairway Court  
Dearborn, MI 48124

Dear Michael,

As you know, the audit for the ACYOA Armenian Studies Programs did not take place before the Annual General Assembly last September. It was determined at that time that the Audit would be conducted soon after. In October, the financial materials were sent to Harry Taviting, as he was a member of the Auditing Committee, and was familiar with the Program. The materials were sent back, without the audit being done. A variety of reasons were given, but simply put, Harry just didn't have the time. He suggested that you do it quickly, since the materials are needed for the 1983 Programs.

Enclosed you will find all the financial materials we have regarding the 1982 ACYOA Armenian Studies Programs. The only problem we can see, is that there seems to be a surplus in the checking account. This is not so much a problem as a mystery. Kindly review the materials at your earliest convenience so that this may include the report on the 1982 Programs.

As you know, we shall be in Detroit for the Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Basketball Tournament, April 8-10. Please complete the review by then so that I can return the materials to the file and use the necessary items for this year's records. Your handling this quickly is very much appreciated.

Looking forward to seeing you in April. If there are any questions, please call - don't wait until I'm there. Stay well.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

17 March 83

REV. FR. UNTZAG NALBANDIAN  
Group Leader - ASP #1  
4756 South 68th Street #3  
Greenfield, WI 53220

Rev. Fr. Untzag:

Enclosed for your reference and information are the reports of the past two years regarding the ACYOA Armenian Studies Programs. Please review these materials, naturally giving extra time to the materials regarding Program #1 - Educational Tour to Armenia.

Please keep these materials intact. If you wish, you may make copies, or we can send you copies of some of the materials.

I shall take back these materials when I visit in April. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call, or we may discuss them in April.

Stay well.

Respectfully yours,

JAMES MARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

c.c. Primate



16 March 83

REV. FR. UNTZAG NALBANDIAN  
Pastor - St. John Armenian Church  
4756 South 68th Street #3  
Greenfield, WI 53220

Rev. Father Untzag:

It was a pleasure speaking with you the other day, and we certainly appreciate your willingness to take the time in leading our young adults to their homeland.

Soon you will receive an official letter from the Primate confirming your appointment as Group Leader for the 1983 ACYOA Armenian Studies Program - Educational Tour to Armenia. To make our files and records complete, please send in writing an acceptance of the appointment when you get the chance.

In the meantime, as we had discussed, your passport should be secured. Also, we will need 4 passport-size black and white photographs. When these are ready, please send them so that we may receive the visa within a reasonable amount of time.

Regarding visiting clergy, the ACYOA will pay all fees (Jammoddz) for sacramental services during your absence, and up to three Sunday Divine Liturgies. Since transportation fees vary each year, the ACFOA takes responsibility for local travel only. (Local clergy, or transportation to and from airports, etc.) However, all arrangements for visiting clergy is the responsibility of the local parish.

As the enclosed letter states, Mrs. Aline Dadekian of New Jersey will be the Assistant Group Leader this summer. She accompanied the group last year and proved a valuable asset and able assistant. As she many times attends the Diocesan Assembly, perhaps we three of us can arrange a meeting at that time.

As mentioned before, I plan to visit the Wisconsin area April 22-24. Perhaps we can meet on Friday the 22nd or Saturday afternoon, if it is convenient for you. Please inform Fr. Garabed Kochakian and myself of your disposition.

Respectfully yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church

c.c. Primate

16 March 83

ARLINE DADEKIAN  
22 Yeoman Drive  
Upper Saddle River, N.J. 07458

Dear Arline,

This is to confirm your appointment as Assistant Group Leader for the ACYOA Armenian Studies Program - Educational Tour to Armenia 1983. We are pleased that you are able to find the time from your busy schedule to again accompany the young adults of our Church on this important trip.

To keep our records and files up to date, could you please send us a note or letter stating your acceptance of the appointment. As you already know the routine and general format, we shall only send you pertinent information and details as regards the program for this year.

We are also pleased to inform you that the Group Leader for this program is Rev. Fr. Untzag Nalbandian, Pastor of St. John Armenian Church in Greenfield, Wisconsin. His experience in having resided in Armenia will certainly add to the success and smooth running of the program this summer. If you are planning to attend the Diocesan Assembly in Palos Heights, IL in May, perhaps we can arrange a day and time when the three of us could discuss the various aspects of the program.

At this time, you should have 4 passport size black and white photographs prepared, as well as your passport, and send them to me.

We look forward to hearing from you soon. As always, if you have any questions please call.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary- ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church

c.c. Primate  
Group Leader

15 March 83

ELISE ANTREASSIAN  
Director - Department of Religious Education  
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America  
630 Second Avenue  
N.Y.C., N.Y. 10018

Dear Elise,

Enclosed you will find the infamous mailing list of the ACYOA. Again, please excuse the continued delays in sending this basic element of any organization for your use in disseminating your materials to the young adults of our Church.

There are approximately 1200 names here. These represent present or immediate past members of the ACYOA. We expect this list to grow as our drives to include all Armenian young people on our mailing list continues

When ever you can send out flyers, announcements, etc, regarding your area, please do. The more materials and information the young people get from the Church, the more they will begin to realize that the Church really does exist, and, that it just might have something to say, or something they need, or something they want - if not now, then may someday.

Stay well, Elise, we'll see you next time. I

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA

P.S. When the listing is updated, I'll make sure to send you a copy. Don't hold your breath.

15 March 83

ARDA NAZERIAN  
Chairman - Bayside ACYOA Chapter  
Holy Martyr's Armenian Church  
188-39 Midland Parkway  
Jamaica Estates, N.Y. 11432

Dear Arda,

Hope all is well with you and the members of the Bayside ACYOA. We're looking forward to seeing you and your basketball teams at the Archbishop's Basketball Tournament next month in Detroit. Let me know if your men's team needs an extra player!

In the meantime, we'd like to arrange the following visitations: Bayside, Northern New Jersey, and Westchester Chapters. Do you think you could make the arrangements, that is securing a convenient date(s) for these three parishes? I'd really appreciate it.

I want to go to all three in a two day period. For instance:

Thursday night - Bayside  
Sunday after Church - Northern New Jersey  
Sunday evening - Westchester

Not necessarily in this order, or these particular days. The idea is for all to be convenient in the same two days. If all three cannot be arranged, two will do. Please do what you can in making these arrangements, again it's very much appreciated. I've told Douglas Tashjian that he can expect your call soon. If you have any problems, please call - 617-256-7234.

Take good care of yourself.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

15 March 83

DOUGLAS TASHJIAN  
Chairman - Northern N.J. ACYOA Chapter  
954 ~~Widened~~ Road  
Oradell, N.J. 07649

Dear Douglas,

It's been a little over a month since our last letter. Hope all is well.

As mentioned before, we'd like to set up a meeting date with you on a convenient day for the members of your Chapter.

We are also arranging a meeting date with the Bayside and Westchester parishes, and would like to include Northern New Jersey in the same trip to the New York City area. Arda Nazerian, of the Bayside Chapter, will be in touch with you soon regarding the arrangements and possible dates.

We would like to hear from you soon regarding Chapter information and other things you're doing. Keep up the good work.

Stay well.

Sincerely,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

c.c. Pastors

11 March 83

CHARLES AVEDISIAN  
Chairman - St. Vartan Camp Committee  
Diocese of the Armenian Church  
119 Stewart Street  
New Britain, CT 16053

Dear Mr. Avedisian,

Enclosed is the revised edition of the By-Laws for the Saint Vartan Camp Committee. The revisions reflect the discussions of the last Committee meeting at the Diocese.

As requested, copies of this revised edition have been sent to all members of the Camp Committee for their reference.

Sincerely,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church

c.c. ~~Printee~~  
All Committee Members

3 March 83

REV. FR. DAJAD DAVIDIAN  
Pastor - St. James Armenian Church  
465 Mt. Auburn Street  
Watertown, MA 02172

Rev. Father Dajad:

Enclosed please find a copy of a letter to Sofia Soukiasian, a recent applicant for the 1983 Armenian Studies Programs from your parish.

Sofia's application looks good, and your recommendations are worthy of serious consideration. However, she does not meet the minimum age requirement.

All applicants for the Armenian Studies Programs, 1,2,3, must be 18 years of age or high school graduates. For Program 1, first consideration is given to ACYOA Senior members. This perhaps was only an over-sight.

Respectfully yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church

3 March 83

SOFIA SOUKIASIAN  
125 School Street  
Watertown, MA 02172

Dear Sofia,

We have recently received your application and passport for consideration as a participant in the 1983 ACYOA Armenian Studies Programs.

We regret to inform you that our requirements restrict our selection to ACYOA Senior members (for program #1, Educational Tour to Armenia), and, all participants must be 18 years of age or high school graduates. Therefore, we are returning your application and passport.

Your letter states that you feel you might not be able to participate in your high school activities if you were to travel to Armenia in your senior year. The travel takes place after graduation, in June.

Please keep this in mind. Your application may be resubmitted for next year.

Best of luck in your studies.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary to the ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church

c.c. Pastor



28 June 83

CAROL KAZARIAN  
14170 W. Greenfield Avenue  
Brookfield, WI 53005

Dear Carol,

Recently we received your news release on the Wisconsin ACYOA Chapter "Martyr's Day Run" held this past April.

Since you did not indicate if the article had been sent to the Armenian newspapers, we prepared it and sent it out this week. Enclosed is a copy of the rewrite. If you had already sent it out, although I had not seen it published, it's ~~alright~~

It's good that you provided the article. Good work, successful events, and especially youth sponsored programs, are things we are trying to promote and have published in the newspapers. What about photographs??? A very ~~important~~ part of promotion.

Thank you for your efforts and do be in touch.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

enclosure.

28 June 83

BARBARA MERGUERIAN  
Editor - Armenian Mirror-Spectator  
755 Mount Auburn Street  
Watertown, MA 02172

Dear Mrs. Merguerian,

Enclosed is a lengthy article on the New England Youth Celebration with the Primate, observing the 20th anniversary of His Primacy of His Eminence, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian.

We realize your limitations, however we ask that you give this article every consideration for full publication in an upcoming issue of your newspaper. Many of the comments and statements are important and should be made available to the Armenian people. If there are any questions, please contact me (see below).

We appreciate your cooperation and contributions to our youth work effort. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

[617-256-7234 days]  
[649-6875 evenings]

28 June 83

EDWARD K. BOSHOSEAN  
Editor - Armenian Reporter  
P.O.B. 488  
Flushing, N.Y. 11352

Dear Mr. Boghosian,

Enclosed is a lengthy article on the New England Youth Celebration with the Primate, observing the 20th Anniversary of the Primacy of His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian.

We realize your limitations, however we ask that you give this article every consideration for full publication in an upcoming issue of your newspaper. Many of the comments and statements are important and should be made available to the Armenian people. If there are any questions, please contact us (see below).

We appreciate your cooperation and contributions to our youth work effort. Thankyou.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

enclosure.

[617-256-7234 days]  
[649-6875 evenings]

28 June 83

REV. FR. UNTZAG NALBANDIAN  
4756 South 68th Street #3  
Greenfield, WI 53220

Rev. Fr. Untzag:

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$63.73 covering your expenses as the Group Leader for the 1983 Armenian Studies Program, "Educational Tour to Armenia".

The amount reflects your expenses, less the telephone expenses as we had discussed. We expect copies of the related telephone expenses (bills) as soon as you get them. Please include both personal and parish bills.

Upon receipt of the aforementioned, another check will be issued to cover those expenses.

Respectfully,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church

enclosure.

27 June 83

REV. FR. VARTAN KASPARIAN  
Coordinator - Y.A.C.E.  
Armenian Church of America - Western Diocese  
1201 North Vine Str. - Hollywood, CA  
P.O.B. 367  
Yetter, CA 93670

Rev. Father Vartan;

Thank you for your letter of May 4th, and please pardon the delay in responding. I have been unusually busy and involved in many other things that my time is completely filled.

By now you must have concluded that I will not be in the Chicago area during the 4th of July weekend. I do hope you receive this before your departure.

We are currently beginning a major review of the Youth Ministry Programs currently used (specifically "ACYOA") and intend to develop an entirely new approach to youth ministry in the near future. Over time, we hope to reach more young people with more "well developed and well executed" programs than ever before. But, all this will take a considerable amount of time. The Armenian Church and community needs time to accept and deal with change and progress.

At this time, given my schedule, I don't see how we might meet to discuss mutual concerns. Perhaps for the time being we may share our thoughts via letters and materials. I do appreciate you sending a copy of the discussion guides you are preparing for the Assembly.

Have a pleasant summer, Fr. Vartan, and I do hope that you are successful in your endeavors. Again, please excuse the delay in replying to your letter.

Respectfully yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

24 June 83

REV. FR. YEPREM KELEGIAN  
22 White Street  
Hartford, CT 06114

Rev. Father Yeprem:

Your efforts in last week's "Youth Panel Discussion" are to be commended. Although we did not have a large turnout, we did well for a Friday evening in June. I do feel that we could have been a little more organized, but for the most part, things went fairly smoothly.

Enclosed are the notes from the panelists, as well as letters of appreciation recently sent. A new release on the evening has been written and will be sent to the Armenian press upon the receipt of photographs of the event. The BEMA will also feature some parts of the event, although space is limited as you know.

Again, your efforts made the evening meaningful for those who did attend, young and old alike. The Primate himself may have even enjoyed the evening as it went beyond the usual "celebrative" affairs and gave the participants something to take home with them.

We look forward to working with you again in the near future. Stay well Dery Hayr, see you soon.

Respectfully yours,

JAMES MEGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America  
a

c.c. Primate

24 June 83

PAULA JURIGIAN  
55 Mallard Way  
Waltham, MA 02154

Dear Paula,

Your participation in the "Youth Panel Discussion" last week helped to make the entire evening successful and meaningful for the people who attended, as well as for the Primate himself.

Your presentation was well thoughtout, to the point, and above all, important to the young people and the adults as well. You ended with, "I can do all things through Him who gives me strength;" a truth that we many times forget. Yes, harmony, love and understanding are those abstract dimensions that are vital to the accomplishment of a parish. We don't really take the time to ensure that these things are a part of the operations of the parish, as weldo the buildings, lights, grounds, newsletters, etc. But with young people like you, and many others who share these ideals, we can breath with confidence that a new era is yet to come; one that will take the accomplishments of today and make them better.

Your participation in the discussion is appreciated, and we hope that you will continue your dedicated work and service in our Church. Remember that what you do is important, no matter what others may say. His Eminence said that, "Our young people ensure the promise of tomorrow, but their presence and participation today makes tomorrow possible."

God Bless you. We look forward to working with you in the ~~future~~ future.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

c.c. Primate  
N.E. District Coordinator

24 June 83

CRAIG ERANOSIAN  
156 Dellwood Road  
Cranston, R.I. 02920

Dear Craig,

Your participation in the "Youth Panel Discussion" last week helped to make the entire evening successful and meaningful for the people who participated, as well as for the Primate himself.

Your presentation was well prepared and spoke to the people in attendance - adult and youth. Your thoughts on the need to educate young people concerning the operations and issues involving our Church were very important. Too often young people are relegated to the mundane and routine operations and tasks, and never involved with things that can really be meaningful. This relationship, as you mentioned, is a very important factor to consider while the person is growing - not after adulthood is reached! Indeed our future clergymen need to be groomed from their teenage years.

The Primate re-affirmed that our young people are part of the present, and as part of the present they must be actively involved in meaningful roles. "In this way the future of the Church is bright and alive," he said.

May God bless you as you continue to serve the Church. Again, we appreciate your participation and look forward to working with you again soon.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

c.c. Primate  
N.E. District Coordinator



24 June 83

SUSAN BREWSTER  
9 Linden Drive  
Danvers, MA 01923

Dear Susan,

Your participation on the Youth Panel Discussion last week helped to make the entire evening successful and meaningful for the people who attended, and for the Primate himself.

You presented the topic well, and your ability to convey your thoughts and ideas was illustrated by the way the audience responded. You mentioned that you, "Made a conscious effort to understand the Armenian Church." This mature statement undoubtedly impressed the young people present, as well as the adults. Too many times we dismiss those things we don't understand, being critical of them and trying to convince ourselves that they aren't worth the effort. But ~~is~~ this "effort" that makes everything worthwhile. You also mentioned that religious questions and issues are perhaps the most difficult to answer. That historical questions were easier since they mainly deal with fact and figures. How true this is! Again, the effort to learn the religious answers and search for those we don't have requires effort, patience, and most of all a sincere desire to learn and use the learning to help others.

The Primate re-affirmed this, saying that, "We cannot have the enjoyment of education and understanding from the very beginning. It takes time. We must first become involved; we must then learn all we can, perhaps even suffer a little, and then enjoy what we have learned and use it!"

May God Bless you Susan, and may you continue to be close to the Church and share yourself through our programs and endeavors to bring our young people, and our adults, closer to their Church. We look forward to working with you again soon.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGREWIN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

cc. Primate  
N.E. District Coordinator

24 June 83

MELANIE BARSAMIAN  
74 Woodland Street  
West Boylston, MA 01583

Dear Melanie,

Your participation in the "Youth Panel Discussion" last week helped to make it successful and meaningful for the people who attended, as well as for the Primate himself.

Your ideas on the topic were thought-provoking, as well as meaningful. It was good that you were able to share your insights, as what you said was important for young and old alike. You mentioned the abstract values that are passed on from one generation to the next through the family. This important, but many times overlooked, interaction and inheritance from parent to child cannot be stressed enough. It is something that is difficult to describe, difficult to express, yet it enriches us beyond comprehension. Perhaps it is that one ingredient that sets aside our Church and people from everything else. Your thoughts on "commitment" to the Church were equally important. Commitment in anything in our society is slowly becoming a lost art. But what we are committed to also needs clarification, as you mentioned. So many of our people are "committed" to the picnic, dance, bazaar, etc., that they forget these things are only secondary to the mission of the Church, and what the Church is all about.

His Eminence certainly agreed with many of your comments. Especially about the issue (so called) regarding the nationalistic/ethnic and the spiritual/Christian dimensions of our Church. "They both combine to make up the Armenian personality," he said. "Since we all are the Church, we bring our personality, our make up, into the Church and it becomes part of the Church. We can't separate them, for they are part of us." How true!

May God bless you Melanie, and may He allow you to continue in your efforts to serve the Church. We look forward to working with you in the near future on similar events.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

c.c. Primate  
N.E. Dist. Coordinator

24 June 83

MARK KAZANJIAN  
580 Prospect Street  
Methuen, MA 01844

Dear Mark,

Your participation in the "Youth Panel Discussion" last week helped to make it a successful and meaningful event for all who attended, as well as the Primate himself.

You presented your thoughts on the topic very well, although it may have been geared to an older audience. You mentioned that the family is, "The very essence of our Church." How true! Our Church is the place where the whole family should be present, involved, participating, supporting and defending when necessary. As you said, the Church strengthens the family, and the Church is strengthened by the family - its members. You also mentioned that our heritage adds, "A unique richness to our Church, not detracting, but embellishing and motivating us!" This is something that is not commonly appreciated by young people, and many adults as well. Our faith, our customs and heritage all combine to give our Church a wealth of treasures not valued in dollars and cents. Saying that our people are very important is something others sometimes take for granted. The Armenian people are the Armenian Church.

His Eminence re-affirmed some things that you said, especially as regards our people and their importance. "We (everyone, young and old) make up the Church, and what we are, our heritage and customs, are all brought to the Church and make up its personality, just as they make up our own personality. They cannot be separated out," he said.

May God bless you in your efforts to continue to serve the Church. We look forward to working with you again in the near future.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES HINGRIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

c.c. Primate  
N.E. Dist. Coordinator

24 June 83

LISA MANOOKIAN  
Chairman - Wynnewood ACYOA Chapter  
Ss. Sahag and Mesrob Armenian Church  
2007 County Line Road  
Ardmore, PA 19003

Dear Lisa,

Thank you for your letter of June 5th, and congratulations to you for your recent election to Chairman of your ACYOA Chapter. We're confident that you and the other members of the Executive Committee will make every effort to ensure the smooth running of the Wynnewood ACYOA.

Enclosed are some materials you requested. In late May, a packet for all Chapters containing various materials of ACYOA was sent to all Chapter Chairmen. The Wynnewood packet was sent to Lisa Kazanjian, the former Chairman. Please ask her to give you these additional materials.

We do hope that your Chapter is planning to attend and participate in the 1983 Annual ACYOA General Assembly and National Sports Weekend in Toronto (Labor Day Weekend). If you have any questions regarding this, do be in touch.

Are you familiar with the ACYOA Handbook? A copy is on file at your Church, and your former Chairman should have a copy as well. If you need one, please inform. It's a helpful reference and guide for all Chapters, and it contains the Constitution and other rules for ACYOA programs.

Looking forward to hearing from you. Stay well.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church

24 June 83

SUSAN BOYAJIAN  
6101 West 129th Place  
Palos Heights, IL 60463

Dear Susan,

I hope that everything is well with you and your family. Please give my fond regards to them all.

Susan, about two months ago I gave you an outline about ACYOA and youth programming in our Diocese. I had asked for your comments and any ideas you might have on the subject. As you know, there is a great need for revision and goal orientation in our youth programming, specifically the ACYOA. If you still have the outline, please take a few minutes to read it and make a few notes. It need not be typed or in any formal response.

If you can't do it, please inform.

Thank you. Hope to see you soon.

Sincerely,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

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Please Take Note:

ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Wed. Aug. 31 - Fri. Sept. 2

Ramada Renaissance Hotel  
Scarborough, ONT, Canada

ALL ACYOA CHAPTERS FULFILLING  
OBLIGATIONS ARE MOST WELCOME  
TO ATTEND AND PARTICIPATE.

**1983 OFFICIAL DEADLINES FOR ALL ACYOA CHAPTERS PARTICIPATING IN ASSEMBLY & SPTS. WKND.**

- \*\*\* May-30.....Extended to JUNE 30th:
  - + Archbishop's Essay Contest entries due. [send to Executive Secretary]
- \*\*\* May-30.....Extended to JUNE 30th:
  - + Sam Nersesian Scholarship Applications due.
  - + Sam Nersesian Award Nomination due. [send both to Executive Secretary]
- \*\*\* JUNE 6th....+ ACYOA Chapters who wish to combine for athletic competition at National Sports Weekend, intentions to combine in writing due.
  - + Members-at-Large who wish to participate in National Sports Weekend, intentions to participate due. [send both to Central Council Chairman]
- \*\*\* JUNE 30th...+ Annual Chapter Report due. [send to Executive Secretary]
  - + Membership Renewal Dues for 1983-84, and any new member dues collected since January 1st for the 1982-83 year. [send, along with the renewal form, or the membership application form, to Central Council Treasurer]
  - + Listing of Chapter Delegates with addresses for the upcoming General Assembly due. [send to Executive Secretary]
- \*\*\* JULY 1st....+ Proposed amendments to the ACYOA Constitution, and, general proposals due. [send to Executive Secretary and Central Council Chairman]
- \*\*\* JULY 20th...+ ANY NEW OR RENEWING members of the ACYOA - final date to be recognized by ACYOA Central Council for legitimate participation in the ACYOA National Sports Weekend. Dues and proper forms necessary. [send to Central Council Treasurer]
- \*\*\* AUGUST 3rd..+ Chapter registration for National Sports Weekend Athletic Events, intention to participate in the competitions in writing due. All team event rosters and individual event rosters in writing due. [send both to National Sports Weekend Athletic Coordinator, and Executive Secretary]

WHERE TO SEND:

- \* JAMES MAGARIAN, Executive Secretary, 99 Long Pond Road, Tyngsborough, MA 01879
- \* SUSAN MOUSIGIAN, Council Chairman, 1407 Fairway Court, Dearborn, MI 48124 313-277-1958
- \* RALPH DERASADOURIAN, Council Treasurer, 29720 N. Bayshore Dr. Lake Bluff 60044 312-234-3951
- \* ARA SELYAN, Spts. Wkd. Athletic Coord. 601 Huntingwood Dr. Agincourt, ONT M1t 2Y2 416-493-3759

23 June 83

CHARLES METJIAN  
135 Terrace Avenue  
Jersey City, N.J. 07303

Dear Mr. Metjain,

Enclosed you will find a refund check for \$980.00, less the \$10.00 application fees, as well as the passports for your two sons.

We are sorry that they were unable to travel to Armenia this summer, and hope that they will have the chance to go in the future. Needless to say the experience of a journey to Armenia is an unforgettable event! If they are interested for next year, especially as regards program #1, "Educational Tour to Armenia" (4 weeks), please be in touch by January 15th, 1984.

Have a pleasant summer.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church

enclosures.

13 June 83

MICHAEL MOUSIGIAN  
1407 Fairway Court  
Dearborn, MI 48124

Dear Michael,

Your assistance in our attempt to computerize the Diocesan Youth mailing list is very much appreciated. You and your wife Susan should be commended for taking on this responsibility.

At this time we should like to formally set up a program, following up on what you've already begun. At your earliest convenience, please forward information regarding the following:

1. What is the capacity, if there is a capacity, for the number of names and addresses? What is the number of codes we can use for each name? i.e. (1) name, address, zip code, (2) zip code order, (3) alphabetical order, (4) regional zip code order, (5) age groups, (6) year of birth, (7) participation, (8) interests and background, etc.
2. What are the costs involved, in estimated terms per entry, per printout on paper, per printout on labels, and any other costs that may be involved (corrections, updates, etc.) Of course the number of addresses will reflect in the cost of the printouts.
3. Since you are becoming involved with the business, we should like to do business with you. Are you in a position to set up such programs? If so can arrangements, on a permanent basis be set up? If not, what do you propose?

Again, your efforts to serve the Church are noted and appreciated. We certainly hope that you may continue, and look forward to hearing from you soon. If you wish, you may write, or call collect [617-256-8980 days]. What ever is more convenient.

Take care of yourself, best regards to Susan.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America



13 June 83

RALPH DERASADOURIAN  
Treasurer - ACYOA Central Council  
29720 North Bayshore Drive  
Lake Bluff, IL 60044

Dear Ralph,

Just a reminder that the proper forms and signature cards should be prepared and completed at our annual transition meeting following the General Assembly on Friday, September 2nd. Kindly contact the Bank and Securities people to have the necessary materials in hand.

As you know, if we don't take care of the materials and signature transfers at this meeting, much too much time goes by before the new officers can really assume their new duties. Let's make this year's transition the best yet.

Also, a preliminary budget proposal should be prepared for the Nuly Meeting of the Council. The final draft will be included in the delegates' materials packet to be sent out the early part of August.

Looking forward to seeing you in July. Stay well....

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

c.c. Council Chairman

13 June 83

FRANK STONESON  
Executive Director  
Diocese of the Armenian Church  
630 Second Avenue  
N.Y.C., N.Y. 10016

Dear Mr. Stoneson,

Regarding the next meeting of the St. Vartan Camp Committee, scheduled for Saturday, July 9th, at the Camp Site in Connecticut, I will not be able to attend due to a previously scheduled meeting with the ACYOA Central Council in Chelmsford, Massachusetts.

The letter announcing the meeting directed that you be informed in the case of those not able to attend the meeting. It is good to know that these meetings continue to take place, and I look forward to attending the next one if possible.

Sincerely,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Director - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church

c.c. Primate  
Committee Chairman

10 June 83

SONYA HACETOGLU  
Chairman - St. Catherines ACYOA Chapter  
St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church  
215 Glenridge Avenue #1401  
St. Catherines, Ontario  
Canada L2T 3J7

Dear Sonya,

It was a pleasure to meet with you and the other young people of the newly formed St. Catherines ACYOA Chapter of St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church. Your selection as Chapter Chairman by the members certainly illustrated their ability to choose a person who has some experience, as well as demonstrates responsibility. That very night you took it seriously to begin planning the next meeting and other activities. This was noticed by the members as well.

Yes, your numbers are small. But successful ACYOA Chapters that help their church and enjoy the company of other young adult Armenians isn't based on numbers - it's based on attitude, approach, sincerity and most of all a commitment to the cause. Yes, it will be frustrating at times, but it will also be satisfying as well.

Simply keep in mind that the projects and activities you decide to take on are realistic and fulfilling in some way. In this manner, the members will begin to feel a sense of accomplishment, initiate a needed camaradery, and stay with the group. They group will also begin to attract those people who "will never come" - but they will.

If at any time you have a problem or an idea that needs some help, don't hesitate to contact Hayr Kegham or myself - at any time. [See address and tel. #s below.]

Do remind Hayr Soorp about the needed letter to the Primate and ACYOA Central Council so that the group is recognized and able to officially participate in the Assembly and National Sports Weekend.

I look forward to seeing you and the other members of your Chapter in Toronto, do your best to motivate some of the less active ones to become involved. Regards to your husband Ararat.

Sincerely,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church

c.c. Pastor

10 June 83

HAIG-ARAM TOSSOURIAN  
Chairman - Host Committee  
National Sports Weekend  
785 Huntingwood Drive  
Agincourt, Ontario  
Canada MIT 2L5

Dear Haig-Aram,

It was evident at our last meeting that you and the host committee have done a lot of work and put in a lot of time in securing the necessary contacts, facilities, etc., etc. It is also true that a lot more work is yet to be done. By this time you should have down on paper a time-table, as well as lists of people to do "the little things" during the weekend itself (i.e. taking tickets, assisting with sports events, coordinating buses, registration, running errands, etc.).

Time is beginning to wind down, and I know the anxiety you and your committee may begin to feel. Not to worry, things will go, and most likely quite smoothly. Just be sure that you have covered everything before hand, and "stick to your guns" once you have made a decision. I'm sure you know what I mean.

Review what ever Sports Weekend Reports you have and try to look for the details that need to be addressed. These details are the things that separate the good weekends from the mediocre. Anyone can host a mediocre weekend, and knowing that you and your committee members aren't just "anyone," you can do an exemplary job.

Actually, you are the prime mover of the committee. The members will only do as much as you do, and will only do it when you've called them and reminded them and reviewed what it is they should be doing - maybe several times until it is done. Don't be timid. Call them and stay with it. By the 1st of August, everything should be done except for the registrations, dinner arrangements, and athletics.

Regarding invited guest and complimentary tickets...all these people should receive a letter of invitation with the tickets enclosed. In addition, whoever it is that collects the tickets [i.e. waiter] should not ask the invited guest for one. The Armenian clergy should be invited: Fr. Houssig, Fr. Kegham, but not necessarily sit at the head table. A special reserved table can be arranged.

These are my thoughts for now. Do be in touch.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARTAN

9 June 83

His Eminence  
ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN  
Primate  
Diocese of the Armenian Church  
630 Second Avenue  
N.Y.C., N.Y. 10016

Your Eminence:

Enclosed are two items regarding the trip to Armenia:

- [1] A bill noting the costs for the trip for Deacon Onnig Terzian, as per request. Deacon Onnig stated that Your Eminence will handle this. A check may be sent direct to the travel agent.

Regarding Deacon Onnig accompanying the group, we have not had the chance to discuss this, in terms of his availability to assist the Group Leaders. Since the size of the group has ballooned to 28, his assistance at certain times may be needed.

- [2] A letter from the parents of Martin Mouradian and Steven Baylerian indicating that when the two young men leave the group (in Paris) on the return) the ACYOA will not be held responsible for their actions or their travel.

Although this is against my better judgement, it does seem reasonable and the practicality understandable. I do hope we may avoid this situation in the future.

At this writing, we have received 23 of 26 visas requested. The three outstanding are Der Untsag, Nartoohi Melkonian (Syrian) and Deacon Onnig. They included a note with the returned visas indicating that the last three would be forthcoming soon. However, this remains to be seen.

Your Obedient servant,

JAMES MAGARIAN

9 June 83

JUDY KOOLAKIAN  
117 Ruby Road  
Liverpool, N.Y. 13088

Dear Mrs. Koolakian,

Nancy Basmajian, ACYOA Juniors Director, recently gave me your name with regard to the young people in the St. Paul Armenian Church parish community. She mentioned that you are involved and coordinate the efforts to organize the young people and keep them in touch with their Church and heritage. Indeed this is good news!

Enclosed are a few items you might find useful. The Handbook is a new resource we have developed to help large and small Armenian Communities which have or are trying to develop ACYOA Chapters.

Miss Basmajian also mentioned your interest in the 1983 ACYOA National Sports Weekend which will take place this year in Toronto, Canada, September 2-5. The two days prior to this event comprise the ACYOA Annual General Assembly, in which all the Chapters of the Diocese participate. It would be very good if St. Paul Armenian Church could be represented (it would be the first time in a very long time they were!!) at the Assembly, as well as participate in the Weekend festivities. However, there are some requirements that need to be met for official participation. [see enclosures for details]

First we need to have a recognized ACYOA Chapter in the parish. This is accomplished by having the pastor, or parish council chairman where there is no pastor, write a letter to the Primate and ACYOA Central Council informing that the young people of the parish wish to form a Chapter and be recognized and accepted into the national organization.

Along with this is needed two lists: [1] A complete listing of the youth in the area. [2] A list of those who wish to be members with their dues. Usually a Chapter charges 7.00 for dues, half of which is sent to the national treasury. There is also a one dollar initiation charge. Membership application forms are enclosed. The "recognition" and "acceptance" is really a formality. Our concern is to establish the best means for Armenian young people to relate to their Church, as well as to each other.

For participation in this year's Assembly and National Sports Weekend you will

have to act quickly. The next meeting of the ACYOA Central Council is in July (899-10). The letter should be sent to the Primate [630 Second Ave., N.Y.C., N.Y. 10016] with copies sent to myself [see address below] and the Chairman of the ACYOA Central Council, Susan Mousigian [1407 Fairway Court, Dearborn, MI 48124].

In the near future, it would be good to set up a visitation to the parish for either myself, or Miss Basmajian. Usually a gathering is arranged whereat we meet with the young people, answering questions and providing suggestions that might assist them in their endeavors and activities.

As I understand, your group is somewhat combined - Juniors and Seniors - ages 14-17 and 18 and up. This is fine, especially for the local community and the smaller parishes. However, as regards the Assembly and National Sports Weekend, only those young people 18 year or older, or high school graduates, may participate. This also holds true for the membership listing, and the required dues.

I realize that I have provided a lot of information, some of which you may or may not be familiar with. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me - 617-256-7234 days, 617-649-6875 before 8pm.

I look forward to hearing from you soon. God Bless you in your Church related endeavors.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

99 Long Pond Road  
Tyngsborough, MA 01879

[Address all correspondence to this address. Thankyou.]

9 June 83

YVONNE MINASSIAN  
RD #2 Box 92B  
New Hope, PA 18938

Dear Yvonne,

Enclosed is your passport and refund of your deposit, less the application fee. We appreciate your interest and consideration in applying for the "Journey to Armenia" Program.

Perhaps you will be able to travel to Armenia at a later time. You mentioned that you might be interested in participating in the "Educational Tour to Armenia" Program, which includes about 4 weeks in Armenia. Although it is somewhat structured with a set itinerary, it is the best value and presents the widest exposure to our Cultural Heritage.

Best of luck in your endeavors.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church



## EDUCATIONAL TOUR TO ARMENIA

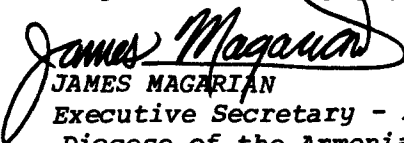
8 June 83

DEAR PARTICIPANT,

Just a final word to wish you safe travels, and to mention:

1. Note a mistake on the "Attention ... Attention" sheet that was sent to you with the Handbook:  
The change of the date of return mentioned June 15th....this is not likely.  
The change should read JULY 15th.
2. In the Handbook, it mentions that a complimentary flight bag will be given to all participants. In years past, this was the custom of most airlines to provide such bags. However, this practice has been discontinued, and it is unlikely that we will have any bags to give away.
3. If your family is interested in learning about your safe arrival in Yerevan, they may call the Diocese of the Armenian Church (212-686-0710, 9am to 5 pm Monday-Friday) after June 21st. A telegram will be sent by the Group Leader informing the Archbishop of the group's safe arrival in Armenia.
4. Although you may have heard that people in Armenia like "jeans", American cigaretts, gum, etc., etc. bringing too much of these will raise eyebrows among Soviet Customs Officials. Be smart, bring a resonable amount. If you are wondering if a suit-case full is too much, you're right.  
  
It is good to bring Bibles with you, however, we suggest one per person. The Archbishop may ask you to bring some needed items to the Catholicos in Etchmiadzin, which, if you have the room, would be most appreciated.
5. As you know, a visa is required to enter the Soviet Union. Staff and participant visas have been applied for long ago, and most have been received. However, for your information, we have experienced in the past that for some undisclosed reason the Soviets from time to time reject certain applications. We want you to know that this is possible, and that without visa you will not be able to travel. Don't be alarmed. For instance, last year 2 persons were rejected, however, in the two years previous all were accepted. Not to worry, only be advised that these things happen, sometimes at the last minute.
6. Those of you who are photographers, we would really appreciate receiving some copies of your better shots, especially with participants. They will be published with publicity about the program.
7. If you have any urgent questions, please call now - 617-256-7234 days, 617-649-6875 before 8pm. General questions and discussion will take place during orientation, and we look forward to seeing you at noon on June 16th.

Stay well, and enjoy your trip,

  
JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church

8 June 83

SHARON VARTANIAN  
Chairman - New Britain ACYOA Chapter  
41 Lyons Street  
New Britain, CT 06152

Dear Sharon,

I can remember a note you sent a while ago with some fact sheets regarding a "change in the feelings" of the members of your Chapter. They are perhaps not motivated, burned out, older than the main-line members, etc.... all of which may or may not be legitimate, yeah.

I can understand these feelings.

I hope that you are planning to attend the Primate's Youth Celebration in Watertown on June 17th (7:30 p.m. at St. James Armenian Church). The next day is scheduled a Regional Conference. I should like to discuss this with you, as well as use it for general discussion with the group - providing we have a group to discuss it with!

You and your local members are not the only ones who feel this way. At the Diocese we have begun discussions on the many problems with youth and young adults, and we are beginning to search for solutions and new ways of developing proper programs and events.

Let's talk then. Stay well.

Sincerely,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America



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

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

7 June 83

NORAIR YERETSIAN  
Yearbook Coordinator  
1983 ACYOA National Sports Weekend  
21 Castlehill Drive  
Agincourt, Ontario MIT 2Y2

Dear Norair,

It was a pleasure to meet with you and other members of the 1983 ACYOA National Sports Weekend Committee during our recent meeting last month. Now is the time for us to make an extra effort in our planning and preparation to ensure a smooth running and successful weekend.

Enclosed you will find the re-drawn version of the ACYOA Emblem which you may use for the 1983 Yearbook. Photographs of the Catholicos and Primate will be forthcoming to you. The following suggestions are for your use:

1. The general format of last year's Yearbook should be followed, and improved upon, not necessarily changed. The addition of political people with letters and photos is really an unnecessary expense and not appreciated by those who will read the booklet.
2. Naturally the layout is important, and protocol must be considered with the photos of the Catholicos and Primate, as well as your pastor, and committee members.
3. If you wish letters from the Primate, or anyone for that matter, you should request them immediately with a deadline date.
4. Since this year is the 20th Anniversary of the Primacy of the Archbishop, an appropriate "dedication" is in order. Call me if you have any ideas.
5. Here is the information regarding printing costs in my area:  
700 books will cost \$640.62. A four page addition will cost 141.16.  
This is based on last year's booklet. Extra photos will cost 6.50 each.  
Let me know how this figures with your costs. Soon.
6. It would be nice to feature some information on the Armenians in Canada; when the first Armenians came there, first Armenian Church, clubs and organizations, etc., etc.; also some brief information on your parish.
7. You have received the updated information regarding the "Sports Results" of the past National Sports Weekends.

8. Mid-way through last year's booklet you will find a listing of the past ACYOA Central Council members. Kindly add the following names as presented for this year's booklet:

1983 - Susan Mousigian  
Gary Hovhanessian\*  
Ralph DerAsadourian  
Vaughan Totovian  
Melanie Barsamian

\*half year

9. Naturally all contributors should receive a copy of the Yearbook, whether or not they attend the banquet.
10. If there are any questions concern propriety or layout, or if you need any advice or additional information, please contact immediately.  
days: 617-256-7234  
nights: 617-649-6875 (before 8 p.m.)

Norair, you seem to have a serious approach to this responsibility, and rightly so for it is important. The Yearbook concept was initiated last year, and praised by just about everyone. For some, it is all they will take home from the Weekend, as not everyone will win a trophy, and therefore it becomes a momento, a remembrance of their time at the Sports Weekend. Let's make it something that they will want to take, and keep, not something just to leave on the table or throw away once they get home.

What's important is to make it proper, meaningful, and practical.

Again, if there is anything else you need, do be in touch.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church

c.c. Chapter Chairman  
Committee Chairman

Mailing address:

99 Long Pond Road  
Tyngsborough, MA 01879

NOTE: Any and all materials are expected to be returned. i.e. photos, emblems, etc.



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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

6 June 83

Dear ACYOA Central Council Members,

During a visitation to the St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church in St. Catherines, Ontario, Canada, the senior age young people organized themselves into the ACYOA Senior Division Chapter for the St. Catherines area. The meeting took place on May 27th at the Church.

In January of this year, a meeting was held with the pastor, the V. Rev. Father Kegham Zakarian, to discuss the possibility and potential of a senior age chapter in his parish. It was agreed that the time might be right, especially in light of the possibility of their convenient participation in the ACYOA General Assembly and National Sports Weekend taking place an hour's drive away in Toronto.

Thus, steps were taken to compile a mailing list and invite the young people to an introductory meeting on May 27th with the Executive Secretary. They soon illustrated their eagerness to form a chapter and begin sponsoring activities. Some had been involved with the Junior Chapter. They were informed of the proper procedures, and soon decided on officers:

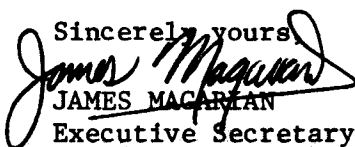
SONYA HACETOGLU - Chairman  
215 Glenridge Avenue #1401, St. Catherines, ONT L2T 3J7  
JULIE SARKISIAN - Treasurer  
5 Juliana Crescent, St. Catherines, ONT L2N 4B6  
HAMEST KUDERIAN - Secretary  
44 Forester, St. Catherines, ONT L2N 5Z8

The small group is anxious to contact the other young people of the parish to begin sponsoring activities and become involved with the community and ACYOA in general. They have a potential for 12-18 members.

Father Kegham will write a letter stating that a meeting has taken place, and requesting recognition and acceptance into the National Organization, as is proper procedure. We should make an effort to encourage this small, but energetic, group. Again we are faced with the situation of a chapter forming during the year, and the question of their participation in the Assembly and National Sports Weekend. Perhaps the issue is moot, and our concerns should be on encouragement and facilitation rather than legalities.

Kindly keep this in mind during our next meeting.

Sincerely yours,

  
JAMES MACARIAN

Executive Secretary - ACYOA

cc. Primate

6 June 83

Dear ACYOA Central Council Members,

To keep you informed regarding this year's edition of the ACYOA Armenian Studies Programs, here's the latest:

Program #1 - Capacity filled - 23 participants and 2 staff members. Average age is about 21, balanced male/female ratio. Will depart for Armenia on June 16th after orientation, luncheon, Cathedral Tour and reception with the Primate at the Diocesan Center that afternoon.

A dilemma continues to exist regarding the participation of the Western Diocese ACYO (California). Much clarification is needed on the Diocesan level. This year they had planned to participate as usual, reserving 5 spots. They then wanted to secure more spots, or "as many as they could have" based on their participants. Not granted due to our needs. They then tried to form their own group and tour (without informing us of their intentions), and met with many problems and difficulties resulting in their aborting this effort. They then wanted to rejoin our group, but we had long since filled our quotas. They then said that they had received confirmation from Holy Etchmiadzin that more participants could be accommodated, and that their participants would only "travel" with our group, and not actually be a "part" of it. In addition, we had turned down several potential participants because of the 25 person limit, which has always been in effect. Now, our two group leaders have 29 persons to be responsible for, 6 of which did not contribute to the overall costs of this program. Needless to say, the passage of the entire group through the Soviet Union will be nothing less than a major hassle, due to the addition of the 6 who were not part of the original list requesting visas, accommodations, transfers, etc., etc. Pray for our group leaders who will need a great deal of patience. Indeed a strange course of events with more to come.

Program #2 - 41 requests for applications and information - 9 actual applications received - too few to form our own group. Letters sent informing and referring the applicants to our regular travel agent for possible inclusion in a commercial tour with the same group rates and similar itinerary. Many others stated that they were interested, but the timing was not good for them.

Program #3 - 25 requests for applications and information - 3 applications received and they were informed of same. Adverse public opinion regarding continued Middle East conflicts, as well as controversies involving our Monastery there may have hindered our efforts to form a group. Much more positive promotion and defined itinerary needed. Great potential for a fine program remains, must take advantage soon and formally begin this program if it is to ever revolve and take shape.

Do not expect much revenue from the Armenian Studies Programs this year, due to the increase in costs, little of which was passed on to the participants.

In addition, communications with Armenia will be stepped up and confirmation of dates and availability will be done 6-8 months in advance, instead of the usual 4 months. Also, we shall find out just what is the maximum capacity for transportation and accommodation in Armenia, so that we may send as many of our young people who are interested in visiting their homeland as possible.

Informatively,

  
JAMES MAGARIAN



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

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

6 June 83

SUSAN MOUSIGIAN  
Chairman - ACYOA Central Council  
1407 Fairway Court  
Dearborn, MI 48124

Dear Susan,

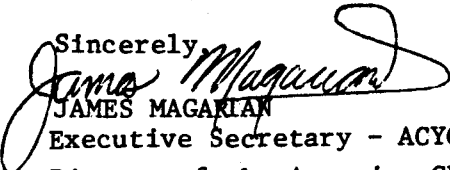
Regarding the agenda for the next Council meeting, as mentioned before the following is suggested in the interest of time, energy and priority:

1. Opening Prayer
2. Minutes
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Important Correspondence
5. Leadership Seminar Report
6. Armenian Studies Report
7. Essay Contest Report
8. Determination on MagMoney Project
9. Chapter Checklist Update
10. New and Dissolved Chapters
11. ACYOA Awards:
  - S. Nersesian Award selection
  - S. Nersesian Scholarship selection
  - Chapter "A" Award selection
12. General Assembly Preparation:
  - Eligible Chapters
  - Council Report
  - Committee Reports
  - Proposed Budget
  - Printed materials needed
  - Assembly Committees
  - Proper procedures
  - Council assignments
  - Assembly Agenda
  - Delegates materials
13. Discussion on Youth Ministry in the Diocese
14. Transitional meeting preparation

Given these important and somewhat time consuming items, all of which must be addressed before the Assembly, any other business is inappropriate at this meeting. Informal discussion on "urgent" business may perhaps take place during lunch.

Keep in mind that the meeting immediately following the Assembly is for transition purposes only. All necessary information, materials, signatures(!) etc. should be prepared for proper transfer of offices. No regular business should take place.

Also, the Council report, usually worked on by the Executive Secretary and Council Chairman, will have to be done differently this year for obvious reasons. I suggest that you draft the report with as much information as you have, whereafter I will fill in the areas that are missing or unfinished.

Sincerely  
  
JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church

6 June 83

SUSAN MOUSIGIAN  
Chairman - ACYOA Central Council  
1407 Fairway Court  
Dearborn, MI 48124

Dear Susan,

Regarding the agenda for the upcoming Council meeting in July, consider the following:

1. Opening Prayer
2. Minutes
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Major Correspondance
5. Archbishop's Tourney Repott
6. Readership Semiaar Repott
7. Armenian Studies Pograms Reportt
8. Essay Contest Report
9. Scholarship Report - Seleation
10. Sam Nersesian Award Report - Selection
11. Annual Chapter Reports - Selection of Chapter "A" Award
12. Chapter Check-list updates - outstanding obligations
13. General Assembly Preparations:  
Chapter eligibility - dues, reports, etc. owed  
Council Report  
Proposed Budget  
Committee Reports - Nominating Auditing, Standing, Special...  
Printed materials needed  
Assembly Committees
14. Council Administrative/anything left over
15. Discussion on Youth Ministry in Diocese

Given at least this amount of items that must be addressed before the Assembly, any other business should be left out. Concerning MagMoney, which is not noted, this can be discussed over luhhh, as we have wasted too much time on this as it ist

If there are any questions, please do be in touch.

Sincerely yours,



6 June 83

COLOYAN TRAVEL SERVICE  
379 Trapelo Road  
Belmont, MA 02178

Attn. Ed Coloyan

Dear Ed,

With the payment of the enclosed check, \$436.00, there should remain a zero balance regarding the 1983 ACYOA Armenian Studies Program - Educational Tour to Armenia - June 16 - July 15.

The costs for Deacon Omnig Terzian will be handled under a different account. Kindly forward a bill for these costs as it is convenient.

We understand that you will meet the group at the Air Canada Terminal at Kennedy International Airport in New York City on Thursday, June 16th. The group will be arriving from the St. Vartan Armenian Cathedral by 5 p.m. at the Airport.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church

3 June 83

REV. FATHER UNTZAG NALBANDIAN  
Group Leader - ACYOA Armenian Studies Program  
Educational Tour to Armenia  
4756 S. 68th Street #3  
Greenfield, WI 53220

Rev. Father Untzag:

Regarding visiting clergy to your parish while you are serving as Group Leader for the Educational Tour to Armenia, your arrangements as we discussed are fine.

However, please inform St. Mesrob Armenian Church, and Holy Resurrection Armenian Church that a letter is needed from them confirming that their Pastor(s) were at another parish, on the specified Sunday. After which we shall forward the "Jemoodz" directly to the parish as they direct. (Transportation costs are not included.)

Respectfully yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church

c.c. Vicar General

3 June 83

NANCY BAGDASARIAN  
Chairman - Cleveland ACYOA Chapter  
St. Gregory of Narek Armenian Church  
1096 South Belvoir Blvd.  
South Euclide, OH 44121

Dear Nancy,

Thank you for your letter of May 31st. It's nice to hear from you from time to time, and of course it's good to know that some people enjoy some of the things we try to do.

By this time, you should have received a "Annual Chapter Report" form, as well as other related materials. Included should have been a copy or two of the Sam Nersesian Scholarship application.

IF YOU DO NOT HAVE THESE, PLEASE INFORM ACCORDINGLY.

Hope to see you and members of your Chapter at the Assembly and National Sports Weekend in Toronto.

Stay well.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church

1 June 83

MICHAEL ZEYTOONIAN  
Director - Public Relations  
Diocese of the Armenian Church  
630 Second Avenue  
N.Y.C, N.YL 10016

Dear Michael,

Enclosed is a recent "news release" of the ACYOA.

As you know, news releases are sent to all Armenian newspapers as they are written. It might be to our advantage to save some for the BEMA, exclusively, however, we lose the immediacy of the event, as well as making the news timely. Therefore, since we need as much exposure as possible, the regular Armenian newspapers will continue to receive the general news releases. Perhaps we could create a column in the BEMA with excerpts from the various articles written that month. This might prove the most interesting for the reader, especially since most of our articles are full of filler, if not completely so. Thus the most important facts could be included in such a column.

In addition, you mentioned that you meet with the department heads to receive news, etc., this might suffice for us as well - at least in a general way for now.

Regarding the articles we spoke about - (1) on youth for summer issue (2) "new diaspora" the expanding parish - please inform on deadlines, and, any ideas you might have. The article on youth will be worked on first.

Please be in touch with any questions, problems, or the need to bounce ideas. (617-256-7234 days)

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church

c.c. Executive Director

31 May 83

FRANK STONESON  
Executive Director  
Diocese of the Armenian Church  
630 Second Avenue  
N.Y.C., N.Y. 10016

Dear Mr. Stoneson,

This is to inform you that the participants in Program #1 - Educational Tour to Armenia will arrive at the Diocese on Thursday, June 16th. They have been asked to meet at the Diocese by 12 noon on that day for orientation, lunch, tour of the Cathedral and a reception and group photo with the Primate.

Could you please secure the following:

- (1) Meeting room for 25 people for orientation.
- (2) Luncheon for same (1p.m.) same room?)
- (3) Tour guide for the Cathedral complex.
- (4) Primate's reception room for 3-4 p.m.

If there are any questions please be in touch. All costs will be assumed by the ACYOA Department.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MERRIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

c.c. Primate

28 July 83

V. REV. FR. HAIGAZOUN MELKONIAN  
6 Buttonwoods Ave.  
Haverhill, MA 01830

Rev. Father Haigazoun;

Realizing your background in education and, your writing abilities as you prepare booklets, handbooks, etc., I would appreciate your opinion on the enclosed entries in the ACYOA Essay Contest.

If you could, kindly judge these entries on writing abilities as indicated on the rules sheet for the contest. Theme, topic, etc. is not part of the criterion for winning in this contest.

You may call me with your opinion on the best, and second best essay. You need not take any additional time in writing me.

I really appreciate your assistance, Hayr Soorp, and look forward to seeing you when Nancy Basmajian visits. I understand we are to have lunch together (Tuesday, Aug. 23rd) that day. I would appreciate your call about the essays as soon as possible, as I am running a little behind on this.

Again, thank you.

Yours respectfully,

JAMES MAGARIAN



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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

28 July 83

**TO ALL ACVOA CHAPTER CHAIRMEN:**

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*Your attendance is requested at a private reception for all Diocesan Clergy, ACVOA Central Council Members and all ACVOA Chapter Chairmen on Friday, September 2nd, 1983 at 5 o'clock in the afternoon, at the Ramada Renaissance Hotel, Scarborough-Toronto, Canada - site of the 1983 ACVOA Annual General Assembly and National Sports Weekend.*

*We encourage your attendance and participation in the General Assembly which will convene on Wednesday, August 31st at 7:30 p.m. It is vital for all Chapters to be represented in the Assembly, equally so, your participation as a chairman of a chapter necessitates your presence. Share your creative thoughts and ideas as we meet together in Toronto.*

*I look forward to seeing you.*

*Sincerely yours,*

*James Magarian*  
JAMES MAGARIAN

Executive Secretary - ACVOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church

*Kindly inform if you are unable to attend the reception by August 24th.  
(617-256-7234 days - 99 Long Pond Road, Tyngsborough, MA 01879)*



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Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

28 July 83

TO ALL PASTORS:

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*You are cordially invited to attend a private reception for all Diocesan Pastors, ACYOA Central Council members and ACYOA Chapter Chairmen on Friday, September 2nd, 1983, at 5 o'clock in the afternoon, at the Ramada Renaissance Hotel in Scarborough-Toronto, Canada - site of the 1983 ACYOA Annual General Assembly and National Sports Weekend.*

*We highly encourage your participation in the General Assembly which will convene on Wednesday, August 31st at 7:30 p.m. Your presence and experience lends to a conducive atmosphere of constructive thoughts and ideas. If possible, kindly share your time with the young adults of the Diocese during the Assembly proceedings.*

*I look forward to seeing you.*

*Respectfully yours,*

*James Magarian*  
JAMES MAGARTIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church

*Kindly inform if you are unable to attend the reception by August 24th.  
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Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

28 July 83


TO ALL ACYOA CENTRAL COUNCIL MEMBERS:

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*The reception will offer an opportunity to speak with clergy and chairmen from the various parishes of the Diocese. For those Council members whose terms in office are expiring, perhaps a final chance to express thoughts with those who have assisted in your duties. For current and new members, a chance to meet and share mutual concerns and ideas for the near future.*

*I look forward to your participation.*

*Sincerely,*

  
JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church

28 July 83

MONA SELYAN  
Chairman - Toronto ACYOA Chapter  
Holy Trinity Armenian Church  
601 Huntingwood Drive  
Agincourt, ONT                      M1W LH2  
Canada

Dear Mona,

I hope that everything is well with you and the members of your chapter as we head down the home-stretch in anticipation of the 1983 General Assembly and National Sport Weekend. Needless to say, I'm sure that the chapter is "buzzing" with action as people who hardly come are suddenly showing up. But this is good too.

Mona, as the enclosed letter of invitation states, a reception will be held on Friday evening for clergy, ACYOA Central Council Members and chapter chairmen. This customary event doesn't draw anyone who wouldn't be attending the weekend anyway, but it is good for those who don't know other chapter chairmen, or clergy, or Council members, to talk, and perhaps share some thoughts and ideas.

Would it be too much to ask you to coordinate the arrangements for this reception yourself. I would feel a little more comfortable knowing you were handling this. However, if you have some other responsibility during this time, please say so and decline. Usually, the host chapter chairman plays "host" or "hostess" as the case may be, but this is just natural and not prearranged.

The costs for the reception, letters of invitation postage, refreshments, etc. are covered by me. Please give me a bill for the refreshments. I assume that the hotel is providing a space for this. We can expect about 25 people. I'd be surprised if there were many more than this.

I would appreciate receiving a call from you soon after you receive this letter. You can tell me then of your disposition, availability, and any interesting things that may be happening with regard to the Weekend. Although I'm a little disappointed that you were unable to send "fact sheets" for news releases, I understand that you may have been somewhat overburdened.

Looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN

29 July 83

ARA SELYAN  
Sports Director  
1983 ACYOA National Sports Weekend  
601 Huntingwood Drive  
Agincourt, ONT  
Canada M1W 1H2

Dear Ara,

Although I haven't heard from you recently, I assume that by now all the areas for the athletic events are covered and almost "ready to go". If not, you may experience some unnecessary problems.

I had asked for a few copies of the athletic forms and related materials that were sent out, but received none. I have been asked by various chapters about this and haven't had too much information to give them. I do hope that you have been in touch with every chapter via the telephone explaining the procedures and informing them of the athletic events, the rules, etc., etc.

The enclosed sheet is a "reminder" and sorts. Please review it and see to the details. If you have any questions, even the slightest concern, please call me immediately. In fact, I suggest that you call me soon just so that we may talk. This is important so that nothing is left uncovered.

Congratulations on your recent engagement, may God bless you and your future wife. Let's hope that you are able to concentrate on your Sports Weekend responsibilities a little longer.....hmmmm? See you before you know it.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church

c.c. Committee Chairman

25 July 83

SONE PALVETZIAN  
Operations Coordinator  
1983 National Sports Weekend - ACYOA  
45 Dunfield #1402  
Toronto, ONT MIS 2H4

Dear Sona,

As the Weekend draws near, a number of thoughts come to mind, but I'm sure that you and the Host Committee are taking care of all the details and making all the loose ends come together - right?

Enclosed is information you should have with regard to various events during the Weekend. If some aspect of them involves other Committee members, please share the pertinent information with them.

If there are any questions regarding the enclosed, kindly be in touch immediately.

Take care of yourself. I'll be seeing you before you know it.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGAZIAN  
Executive Secretary @ ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

c.c. Host Committee Chairman

19 July 83

SELMA ALEXANIAN  
Chairman - Cheltenham ACYOA Chapter  
Holy Trinity Armenian Church  
699 Adams Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19120

Dear Selma,

Thank you for your note you recently sent. It was nice to hear from you, however the response to your membership dues campaign is not too encouraging.

Perhaps we shouldn't expect your members to simply send their dues in via the mail. Maybe a cook-out, informal meeting, a Sports Weekend information meeting, or some type of get together is necessary to "pitch" them up and thereby make the request for dues a little easier to make.

The dues you did send are being forwarded to the ACYOA Central Council Treasurer (see address below for future use). Soon, the Council will issue membership cards to your members. These may be used at ACYOA events that offer discounts and special offers.

Hope to see you and many members of your chapter at the General Assembly and National Sports Weekend in Toronto. Remember that those who wish to participate in the athletic competition need to have paid their dues. In addition, did you send your complete parish youth address listing? Please check on it.

Take care. Regards to your husband.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church

14 July 83

RALPH DERASADOURIAN  
Treasurer - ACYOA Central Council  
29720 North Bayshore Drive  
Lake Bluff, IL 60044

Dear Ralph,

Enclosed you will find a transfer check from the Armenian Studies Programs account in the amount of \$3,500.00. Also enclosed is a Financial Statement, revised since our meeting last week.

The Financial Statement reflects a fairly accurate accounting of the Programs for 1983. Paul Parnagian of the ACYOA Auditing Committee shall audit the Programs' books as soon as a time and date can be arranged.

Regarding the Chapter Check-list sheets, the final draft for inclusion in the Council Annual Report will be prepared soon. I will need the information regarding dues payments, number of chapter members, etc. from you. I shall call you for this information after July 15th, which is a reasonable amount of time for any chapter to have this information to you.

Those chapters which have not fulfilled their obligations (dues, reports, etc.) should be notified as soon as possible. They should be aware that certain requirements are due for their legal participation in the Annual ACYOA Assembly. Actually, a telephone call to remind them is all that is usually necessary to have them send the needed materials.

If there are any questions or problems, please be in touch.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

c.c. Council Chairman

14 July 83

REV. FATHER UNTZAG NALBANDIAN  
Pastor  
St. John Armenian Church  
7825 Layton Ave.  
Greenfield, WE 53220

Rev. Father Untzag:

Enclosed you will find a check made out to your parish in the amount of \$50.00 to cover related telephone calls for the ACYOA Armenian Studies Program "Educational Tour to Armenia". As per your request.

Again we express our thanks for your efforts in preparing for the trip this summer, and how disappointed we were to hear that you were unable to participate.

We hope to see you at the ACYOA Assembly in Toronto August 31st. Stay well Der Hayr and have a most pleasant summer.

Respectfully yours,

James Magarian  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

14 July 83

NARTOOHI MELBONIAN  
244 Arlington, Street  
Watertown, MA 02172

Dear Nartoohi:

Enclosed you will find a refund check in the amount of \$1475.00 (less the \$10.00 application fee) from the Armenian Studies Program "Educational Tour to Armenia".

Again, we are sorry that you were unable to participate this year, but look forward to your joining the group next year.

We shall keep your application on file, however we ask that you notify us in January of 1984 of your intention to participate or not. At that time you must forward the deposit, doctor's certificate of good health, and your passport (hopefully U.S. by then!) with the 4 passport-size photos.

Best of luck in your endeavors. We look forward to seeing you at future ACYOA events and activities.

Have a pleasant summer.

Sincerely,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America



13 July 83

MELANIE BARSAMIAN  
ACYOA Central Council  
74 Woodland Street  
West Boylston, MA 01583

Dear Melanie,

As previously discussed, we should make a concerted effort beginning today to plan the ARMENIAN STUDIES PROGRAMS REUNION at this year's National Sports Weekend (most probably Friday evening).

If we are to do this properly, we must begin now.

To this end, I ask that you hand pick 2 or 3 persons that would like to form a "committee" of sorts to plan and host this event. We should meet very soon to prepare a mailing, decide on some type of short and meaningful program for the participants, and in general discuss our approach.

I can expect to hear from you very soon regarding a meeting, and with the names of those persons you have chosen. Keep in mind Paula Bechakian of the Watertown Chapter, as she indicated a willingness to assist.

Hope you are well.....

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

13 July 83

FRANK STONESON  
Executive Director  
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America  
830 Second Avenue  
NYC., NY. 10016-4885

Dear Mr. Stoneson,

As per our conversation, enclosed is a complete set of ACYOA Central Council Financial statements for the 1982-83 year (July to July).for your reference.

If you would like to discuss some of the information therein, please do be in touch.

I shall be at the Diocese next Thursday, July 21st for the Youth Ministry Committee meeting. May this serve to remind you of the need for a luncheon that day.

Sincerely,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church

13 July 83

SUSAN MOUSIGIAN  
Chairman - ACYOA Central Council  
1407 Bairway Court  
Dearborn, MI 48124

Dear Susan,

Enclosed you will find the additional information needed for the Council's Annual Report. Some of it we had already mentioned during our meeting.

The Chapter Check-list is not included at this time. Since it will be forwarded in its completed form, I shall hold off until more reports are received, and, until I speak with Ralph concerning dues and numbers of members.

Also enclosed are the names and addresses of Chapter Chairmen, and delegates, as of today. If additional names are received (new chairmen or delegates) I shall forward them to you. For those chapters which do not respond, we should send the information about the Assembly to the Chairman, underestimating the number of delegates. Of course a copy of all material is sent to the priests for their use.

Also enclosed are the delegate credential cards. (Yellow this year)

If there are any additional materials you will need, kindly inform.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary of ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

8 July 83

SOUREN TASHJIAN  
3 Desmond Avenue  
Watertown, MA 02172

Dear Mr. Tashjian,

In the June 18th issue of the Armenian Mirror-Spectator there appeared an article on page 11 entitled, "Students Win Trips to Armenia". We read this with interest as the "winners" were affected applicants to participate in the 1983 ACYOA Armenian Studies Programs - "Educational Tour to Armenia".

However, we were very disappointed NOT to see any mention of the ACYOA program that provides the opportunity for your students to travel to Armenia. Was this an oversight? The article is well written and this important fact could not have been "forgotten".

We should like to hear what you have to say about this. Please clarify so that your future participation in the ACYOA trips to Armenia will not be in jeopardy.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church

99 Long Pond Road  
Tyngsborough, MA 01879

8 July 83

FRANK STONESON  
Executive Director  
Diocese of the Armenian Church  
600 Second Avenue  
N.Y.C., N.Y. 10016-4885

Dear Mr. Stoneson,

I have received the breakdown of last year's expenses charged to ACYOA Senior Division Account. Without going over it in detail, it appears to be fairly accurate, including those few items from other departments of the Diocese.

Regarding the current year, when we discussed the "youth ministry meetings" you had mentioned the charges involved, and that some of the costs would be absorbed by the Diocese. For example, when Fr. Garabed comes to the Diocese, he is also there on other business as well (calendar, Religious Education Curriculum, etc.). How should these expenses be covered, and by whom? As you are well aware, all Departments need all the money they can get (and then some I'm sure), and therefore we should discuss this when I come to New York later this month.

If the bookkeeper can inform me when there are other-than-my-own expenses charged to my account, I would be most appreciative.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

5 July 83

TO: ACYOA Nominating Committee Members

SUBJECT: Committee Responsibilities and Upcoming Assembly

The 1983 ACYOA Annual General Assembly will convene at the Ramada Renaissance Center in Scarborough, ONT (Toronto) on Wednesday evening, August 31st through September 2nd. In preparation for the election process which will take place during the Assembly, be advised of the following:

1. The ACYOA Nominating Committee must send out to worthy candidates the standard "qualification and authorization form". The prospective nominees should be asked in a cover letter to consider the nomination for the designated office, fill out the form, and return it to the Nominating Committee before a selected deadline.
2. The Nominating Committee must secure candidates for the ACYOA Central Council (3 openings), Auditing Committee (3 openings), Nominating Committee (3 openings). Although it is not ~~recommended~~ ~~to~~ ~~be~~ ~~best~~ ~~to~~ ~~have~~ double the number of nominees for the openings. (i.e. 3 openings, 6 nominees)
3. Consideration for nomination should include, among other things, ability, dedication, and availability.
4. The Nominating Committee should bring the ~~completed~~ forms to the Assembly, and read the pertinent portions regarding the individual nominated.
5. The Nominating Committee will collect all ballots, count all ballots, and report to the Assembly the results of elections.

Enclosed are the aforementioned forms. Please feel free to make additional copies as needed. It is suggested that several telephone conversations take place among Committee members to discuss prospective nominees. All expenses are covered by ACYOA, however please be conservative.

If for some reason, you are unable to fulfill your duties as an elected Committee Member, please contact the Alternate, as well as the Executive Secretary at once. If you are unable to attend the Assembly, you may do part of the abovementioned work in preparation, but again, the Alternate and Executive Secretary should be contacted.

Nominees need not be present at the Assembly to be nominated by the Nominating Committee (as opposed to nominations from the floor). As long as the form has been completed and signed by the individual, that person may be considered for election.

Below are the names of the members of the Nominating Committee for 1983. We highly suggest that you start immediately as time next 6 weeks will be by fast.

If there are any questions, do be in touch.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

1983 ACYOA Nominating Committee:

JOYCE BOYAJIAN  
6001 West 129th Place  
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312-597-0098

ROBERT BORZAKIAN  
1101 Eight Street  
Charlestown, MA 02129  
617-242-3615

JOHN HOVAGIMIAN  
88 Erskine Avenue #2305  
Toronto, ONT M4P 1Y3  
416-487-9136

Alternate:

Sara Martinian  
315 Lake Street  
Arlington, MA 02174  
617-648-6211

enclosures.

cc. Central Council

5 July 83

NANCY BAGDASARIAN  
Chairman - Cleveland ACYOA Chapter  
St. Gregory of Narek Armenian Church  
1096 South Belvoir BLVD.  
South Euclid OH 44121

Dear Nancy,

Thank you for sending a copy of your "membership promotional letter." It shows that you are really committed to the Church and the role of the ACYOA therein.

You asked for a comment on the letter. In a word, "good!" Your effort to introduce some of the aspects of the ACYOA is important, especially to those who don't know what it's all about. But why mention only the "sports weekend" part? There are certainly many more that might be attractive to your potential members. Such as the cultural programs, religious programs, social programs, recreational, many of which can happen within your own Chapter. In other words, you need not travel out of town to enjoy ACYOA (although it helps!).

The only other thing that I noticed was the letter was ~~allittlewonderful~~. Whenever you want to "sell" an item or an idea, you must be to the point and emphasize the best parts quickly and attractively. This way the reader's attention is caught and most likely the rest of the material will be read. Your opening is leaning in this direction, so you do have a good idea of what to do. Also, sending the pamphlets and other items along with the letter is an excellent idea.

Keep up the good work, Nancy. I noticed an increase in your membership - good for you!! Hope you're working on the Annual Report (due June 30th!).

Take good care - see you in Toronto.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church



17 August 83

MARK KASHGEGIAN  
Chairman - Watertown ACYOA Chapter  
Saint James Armenian Church  
29 Jason Road  
Belmont, MA 02178

Dear Mark,

Thank you for sending the first issue of your new newsletter, "The Chapt. It shows a clear indication that you and the members of your chapter are ready to "turn things around" and put together some fine activities and events for the Armenian young adults of the parish.

Undoubtedly, the increased communications via the newsletter will assist in "getting the word out" and informing everyone of what the chapter and parish have to offer. This is perhaps our most important function. If we have good programs and activities, it means nothing if fewone knows about them and participates.

Keep up the good work. It shows already.

Also, thank you for sending the listing of the 1983-84 Chapter Executive Committee. If you have any questions on anything, please do be in touch. Perhaps we can talk at the Assembly-Weekend in Toronto.

Sincerely,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

11 August 83

ARTHUR KASHIAN  
HYE CAMP DIRECTOR  
4312 N. Farwell  
Shoewood, WI 53211

Dear Mr. Kashian,

Knowing your involvement and interest in camping, the enclosed is forwarded to you for your information and reference purposes.

Hope your summer has been rewarding and successful.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

8 August 83

PAUL PARNEGIAN  
ACYOA Auditing Committee  
62 Tome Street  
Panston, R.I. 02920

Dear Paul,

As we had discussed a while ago, the ~~financial~~ materials of the ACYOA Armenian Studies Programs (1983) should be audited by a member of the Auditing Committee before the upcoming Assembly. As you are the closest member, the enclosed materials are being sent to you for auditing purposes. The opinion of the Auditing Committee, presented in their report to the Assembly, should ~~include~~ these materials, as well as others.

Kidly review and return all materials, intact, to me at the address below. If there are any questions, please do be in touch. If there is a need for us to meet and go over any "gray" areas, I'm sure our schedules will permit.

I ask that the materials be returned as soon as possible, as the final complete report of the 1983 Armenian Studies Programs is in process and these materials will be a part of it. Although there is the possibility of additional expenses for the ASP, they will be minor if any.

Hope all is well with you, and that you are able to enjoy the summer. Looking forward to seeing you and other Providence young people in Toronto in just a few short weeks.

Take care and stay well.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MARGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church

99 Long Pond Road  
Tyngsboro MA 01870

8 August 83

FRANK STONESON  
Executive Director  
Diocese of the Armenian Church  
630 Second Avenue  
N.Y.C., N.Y. 10016-4885

Dear Mr. Stoneson,

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$88.80, covering the expenses incurred by the ACYOA Armenian Studies Programs during orientation and the luncheon for the participants.

At your earliest convenience, kindly forward a paid bill for our financial records.

Thank you for your assistance and cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary, - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church

6 August 83

OSCAR KURKJIAN  
295 Lyon St.  
Valley Stream, N.Y. 11580

Dear Mr. Kurkjian,

I just received your message regarding the magazines ordered via the ACYOA MagMoney Project. I understand that you ordered and paid for a subscription for your nephew, but to date you have not received a single issue.

We have had a great deal of problems with this project, and are now in the process of clearing the orders and refunding money for magazines not received. Unfortunately, none of this is handled through our office. The ACYOA Central Council has taken on this responsibility and is handling it as best they can.

We ask you to please be in touch if you receive no response during the next four weeks.

Incidentally, a letter was sent out to all subscribers well over a month ago asking if the magazines ordered were received, and if not, would the person like a refund immediately. Apparently you did not receive one of these letters.

We sincerely appreciate your patience and understanding.

Sincerely yours

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA

5 August 83

FATHER JAMES J. DIGIACOMA  
106 West 56th Street  
N.Y.C., N.Y. 10019

Dear Father James,

Please except our sincere thanks for sharing your morning with us at the Armenian Diocesan Center on July 21st. Your thoughts and insights into youth ministry were very helpful to us in formulating our own ideas and approach to this age old problem, or should we say challenge?

Enclosed are the three materials you wanted returned. If there was something else, kindly inform.

If you have any additional ideas, or suggestions, we would certainly welcome them anytime. Also, Any particular mailing lists or periodicals you feel may assist us, do inform us and allow us to get on those mailing lists.

Again, thank you. May God continue to bless you in your endeavors to serve Him.

Respectfully yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary  
Armenian Church Youth Organization  
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

4 August 83

ROBERT BORZAKIAN  
ACYOA Nominating Committee  
1101 Eighth Street  
Charlestown, MA 02129

Dear Robert,

As we had discussed regarding nominees for the upcoming Assembly elections for ACYOA Central Council, the following names represent those individuals who most likely could make appositve sontribution to the duffes of the Council, most of which you are well aware. Appropriate forms should be sent to these people, explaining that they need not be present at the Assembly, and, that a firm time and interest commitment is necessary to approach proper executive of the Council work. A follow up phone call by you or other members of the Nominating Committee is appropriate and possibly necessary.

ARDA NAZERIAN  
186-39 Midland Parkway  
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212-454-8370

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HARRY TAVITIAN  
41 Marshall Road  
Yonkers, N.Y. 10705  
914-969-2532

I should like to hear from you regarding the disposition of the abovementioned names. If a phone call be me is necessary to these people, kindly inform.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA

2 August 82

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
U.S. Catholic Conference  
1312 Massachusetts Ave., N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20005

AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE, PLEASE SEND 2 COPIES OF  
"A vision of Youth Ministry" (1976). WE HAVE READ  
THIS WORK AND FEEL IT MAY ASSIST US IN OUR YOUTH  
MINISTRY DEPARTMENT.

PLEASE SEND THE COPIES ALONG WITH A BILL TO:

99 Long Pond Road  
Tyngsborough, MA 01879

WE APPRECIATE YOUR ASSISTANCE.

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America



1 August 83

V. REV. FR. VASKEN KESHISHIAN

Diocesan Council

Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

41 Columbus Avenue

N. Providence, RI 02911

V. Rev. Father Vasken:

The enclosed itinerary concerns the 1983 ACYOA General Assembly and National Sports Weekend which will take place over the Labor Day Holiday Weekend, August 31st through September 5th.

In speaking with the Primate, His Eminence suggested that I inform you of the weekend's itinerary, in light of the fact that the Canadian Diocesan Assembly will take place the same weekend.

If you, or other members of the Diocesan Council, wish to attend Saturday evening dinner or Sunday evening Banquet, please inform so that proper arrangements and seating may be made.

I look forward to seeing you that weekend in Toronto.

Respectfully yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN

Executive Secretary - ACYOA

Diocese of the Armenian Church

c.c. Primate

Council Chairman

Executive Director

27 September 83

His Eminence  
ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN  
Primate - Diocese of the Armenian Church  
630 Second Avenue  
N.Y.C., N.Y. 10016-4885

Your Eminence:

Regarding the Group Leader and Assistant Group Leader for the 1984 Armenian Studies Program - "Educational Tour" - it is very important that the appointments be made as soon as possible. This will allow the clergyman to make the necessary adjustments and arrangements, and, provide assistance in the overall promotion of the programs.

As we have experienced, it is imperative that the clergymen under consideration hold United States citizenship, and perhaps even United States birth right. I would suggest that the appointment be made before November.

A general letter with designated deadlines and information on the 1984 trip will be sent to the Western Diocese with the hope that they will abide and cooperate to a greater degree than recently experienced.

Upon the return of Your Eminence to New York City, I ask that we discuss the appointments as soon as possible.

Your obedient servant,

JAMES MAGARIAN

26 September 83

MARGO DEDEYAN  
16209 Gristmill Road  
Rockville, MD 20853

Dear Margo,

It was a pleasure speaking with you the other day and confirming a "meeting" of sorts for this coming Sunday, October 2nd following Church Services.

Your assistance in contacting some of the young adults of the parish is most appreciated. As I had mentioned, I spoke with Levon Andonian who said he would make a few telephone calls. I would suggest that you contact him to see what he has accomplished. Remember, anyone who is seventeen years of age and older is welcome.

Primarily, we'll discuss what types of activities and organized events we can do given the situation in the parish. At this point, any suggestion for bringing the young adults of the parish together formally and/or informally - is welcome.

Father Vertanes has spoken highly of you, and I look forward to seeing you. Again, thank you for your help.

Stay well.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

c.c. Pastor  
Parish Council Chairman

26 September 83

MICHAEL MOUSIGIAN  
1407 Fairway Court  
Dearborn, MI 48124

Dear Michael,

This letter is to express our appreciation for your efforts on the ACYOA Auditing Committee. Your desire and determination to "make things right" brings with it a demonstration of fulfilling one's responsibilities - something that is many times lacking in ACYOA circles.

We realize the many hours that were given to reviewing the various financial books, most of which kept you away from the Assembly. We intend to make every effort to have the "books" audited soon after they are closed in the future. We can only offer our "thanks" at this time, and know your generous character fully understands the situation.

We hope that both you and your wife will remain close to the Church and continue to serve it as you have done in the past. Patience and love is necessary in understanding our Church at this time. We hope that you both have these necessary qualities.

At another time soon, we shall be in touch regarding the mailing lists and related costs involved.

Stay well and may God bless you.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGAZIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

26 September 83

SUSAN MOUSIGIAN  
1407 Fairway Court  
Dearborn, MI 48124

Dear Susan,

This letter is to express our sincere appreciation for your many hours of service to our Church, via the ACYOA. As mentioned during the Weekend in Toronto, both you and Ralph Der Assdourian brought to the Council a proper attitude and seriousness of purpose that was needed.

As you are well aware, the responsibilities of the Council are many and diverse, and much depends on people "coming through" for us. You may feel a sense of accomplishment, for we did make some positive progress. Your example is one that others may look to as they too serve the Church.

The past two years have gone by fast, and it was a pleasure to become more acquainted with you during that time. As both Treasurer and Chairman, you handled the related tasks well and with confidence. Although there were problems, the overall spirit of the Council was positive and generated a genuine feel for the needs of the young people and of the Church itself.

You will undoubtedly begin new and different stages in your life now, especially with all the free time you have!! May God continue to guide and protect you and your family, and may He grant you and Michael the patience and understanding that will enable you both to continue to grow together. And when you are ready, may He grant you beautiful, healthy children that will bring you much joy and happiness. Be strong in your faith and know that God is with you.

Stay well and please do stay in touch.

Most sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary @ ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

23 September 83

ROBERT BORZAKIAN  
Nominating Committee - ACYOA  
1101 Eighth Street  
Charlestown, MA 02129

Dear Robert,

This letter is to express our appreciation for your time and efforts as a member of the Nominating Committee. Fulfilling responsibilities is something lacking in ACYOA Circles. Your effort is a demonstration of dedication, and, more importantly, allows other young people to see how a job gets done.

We appreciate your efforts on the Research and Development Committee, and ask that you extend to the other deserving Committee Members, our sincere appreciation. The report ~~which~~ was given during the Assembly (Written), is there another available, and to whom did it finally go to? This information is most appreciated.

Again, much thanks for your efforts.

Stay well, and please do stay in touch.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary of ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church

23 September 83

REV. FR. DIRĒN PAPAŽIAN  
Pastor - St. Gregory of Narek Armenian Church  
666 Richmond Road  
Richmond, Heights, OH 44143

Rev. Father DirĒn:

This letter is to express our sincere appreciation for your attendance and participation in the ACYOA General Assembly and National Sports Weekend recently held in Toronto, Canada.

We also appreciate your participation in the Divine Liturgy on Sunday of the Weekend.

Our young people need to see and be with their clergymen, and your presence helped fulfill this need. We do hope you and Yeretzgin were able to enjoy yourselves, and, that you will be able to attend the 1984 Weekend hosted by the Palos Heights ACYOA Chapter.

Respectfully yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

23 September 83

CHERYL ARSLANIAN  
Auditing Committee - ACYOA  
15525 Hemlock ~~Point~~ Road  
Chargin Falls, OH 44022

Dear Cheryl,

This letter is to express our appreciation for your time and efforts as a member of the Auditing Committee.

We realize the amount of time and expertise needed to review the financial books of the Organization, and, that a lot of your time had to be given during the Assembly itself.

Again, much thanks. We hope to see you in the near future.

Stay well, and please do stay in touch.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America



23 September 83

SHAKE AJEMIAN  
Recording Secretary  
1983 ACYOA General Assembly  
15 Arjay Lane  
Commack, N.Y. 11725

Dear Shake,

This letter is to express our pleasure and appreciation for your efforts as Recording Secretary during the proceedings of the ACYOA General Assembly. Needless to say, it is a ~~major~~ responsibility, one that "nobody" ever wants.

Your efforts demonstrated a seriousness of purpose and how one fulfills responsibility. This, although not commonly appreciated, is nonetheless very important to the process of the Assembly.

May we remind you that you are technically responsible for the proper final copy of the Assembly minutes. The details of how the Minutes will be prepared for distribution should be worked out between you and the ACYOA Central Council, in particular, Melanie Barsamian.

Again, thank you for your efforts. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

23 September 83

V. REV. FR. ARSHEN AIVAZIAN  
Dean - St. Nersess Armenian Seminary  
150 Stratton Road  
New Rochelle, N.Y. 10804

V. Rev. Father Arshen:

This letter is to express our sincere appreciation for your attendance and participation during the ACYOA General Assembly and National Sports Weekend recently held in Toronto, Canada.

We especially appreciate your participation in the Divine Liturgy offered on Sunday of the Weekend. Your timely sermon was meaningful to the young people on hand, and certainly something that they thought of more than once since.

The visibility of our clergy to our young people is an important need that you helped fill with your presence. We hope that you will be able to attend the 1984 Weekend hosted by the Palos Heights ACYOA Chapter.

Respectfully yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

23 September 83

ARDA NAZERIAN  
Chairman - ACYOA General Assembly  
1983 - Toronto, Canada  
186-39 Midland Parkway  
Jamaica, Estates, N.Y. 11432

Dear Arda,

This letter is to express our pleasure and appreciation for your efforts in the past ACYOA General Assembly. As Chairman of the proceedings, you set the tone and made the hours of deliberations meaningful to the delegates.

May we remind you that you remain the Chairman of the Assembly until the next convenes, in 1984 at Palos Heights, IL. If there is any unfinished business, you are responsible for it. Kindly be in touch if there are any questions.

Once again, our appreciation for your efforts. We look forward to working closer with you as your term begins on the ACYOA Central Council.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

23 September 82

V. REV. FATHER NOURHAN MANOOGIAN  
Visiting Pastor  
Holy Trinity Armenian Church - Cheltenham  
630 Second Avenue  
N.Y.C., NN.Y 10016-4885

V. Rev. Father Hourhan:

This letter is to express our sincere appreciation for your attendance and participation in the ACYOA General Assembly and National Sports Weekend, recently held in Toronto, Canada.

Our young people need to see and be with their clergy, and your presence during the weekend helped fulfill this need. We do hope you were able to enjoy yourself, and, that you will make it a point to be on hand next year in Padua Heights, IL, where the 1984 Weekend will take place.

Respectfully yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church

23 September 83

RALPH DERASADOURIAN  
29720 North Bayshore Drive  
Lake Bluff, IL 60044

Dear Ralph,

This letter is to sincerely express our appreciation for the many hours of work you have given to the ACYOA over the past two years. Your presence on the Council, both as Recording Secretary and Treasurer, has brought a new and much needed dimension of proper attitude and seriousness of purpose.

As you are well aware, the Council's work is great and equally diverse. We depend upon people 'coming through' for us and handling responsibility well. You have been one that has made a difference, and you may be proud of that.

May God protect you and continue to guide you as you begin yet other new and different eras of your life. May He bless you and your loved ones, and may He strengthen you in your faith, and may you pass on this strength to others.

Stay well. Please do keep in touch.

Most sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

23 September 83

TO: All Host Committee Members - Toronto ACYOA Chapter  
1983 ACYOA National Sports Weekend

We hope that by now you've all had a chance to catch your breaths from the many, many activities involving the Toronto edition of the ACYOA National Sports Weekend. Isn't it difficult to explain what it's really like until you've been through it yourself?

Needless to say, you all did a fine job in hosting this annual event. Although we're sure there were many mix-ups, incidental problems, and perhaps a major problem or two, the weekend as a whole went off well. The many participants enjoyed their stay in Toronto, thanks to the efforts of the Host Committee.

It is now time to tie up the loose ends and complete the Weekend. Enclosed you will find the Outline Format for the Report of the ACYOA National Sports Weekend. Although the Chairman of the Host Committee makes the final copy, all Committee members play a role in contributing information. As you are well aware, a good report is a great help to next year's Host Chapter, as well as future hosts.

Please, be sure to provide information pertaining to your area of responsibility. This need not be lengthy discourse, but rather concise recommendations and critique of your work during the Weekend.

It was a pleasure getting to know you better, and with God's blessing we shall continue to work together for our Church. Please stay in touch.  
May God bless you all.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church

c.c. Primate

20 September 83

TO THE 1983 WRITERS IN THE ARCHBISHOP'S ESSAY CONTEST

Please excuse the delay in our writing to you.

The judges decided that an insufficient number of entries were received for a fair contest in this year's Essay program.

1984 is the third year the program will be offered, whereafter it shall be reviewed and continued or discontinued depending on the response next year. We shall hold your entries, if you wish, for inclusion in next year's contest. We intend to offer a more substantial prize and extend our promotion with the hope of attracting more writers.

If you have any suggestions, we certainly would welcome them.

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACOYA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

20 September 83

REV. FR. KAREKIN KASPARIAN  
Pastor - St. James Armenian Church  
55 Lincoln Ave.  
Harrison-Purchase, N.Y. 10577

Rev. Fr. Karekin:

Before the Winter season begins, I would like to arrange a visitation to your parish and meet with the senior age young people (and eldest junior age).

It is of no consequence if the senior/junior chapter is presently operating. However, if the prime young people are able of attend, this would be a good opportunity to discuss the needs of the parish in terms of youth programs.

Kindly consider several dates, thereby our discussing arrangements will avoid conflicts. Weekday evenings are somewhat easier for me to schedule, however weekends are also open to some extent.

Looking forward to hearing from you soon on this.

Respectfully yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary--ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America





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

*Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate*

19 September 83

Dear ACYOA Central Council Members,

The first meeting of the 1983-84 ACYOA Central Council will take place on October 14 & 15, beginning on Friday evening at 7:30 p.m., at Saints Vartanantz Armenian Church in Chelmsford, Massachusetts. Since the Primate will be in Holy Etchmiadzin at that time, His Eminence has instructed that the meeting take place in Chelmsford to save major transportation costs.

An official letter confirming the elections of the 1983 ACYOA General Assembly will soon be sent, as the Diocesan Council takes up the item at one of their upcoming meetings. Until such time, we are to assume our responsibilities and begin the many duties related to the 1983-84 ACYOA year.

If there are any questions concerning transportation arrangements and information, kindly contact the Executive Secretary [617-256-7234 or 256-8980 days, 617-649-6875 evenings before 8 p.m.].

At this time, assuming our meeting begins on time Friday evening, we can anticipate finishing our business Saturday evening. It is customary for the Council members to participate in Divine Liturgy on the Sunday of weekend meetings, and to receive Holy Communion. Arrangements for homeward bound travel may be made for Sunday afternoon.

Do have a safe trip, and plan to be on time for the 7:30 p.m. meeting start on Friday, October 14th. An agenda will be sent prior to the meeting.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

c.c. Primate  
Executive Director of Diocese



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Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

25 October 83

Dear ACYOA Central Council Members,

Enclosed, please find the following:

- [1] 1983-84 ACYOA Central Council Officers and Regional Assignments.

This will be included in the parish/chapter general mailing to be sent out soon.

- [2] 1983-84 ACYOA Chapter Chairman and Parish Contact Listing.

This listing will undoubtedly be continuously updated as chapters organize and reorganize themselves. If there are any immediate corrections, kindly forward them now as this list will be sent to all parishes.

- [3] National Mailing List - as of Spring 1983.

Each Council member should select out their respective regions and make several "sticker sets" (mailing labels) to be used for regional mailings. To ensure that the entire Diocese is covered, confer with one another as to which zip codes are part of your region. We suggest that you keep the entire mailing list intact for future use and reference. In addition, corrections and updates should be a continuous effort by all. Forward corrections to the Executive Secretary, George Jevarjian and to the respective regional representative where the correction is to be made. It might be a good idea to send the sheets which contain an individual parish listing to the parish asking for corrections and additions (of which there should be several thousand!!).

The "Executive Update" will be printed shortly as time allows. Currently, the minutes of the Assembly are in process and will be prepared by our office. (Unless someone wishes to volunteer and is capable??)

As mentioned above, a general mailing will be sent to all parishes/chapters containing information and other incidental items. The "questionnaire" mentioned during the last Council meeting will also be included. Presently, all Council members should be in touch with their parishes and in the process of planning a fall regional activity.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

c.c. Primate

# ACYOA Central Council

Armenian Church Youth Organization of America

Diocese of the Armenian Church

630 Second Ave., N.Y.C., N.Y. 10016 [212-686-0710]

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1983 - 1984

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16 October 83

COMPLETE PHOTO  
703 Mount Auburn Street  
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Attn. Mr. Jerry Boghosian

Please excuse the unreasonable delay in sending you this enclosed check for processing and duplicating slides.

As you know, we are compiling Audio-Visual materials for use in our programs on the Church and Armenian culture. We sincerely appreciate your expertise and financial assistance in making these programs a reality.

We shall be making more duplicates of slides in the very near future, and ask that you bill us accordingly. In addition, if there is any balance currently due, kindly inform and we shall do our best to pay the balance as soon as possible.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

James Magarian  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

Please use the address below for any and all correspondence or reference:

ACYOA, 99 Long Pond Road, Tyngsborough, MA 01879 (649-6875, eves, 257-7234, days)

10 October 83

MICHAEL FINDIKYAN

St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church - Binghamton, N.Y.  
620 Gates Road  
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Dear Michael,

It was a real pleasure to receive your letter of October 3rd. As I read it, your enthusiasm and positive spirit was quite evident. Obviously you've caught the Saint Nersess "feeling" and are sharing it with others in your parish.

Enclosed you will find an ACYOA Chapter Handbook. The Handbook details the various operations, procedures, guidelines and suggestions for ACYOA Chapters. Also enclosed are some other information sheets and administrative forms you may use. Please be in touch with any questions.

To be officially recognized as an ACYOA Chapter, you need to do the following:

- [1] Schedule a gathering of all the young adults of your parish community. Your Pastor and Parish Council Chairman should also be invited.
- [2] The group should be informed about ACYOA and its programs, and decide to form a chapter.
- [3] Officers should be elected or appointed. (Only 4 or 5 are needed to begin with.)
- [4] A letter should be sent from the pastor/parish council chairman to the Primate and ACYOA Central Council, informing them about the new group, and asking to be recognized as part of the national ACYOA.
- [5] A master listing of the young adults in the Binghamton area should be developed; a listing of the chapter officers should be made; and dues should be collected. Dues are \$7.00 per year, with a one dollar initiation fee. Half this amount is forwarded to ACYOA Central Council, the other half is retained for Chapter use. The listings are sent to the Executive Secretary.

Your ACYOA Regional Central Council Regional Representative is Sona Palvetzian. She should

be informed of your activities. She will also schedule a visitation when an appropriate time is convenient. In addition, I should like to visit some-time next Spring and meet with the young adults of your parish.

Regarding the General Armenian Youth Listing - that is your master list of the young adults in your area. We are trying to develop a computerized national listing of Armenian youth, ages one to thirty. However, for now you should concentrate on the young adults of your area. It is important that as you get names, you also get ~~birth~~ birth. [See the Handbook for additional details.]

May God bless you and guide you in your endeavors to provide an opportunity for the young adults of the Binghamton area to participate in the Church via the ACYOA. Please be in touch and let me know of problems and successes.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church

c.c. Primate  
Pastor  
Parish Council Chairman  
Regional Representative

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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*

6 October 83

Dear ACYOA Central Council Members,

Enclosed you will find an agenda for our upcoming meeting, October 14-16, at Ss. Vartanantz Armenian Church in Chelmsford, Massachusetts. Do your best to arrive in time to begin the meeting by 7:30 p.m. If there are any problems, or special arrangements needed, please inform. Accommodations have been secured on a double-occupancy basis.

Also enclosed you will find the revised ACYOA Central Council Calendar, revised Chapter Obligations and Deadlines Sheet, and revised Chapter Reminder Sheet. Please review these items so that you may be informed on the year's itinerary. Also enclosed is the proposed logo for the 1984 ACYOA National Sports Weekend, hosted by the Palos Heights ACYOA Chapter.

You should be aware that our 5 to 6 meetings a year do not afford us time to monitor the activities and see that the responsibilities of all Council members are carried out. Therefore, each individual must make a concerted effort to fulfill those obligations that have been taken on. Our meetings cannot, and will not, involve every detail on every program. However, the earnest effort on the part of each Council member will ensure that the programs are well executed, and, that the young adults of our parishes are well informed on the many opportunities that invite their participation. Whether or not a parish has a well organized ACYOA Chapter, or any chapter at all, we must reach the young adults of that community with our literature and information.

Have a most pleasant and relaxing trip. I look forward to seeing you then.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

c.c. Primate  
Executive Director of Diocese

6 October 83

FRANK STONESON  
Executive Director  
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America  
630 Second Avenue  
N.Y.C., N.Y. 10016-4885

Dear Mr. Stoneson,

As you know, I use the facilities of Saints Vartanants Armenian Church in Chelmsford, Mass. to accomplish much of the administrative and execution part of my work. Needless to say, we've saved a great deal of money over the past several years in utilizing this convenient situation.

However, the time has come that I need a new typewriter. I am therefore requesting permission to use less than \$600.00 of my budget to purchase a modern typewriter that will fit my needs. As you are well aware, a great deal of my work involves typing, and I should like to make this end of my work a little easier.

I do hope that you will understand this request and grant approval. I have investigated several different types of machines, and feel that the time and the prices are right. It seems that the computer age has lowered the cost of typewriters that offer many functions to assist my work. Naturally, I would prefer a word processor or mini-computer, however I realize it might be somewhat beyond our means.

I look forward to your approval.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN

6 October 83

MARGO DEDEYAN  
Contact - St. Mary Armenian Church  
16209 Grist Mill Drive  
Rockville, MD 20855

Dear Margo,

Thank you for your efforts in bringing together the young adults of your parish for our discussion last Sunday afternoon. The number of people, and the degree of their interest was more than just satisfying - it was great!

This obviously points to a need on their part to be in touch with their parish community, and in some way develop a relationship with it. You, and people like you, are valuable parts of any youth group to be established at St. Mary Armenian Church. With your effort, it has a good chance to succeed and grow.

Enclosed are a few items - list of people at Sunday's discussion, short "notes" on what was discussed and conclusions, and some suggestions. Also, enclosed, are "monthly fact sheets" which you may use to stay in touch and inform on up coming activities. Don't let all the parts of the fact sheet bother you - just fill in the parts that pertain to the activities of your group.

Please stay in touch. I look forward to hearing from you and assisting in any way I can. Stay well.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

c.c. Pastor

6 October 83

HOTEL TUDOR  
304 E. 42nd Street  
N.Y.C., N.Y. 10017

Attn. Mr. Danberg

I should like to bring to your attention my recent experience in your hotel. As you know, I have been making my New York City accommodations with Hotel Tudor for the Diocese of the Armenian Church for over 3 years now. In addition, many of our guests who come to our Cathedral for meetings and visitations are urged to use your facilities. Several of our seminars' participants have had their hotel accommodations secured with you as well.

However, last Monday (Oct. 3rd) my usual relationship with you was (I hope) temporarily disturbed. I had made my reservation in advance, as usual, and I arrived well before 6p.m. The room I was given was not made up, which was inconvenient, but not intolerable. I had a late meeting that evening, only to return and find out the television did not work. The rate I am usually charged is between \$40.00 and \$45.00 per night, something that we had agreed on since I would be always coming to the City on Church business. However, this night I was charged \$55.00, because "we are all booked up." (!) I am enclosing the folio no. 211179 for your information.

I realize that mistakes happen, that sometimes communications are not as good as we should like them, but I would like some type of explanation. Because of an early checkout (prior to 9a.m.) I was told that no one was around to speak to about this.

Thank you for your attention on this matter. you may respond to the address below. I shall be again coming to the City in a couple of weeks. I do hope that things will be better then.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN



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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

30 November 83

Dear ACYOA Central Council Members,

This letter is to inform you all on various items, as well as share a few comments on certain matters:

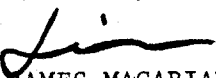
- [1] The meeting is "on" for Watertown, Dec. 16-18th. Agenda will be forthcoming from the Council Chairman. Keep in mind your assessments of the parishes in your regions, as well as the programs and projects upcoming.
- [2] The Minutes of the Assembly have been prepared. The "notes" taken during the Assembly were the worst excuse for "minutes" in recorded history. The final draft is a combination of "notes", memory, and reliable sources.
- [3] The Minutes shall be sent to all parishes and ACYOA Chapters. They may make additional copies for their delegates who wish or need personal copies. In addition, copies of reports and other items distributed on the Assembly floor will be available upon request, and not sent along with the Minutes. Ordinarily, the Executive Secretary does not prepare Minutes, nor prepares them for distribution, however in an effort to send them out on a timely basis, they shall be prepared and sent very soon.
- [4] As mentioned at the Oct. meeting, a "delegate questionnaire" shall be sent along with the Minutes, as well as to individual delegates, asking them to share their feelings and concerns. This information shall be shared with the Council, but is primarily for Diocesan Youth Ministry use. Council members shall also be asked to complete the questionnaire.
- [5] It is disturbing to note that at this writing, the financial books of the Council have not yet been turned over to the new Treasurer. The books were officially "closed on June 30th" and supposedly the necessary signatures long since passed along to the banks. What everyone must realize, not just with regard to the financial books, is that the success of the effort each of us makes is dependent upon the equal effort on the part of everyone else. When one of us neglects an aspect of our work, it is felt by others, many times directly.
- [6] In tandem to this are the Minutes of the past Council meeting. The operations of the Council are sometimes dependent on the Minutes of our meetings, simply because it serves to remind us of what work we have to do, what items were discussed and conclusions drawn, etc., etc. They are of no value in and of themselves, because all they can do by themselves is sit in a file drawer. And we

all know that "ACYOA File Drawers" are the least likely to be opened for casual reading.

- [7] The Executive Secretary has received few copies of correspondence sent from Council members to their respective parishes, chapters, individual members, etc., etc. Does this mean that no correspondence has been taking place? Let's hope not, and chalk-it-up to irresponsible administrative skills.
- [8] Chapter visitations.....
- [9] The Executive Update will again come out within a couple of weeks. Will it be sent to the Armenian young adults of our Diocese within a reasonable amount of time? It shall contain Christmas greetings, etc., etc.....
- [10] The Executive Secretary shall attend only part of the Council meeting on Dec.17. Most probably, between 2:30 and 4 p.m. At that time, a recap of the discussions and actions taken by the Council shall take place, along with future intentions. The Executive Secretary shall advise and direct - and things shall continue as normal with each Council member doing his or her best to follow through. Please make the time spent at the meeting worthwhile and productive with positive and goal oriented decisions made.
- [11] A questionnaire for past participants in the Armenian Studies Programs is presently being prepared. This will be sent to all past participants with known addresses for their input in planning ASP alumni reunions. Anyone with any ideas on this should contact Melanie or Jim as soon as possible.
- [12] Chapters should be reminded that "renewal dues" are due January 1st, along with and new member dues collected since July 1st. Dues collected after January 1st are considered new dues and should reflect the one dollar initiation fee. This should be clear. The Council will need this money, given the financial picture at this time. Be sure to follow up a letter on this to chapters with a phone call.
- [13] Meeting between the Executive Secretary and the Host Committee for the 1984 ACYOA Nat. Spts. Wknd. planned for Friday and Saturday, Dec. 2nd and 3rd.
- [14] A News Release should be prepared on the Midwest Regional Conference that took place in Detroit Nov. 26th. Send pertinent information to the Executive Secretary with photographs for this purpose, or, the Midwest Reps may do this. Either way.
- [15] How about the New England and Mid-Atlantic Regions.....any conferences or gatherings planned?
- [16] A retreat is planned for New England, January 6th and 7th. Father Yeprem Kelegian shall lead the retreat. Only 20 openings.
- [14] At this writing, no report from Toronto on Sports Weekend '83...Rumors exist that the Sports Results have been lost...many efforts feared missing....

Let's keep trying out there. Hope that everyone had a thankful thanksgiving. Have safe and pleasant trips to the Dec. meeting.

Sincerely yours,

  
JAMES MAGARIAN

c.c. Primate

30 November 83

HAIG-ARAM TOSSOUNIAN  
Chairman - Host Committee  
1983 ACYOA National Sports Weekend  
785 Huntingwood Drive,,  
Agincourt, ONT Canada MIT 2L5

Dear Haig-Aram,

Two weeks ago we spoke regarding the condition of the Report on the 1983 ACYOA National Sports Weekend. You assured me that everything was going along fine, and that you would be sending the report, along with the Athletic Competition results, before the "Very Soon" has passed. I would like a realistic date as to when I may expect the Report and the Athletic Competition results.

Regarding the Competition results, I should like to remind you that they are needed now for publication. If we wait much longer, for publication, it shall appear irresponsible on our part. In addition, "old news" isn't worthy of publication.

Regarding the reference items forwarded to you during the preparation (i.e. photos and graphics), as well as past National Sports Weekend Reports, PLEASE send them as soon as possible. They are needed.

I am sure you are aware of the immediacy involved with the abovementioned items. Please attend to this.

Best wishes to you and your family as we approach the upcoming holiday season. Stay well.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

c.c. Primate  
ACYOA Central Council Chairman

23 November 83

NUBAR KUPELIAN  
Primate's Armenian Executive Secretary  
Diocese of the Armenian Church  
630 Second Avenue, N.Y.C., N.Y. 10016-4885

Dear Mr. Kupelian,

As we had briefly discussed, the Primate has asked me to prepare the necessary information for a letter to be sent to the Catholics in Holy Etchmiadzin regarding the ACYOA Armenian Studies Programs for 1984. The following is the vital information:

1. We are planning for a maximum of 20 students and 2 group leaders.
2. Arrival in Yerevan - Wednesday, June 20th.
3. Departure from Yerevan - Wednesday, July 18th.
4. Would appreciate accommodations in Etchmiadzin, if possible.
5. Would appreciate confirmation on aforementioned dates as soon as possible.

Thank you for your assistance, Mr. Kupelian, in corresponding with Holy Etchmiadzin. Kindly make a copy of the Armenian and English translations for our files, and send them to me when it is convenient.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church

c.c. Primate



23 November 83

His Eminence  
ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANGOCIAN  
Primate - Diocese of the Armenian Church  
630 Second Avenue, N.Y.C., N.Y. 10016-4885

Your Eminence:

Enclosed for ~~you~~ is a final draft of the "Installation of Officers Service" revised for use by parishes with local ACYOA Chapter Officers. As we had discussed, initial drafts of this service had been reviewed by the Rev. Fathers Garabed Kochakian and Yeprem Kelegian, as well as ACYOA Junior Director Nancy Basmajian. The final draft here reflects their comments.

The final copy of the Service will be type-set and printed on index stock, similar to the printing of "The Creed", accomplished a few years ago. A sponsor for this printing will be solicited, however we do not have a sponsor as yet.

At the convenience of Your Eminence, kindly make comments and corrections on this copy and return it to me for revision.

Your obedient servant in Christ,

JAMES MAGARIAN

C.C. ACYOA Juniors Director

10 November 83

V. REV. FR. VAROUJAN KABARADJIAN  
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Evanston, IL 60201

V. Rev. Father Varoujan:

This letter is to inform you that I shall be in the Chicago area during the weekend of December 2-4, 1983. My primary purpose is to meet with the Host Committee of the 1984 ACYOA National Sports Weekend to be held in Palos Heights, IL.

At this time, I should like to arrange a parish visitation to meet with the young adults of your parish. I am available late Saturday afternoon and evening, Dec. 3rd. Perhaps an early evening dinner meeting would be convenient?

I am aware that the activities of the young adults of the Evanston Parish are not quite what they used to be, and would like to discuss the situation with the young people and possibly arrive at some alternative solutions.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Respectfully yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church

c.c. Parish Council Chairman - Mardiros Tatosian  
ACYOA Seniors Contact - Ralph Der Asadourian

4 November 83

GARY HOVHANESSIAN  
MARK KAZANJIAN  
PAUL POGHARIAN  
Past ACYOA Central Council Members

Gentlemen:

All of us have discussed at various times the potential of the New England region of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America in terms of inter-parish youth activities and programs. We are all familiar with the geography, the parishes, available facilities, etc.

I know that each of you are interested in athletics and in good, clean, well organized sports competition between young people. In addition, I know that each of you has a degree of expertise in organizing athletic programs, and, that you have a genuine concern for the young people of the Armenian Church.

Therefore, I should like the three of you to spear-head an athletic program for the New England Region, initially a simple format of one basketball tournament (in conjunction with a volleyball tourney if there is interest) and a softball tournament. In addition, if you feel we can organize it, to arrange a schedule of inter-parish games during the "Season" prior to such tournaments.

Such tournaments and schedules would take place with the cooperation of the ACYOA Central Council Regional Representative and my office. I should like to hear from you soon. Perhaps we can arrange a meeting to discuss this further.

Hope you are all well. Looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church

c.c. Council Regional  
Representative



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

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

3 November 83

Dear ACYOA Central Council Members,

Enclosed you will find additional names for the ACYOA National Youth Listing. Kindly add them to your listings. They should also be added to the Master National Listing in the computer.

Perhaps we should consider a general mailing of the National Listing, using "address correction requested" and pay the fees required to receive a more accurate Listing. This could be done on a general mailing of the National Sports Weekend, or, some promotion of another ACYOA Program. The Diocese would pay the charge of receiving the returned envelopes as they sporadically are delivered. The Council could reimburse the Diocese thereafter.

In addition, to really kickoff the "birthdate" Master Listing, a contest could be held by which the year of birth, and perhaps the month, would be used as the entry. A random pick would determine the winner. Cash prizes, gifts, Sports Weekend packages, etc. could be used as well.

Let's all keep thinking out there.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James Maqaryan".

JAMES MAQARYAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

P.S. As you receive addition names from your respective regions and parishes, kindly forward them.



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Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

3 November 83

Dear ACYOA Central Council Members:

For our next meeting (scheduled for December 1983), kindly be prepared to present an oral report/evaluation on what you perceive is the youth situation in the parishes of your Region of the Diocese.

Your oral report will be augmented by the Executive Secretary and will present a picture of the current condition of the ACYOA with respect to individual parish situations. This is important, simply because it will provide information on just what we have and don't have in terms of chapters and youth in the various parishes.

Between now and the meeting, you will undoubtedly be in contact with your parishes. You may want to use the "Parish Visitation Report Form" as a guide in acquiring the information (even if you are unable to make an actual visitation). Keep in mind that what you may see and hear about a parish may be a lot different than what the Executive Secretary experiences. Our discussions will be quite interesting to say the least.

If there are any questions or problems, please do be in touch.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN

Executive Secretary - ACYOA

Diocese of the Armenian Church of America



U O U S A C O O S O N P T E R U Z U O O S

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

ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN, PRIMATE

8 December 83

You are a unique person of this world.

Yes, you, because you have recently or in the past attended an ACYOA General Assembly - the annual business convention of the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America. Therefore, you have experienced something that few people of this world have ever experienced. In fact, while attending you may have even participated in some aspect of the Assembly proceedings, and may have gotten something out of this participation - or maybe not.

The need to improve our annual gatherings (be they business, education, athletic or pleasure) is something that has now come to the forefront. Many young adults have voiced their desire to participate in such improvements, and your experience and reaction is a valuable resource to us.

Please take ten minutes right now and complete the questionnaire below. Your input will be used in designing new formats and ways of making Armenian national and regional gatherings better than ever. Your feelings and input counts!

Thank you for sharing your thoughts and time. May the many blessings of this season of the Holy Birth be with you and your families.

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PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING, BEING AS HONEST, SINCERE AND POSITIVE AS YOU CAN BE. If you wish to make additional comments of these or other points, kindly attach additional pages as necessary. Please be concise and to the point! Forward your questionnaire and comments to: ACYOA Executive Secretary, Diocese of the Armenian Church of America, 99 Long Pond Road, Tyngsborough, MA 01879.

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20 December 83

ARTHUR SABOUNJIAN  
190 Mt. Auburn Street  
Watertown, MA 02172

Dear Artie,

I've been meaning to write to you for some time now, but just never got down to your name on the list. Hope all is well with you and Karen.

I just heard about your new position at St. James beginning next month. I think it's great - something that you may enjoy, and undoubtedly something that the parish needs desperately.

My original reason for writing is to invite your participation in the development of an audio-visual educational program on the Divine Liturgy of the Armenian Church. I remember a while ago you conducted a series on the Divine Liturgy, and with such a background, would be an asset and good resource. We have a complete set of slides on the Liturgy, but now need a script. I have tried to begin this myself, but simply need help if it is to be completed within a reasonable amount of time. Needless to say, the program is necessary for parish use, as well as Church Schools and ACYOA Chapters.

Please be in touch regarding this as soon as possible. I would like to have a complete first draft recording ready by mid-summer.

In addition, I would like to discuss the Youth Ministry Project of the Diocese with you, especially since you are to begin such a ministry in Watertown.

May the many blessings and joys of this wonderful season of the Holy Birth be with you, Artie, and may God keep a watchful eye on you as you continue to do His work.

Stay Well.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MEGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

enclosure.

12 December 83

LORI ASLANIAN  
108 Riverdale Street  
Hillsdale, New Jersey 07642

Dear Lori,

I just received your mailing containing an invitation to a Christmas December 16th, and the announcement for your fabulous New Year's Party December 31st. Thank you for sending them and allowing me to know how well you're doing.

The Christmas Party is a good way to bring everyone together while people are home during the holiday season. This is important and it's good to see you and many other groups taking advantage of this convenience, and most of all having a great time together.

I've heard a lot of good things about last year's New Year's Eve Party. Your effort is a positive sign that things are happening in your area for the young adults of our Church. Keep up the good work!

May your holidays be blessed with good times and joy in celebration of the Feast of the Holy Nativity. Stay well.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church

P.S. I do hope to make a visitation to your Chapter by Spring time. Please keep this in mind; I look forward to meeting with you.



12 December 83

GLEB PAPOUBAN  
501 Fifth Avenue  
New York, City, New York 10017

Dear Mr. Papouban,

Thank you for your letter, requesting we add your daughter's name to our National Armenian Youth Listing.

We intend to use the above address to send Larissa our announcements and materials.

Best wishes during this blessed holiday season.

Yours,

JAMEESMAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church

6 December 83

SUSAN M. BERGOUDIAN  
Program Director  
Watertown ACYOA Chapter - St. James Armenian Church  
36 Adams Street  
Watertown, MA 02172

Dear Susan,

It was a pleasure to receive your letter of November 15th. The ideas you suggest to promote the ACYOA Armenian Studies Programs are very good, and something we've tried to have the chapters do for a number of years now.

At this time, this is little confirmed information regarding the Programs for the summer of 1983. However, by January, we shall have made most of the arrangements and necessary deadlines that will be of assistance for the informational program you wish to sponsor.

Please be in touch by January 10th with the date and time of your program. I will be happy to participate.

Best wishes during this most joyous season.

Sincerely,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

enclosure.

18 January 84

ROSE AKGULIAN  
422 South Street  
Racine, WI 53402

Dear Mrs. Akgulian,

Enclosed ~~isethhe~~ application form you requested for Nick,  
for the 1984 "Educational Tour to Armenia."

It's a wonderful birthday gift, to say the least!

Regarding the article by James Tashjian, I don't have  
his address, but if you wrote to the newspaper that ran  
the article, you might be able to locate it.

Please send the full amount of the deposit (\$500 total), of  
which you have already sent \$50. It was sorry last year that  
Nick couldn't participate, however, your early request and  
deposit will ensure a spot this year. But remember to tell  
him to complete the form and send it along with his passport  
as soon as possible..

Hope all is well in Racine.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN

18 January 84

GROTONWOOD  
Camp and Conference Center  
Prescott Street  
Groton, MA 01450

Attn. Fran Meyers

It was a pleasure to meet with you and review the many resources and facilities available at your very attractive Camp and Conference Center.

Enclosed are the required applications for our Youth Ministry Seminar, March 23-25, 1984.

At this time, there is no deposit enclosed. This has been requested from our Diocesan Office and should be forthcoming shortly. Please advise on the deadline for the deposit.

We look forward to working with you and using your facilities in March.

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Youth Director  
Department of Youth Ministry

Mailing Address:

99 Long Road Road  
Tyngsborough, MA 01879  
617-256-7234

17 January 84

MICHAEL FINNIKYAN  
620 Gates Road  
Vestal, N.Y. 13850

Dear Michael,

Just a note to ask what, if anything, is happening in your parish regarding young adults? A while ago you had requested some information and the Chapter Handbook for the purposes of organizing or trying to form a young adult group in the parish.

Please drop me a note. I'm concerned.

Stay well.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church

13 January 84

TALIN PELTEKIAN  
Montreal ACYOA Chapter  
St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church  
740 Montpellier #714  
St. Laurent, QUE  
CANADA H4L 5B1

Dear Talin,

Sona Palvetzian, ACYOA Central Council member, recently spoke with me with regard to your request for ACYOA Membership forms. Enclosed, please find 25 forms for your use.

It's good to hear that the Montreal Chapter is somewhat active and planning activities, as well as soliciting membership. I have not been able to make a Parish Visitation to Montreal since I was there 18 months ago organizing the chapter.

Please keep me informed of your activities via the "Chapter Monthly Fact Sheet" (one is enclosed, and you may make additional copies as you need them). I am concerned and happy to assist and advise whenever needed.

Stay well.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church

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Armenian  
Studies  
Programs

Armenian Church Youth Organization of America  
Diocese of the Armenian Church

- \* Educational Tour to Armenia
- \* "Journey" To Armenia
- \* Jerusalem - "The Holy City"

9 January 84

TO: ALL PARISHES - Diocese of the Armenian Church  
SUBJECT: 1984 Armenian Studies Programs

Again we invite your participation in the 1984 ACYOA Armenian Studies Programs this summer. Our annual over-seas trips to Armenia and the Holy Land provide a unique opportunity for the young people of our Church to experience first-hand the faith and cultural treasures of the Armenian people.

We ask that you promote these programs through your resources in the parish. If possible, the parish might consider sponsoring worthy applicants, in whole or in part. We have found that when our young people travel to the world centers of our faith and heritage, they returned refreshed and enthused about their own participation and involvement in the parish and community.

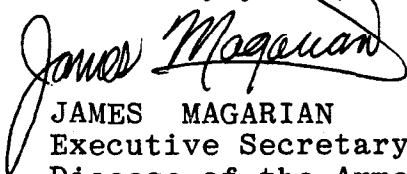
Enclosed are brochures briefly describing the programs, as well as application forms. Please feel free to duplicate any of these as needed. Note the "deadline" dates on the forms.

Please note, that for these programs to take place, a minimum number of accepted applicants are necessary. Also, due to political unrest in the Middle East, the trip to the Holy Land may be canceled.

Contact the ACYOA Executive Secretary for additional information. We are trying to maintain the same costs as last year, but have not yet determined a final price for the programs.

Take an active role in soliciting participants for these worthwhile programs.

Sincerely yours,



JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

enclosures.

Program #1 - Educational Tour to Armenia - open to ACYOA members only.  
Programs #2 & #3 are open to all Armenian youth of our parishes.

28 February 84

KENNETH MARANIAN  
99 Brattle Street  
Cambridge, MA 02138

Dear Kenneth,

It was a pleasure to meet and discuss our mutual concerns a few weeks ago. The needs of our Church covering a variety of ministries and programs is something that will always be with us, thus our work continues.

In speaking with a local printing company, the following looks quite promising:

11" X 17" - folded - making for a four page newsletter  
typeset, folded, printed  
1,000 copies  
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\$ 350.00 estimate  
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Thus far, I have been unable to track down any up to date college mailing listings. I do hope that you have made some contacts regarding this, and are able to come up with some soon. An up to date mailing list is vital, as we had discussed, and will need continual corrections. Think about some possible procedures that we might consider to assist us here.

Hope your studies are going well. Please do be in touch when you get the chance. If you are free, kindly give some serious consideration to participating in the Youth Ministry Seminar, March 23-25. Hope to see you there.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN



27 February 84

SOFIA SOUKIASIAN  
125 School Street  
Watertown, MA 02172

Dear Sofia,

We received your ACYOA Armenian Studies Program Application today for the "Educational Tour to Armenia." The application looks good and we see no reason to reject you on the trip.

However, we cannot process the application until we receive (1) a deposit of \$500.00 (Made out to "Armenian Studies Programs") and (2) a doctor's certificate of "good health". These two items are essential and should be sent as soon as possible.

In addition, to avoid any unnecessary embarrassment, you should become a member of the Senior ACYOA Chapter of Watertown, St. James Armenian Church. Technically, all participants on the "Educational Tour to Armenia" are to be members on the ACYOA Senior Division.

If you have any questions, please contact us as soon as possible. (256-7234 days, 649-68835 evenings before 8p.m.)

Sincerely yours,

JAMES HMGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

23 February 84

SYLVIA TERZIBASHIAN  
Primate's Exec. Secretary  
Armenian Diocese  
630 Second Avenue  
N.Y.C., N.Y. 10016-4885

Dear Sylvia,

It was nice speaking with you today on the telephone. As usual I can understand how busy you are - whether or not the Primate is in the office, you are always running!!

Enclosed are some "Boy Scouts - Ararat Medal" requests for information and displays items. These have previously been opened by someone at the Diocese and sent to me in one envelope. Please inform who ever is doing this that they may give them directly to you, since you have been handling these requests. In addition, I assume that other mail intended for me and my department is not being opened or screened. I have repeatedly asked Nora to forward any mail that comes to my attention at the Diocese every Friday. Thank you for your attention on this matter.

Regarding the Armanian Studies Program - "Educational Tour to Armenia", again I shall give you the dates:

DEPART New York City June 15th  
\*ARRIVE Moscow June 16th  
\*DEPART MOSCOW June 17th at 12:20 p.m. SU893  
\*ARRIVE YEREVAN June 17th at 3:00 p.m.  
\*DEPART YEREVAN July 14th at 8:55 a.m. SU893  
\*ARRIVE MOSCOW July 14th at 10:40 a.m.  
DEPART MOSCOW July 17th  
ARRIVE Paris July 17th  
DEPART Paris July 18th  
ARRIVE New York City July 18th

I shall forward any other pertinent information as soon as I get it.

Thank you for your assistance, stay well,

JAMES MAGARIAN

23 February 84

V. REV. FR. MESROB SEMERJIAN  
Visiting Pastor  
St. Mark Armenian Church Springfield, MA  
25 Preston Street  
Hartford, CT 06114

V. Rev. Father Mesrob:

Thank you for your letter of invitation to your Parish which was received today. It appears that the idea of scheduling Lenten Services and Programs on Wednesdays of Lent is again making a comeback in the various parishes of our Diocese. A good sign indeed.

At this time, the dates you suggest are not available. My schedule is quite full until after Easter. However, I would be happy to be your guest at another time on a weekday (most available format) at which time the same type of program could be utilized; that is a dinner, worship service and program/discussion of sorts.

Hayr Mesrob, I again stress my desire to schedule a "get together" with the young people of your parish for the purposes of discussing their "role and relationship" to their Church, and what ways they might consider to take on roles and strengthen their relationship. This is not to say that ACYOA is not important in the Parish, but I have learned that in some places, "ACYOA Chapters" do not work. Therefore, we must consider alternatives to the customary "chapter" set up. Please keep this in mind. I'm confident that dialogue with the young people of your parish will enable us to design some type of "organization" or way in which the young people can participate in the life of the parish in a meaningful way for them, and, for the Church.

Looking forward to seeing you again in March in Chelmsford.

Respectfully yours, in Christ,

JAMES MAGARIAN

23 February 84

His Eminence  
ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN  
Primate - Armenian Diocese  
630 Second Avenue  
N.Y.C., N.Y. 10016-4885

Your Eminence:

I have spoke with Rev. Fr. Vertanes Kalayjian regarding his leading the "Educational Tour to Armenia" this summer. I also indicated that if Yeretzgin was available, she too might be considered to accompany him as the Assistant Group Leader.

Although it took him a week longer than he originally said to give me an answer, he indicated his willingness to lead the group of young people to Armenia.

Regarding Yeretzgin's role, she is only available if their three sons can also accompany the group (ages 8, 12 & 14). They would travel at their own expense, and Fr. Vertanes indicated that he would try to place them in day schools or camps while there. If Yeretzgin's sons are not allowed to go, then Fr. Vertanes cannot travel and thus Fr. Vertanes will have to appoint another Assistant Group Leader (a mature female).

Since Yeretzgin's responsible roles at Armenian Camps during past summers have not been hampered by the presence of their sons, perhaps this arrangement is worth considering. It does appear to have a more positive than negative appearance.

I anxiously await any response, and hope that your travels have been safe and not too tiring.

Your obedient servant,

JAMES MAGARIAN

23 February 84

GROTONWOODS  
Camp & Conference Center  
Prescott Street  
Groton, Mass. 01450

Attn. Fran

Enclosed please find a check in the amount of \$75.00 as a deposit on 25 persons for our Workshop on the weekend of March 23-25. Please be advised that the number of persons could increase between now and a week before the weekend, at which time we shall inform you of the exact number and other requirements.

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time. Thank you.

Sincerely,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
99 Long Pond Road  
Tyngsborough, MA 01979  
617-256-7234 -(office hours)

21 February 84

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MICHAEL KERMIAN  
Director - Armenian Diocese  
630 Second Avenue  
N.Y.C., N.Y. 10016-4885

Dear Mr. Kermian,

As we have previously discussed with regard to the Workshop and Seminar on Church Youth Ministry, the "Grotonwoods Camp & Conference Center" requires a deposit of \$3.00 per person, ~~due~~ now, on the estimated number of persons attending the Workshop.

A check for \$85.00 will be sufficient. (See enclosed voucher.) Please send immediately.

I assume that as I receive checks from the participants, (\$49.50 per person) I shall record them and send all checks to the Diocese at one time. However, a balance due to the Conference Center, as well as the Seminar Leader, will be due on or immediately ~~thereafter~~ Weekend of March 23-25th, as well as any other expenses. Please advise on how you wish to handle this.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGAREAN

22 February 84

DAVID STEVOFF  
Chairman - Wisconsin ACYOA Chapter  
3451 Ruby Avenue  
Racine, WI 53402

Dear David,

Congratulations on your recent election to lead the Wisconsin ACYOA Chapter as Chairman this coming year. We are confident that you will endeavor to make the right decisions and add to the successful record of the group.

Regarding the Annual Wisconsin ACYOA Martyr's Day Run, the date of Saturday, April 21st is not acceptable and indicates a lack of respect and understanding for the significant Holy Days and Feasts of the Armenian Church. The entire Holy Week period, from Lazarus Saturday through the Feast of the Resurrection of Christ (Easter) is a most sacred and religiously significant time in the calendrical cycle of the Church. Indeed, Holy Saturday (April 21st) is important as part of the time our Lord was Entombed and anticipates our rejoicing when we receive the news of the Resurrection. If one has time for volunteer work, ~~at~~ free should be spent at the Parish Church assisting where needed and perhaps preparing for the various worship services to take place. Moreover, some free time should be made and used for reflection, prayer and meditation on this day as well.

Therefore, this is not a time for secular activities, especially if those activities draw our members away from the Church. The ACYOA Chapter should be aware of the various Feast Days of the Church before dates are chosen for activities and events. We suggest that at the beginning of the year a meeting be held with the Pastor to "clear" certain dates and avoid rescheduling problems. We should never use the excuse "I didn't know" as a reason.

Hope to hear from you soon, and we look forward to your able leadership in the Wisconsin Chapter this year.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA

c.c. Primate  
Pastor

21 February 84

KEVIN GIRAGOSIAN  
Chairman - Host Committee  
1984 ACYOA National Sports Weekend  
8101 West 131st Street  
Palos Park, IL 60464

Dear Kevin,

Hope all is well with you and your family.

We received the blue flyer with the "package plan" information on February 16th. It is well done and tells exactly what you want. However, I should remind you that at the last ~~ACYOA~~ General Assembly, after lengthy debate and discussion, the Assembly passed a proposal changing the rules of the National Sports Weekend regarding the "package plan". This was brought to my attention by members of the Watertown Chapter. Although they did say that the \$75.00 plan is quite reasonable, they did bring up the fact that the Assembly passed the proposal to change the requirements of athletes, and thus think it should be followed.

The proposal reads: (Article 3, sec. 2) "All athletic participants must be registered with the Official National Sports Weekend Registration Committee, and thereby be registered on the Sports Weekend Package Plan. The Sports Weekend Host Chapter shall offer an "Eligibility Package Plan" consisting only of Friday and Saturday evening dances and Sunday Awards Banquet and Dance. At the discretion of the Host Chapter, a second package plan may also be made available with additional meals and events included. A ten dollar (\$10.00) discount shall be given to those who prepay in full, thirty (30) days in advance of the start of the ACYOA National Sports Weekend."

As you probably understand, this proposal was made and passed in the hope of making the required package plan for athletes more affordable and thus attract those young adults on limited budgets.

I would appreciate a telephone call from you on this, and how you think we should proceed given the above.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN



21 February 84

NANCY BASMAJIAN  
Youth Director  
Armenian Diocese  
828 Brighton Street  
Philadelphia, PA

Dear Nancy,

As you know, last year I sent to you and selected clergyman, an outline of an "Installation of Officers Service" to be used by ACYOA Chapters (Junior or Senior).

After taking your comments, as well as those of the clergy, I redrafted the Service and sent it to the Primate for comment and final changes. It is now in its final form (see enclosed).

Since this Service will be used by both Junior and Senior ACYOA, I think it best that the printing and distributing costs be divided within the limits of our budgets. Below are the costs through my printer:

11 X 14 index stock at 300 copies = \$87.00  
A heavier stock would cost + = 93.00

This includes typesetting and printing.  
300 copies is based on 40 parishes at 7 copies each.

Please let me know what you think.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA

c.c. Primate

17 February 84

NASHUA TRUST COMPANY  
194 Main Street  
Nashua, New Hampshire 03060

Attn. NOW Checking Account Department

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

We are in receipt of a note from you regarding our Account # 844915-5-06.

It concerns a 20% withholding (back-up), and states that if a Social Security Number is provided the deduction will be eliminated.

We have previously spoke with a bank representative, from the NOW Checking Account Department of your Bank, and asked about this, as well as about end of year declarations of interest earned for the previous year.

We explained that when the account was opened, a "tax exempt" number was provided, which is all that is usually required with non-profit organizations and religious institutions. Our number is: EX-107-365

In addition, please be advised that the official name for this account should read: ACYOA - Diocese of the Armenian Church of America, Armenian Studies Programs; C/O Youth Director, 99 Long Pond Road, Tyngsborough, MA 01879. There should be no other information on the address or other materials thereof.

We would appreciate a response. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Youth Director  
99 Long Pond Road  
Tyngsborough, MA 01879

13 February 84

VAUGHAN TOTOVIAN  
ACYOA Central Council  
16 Concord Road  
Watertown, MA 02172

Dear Vaughan,

As you probably know, the Diocese of the Armenian Church is planning a special Program for New England area parishes on April 14th, in Cambridge, Mass. Entitled, "Day of Spiritual Renewal", the all day Saturday program will focus on religious and spiritual aspects of the Armenian Church and individual faith.

Since the ACYOA in each region is suppose to have a retreat or some type of religious event, it would seem appropriate for the young adults of the New England region to participate on April 14th in Cambridge, at Holy Trinity Armenian Church. Please be in contact with the parishes of your region, promoting their participation and perhaps suggesting ways and means of providing transportation. (Carpools?)

If you have any questions, please contact Richard Abdallian at Holy Trinity Armenian Church. He is coordinating this program.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN

c.c. Council Chairman

13 February 84

MELANIE BARANMIAN  
ACYOA Central Council  
106 West Adams Street  
Somerville, MA 02144

Dear Melanie,

As you probably know, the Diocese of the Armenian Church is planning a special program for the New York - New Jersey - Philadelphia area parishes on March 24th at St. Mary's Armenian Church in Livingston, N.J. Entitled, "Day of Spiritual Renewal", the all day Saturday program will focus on religious and spiritual aspects of the Armenian Church and individual faith.

Since the ACYOA in each region is suppose to sponsor retreats and religious types of events, as well as other types, it would seem appropriate for the Young adults of the region to be aware of and participate in this program March 25th. Please be in contact with the parishes of your region (Mid-Atlantic), encouraging their participation and perhaps suggesting ways and means of providing transportation. (Carpools?)

If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Fr. Karekin Kasparian at St. James Armenian Church in Westchester, N.Y. He is coordinating this program.

Please keep in mind that the Workshop and Seminar on Youth Ministry, which is also taking place over the March 23-25th weekend, is to take priority. Those young people who are not inclined to travel to Massachusetts for the Seminar, and, are not inclined to pursue their interests in Youth Ministry, should be encouraged to participate in the one-day program in New Jersey.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES HINGARIAN

c.c. Council Chairman

13 February 84

VAUGHAN TOTOVIAN  
ACYOA Central Council  
16 Concord Road  
Watertown, MA 02172

Dear Vaughan,

A couple of items come to mind....

1. I assume that you have been preparing the financial reports, on a monthly basis for the ACYOA Central Council, and that you were planning to present these reports at the February meeting. According to the operations and procedures, the Treasurer is suppose to send a monthly report/statement to the Executive Secretary. Please try to do this and not get too far behind. In the meantime, please forward any reports you have prepared.
2. At the December meeting you mentioned that you were going to try to utilize the large numbers of Armenian young people at the Watertown ACYOA Christmas Night Dance to enhance our mailing list of the Boston Area Armenian youth. Were you successful? If so, have you forwarded the revised list to George Jeverjian for adding to our National Listing? Please do.

Note the enclosed name to add to the NY.-NJ.-MidAtlantic Listing. She is the daughter of the new Director of operations at the Diocese. Her Father told me that his daughter does not receive ACYOA mail.

3. Please take note of the letter on the "Day of Spiritual Renewal" set for April 14th in Cambridge.
4. Do you plan to arrange any type of regional gathering? Let's talk about doing something in May or June. Perhaps something involving the beach or a resort area? Or perhaps something involving a cultural/educational event? Think about it, and be in touch.

Hope you are well, and that your job situation is looking up. Take care.

JAMES MACARIAN

c.c. Council Chairman

10 February 84

ARLINE DADEKIAN  
22 Yeoman Drive  
Upper Saddle River, N.J. 07458

Dear Arline,

This is to thank you for your efforts in completing the report on the 1983 Armenian Studies Program, "Educational Tour to Armenia!"

Due to your efforts, we have a good reference and record of the 1983 trip, and have used the material several times in preparing for this year's tours.

Because of some unusual circumstances, the report by Deacon Onnig Terzian has been delayed. However, we expect that when his is filed, a most complete report will be available.

Although we have thanked you before, we again express our appreciation for your time and sincere commitment in traveling with the young adults of our Church to Armenia in 1982 and 1983. Many positive comments were made by the participants about your assistance to them during the trips.

We hope that you and your family is well, and, that you will be able to continue your service to our Church in the years to come in whatever capacity you can.

Most sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

c.c. Primate

10 February 84

GARY HOVHANESSIAN  
MARK KAZANJIAN  
PAUL POGHARIAN  
Commissioners  
New England Recreation Program  
for Armenian Young Adults

Gentlemen:

It was a pleasure meeting with you on January 30th. I think we all agreed that the types of planning and activities discussed are well worth our time and efforts, and that they are very much needed.

Just a few notes from our discussions:

1. We shall try to organize a "professional" softball tournament for the weekend of Memorial Day - May 26-28, 1984.
2. Locations to be investigated are the New Britain area, as well as Northern Mass. However, any area is under consideration. Resort and extra-sports locations were considered, but found not really necessary.
3. A Men's division would be planned for, but it appears that a women's division would not materialize. However, it was suggested that a "co-ed" division be offered.
4. Activities and socials offered, beside evenings of the weekend, would be casual and cost-conscious. There would be a dinner on one night, as well as a trophy(s) presentations time - most probably following the final game.
5. Quality umpires and officials will be sought. "Round-Robin" tournament play will be utilized in having all teams play as many games as possible.
6. One of the goals of this first tournament is to give the participants a good experience, a good time, and a well organized sporting event. While costs will not be extravagant, what is spent will be the best available.

We shall continue our discussions on Monday, February 20th, meeting at the Valle's Restaurant in Worcester - unless another location is decided. In the meantime, we all should begin our research into the aforementioned.

Hope everyone is well. Looking forward to meeting again.

Sincerely yours,

10 February 84

MELANIE BARSAMIAN  
V. Chairman  
ACYOA Central Council  
106 West Adams Street  
Somerville, MA 02144

Dear Melanie,

I was expecting to hear from you this week, since you said you would be calling. Hope all is well and that your business trip to New Hampshire was safe and fun.

Please consider and give your attention to the following as soon as possible:

1. Armenian Studies Programs reunion questionnaire. This was sent to you several months ago for comment, revision, discussion, etc. I think this should be sent before any planning is attempted for such reunions.
2. We still need a complete address listing of the delegates to the 1983 ACYOA General Assembly. Since we don't have the Credential Cards, such a listing must be typed and prepared. You will find a "partial" list of the participants in the Assembly attached to the Minutes of the Assembly. Begin with that.
3. You had mentioned that a meeting would be arranged to discuss the ACYOA Parish Mission Program in January. You then mentioned it might take place during the Archbishop's Tournament. I hope that you will inform me with due notice. During that weekend, I will not be available Sunday afternoon.
4. It was good that you were able to visit some of the parishes in your region.....please forward your comments via the ACYOA Central Council Parish Visitation form. Thank you.
5. Please make every attempt to participate in the Workshop and Seminar on Church Youth Ministry, March 23-25, Geotown, Mass.

Hope to hear from you very soon. Stay well.



12 February 84

GEORGE JEVARJIAN  
Recording Secretary - ACYOA Central Council  
36602 Grove  
Livonia, MI 48154

Dear George,

It's been a long time since we've heard from you - hope all is well.

Needless to say, the December ACYOA Central Council Meeting Minutes are late. Please get these out as soon as possible. They were anticipated before the canceled meeting dates of February 10-12.

I am very concerned about the National Youth Listing. I have gone through the list and find only 1100 real names, of which, there are numerous repeats, as well as many corrections that I spot while quickly going through it. In addition, the copy that I have does not utilize the top line of a label sheet, and thus there is considerable waste when making a complete copy on labels.

Enclosed is a copy of the listing I have with corrections that I noticed. Also, an outline of a revision schedule I wish to see implemented as soon as possible. If you have any questions on this, please do be in touch.

In the meantime, please forward the most revised listing (if a more revised list has been prepared) since the last one) to myself and to Kevin Giragosian in Palos Heights. Also, please forward to me a listing of all names in alphabetical order (as opposed to zip code order) as well as a listing of dues paid members. I know that the computer has been set up for alphabetical as well as zip code order, however, I am not sure if the dues paid members have been put in. Please give this your immediate attention.

Take care of yourself - look forward to hearing from you very soon. Stay well.

Sincerely yours,

9 February 84

REGINA OHANYAN  
Chairman - Saturday Conferences  
82nd Diocesan Assembly  
220 Monroe Avenue  
Rivers Edge, N.J. 07661

Dear Regina,

Thank you for your very nice letter of January 23rd. It shows you have given your responsibilities a great deal of thought and will endeavor to make the necessary arrangements for the Saturday Conferences of the Assembly as convenient and complete as is possible.

Enclosed is the "response form" you requested. It is complete as is possible at this time.

If there are any other areas of clarification needed, please do be in touch.

Best of luck. See you soon.

Sincerely,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church



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

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

7 February 84

Dear ACYOA Central Council Members,

This is the time of year that we experience a little lack of activity, enthusiasm and a general lull in our endeavors. Don't let it happen for too long. The result is not recoverable!

As you all know, the scheduled meeting for February has been canceled due to apparent conflicts in personal calendars. Ordinarily, meetings are not canceled because of one or two persons not being able to attend. However, since the agenda is not that demanding, and, since the participation of all members is essential, the cancelation will result in a "conference call" set up to exchange our ideas and thoughts on the agenda items.

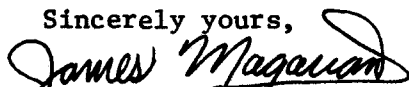
A "conference call" meeting is not a regular meeting; it is a chance for all members to discuss with the Executive Secretary various pending business and certain preparation for upcoming programs and activities. Everyone will receive an abbreviated "agenda" for us to follow. Of course lengthy discussion should be avoided since an hour can pass before we know it. It is suggested that everyone make a few notes prior to the call to ensure that all your points are covered.

In December it was mentioned that a new, updated, National Mailing List would be coming out "very soon". This is important, since there are several changes in all parishes. A "revised" copy of the prior list is being sent to George Jevanjian so that the corrections from this office are included in the update. Perhaps a regular updated printing of the listing for all users be made every six months. It is important that the changes be made within a reasonable length of time, and, that new addresses be added to the listing as soon as possible. At this time, it is difficult to discern just how the changes, cross-checking, updating, adding are taking place. A standardized procedure is needed.

Regarding the 1984 Armenian Studies Programs, we have received over 25 requests for applications, far ahead of last year at this time. Enclosed you will find the latest "fact sheet" regarding the programs. This has been sent to all parishes and chapters.

By now you all should have received information on the "Workshop and Seminar on Church Youth Ministry" - March 23-25. It is highly recommended that you encourage anyone involved with youth programming to participate, as well attend yourself.

Sincerely yours,

  
JAMES MAGARIAN



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*Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate*

**6 FEBRUARY 84**

### **THINGS TO REMEMBER**

#### Armenian Studies Programs

Enclosed is the latest "Fact Sheet" for the 1984 Armenian Studies Programs. Pay close attention to the application requirements, and, the deadlines. All things being equal, applicants are accepted on a first come, first serve basis. Apply early. Space is limited in Program #1.

#### ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

March 2-4 - New York City. Hosted by the Bayside ACYOA Chapter of Holy Martyrs Armenian Church. Men's and women's competition. No age restrictions or ACYOA Membership requirements. All participants must be members of the Armenian Church. Trophies for champions and all-stars. Accommodations are arranged at the Marriot-LaGuardia Hotel. For more information and itinerary, call Diane Kapikian at 212-461-9780 in the evening. Many things are planned - more than just basketball.

#### GREAT LENT

Begins in the Armenian Church on March 5th, Monday. All ACYOA Chapters should consider appropriate types of programming during this period.

#### WORKSHOP AND SEMINAR ON YOUTH MINISTRY

March 23-25 - Groton, Mass. - 35 minutes northwest of Boston. If you or someone you know is involved in youth programming, or, is interested in learning about youth ministry in the Church, this Seminar is a must. Sponsored by the Diocese of the Armenian Church, the first session will begin at 8pm on Friday, March 23rd. The Weekend itinerary will end with a luncheon on Sunday following Church services at Ss. Vartanantz Armenian Church in Chelmsford, Mass. For more information, contact Nancy Basmajian (215-722-3369) or James Magarian (617-256-7234)

#### PALM SUNDAY

April 15th marks Palm Sunday in the Armenian Church this year. This day is also designated as "ACYOA DAY", as noted on the Diocesan Calendar. All ACYOA Chapters should consider planning a program on this day in their respective parishes. The emphasis of such programs should be the importance of the youth and young adults of the Church in the everyday life of the Parish. Indeed, where there are both Junior and Senior Chapters, a combined effort should be realized. See the ACYOA Chapter Handbook for format suggestions.

#### LEADERSHIP SEMINAR

The annual ACYOA Leadership Seminar is scheduled for May 5th, in conjunction with the Annual Diocesan Assembly in Fair Lawn, N.J. More information forthcoming.

6 February 84

TORY TOPJIAN  
Program Coordinator - ASP  
Western Diocese  
1201 North Vine Street  
Hollywood, CA 90038

Dear Tory,

Enclosed you will find the latest fact sheet regarding the 1984 ACYOA Armenian Studies Programs. Pay notice to "Program #1", since this is your area of highest interest.

Again, understand that we are allowing a maximum of 20 participants, 5 places of which are presently reserved for young adults of the Western Diocese. We have no intention of over-burdening the Group Leaders with larger numbers this year.

As the fact sheet states, all applications will be considered complete when accompanied by a valid passport, \$500.00 deposit, and addoctor's note of "good health". The deadline for Program #1 is April 1st. After ~~this~~ date, if we have not ~~received~~ your 5 applications, we shall fill the places with young adults of the Eastern Diocese. (Of course you may apply for ~~less~~ than 5 plances.)

Understand that we intend to make this year's procedures as simple and ~~decret~~ as possible, and without last minute changes and problems.

Best of luck in ~~coordinating~~ the effort in your Diocese. We are aware of your hard work and ~~eiligence~~.

Stay well.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MCGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

6 February 84

MICHAEL KERMIAN  
Director - Armenian Diocese  
630 Second Avenue  
N.Y.C., N.Y. 10016-4885

Dear Mr. Kermian,

Enclosed you will find the various materials sent today regarding the planned Workshop and Seminar on Church Youth Ministry. These materials were prepared and sent by Nancy Basmajian and I to the following for their information and/or participation:

All Parishes, Parish Council Chairmen, Church School Superintendents, ACYOA Senior Chapter Chairmen, ACYOA Central Council Members, Committee Members for Youth Ministry, ACYOA Junior Advisors, Diocesan Council Members, and selected individuals. (approx. 280)

Drafts of appropriate letters were sent to the Primate with related materials for the Clergy of the Diocese.

Enclosed you will also find a budget for the Seminar. One item we had not discussed is a deposit for the "Gnotonwoods Camp & Conference Center", customarily \$3.00 per person, not refundable. This will be needed by the first of March. At that time, we will have a better idea of the number of expected participants.

Please inform if there is need for additional information.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN

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c.c. Primate  
Nancy Basmajian

6 February 84

MICHAEL KERMIAN  
Director - Armenian Diocese  
630 Second Avenue  
N.Y.C., N.Y. 10016-4885

Dear Mr. Kermian,

Just a note to express my pleasure in meeting you at the Diocese during my last visit, and to say that I wish you God's many blessings as you endeavor to serverour Church.

It is good to see the administrative staff of the Diocese growing, especially with the amount of work needed to serve the people of our Church. May you find the many joys of serving the Church, although they are mahy times hidden behind the frustrations and pro-blems that will always be with us.

My concerns for the young people of our Church go far beyond the confines of my position. I have given the question of youth program-ning a great deal of thought over the past 4 years and feel it is time we redefine and redesign our needs and procedures.

Enclosed you will find an initial proposal that prompted the creation ofthe Committee for Youth Ministry in the Diocese. It will give you an idea of where I feel the Church in America should be heading. Of course it is a rough draft, however, it could be considered a beginning.

I do hppe that we are able to exchange our idass, and ddk forward to our future discussions.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN

3 February 84

SOUREN TASHJIAN  
3 Desmond Street  
Watertown, MA 02172

Dear Mr. Tashjian,

Thank you for your letter of January 28th.

Enclosed are the application forms you requested for the 1984 ACYOA Educational Tour to Armenia. Also enclosed are facts sheets for each of the three programs of the Armenian Studies Programs.

Please keep in mind our past experiences and the requirements involved with the tours. We must maintain our requirements so that everyone has a fair chance to gain acceptance into the program.

In addition, we highly suggest that you inform all applicants (especially those with non-U.S. Passports) that passage is not guaranteed, and that cancelation may and can occur the day before departure. This courtesy is the least we can do for all applicants.

Looking forward to your qualified participation.

Sincerely,

JAMES MAGARRIN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

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27 March 84

MESROB KERMIAN  
Director - Armenian Diocese  
630 Second Avenue  
N.Y.C., N.Y. 10016-4885

Dear Mr. Kermian,

Enclosed is the remainder of checks received for the Workshop and Seminar on Youth Ministry.

Some of the checks were adjusted for participants who were not able to attend the entire weekend.

Also enclosed is a billing statement from the Conference Center which housed the Seminar. This check should be sent direct as soon as possible. Other bills for this program will be sent as they are prepared.

A complete report on the Seminar, including costs, materials, itinerary, etc. will be filed for your reference.

Sincerely,

JAMES MAGARIAN

22 March 84

MARYANN OHANIAN  
New Britain ACYOA Chapter  
Armenian Church of the Holy Resurrection  
105 Lyons Street  
New Britain, CT 06052

Dear Maryann,

I was nice to speak with you recently, and I hope you enjoyed your vacation. It must have been nice to get away and relax.

As we had discussed, I am planning to visit with you and meet with the young people of the parish on either Monday, April 16th, or Monday, April 23rd, at 7:30 p.m. at the Church. Please inform as soon as possible on the date - I prefer the 23rd, but either will work out.

At this gathering, or visit (don't use the word meeting, it's worn out!), please try to invite Charlie Shooshan and other members of the Hartford group. In addition, the older members of the New Britain Juniors should also be invited, especially the Chairman.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask. Perhaps you and a few others could have dinner prior to the gathering.

Stay well.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN

c.c. Pastor

20 March 84

REV. FR. VERTANES KALADJIAN  
5024 Battic Avenue  
Rockville, MD 20853

Rev. Fr. Vertanes:

Enclosed are some of the more pertinent records of the past ACYOA Tours to Armenia via the Armenian Studies Programs. PLEASE, PLEASE, keep these records intact as they are the permanent file materials for the Programs. By mid-May (or when we meet at that time) I shall expect these materials returned intact. You may make copies as you see the need.

Please also take note of the outline for the program (#1) and the Final Report Outline for the Group Leaders. (#2). These two items are for your immediate attention and should be used as a guide in your planning while in Armenia, as well as your report upon your return.

As discussed before, we should plan to meet late April or May, besides the Diocesan Assembly when we can briefly discuss the program while in Fair Lawn, New Jersey. While I am in Washington, I should also like to meet with your Senior Group, especially when I last met with them I told them I would meet with them again in the Spring sometime. Please keep this in mind.

As a date to work with, let's try to meet April 28th and 29th in Washington. Please get back to me on this as soon as possible.

Respectfully yours,

JAMES MAGARIN

c.c. Primate

21 March 84

ARDA NAZERIAN  
Chairman - ACYOA Central Council  
186-39 Midland Parkway  
Jamaica Estates, N.Y. 11432

Dear Arda,

As you know, The ACYOA Leadership Seminar will take place again this year in conjunction with the Annual Diocesan Assembly on May 5th at the Ramada Inn, 375 W. Passaic Street, Rochelle Park, N.J. 07662 (201-845-3400). The Coronado Room has been reserved for our use that day.

A staff member of the Northeast Center for Youth Ministry, located in Paterson, N.J., has been invited to speak and lead the Seminar. Her name is Lucille Kreidler Smith. No travel expense will be involved due to the close proximity of the Northeast Center with the Diocesan Assembly site. However, a \$100.00 stipend is required for her services that day. She has forwarded a theme and topic areas which she shall present and use for discussion purposes:

Theme: SURVIVAL SKILLS FOR YOUTH MINISTERS

- [1] Leadership Styles.  
Participants will identify their leadership style and leadership styles used in a group, organization, committee, etc.
- [2] Planning and Organizing a Youth Ministry.  
Practical skills and processes necessary to run a youth group.
- [3] Maintenance.  
How to keep youth and young adults involved once they join the group.

Your name, as Coordinator of this Program, has been given to Lucille. I suggest that you call her and introduce yourself, as well as suggest any particular areas that she might add or emphasize during her presentation. The number at the Northeast Center is 201-345-2908. In addition, as we have discussed, you will welcome the participants, introduce the Program and introduce Lucille. She will conduct the Program from that point. (See enclosure for day's itinerary.)

The problem now exists of publicity and promotion. Needless to say, we can arrange

the most wonderful programs and events, but if the right people don't attend, or if only a small number participate, we've missed the target and all our work really didn't amount to much.

A letter from you, as ACYOA Central Council Chairman and ACYOA Leadership Seminar Coordinator, should be sent to all the parishes and ACYOA Chapters of the Diocese. The letter should emphasize the importance of the Seminar, as well as expected attendance by representatives (preferably leaders) of the parishes and/or chapters.

It is understandable that far away chapters may not want to spend the money for this (travel, hotel, etc.). This is a tragedy, but one we must deal with. Be sure to also write to the Clergy and Parish Councils, again emphasizing the Seminar and how it can benefit their own parish organizations and the parish as a whole.

Perhaps, we must promote the Seminar heavily in the N.Y./N.J. area where there are about 10 Armenian Churches, and should result in at least 15-20 participants. Keep in mind that this Seminar is not restricted to anyone. All young adults of the parishes are invited to participate, (free of any charges) and learn about leadership skills and youth ministry in general.

In addition to letters sent by you, I am designing a flyer that should be sent to the general mailing listing of the ACYOA in the Mid-Atlantic and perhaps New England regions. There may be young adults who are interested in such Seminars, but are not very involved in the Chapters - in which case they will never hear about it. The flyer will be ready soon, and should be sent independent of your letters.

Again, I cannot emphasize enough the importance of promoting this Seminar in the Mid-Atlantic region. The upcoming Mid-Atlantic Conference should be used to explain the Seminar and invited the attendees.

Looking forward to seeing you in Philadelphia.

Stay well.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN

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c.c. Primate  
Director of Diocese  
Central Council Mid-Atlantic Representative

PS Send copies of your letters to the other Council members, and ask them to promote and personally contact the chapters in their respective regions.

21 March 84

LUCILLE KREIDLER SMITH  
Northeast Center for Youth Ministry  
869 Broadway - Paterson, N.J. 07514

Dear Lucille,

Thank you for your prompt response regarding our Leadership Seminar on May 5th. The outline you sent, along with your Vita~~e~~, appears to be on target for this Particular Seminar. The following is for your information:

- [1] Name of Program - ACYOA Leadership Seminar.  
ACYOA = Armenian Church Youth Organization of America, the official youth program of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America, ages 18 thru 30. The Seminar is held annually in conjunction with the Diocesan Assembly.
- [2] Program Coordinator.  
Arda Nazerian, who is also the Chairman of the ACYOA Central Council, the elected body of the ACYOA. She has been informed of the theme and topics, and will contact you soon regarding the program and any additional topics she may want addressed. She is very energetic, articulate and cares a great deal about the young people of the Armenian Church. She will introduce you that day.
- [3] Seminar location.  
Ramada Inn, 375 W. Passaic Street, Rochelle Park, N.J. 07662 (201-845-3400). The Coronado Room has been reserved for our use. We expect anywhere between 15 and 30 people, mostly young adults.
- [4] Itinerary.  
9a.m. - Registration  
9:30a.m. - Seminar begins  
12noon - Luncheon at St. Leon's Armenian Church, Fair Lawn, N.J.  
2p.m. - Seminar resumes  
3:30 - Seminar ends (unless more time is needed or wanted)  
General announcements, ACYOA related discussions  
4 or 4:30 - Departure.
- [5] A stipend of \$100.00 will be sent following the Seminar to the Northeast Center, or whome you designate, from the ACYOA Central Council.

If you have any particular needs, please inform Arda Nazerian (212-454-8370) or myself.

Well look forward to your presentation and to some exciting discussion and exchange of ideas during the Seminar.

Sincerely,

JAMES MACARAIN

c.c. P~~r~~imate  
Director of Diocese  
ACYOA Central Council Chairman

16 March 84

MESROB KERMIAN  
Director - Armenian Diocese  
630 Second Avenue  
N.Y.C., N.Y. 10016-4885

Dear Mr. Kermian,

For a number of years I have tried to organized regional programs designed to bring together the young adults of the regional parishes for religious, cultural, athletic and social programs. In the past, we have had regional retreats, leadership seminars, conferences and educational programs.

In New England, Gary Hovhannessian, Paul Pogharian and Mark Kananjian, former ACYOA Central Council Members, have demonstrated their desire to plan and execute two regional sports tournaments during the year. One softball, the other basketball, about six months apart.

In meeting with them several times, we have decided to plan a softball tournament for May 25-28 (Memorial Day Weekend). Facilities have been investigated and judging by verbal response and popularity, the tournament should draw at least 6-8 teams. Our capacity (realistically) is 8 teams. Eligibility to play follows the rules of the Archbishop's Basketball Tournament, in that any member of the parish may play, parishes may combine, and all will be dealt with evenly.

Enclosed is a budget for your information. Any comments or ideas you might have would be most appreciated.

Promotion is the key-word for this program. Vaughan Totovian, the New England Regional Representative from the Central Council has been inform of this and will assist with promotion as well.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN

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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

16 March 84

Dear ACYOA Central Council Members,

Hope everyone is well and preparing for Springtime. Much too much time has passed since we've met, either in person or over the telephone. Although I have spoken with some of you, our collective thoughts have not been utilized. Moreover, I am somewhat disappointed that some of you have not called to inform me of your progress, problems, expectations, etc., etc. - that's what I'm here for! In any case, I just hope all is well with you.

The following items, among others, are of some concern:

[1] Parish visitations and reports

Melanie is the only Council member who has forwarded any reports concerning parish visitations (unless I have misplaced some others?!). Judging by this, it appears that few, if any, visitations are taking place. At the very LEAST telephone calls should be made periodically to all parishes - with and without chapters - just to check in and inform on upcoming events and show that we care.

[2] Monthly financial statements

Although statements from the bank have been slow in coming, statements from the Council have been even slower. To this day I do not know if the corrections that were necessary have been made, or if a complete set of monthly statements are on file - anywhere. In addition, recent review of the checking account revealed some unusually high reimbursement checks requested and sent out. REMEMBER: All Council members are to send in their reimbursement forms on a MONTHLY BASIS, and not "save up" until you get around to it. If you can't understand why this is part of Council Operations and Procedures, please ask.

[3] Archbishop's Tournaments

Wonderfully hosted by the Bayside Chapter - namely Diane Kapikian, Shake Ajamian and Arda Nazerian. Disappointing turnout of womens teams - only two. However, ten mens teams participated in a well planned weekend of games and socials. Also disappointing was the participation of other members of the Bayside Chapter in assisting with the various needs of hosting the event - in particular the members of the Bayside mens team - they were invisible except when they had a game to play. Please indicate if this is a wrong observation. Overall, a very good weekend thanks to the three dedicated women mentioned above.

## [4] Council Meeting MinutesΔ

It appears that we've haven't had much in the way of meetings?! Who do you have to know to get a record of the minutes? By George, I think I know!

## [5] Council MeetingsΔ

The last meeting was cancelled, but was suppose to be replaced with a "conference call". This has yet to happen, and may as well be forgotten as we prepare for the scheduled meeting of April 6-8 at the Diocese in New York. A letter with agenda will be sent, along with information on travel and accommodations for those who need it.

## [6] FiancesΔ

Funds are somewhat low. Everyone should use any and all methods of conserving for the time being. Since the expected dues at the beginning of the year has yet to materialize, we best contact all chapters immediately and inform them of our needs, as well as the penalty for late dues (renewals). Late renwals can be penalized \$25.00, and if not paid revert to "new" dues, due by June 30th. This is part of a chapter's obligations, and can result in non-participation in the Assembly and Sports Weekend. Our contact with chapters, or lack of it, is somewhat evident here.

## [7] Chapter CalendarΔ

A good idea that should be reviewed. At the December meeting, we agreed that a Calendar would be sent to all Parishes, with monthly updates. Thus far, I have only seen the bare Calendar, have no idea if the chapters/parishes ever received their copies, or if monthly updates have been going out. My experience tells me that I should assume that little has been done. A good idea that needs improvement.

## [8] Mid-Atlantic ConferenceΔ

A new approach to a regional conference is being attempted on March 30-31st in Wynnewood, PA. A Friday evening dinner-get-together is planned to introduce various members of the region to each other in a relaxed atmosphere. On Saturday, a mixture of business, announcements, reminders, discussions, etc. will take place with the aim of planning feasible projects and events specific for this region. Melanie and Arda have been in touch on this.

## [9] MidWest Regional ConferenceΔ

Did one take place in November? I can't seem to find the one page report or fact sheet that is usually filed to keep a record of these things.

## [10] New EnglandΔ

No conference yet - but some type of innovative get-together is in order - yes? Former Council members Mark Kazanjian, Gary Hovahnessian and Paul Pogharian have offered their assistance in planning and running a softball tournament for the parishes of the region, using similar rules of eligibility as in the Archbishop's Tournament. It will take place over the Memorial Day Weekend in Plainville, CT, new New Britain. Mid-Atlantic and Midwest are next!

## [11] Youth Ministry Seminar and WorkshopΔ

March 23-25th - Groton, Mass. All Council members have been invited to participate in this program, but to date only Melanie has sent in the registration form. It is designed to increase your understanding and insight into the needs of youth, as well as consider ways to meet those needs.

## [12] "INTERIM" ProgramsΔ

See enclosed letter. This program could be one of the single most important steps to improve our Armenian Church youth programming in the parishes of the Diocese. You may wish to consider this yourself, or promote it where and when possible.

## [13] Executive UpdateΔ

I know that all of you just can't wait for the next issue so that you can read it and send it to the names on the national mailing list. The "April" issue is at the printer and will be mailed to you March 19th. It contains Easter type information and should be sent as soon as possible - which you usually do anyway, right? Of course!

## [14] 1500th AnniversaryΔ

This is a biggy. The 1500th Anniversary of the Treaty of Nevarsag, which permitted the Armenians religious freedom from the Persians after thirty years of struggle from the time of Vartan and the Battle of Avarayr. Because this is an important event, it might be appropriate for us to send to our members something explaining the historical facts and results. A booklet has been prepared on this occasion that might just be right - we'll discuss it at our next meeting. Think about it.

## [15] Armenian Studies ProgramsΔ

Many requests for information and applications have been received and processed. However, with only two weeks to the deadline of Program #1, we have only a few applicants. Promote when and where possible - even after the deadline - if not for this year, next year. Rev. Fr. Vertanes Kaladjian, Pastor of St. Mary's in Washington, has been appointed by the Primate to lead the Group to Armenia on Program #1.

Although there ~~are~~ always more concerns, I think that's about enough for now. Looking forward to seeing everyone in New York City, April 6th, Friday evening. If we start early, perhaps we may finish by Saturday evening for those who must depart early. Stay well. Pleasant travels to all.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN

c.c. Primate  
Director of Diocese

15 March 84

MESROB KERMIAN  
Director - Armenian Diocese  
630 Second Avenue  
N.Y.C., N.Y. 10016-4885

Dear Mr. Kermian,

Enclosed are:

1. Checks covering registration fees received thus far.
2. Listing sheet of checks.

As more checks are received, they shall be sent accordingly.

Immediately following the Youth Ministry Seminar, a check for the lodging and meals, as well as the Sunday luncheon will be needed. Also, reimbursement for travel expenses for the Seminar Leader should be sent. All of these will have receipts or billing invoices.

Regarding the Diocesan Staff Meeting, if it is possible, please schedule the meeting for the afternoon. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN

12 March 84

SYLVIA TERZIBASHIAN  
Secretary to the Primate  
Armenian Diocese  
630 Second Avenue  
N.Y.C., N.Y. 10016-4885

Dear Sylvia,

Enclosed are the various certificates awarded to certain players of the annual ACYOA Archbishop Torkom Manoggian Basketball Tournament.

At your earliest convenience, kindly ask His Eminence to affix his signature at the lower right of the certificates. Please be sure that all certificates enclosed are signed by the Primate.

Upon receiving the signatures, please return the entire number of certificates to the address provided below.

I appreciate your prompt attention on this, as I would like to send out the certificates as soon as possible.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

JAMES MAGARRAN

ACYOA  
99 Long Pond Road  
Tyngsborough, MA 01879

8 March 84

DIANE KAPIKIAN  
Host Committee Chairman  
1984 Archbishop's Basketball Tournament  
167-23 65th Avenue  
Flushing, N.Y. 11365

Dear Diane,

Your work and commitment to quality, and that of your Committee Members, more than demonstrated during this year's edition of the ACYOA Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Basketball Tournament.

We are fully aware of the amount of time and effort involved in hosting such programs and events. We are also aware of the number of Committee and Chapter members you had to tap as resources and workers for the preparation and execution of the Tournament. We sincerely appreciate the work and effort of the Host Committee and especially to you as its coordinator. Consider it "well done!" as many of the participants stated during the weekend.

Enclosed is the Outline for Final Report on the Tournament Weekend. Use this as a guide and submit it along with the other essentials of the final report. Two copies of the report should be made, one for your reference and use, and one for the permanent files of the Diocese.

We look forward to seeing you again in the near future, and to working with you again on other events and projects that call for dedicated people committed to quality.

May God bless you and the other members of the Host Committee. Stay well.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARAAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

6 March 84

REV. FR. KAREKIN KASPARIAN  
Diocesan Council Member  
37 Sara Lane  
New Rochelle, N.Y. 10804

Rev. Father Karekin:

I have just received a message from Sylvia Terzibashian regarding the "Handbook" for the Armenian Studies Programs, specifically the "Educational Tour to Armenia."

She mentioned a need to revise the Handbook before it is reprinted. As it stands now, there is no intention to reprint the Handbook until the current supply is depleted.

There are approximately 65 copies left from the original printing in 1981.

Upon his request, a copy was forwarded to Micheal Kermian, Director of Diocese, a couple of weeks ago. In addition, there are several copies on file at the Diocesan Offices, specifically with the Primate.

Respectfully yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN

C.C. Primate

# FACT:

**You are a Good Leader  
You're even more effective  
When you have your  
"Act Together"**

## **WHO SHOULD ATTEND?**

Young adults,  
ACYOA Chairman,  
ACYOA Advisors,  
Youth Liaisons,  
anyone who works  
with young people.

## **For More Information:**

### **Contact**

Arda Nazerian  
212-454-8370 evenings

James Magarian  
617-256-7234 days

**EXAMINE & IMPROVE**

**YOURSELF**

**AT THE**

**ACYOA LEADERSHIP**

**SEMINAR**

## **WHEN & WHERE:**

Saturday - May 5th  
9 am - 4 pm  
Ramada Inn  
375 West Passaic Street  
Rochelle Park, N.J. 07662  
(201-845-3400)  
"Coronado Room"

## **Itinerary:**

9 am .....Registration  
9:30 am ...First Session  
12 noon ...Luncheon  
2 pm .....Second Session  
4 pm .....Announcements  
and closing

## **Seminar Leader:**

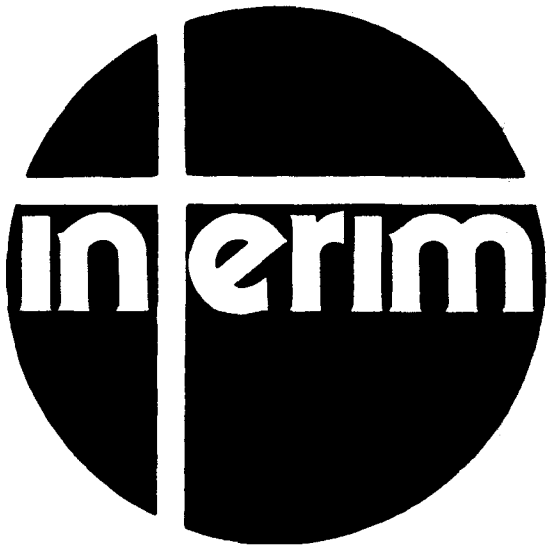
Lucille Kreidler Smith  
Northeast Center for Youth Ministry

**THEME:** "Survival Skills For Youth Leaders"

**TOPICS:** (1) Leadership Styles  
(2) Planning & Organizing  
(3) Keeping youth & adults involved

An ACYOA program in conjunction with the Annual Diocesan Assembly  
NO FEE REQUIRED





# Does your youth program need full time attention?

**If the answer is "YES", INTERIM is for you!**

## **What is INTERIM?**

INTERIM is a new program offered by the Diocese of the Armenian Church to parishes interested in improving the quality of their youth program.

## **What will INTERIM provide for my parish?**

The INTERIM program provides the following:

- 1 - A full-time intern youth worker
- 2 - Professional training for the intern
- 3 - On-going supervision - follow-up by the Diocese
- 4 - A well-balanced youth program for your parish

## **How Long is the INTERIM program?**

The INTERIM program requires a two-year commitment by both the intern and the parish. After two years, the intern will have received training and experience in youth ministry, and the parish will have benefited from the services of a full-time youth worker.

## **How much will INTERIM cost?**

The cost to the parish is approximately **\$10,000\*** for the two-year INTERIM program. This includes:

- 1 - A monthly stipend for the intern
- 2 - Medical coverage
- 3 - Room and board or allowance for such
- 4 - Training and supervision for the intern

\* (Will vary depending on room and board costs)

## **Can two or more parishes "share" a youth worker?**

Yes. If you wish to share a youth worker among several neighboring parishes, you may do so, thereby, lowering the expense to your parish.

## **How do I find out more about INTERIM?**

For more information, contact Diocesan Youth Directors, Nancy Basmajian (215-722-3369) or James Magarian (617-256-7234). One of them will be glad to come to your parish to discuss the details and answer all your questions.

**Don't Delay, the Program begins in June**

The First  
New England Armenian

# SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

may

26-28<sup>TH</sup>

A (MEMORIAL DAY) WEEKEND  
TO DECIDE THE NEW ENGLAND  
CHAMPION WITH PLENTY OF  
SOFTBALL GAMES - RAIN OR  
SHINE. BE THERE!

Call Today

GARY HOVHANESSIAN -  
[203-747-6669 days]  
MARK KAZANJIAN -  
[617-688-8356 days]  
PAUL POGHARIAN -  
[617-657-6100  
X-6202 days]  
JIM MAGARIAN -  
[617-256-7234 days]  
[617-649-6875 eves]

Let the  
games  
begin!

Competition: "Round-Robin" - each team plays each other once in preliminary rounds, plus semi-finals & finals. ASA Slow-Pitch Rules and ASA Umpires. 8 team limit - 8 teams mean a guarantee of 7 games for all teams - win or lose.

Field: Norton Park, Plainville, CT. Well kept diamonds with lights.

Fee: \$155.00 per team. \$10.00 less for second team from one parish. \$25.00 late registration charge. Make checks out to: Diocese of the Armenian Church.

Deadline: May 19th - please!

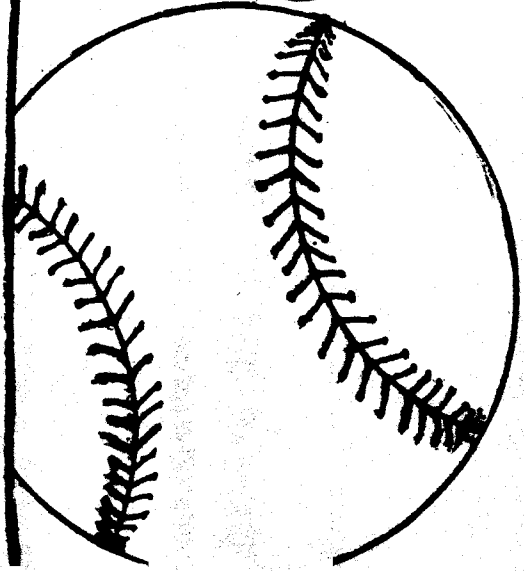
Eligibility: New England Region Armenian Church Parishes: Cambridge, Chelmsford, Haverhill, Lawrence, Worcester, Watertown, Providence, Springfield, Hartford, New Britain, Trumbull, Watervliet. Male & female players - must be members of parish - any age - adults & youth.

Registration: [1] Complete Roster of all players, coaches, & managers. [2] Tournament Fee paid in full. Both sent by the deadline to: James Magarian, 99 Long Pond Road, Tyngsboro, Mass. 01879. Additional information will be sent to each parish priest. NOTE: Include phone number of coach.

Hotel: Holiday Inn, Plainville, Conn. Exit 34 off Rt. 84 (203-747-6876)  
RATES: \$44. single/double, \$49. three or more - per night. Reserve direct.

Schedule:

Friday: 8-11pm REGISTRATION (hotel)  
Reception & Cocktails  
Saturday: 8:30am-10pm BALL GAMES PLUS  
Sunday: 12n-10pm BALL GAMES PLUS  
Monday: 8:30am-4pm SEMI & FINAL GAMES



27 April 84

STELLA CHOUKACHIAN  
Chairperson - Westchester ACYOA Chapter  
St. James Armenian Church  
8 Bryant Crescent  
White Plains, N.Y. 10605

Dear Stella,

Thank you for sending the listing of your new Chapter Officers. It's good to know who's in charge and who should be receiving the letters and notices regarding ACYOA programs and activities for St. James of Westchester.

Enclosed you will find the latest copy of the "Executive Update" (which you may have already received). The Update is mailed direct to all Chapter Chairmen 6 times a year first class mail. It is mailed bulk rate to the members soon after. Also enclosed you will find some of the various forms used by the ACYOA. The "Fact Sheets" are a means of communicating with the Executive Secretary and ACYOA Central Council on a regular monthly basis. At the end of the year, the "Annual Report" form is used as a culmination of the information given on the monthly Fact Sheets. You need not take alot of time for these, just give the basics or as much as you wish.

Presently, I am trying to schedule a visitation to your parish and meet with you, and the other young adults of the parish. I would like to do this during the summer if a convenient date can be arranged. Perhaps you can discuss this with Der Karekin and contact me.

Looking forward to hearing from you and meeting with you soon. Stay well.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church

c.c. Pastor



DIocese OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF AMERICA, 630 SECOND AVENUE, NEW YORK, N.Y. 10016-4885 212 686-0710

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

25 April 84

TO: New England Area Armenian Church Parishes

Cambridge, Chelmsford, Hartford, Haverhill, Lawrence,  
New Britain, Providence, Springfield, Trumbull, Watertown,  
Watervliet, Worcester

You are most welcome to participate in the first organized  
New England Area **ARMENIAN SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT**,  
to be held in Plainville, CT, May 26-28th, 1984.

Enclosed are: Tournament Flyer, Rules and Regulations and the  
Application Form to be used. Please attend to these yourself,  
or forward them to the appropriate person(s). Your cooperation  
is most appreciated.

This first Tournament is organized by the Diocese, with the  
expertise and cooperation of former ACYOA Central Council mem-  
bers Gary Hovhanessian, Mark Kazanjian and Paul Pogharian, who  
have been named as "Tournament Commissioners". They may be call-  
ing you soon for information, please give them your sincere  
attention and cooperation.

The main focus of this Tournament is to gather Armenians from  
the Parishes of the New England Area for a weekend of softball  
and togetherness. As the rules reveal, participation is encouraged  
by anyone, male or female, any age. Since this type of tournament  
encourages many games, win or lose, teams need not feel they have  
to be highly competitive. All teams will play many games, win or  
lose.

We look forward to seeing all parishes represented by one or more  
teams, and to an increase of interaction between adults, young adults  
and parishes of the New England Area.

  
JAMES MAGARIAN

(Copies to: All parishes, contacts, ACYOA Seniors)

25 April 84

REV. FR. VERTANES KALAYJIAN  
Group Leader - Educational Tour to Armenia  
Armenian Studies Programs  
5024 Battic Avenue  
Rockville, MD 20853

Rev. Fr. Vertanes:

Enclosed are the application forms of the participants in the 1984 Armenian Studie Program-- "Educational Tour to Armenia". There are blank forms also included, however the forms for the "Balian Group" have been sent directly to Rita Balian and Cecile Kesheshian to avoid time delay. Also, there are two application forms yet to be received.

Please make copies of these materials as you need them, and return them to me when we meet May 3rd at the Diocesan Assembly.

Also enclosed is the Outline for the final report of the Group Leader and Staff. Please review this Outline and ask any questions when we meet. You should be familiar with its needs during the trip, thereby making comments very easily upon your return. Your report is expected by August 17th, or one month after your return. I really appreciate your attention on this matter.

Again, I look forward to meeting with you May 3rd. Stay well.

Respectfully yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN

25 April 84

REV. FR. VERTANES KALAYJIAN  
Group Leader - Educational Tour to Armenia  
Armenian Studies Programs 1984  
5024 Battic Avenue  
Rockville, MD 20853

Rev. Father Vertanes:

Enclosed is a recent mailing to the participants in the 1984 Educational Tour to Armenia. Since I have received no applications from the "Balian Group", these materials are on hold for them.

As mentioned in the letter, a complete itinerary and other useful information will be sent to the participants by June 1st. In addition to this, a letter of introduction and expectations should be sent by you by May 15th. The addresses for the participants may be gotten from the application forms that will be sent to you soon. (PLEASE...make copies of these forms if you wish, and give them back to me when we meet at the Diocesan Assembly, Thursday May 3rd. Perhaps we may plan to have dinner about 6:30 p.m. and discuss the trip at that time as well.)

I assume that you have been in touch with the Travel Agent (Ed Coloyan, 379 Trapelo Road, Belmont, MA 02178, 617-489-1860) concerning the arrangements for your children. Regarding you and Yeretzgin, please forward your passports to the Travel Agent as soon as possible. You too will need 4 passport-size photos for the visa applications. Please send them along as soon as possible.

I cannot seem to find any address for those items we discussed as "freebies" for the participants. You may wish to call Fr. Haigazoun Melkonian in Cheltenham to see exactly what he got and the types of things to consider.

Looking forward to seeing you May 3rd. Stay Well. Krisdos Haryav ee merelotz]

Respectfully yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN

C.C. Primate

18 April 84

MESROB KERMIAN  
Administrative Director  
Armenian Diocese  
630 Second Avenue  
N.Y.C., N.Y. 10016-4885

Dear Mr. Kermian,

Enclosed is the Proposed Budget for the proposed Department of Youth Ministry of the Diocese. Nancy Basmajian and I reviewed our respective budgets for the 1985 year, and combining them along with other budgetary needs, resulted in the figures given here.

The figures reflect our work with increases in areas of need. In addition, many of the programs listed are self-supporting to greater and lesser degrees (as noted on the sheet).

If there is need for further clarification, please advise.

An entire outline on the proposed "department" is currently in its preparatory stages and will be discussed with you in the very near future. Our intention is to begin in January of 1985.

Sincerely,

JAMES MAGARIAN

c.c. Primate  
Nancy Basmajian

13 April 84

NAJDA BAKALIAN  
45-42 41st Street  
Long Island City, N.Y. 11104

Dear Najda,

Thank you for your interest in the ACYOA Armenian Studies Programs, in particular the "Educational Tour to Armenia".

According to your birthdate, August 26, 1967, you are too young to participate in the program. We require that all participants be at least 18 years of age, or, high school graduates. Please inform if this information about your age is correct.

You indicated that you are a member of an ACYOA Chapter, but failed to indicate which one. Please do so.

We ~~constantly~~ hope that your interest in traveling to Armenia will continue when you are of age to participate. Our purpose is to provide a quality program and opportunity to allow as many young people as possible to travel to Armenia and experience first hand the land of our ~~F~~refathers.

May God bless you during this Easter Season.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN



3 April 84

JULIA SARKISIAN  
5 Juliana Crescent  
St. Catherines, ONT L2N 4B5  
Canada

Dear Julia Sarkisian,

The ACYOA Armenian Studies Program "Educational Tour to Armenia" will commence on June 15th with orientation at St. Vartan Armenian Cathedral in New York City. Arrival back in the United States will be July 17th, New York City. Additional information and itinerary will be sent to you shortly.

As a participant in this program, you will be involved in an intensive four week experience designed to make the most of the time spent in Armenia. The formal program will include daily class time with instructors from the fields of Armenian language, history, archeology, architecture (ecclesiastical), art, music and ~~economy~~. Typical formats include morning lectures with afternoon excursions. (i.e. Morning lecture on architecture; afternoon trip to examples of the types discussed.)

Approximate times hours vary. However, you can expect at least 60 hours of actual "in class" time, with an equal amount of class time in the field. Armenia is filled with places of antiquity, in addition to the daily life of the people which in itself is a fine educational experience. The educational opportunities are boundless, and since you're an energetic and self-motivated person, you will undoubtedly make the most of your time in Armenia.

If you have any further questions, please do be in touch.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Program Director

30 May 84

REV. FR. VERTANES KALAYJIAN  
Pastor of St. Mary Armenian Church  
5024 Battic Avenue  
Rockville, Md 20853

Rev. Father Vertanes;

As per our conversation during the Diocesan Assembly regarding the "Handbooks" of the Armenian Studies Programs to Armenia.

These Handbooks are available to your Parish Bookstore for \$3.00 each, and we suggest that you could sell them for \$5.00 or \$6.00 each.

If you would like some of these Handbooks, please send a check representing the number you want to the address below. Make the check out to, Armenian Studies Programs.

Respectfully yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN

99 Long Pond Road  
Tyngsborough, MA 01999

30 May 84

REV. FR. VERTANES KALAYJIAN  
Group Leader - ASP #1 1984  
5024 Battic Avenue  
Rockville, MD 20853

Rev. Fr. Vertanes:

Enclosed you will find five "Handbooks to Armenia" for yourself, Yeretzgin, and your three children. These same Handbooks, along with a cover letter and inserts have been sent to all participants in the program.

If you have other handouts, program materials, -etc. you wish to give to the participants, you should plan to do this at Orientation on June 15th. This would include any materials, folders, pads, etc. you may have secured for the program.

As of this date, the following have not yet been received from you:

1. Payment for your three children - total of \$3,805.00. In speaking with Yeretzgin yesterday, she said this would be in the mail - please see to it.
2. Original application forms of the participants, which you said would be sent soon after you received them.
3. Copy of your "letter of introduction" sent to the participants. This should have been sent by this date - please send a copy.

As we had discussed regarding participants leaving the group for personal travels on the return from Armenia, this has always been discouraged and few exceptions have been made. However, the exception for this year is Nick Akgulian from Racine, Wis. He has sent a letter of disclaimer (as requested) stating that in no way are we responsible for his welfare after July 16th, Paris, when he will depart for further travels. If you wish further details as to why the exception has been made, please inform. However, there is the possibility that he will be unable to make the proper arrangements, (including having the necessary funds) and thus return with the group as planned.

Please keep in mind that you should be familiar with the "Outline for final report of the Group Leader", so that the questions it asked will have fresh answers. In addition, any administrative expenses you have regarding the program should be sent to me, along with receipts, as soon as possible. (i.e. telephone calls, papers, copying, mailing, etc.) I would appreciate this before you depart, if possible.

Please have a safe trip to New York City. Stay well and rest up for your trip!

Sincerely,

25 May 84

ARDA NAZERIAN  
Chairman- ACYOA Central Council  
186-39 Midland Parkway  
Jamaica Estates, N.Y. 11432

Dear Arda,

As you probably know, the Public Relations Department of the Diocese has recently made available resource people and workshop formats for use by parishes and other organizations. In speaking with the Director, Michael Zeytoonian, he said that he would be happy to conduct a 2-3 hour Public Relations workshop during the General Assembly in Palos Heights, IL this year.

Needless to say, the ACYOA chapters throughout the Diocese have difficulty to promoting their activities, events and programs, especially those events that are fund raisers. Many "flyers" have come to our office that are very poorly drawn, without enough information, or simply do not appeal to the event they are suppose to promote. It seems clear that a workshop for our Chapters would be a worthwhile investment of time and energy, especially at a time when the entire Organization is gathered together.

Please give this some thought as we prepare the agenda for the upcoming Assembly. You may also want to share this idea with the other Council Members.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN

25 May 84

ARDA NAZERIAN  
Chairman of ACYOA Central Council  
186-39 Midland Parkway  
Jamaica, Estates, N.Y. 11432

Dear Arda,

Enclosed you will find the ACYOA Central Council Reports for the 1982 and 1983 years, along with the Minutes to the previous (1983) ACYOA General Assembly.

As you prepare your Council Report, please refer to these two previous reports as a format and guide. The 1982 Report is the most complete, while the 1983 is more current in terms of content. In addition, you should refer to the Assembly Minutes, so that all items are addressed as requested by that Assembly.

The two of us should review your first draft so that everything is included, before you present it to the other Council members at the July Meeting, whereat the final draft will be completed. Of course you may consult with the other Council members as you prepare your notes. Keep in mind that the Report is supposed to be signed by the Council Chairman, and Executive Secretary, and, that it must be mailed out with the other Assembly materials to the delegates, chapters and parishes on August 1st.

As of the above date, the packet you said was mailed to me concerning the Archbishops Tournament report, names on the New Jersey women's teams, etc. has not yet arrived. Was it mailed? Was it lost? Please don't forget the report/fact sheet on the Leadership Seminar.

The Orientation for ASP participants in Program #1 will take place Friday, June 15th. Will you be able to join us? Can we meet that day to review a few things? Please be in touch.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN



DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF AMERICA, 630 SECOND AVENUE, NEW YORK, N.Y. 10016-4885 212 686-0710

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

25 May 84

**PARTICIPANTS TRAVELLING TO ARMENIA.....**

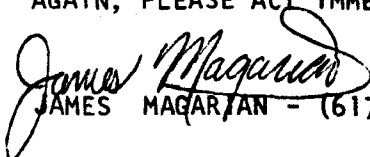
Prepare yourself for a most exciting and enlightening trip. Here are the details and things you must do now.

1. Itinerary: July 1st through July 22nd. Depart and return JFK International Airport - N.Y.C. 3 nights Moscow, 13 nights Yerevan, 3 nights Leningrad, and 1 night Paris. Travel by Air France Jumbo-Jet 747.
2. Accommodations: First Class Hotels in the Soviet Union, airport hotel in Paris. Three meals a day, continental breakfast in Paris. Twin basis unless requested otherwise, with additional fee.
3. Including: All transfers, Visa fees, daily guided tours, 3 meals a day, 2 performances (opera, ballet) in Moscow and Leningrad, and the time of your life. Plenty of free time to explore and shop.
4. See enclosure on other things you should know.

WHAT YOU MUST DO NOW.....time is short....

1. Total cost for this trip is \$1995.00 all inclusive. Please send this, less your deposit immediately to: ACYOA Armenian Studies Programs, 99 Long Pond Road, Tyngsborough, MA 01879. Make checks out to: "Armenian Studies Programs". (617-256-7234 days, 617-649-6875 evenings)
2. Send 4 passport-size photos, signed, to: Coloyan Travel Service, ACYOA Program #2, 379 Trapelo Road, Belmont, MA 02178 (617-489-1860)
3. You will receive a visa application form, please sign it and return it to the Travel Agent, as requested. Your passport has been forwarded to the Travel Agent, and will be given to you, along with your tickets, at the airport, prior to departure.
4. Buy some film, some new clothes, and get ready for a wonderful Armenian experience with other Armenians from America.

A special ACYOA Armenian Studies Program Handbook will be sent to you, as a participant in our program. If you have any questions, please do be in touch. AGAIN, PLEASE ACT IMMEDIATELY ON THE AFOREMENTIONED. THANK YOU.

  
JAMES MAGARIAN

(617-649-6875 evenings, 617-256-7234 days)

25 May 84

**RAREBEYANTS TRAVELLING TO ARMENIA.....**

Prepare yourself for a most exciting and enlightening trip. Here are the details and things you must do now.

1. Itinerary: July 1st through July 22nd. Depart and return JFK International Airport - N.Y.C. 3 nights Moscow, 13 nights Yerevan, 3 nights Leningrad, and 1 night Paris. Travel by Air France Jumbo-Jet 747.
2. Accommodations: First Class Hotels in the Soviet Union, airport hotel in Paris. Three meals a day, continental breakfast in Paris. Twin basis unless requested otherwise, with additional fee.
3. Including: All transfers, Visa fees, daily guided tours, 3 meals a day, 2 performances (opera, ballet) in Moscow and Leningrad, and the time of your life. Plenty of free time to explore and shop.
4. See enclosure on other things you should know.

**WHAT YOU MUST DO NOW.....time is short....**

1. Total cost for this trip is \$1995.00 all inclusive. Please send this, less your deposit immediately -to: ~~BYDong~~ Armenian Studies Programs, 99 Long Pond Road, Tyngsborough, MA 01879. Make checks out to; "Armenian Studies Programs". (617-456-7234 days, 617-649-6875 evenings)
2. Send 4 passport-size photos, signed, to: Coloyan Travel Service, ACYOA Program #2, 379 Trapelo Road, Belmont, MA 02178 (617-485-1860)
3. You will receive a visa application form, please sign it and return it to the Travel Agent, as requested. Your passport has been forwarded to the Travel Agent, and will be given to you, along with your tickets, at the airport, prior to departure.
4. Buy some film, some new clothes, and get ready for a wonderful Armenian experience with other Armenians from America.

A special ACYOA Armenian Studies Program Handbook will be send to you, as a participant in our program. If you have any questions, please do be in touch. AGAIN, PLEASE ACT IMMEDIATELY ON THE AFOREMENTIONED. THANK YOU.

25 May 84

CAROL LOSHIGIAN  
4 Sparton Lane  
Hauppauge, N.Y. 11787

RE: ACYOA Armenian Studies Programs

Dear Carol Loshigian,

Nancy Basmajian has just informed us that you are interested in sending one of your children on the Armenian Studies Program trip to Armenia. This is a great choice, since these trips provide our young people with a splendid exposure to Armenian culture, first hand.

As you probably know, Program #1, "Educational Tour to Armenia" is completely full for this year. It is a four week trip as guests of the Catholicos and Government of Armenia. The participants must be ACYOA or active parish members, and have their completed forms in by April 1st. This is a structured trip, with group leaders (a priest and a mature woman) and includes classes, special trips and excursions, as well as a complete itinerary of tours and sites all over Armenia. The participants are usually in their early twenties in age, with some just out of high school, as well as out of college. It is a young adult oriented trip.

Program #2, "Journey to Armenia" has a few spots open for this year, but you MUST ACT IMMEDIATELY to be included. This trip is offered for those less inclined for a structured trip, and only have three weeks available. It goes from July 1st - 22nd at a cost of \$1955.00. This includes airfare, transfers, hotels, meals, tours, visa fee, etc. Even if we do not have enough to form our own group, we connect with a commercial tour to insure the group fares. However, the age range in this group is from young adult to very mature adults and not necessarily youth oriented.

If you are interested for this year, the following must be done now. Apply for a passport and insist that you need it immediately. If you can go directly to your nearest passport office, do so. Have 4 additional passport-size photos taken, and send these with the passport to: "Coloyan Travel Service, ACYOA Program #2, 379 Trapelo Road, Belmont, MA 02178 617-489-1860" Send \$1955.00 to: Armenian Studies Programs, 99 Long Pond Road, Tyngsboro, MA 01879 617-649-6875 - make check payable to "Armenian Studies Programs". TIME IS VERY SHORT.



However, it is recommended that you wait until next year's "Educational Tour to Armenia", which usually goes from June 15 through July 15. For the young person, it is the best value in terms of money, exposure, well rounded itinerary and experiences in Armenia as part of a young person's group.

We will be happy to assist you, whatever your decision. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call: 647-649-6875 (evenings) 617-256-7234 (days).

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN

Enclosures.

PROGRAM #2 - Itinerary

July 1st through 22nd - 3 nights Moscow, 14 nights Yerevan, 3 nights Lennigrad,  
1 night Paris

# Armenian Church Youth Organization of America

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

18 May 84

TO: ALL PARISHES AND ACYOA CHAPTERS  
SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATIVE FORMS AND DUE DATES

June 30th marks the end of the ACYOA fiscal year, and with it brings the need for end-of-year reports, membership renewals and general preparation for the convening of the ACYOA General Assembly, hosted this year by the Palos Heights ACYOA Chapter of Ss. Joachim and Anne Armenian Church in Palos Heights, Illinois.

Kindly take note of the enclosure which describes the various due dates related to the enclosed forms and applications. These are official dates for this year.

In our effort to conserve and avoid unnecessary costs, only ONE copy of each administrative form or application has been enclosed for your use. Kindly make additional copies as you need them, or you may request your specific needs to the Executive Secretary.

GENERAL:

1. Sam Nersesian Scholarship - Applications due June 30th  
The scholarship is for any worthy applicant, no age restriction, to attend one session of the St. Nersess Summer Studies Program, and covers the tuition costs. (Do not confuse this with the Sam Nersesian Award below.)
2. Sam Nersesian Award - Nominations due June 30th  
Pastors and/or Chapters may nominate worthy candidates from their parish.
3. Annual Chapter Report - Form due June 30th  
Simplified report form to share with ACYOA Central Council and Executive Secretary the various activities, successes and/or failures of the Chapter for the past year. Facts are compiled for reference purposes, and information used in selection of the winner of the ACYOA Chapter "A" Award.
4. Membership Renewals - May be forwarded as of June 30th for 1984-85 year.  
This is for current members who wish to renew their membership for next year. Renewals are requested at this time for financial reasons, but are accepted until December 30th.
5. Membership Dues - Due June 30th  
All new members, as well as any delinquent dues, must be received by June 30th, along with proper forms. Please also include a complete listing of your membership.
6. Monthly Fact Sheets - Due the end of each month  
This communication tool keeps the Executive Secretary and Central Council in touch with each Chapter throughout the year.



Central Council

*James Magarian*  
JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary



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DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF AMERICA, 630 SECOND AVENUE, NEW YORK, N.Y. 10016-4885 212 686-0710

*Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate*

21 May 84

DEAR ACYOA CENTRAL COUNCIL MEMBERS,

Enclosed you will find materials recently sent to all parishes and ACYOA Chapters of the Diocese. Please note that the deadline for applications and nominations for the Sam Nersesian Scholarship and Award has been extended to June 30th.

It is important that we continue to be in communication with the Chapters, especially at this time of the year. Many students return from Colleges, and some Chapters experience a resurgence of activity. This is particularly true for those parishes and chapters that look forward to participating in the General Assembly and National Sports Weekend.

Because we are somewhat "governed" by a constitution, there are various rules and regulations that are to be followed so that each chapter is given a fair chance. Some of the responsibility regarding this can be seen in the cooperation on the part of the chapter concerning dues, annual reports, etc. It is the responsibility of the Central Council to see to it that the chapters understand their responsibilities; to be specific, that they understand the materials that are sent to them.

Therefore, as we had discussed at our last meeting, all Council members should be in touch with their respective Chapters regarding dues, and, asking/answering questions regarding the other materials in preparation for the Assembly/Sports Weekend. If YOU are unsure of what to ask, or if YOU have questions that need to be answered, call the Executive Secretary. We should be encouraging participation for the Assembly and Sports Weekend as much as possible, but must also keep in mind the requirements and obligations on the part of the chapters themselves.

Our next meeting will take place in Chelmsford, Mass., Friday evening and Saturday, July 13 & 14th. Our discussions will mainly entail preparations for the Assembly, including: Council Report, delegates materials, procedures and "who will do what", details on the Weekend itself, selection of Chapter "A" Award recipient, Honorable Mention recipient, Sam Nersesian Award recipient, and Sam Nersesian Scholarship award winner. We shall also discuss "next year on Central Council" and ways we can improve our work. Other pending business will also be discussed as necessary. Vaughan Totovian has extending an invitation to us all to go to his "house at the Cape" on Sunday if our schedules permit. You may wish to depart on Monday if this suits you.

Please do be in touch with any questions or problems. Stay well.

JAMES MAGARIAN

21 May 84

COLOYAN TRAVEL SERVICE  
379 Trapelo Road - POB 158  
Belmont, MA 02178

Dear Mr. Coloyan,

Enclosed you will find a check for \$10,000.00 as an initial payment on our Balance with you for the ACYOA Armenian Studies Program - Educational Tour To Armenia.

Also enclosed you will find a passport for Shake Ajamian.

At this time, we have 2-3 people interested in the July 1st trip to Armenia. Please furnish cost and itinerary as soon as possible.

In addition, we will soon send to our participants the Handbook to Armenia, along with a complete itinerary. Please forward flight numbers and times, as well as dates as soon as possible.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

JAMES MAGARRAN

17 May 84

JOHN GOODWIN  
Diocesan Center Manager  
Armenian Diocese  
630 Second Avenue - N.Y.C., N.Y. 10016-4885

Dear John,

This letter is to confirm our reservation for June 15th.

We expect about 40 people for the ACYOA Educational Tour to Armenia orientation, luncheon and tour of the Cathedral and Center Complex. There will also be a reception with the Primate about 3 p.m. in the Chancellory.

Please inform on the cost, per person, for the luncheon which would be served at about 12:30 p.m.

Thank you for your assistance, stay well.

Sincerely,

JAMES MAGARIAN

c.c. Administrative Director

17 May 84

MICHAEL ZEYTOONIAN  
Director - Public Relations  
Diocese of the Armenian Church  
630 Second Ave., N.Y.C., N.Y. 10016-4885

Dear Michael,

I am aware of your concern regarding a publication for the young adults of the Diocese of the Armenian Church. Although we only briefly discussed it at the Diocesan Assembly, there is a great need for such a publication at this level, and directed to the young adult population.

As a previous "prime mover" for the ACYOA Keghard, you realize the needs in terms of time, money, expertise and direction. Finding someone to donate these things, especially the time factor, is difficult, but not impossible. I am considering doing it myself, however I must give up something else since my present time schedule has no more room left in it. I also have two people in mind to do it, or at least assist.

In addition, such a publication is part of the projected outline for the proposed Diocesan "Department of Youth Ministry", which will include publications for teens, young adults and youth workers. Budget requests include these considerations.

If you have any thoughts or specific ideas regarding the aforementioned, please share them at your convenience. Needless to say, the communications instruments need as much attention as we can give.

Stay well.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN

17 May 84

NANCY BASMAJIAN  
Director - ACYOA Juniors  
Diocese of the Armenian Church  
828 Brighton Street.  
Philadelphia, PA 19111

Dear Nancy,

You have done an excellent job in preparing a general over-view outline for the proposed "Department of Youth Ministry" of the Diocese.

With a few minor modifications, I shall attach the "rational", additional "objectives" and "purpose" (mission statement?) to the outline and prepare it all for consideration by the Diocesan ~~Administ~~ and Primate. However, before it is submitted, we should review it together and be sure all our needs are included.

I am projecting these materials to be ready by June 2nd (Camp Comm. Meeting) at which time I will have you a copy. As you know, the budget for the proposed department has already been submitted. If there is anything else you feel should be included, please inform.

Hope you are well. Take care.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN

c.c. Primate  
Administrative Director

17 May 84

REV. FR. VERTANES KALAJJIAN  
Group Leader - 1984 Educational Tour to Armenia  
5024 Battic Avenue  
Rockville, MD 20853

Rev. Father Vertanes:

Enclosed you will find additional application forms for the remainder of the participants. The only application form outstanding is for Mr. Momjian, and it is expected any day now.

Please make copies as you feel the need.

I EXPECT YOU TO RETURN THESE FORMS, ALONG WITH THE PREVIOUS ONES SENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. I have made it clear that these forms must be on file, and assume you will be responsible in returning them immediately.

Regarding other matters, the fees owed on your children's passage should be ~~same~~ now. The total is \$3,805.00 (1445. + 1445. + 915.) Please make your check out to "Armenian Studies Programs". Passports and photographs (4 photos for each person, including you and Yeretzgin) should be sent direct to the Travel Agent.

Please be sure to send me a copy of your letter of introduction to the participants, which I assume you will send shortly. In addition, as we had discussed, if there are any complementary items you can secure for the participants (note pads, folders, odds and ends, etc.) please bring these with you to the orientation June 15th.

Problems with securing visas are not expected, but can occur. No one's passage is guaranteed because of the visa requirements, and rejection of a visa application can happen at the last moment. This is mentioned on the letter I sent to the participant, and you might want to mention it again in your letter of introduction.

If you have any questions, please do be in touch.

Respectfully yours,



16 May 84

LUCILLE KREIDLER SMITH  
Leadership Seminar Leader - 1984  
555 East 27th Street  
Paterson, N.J. 07514

Dear Lucille,

It was a pleasure to meet you and have you join us for our Annual Leadership Seminar this year. Although our scheduling was somewhat erratic, you adjusted fine and presented the topics very well.

Each of the participants commented on their satisfaction with you and the general format of the Seminar, as well as the specific topics.

We appreciate your participation and may be in touch with you for future programs of this type. Enclosed is a check for your services.

May God assist you in your new position and in meeting the many new challenges it will present. Best of luck to you.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN

enclosure.

11 May 84

COLOYAN TRAVEL SERVICE  
379 Trapelo Road  
Belmont, MA 02178

ATTN: Mr. Ed Coloyan

Dear Mr. Coloyan,

Enclosed you will find a listing of the participants in the ACYOA Armenian Studies Program, "Educational Tour to Armenia." Also enclosed are any additional passports. As the remainder of the passports are received, they shall be sent immediately to you.

I assume that you will begin to send the visa applications to all participants. They have been advised that you will be sending the forms, and, that they should take care of it and return it immediately. They have also been informed that they should forward to you 4 passport-size photos, signed, as soon as possible. (see enclosures)

Regarding payment, please forward a billing to us at your convenience. Payments will be made as fees are received from the participants. I appreciate your understanding on this.

I do hope that there are no problems obtaining the necessary visas this year, please do your best.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN

11 May 84

RAZMIG MALKHASSIAN  
Participant - Educational Tour to Armenia  
58 Ville Ile Cadieux  
Vaudrevil, QUE J7V 5V5  
CANADA

Dear Razmig,

In answer to your letter of May 3rd regarding the itinerary for the trip to Armenia, a complete itinerary with the names of other participants and the "Handbook to Armenia" will be forwarded to you before the first of June.

The dates you will be in Armenia are from June 18th to July 11th. Free time will be scheduled during your stay in Armenia, just as class time, tours, etc. are scheduled. However, you should understand that all participants are required to be with the group during all scheduled activities, except of course free time. Regarding a reunion with your relatives, this is a good idea - but understand that they will most likely want you to be with them more than your own itinerary might allow. We advise all participants to contact their relatives living in Armenia, AFTER arrival in Yerevan, and to understand that visits with their relatives may be done during free time ONLY.

Looking forward to seeing you in N.Y.C., June 15th, 12 noon.

Stay well, and have a safe trip.

Sincerely,

JAMES MAGARIAN

c.c. Group Leader

11 May 84

REV FR VERTANES KALAYJIAN  
Group Leader - ACYOA Educational Tour to Armenia  
5024 Battic Avenue - Rockville, MD 20853

Rev. Father Vertanes:

It was a pleasure to meet with you during the Diocesan Assembly in New Jersey last week. Many of the details of the trip were covered, and I feel you have a good idea of your responsibilities and needs while in Armenia.

Although we did not have the chance to review the "Outline for the Final Report of the Group Leader", which I have previously sent to you, it is most self-explanatory, and I had mentioned, you should be familiar with the Outline prior to the trip, so that the questions it asks will be answers you will easily find and take note of.

As we had discussed, you will endeavor to get the information on the following:

- 1) University Studies - requirements, courses, languages, accommodations, etc., summer and standard course terms.
- 2) Summer work programs - In the city or through Holy Etchmiadzin wherein young people could spend the summer, receive a stipend, room and board, etc.
- 3) A second "month-long" program hosted by Holy Etchmiadzin - time of year, maximum number of participants, similar or different to the "Educational Tour", any other stipulations.

I assume that you will be sending out your letter of introduction to the participants very soon. Enclosed is an updated listing. Please include me in any of your correspondence, including program related letters to Armenia.

Of course, if there are any questions or concerns, let's be in touch.

Sincerely yours,

c.c. Primate

JAMES MAGARIAN

9 May 84

EDITOR - Armenian Mirror-Spectator

P.O.B. 302

Watertown, MA 02272

Enclosed is the copy for an ad in the "Calendar Section" of the Armenian Mirror-Spectator. Please bill the Diocese, in care of JAMES MAGARIAN, 99 Long Pond Road, Tynborough, MA 01879 (256-7234).

The ad should run through the Saturday, May 19th issue.

Thank you.

JAMES MAGARIAN

9 May 84

LORI KALEMKERIAN  
Chairman - N.N.J. ACYOA Chapter  
203 Devon Road  
Westwood, N.J. 07675

Dear Lori,

It was a pleasure to see and speak with you last weekend. Because we're really short-handed at the Diocese, my schedule does not permit me to always visit the parishes as often as I would like. Thus, it took a long time for us to meet - and I'm glad we did.

You and the members of your ACYOA Chapter have done some wonderful things, and with the efforts and positive spirit of you, Lori and Sosie, you have the potential to do a great deal more. Yes, I realize all too well ~~ab~~ that you've been pushed to the limit! But it's obvious that you care a great deal about our Church and the young people of the parish.

In the very near future, I would like to come and visit with you and your members. Perhaps we can dialogue and fully understand what the Diocese and ACYOA is as regards the young people of the parishes. Moreover, perhaps we can establish some procedures and understandings to avoid energetic people like you from becoming "burned out". Just think, if people like you, with all your concern, dedication, understanding and energy, have difficulty in making it all come together and keeping things going, what would someone with lesser qualities accomplish? The answer is obvious.

If you would contact me with some dates, we can make the necessary arrangements and meet. I left the "Chapter Handbook" copy for you with Douglas Tashjian. It contains procedures, ideas, etc, etc, and can be of help from time to time.

I appreciate the mailings I receive from you about Chapter events and happenings (although I'm not too sure about your approach sometimes!). Someone mentioned that N.N.J. isn't mentioned enough in the "Executive Update". We have to know what you're doing to print it! That's what the "Fact Sheets" are for.

In any case, I look forward to hearing from you very soon. Take care, and stay well.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN

9 May 84

SET MOMJIAN  
1979 Country Club Road  
Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006

Dear Mr. Momjian,

Regarding our discussion on arrangements you might make for the young Armenians traveling to Armenia in June, needless to say your experience and assistance can add a new dimension to the program.

What we have in mind, similar to your suggestions, is some type of reception at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow when the group is on its way to Armenia. This need not be elaborate, but a sign of support and warm greetings on the part of the Embassy officials there. Many of the young people have not been outside the United States, and for some, traveling to the Soviet Union brings on a certain amount of anxiety. This gesture would be most welcome.

You had also mentioned the possibility of the group being received by the State Department upon their return. This again would add a new dimension to the trip, and give it new meaning at a different level. You probably have some type of format in mind, perhaps we can discuss this soon.

Again, if you are able to assist with such aforementioned arrangements, we would be most appreciative.

Please do be in touch when you have the chance.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES ARGARIAN

99 Long Pond Road  
Tyngsborough, MA 01879  
617-256-7234 - days

9 May 84

V. REV. FR. ARSHEN AIVAZIAN  
Dean - Stn Nersess Armenian Seminary  
150 Stratton Road  
New Rochelle, N.Y. 10804

R. Rev. Father Arshen:

Your presentation at the Annual Diocesan Assembly on "Liturgical Priests" was very interesting, and, to say the least, most informative. You certainly "did your homework" and it showed.

You mentioned that copies were available of the statistics regarding numbers of clergy in the Armenian Church. I was unable to receive one the night of the panel discussion; could you please forward me a copy? I would certainly appreciate it.

Also, it might be well received if your statistics could be incorporated into an article of some type concerning the need for priests, etc., etc. Although this "need" has been mentioned many, many times, I can't remember when any statistics have been quoted - whether they be accurate or not.

Stay well Hayr Soorp.

Respectfully yours,

JAMES MAGARMAN



9 May 84

REGINA OHANYAN  
Chairman - Saturday Conferences  
82nd Annual Diocesan Assembly  
220 Monroe Avenue  
River Edge, N.J. 07661

Dear Regina,

This letter is to express our sincere appreciation for your outstanding effort in organizing the Saturday Conferences of the Annual Diocesan Assembly, especially with regard to the ACYOA Leadership Seminar.

Several comments made by our participants, as well as others of the day's activities, indicated that most everything was well planned and comfortable for the many out of town guests.

Your efforts were indicative of your concern and desire to make everything accessible and in the best interests of all concerned. This was a big help to those of us responsible for the groups of the day.

Again we thank you and were well pleased with your fine organizing efforts. Stay well.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN

c.c. Primate  
Pastor  
Host Committee Chairman

9 May 84

GREG SOUIN  
Chairman - Toronto ACYOA Chapter  
Holy Trinity Armenian Church  
31 Ames Street  
Don Mills, ONT M3B 3B9

Dear Greg,

It was good to see you on New Jersey last Saturday.

You have taken on the leadership role in your parish, and perhaps you and your fellow young adults can make the youth program in Toronto really work for the first time in a while. Lilly Tossounian seems to have that positive spirit that will help, as positivism breeds positivism in any program.

At your earliest convenience, please forward a complete listing of your Chapter's Executive Committee (names, addresses, telephone numbers). Also, I do hope that you will be able to develop a real complete Armenian youth listing for the Toronto area. As you know, our national listing is very meager, given the number of young Armenians. We must have good local lists to ~~what~~ that our mailings will reach as many people as possible. In addition, please, if possible, include the year of birth on the listing. You may refer to the "Chapter Handbook" regarding the proper format for the listing. (If you don't have a copy, ask Mona, or, ask me for another one.)

Regarding my visiting your parish, I would be delighted. However, my schedule does not permit me to do so until the fall. Perhaps you might choose some dates and get in touch with me soon. We could combine the visit with both a meeting with youth, as well as a program with the parish, utilizing an A-V Program. Let me know what you think.

Keep up the good work. Be in touch with any problems or concerns. Stay well.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN

9 May 84

ARDA NAZERIAN  
Chairman - ACYOA Central Council  
186-39 Midland Parkway  
Jamaica Estates, N.Y. 11432

Dear Arda,

Hope your trip to Rochester was safe and that you made it in time. This is just a reminder of a few items we were unable to discuss over the past weekend.

- 1) The report on the 1984 Leadership Seminar is to be filed by you. It should contain the following: Name of Program, dates, place, coordinator, special arrangements, guest speaker, participants, theme, topics, copies of letters, flyers, etc., recommendations for next year. I shall add to the file copy news releases, and other pertinent materials of the seminar.
- 2) The dates for the summer ACYOA Central Council meeting are: July 13 - 15. Yes, Friday the 13th. The meeting will take place in Chelmsford since most current files are kept there, many of which will be referenced in preparation for the General Assembly. This preparation is the main agenda item, although other business that is "in progress" or needs discussion must also be addressed.
- 3) June 15th - Orientation for participants of the Educational Tour to Armenia at the Diocese. Since you are nearby, it would be nice if the "Chairman of the ACYOA Central Council" would join the group for lunch and make a few "remarks" (at which you are quite adept). If you can - got a necessity.
- 4) NEED THOSE NAMES OF THE N.J. GIRLS TEAM, PLEASE.
- 5) You should begin thinking about the Council Report.....use the 1983 or 1982 report as a guide. It should follow that format. If you don't have a copy, let me know. We should go over it together, and, review it together with the Council members at the July Meeting. It must be in the mail with the other delegate materials by the first of August.
- 6) ARCHBISHOP'S TOURNEY REPORT, PLEASE.
- 7) Please, include me in your mailings; any mailings, single or multiple. It's most necessary. Thank you.
- 8) Would like you to give me a fact sheet on Council accomplishments, direction,

and general activities during this year. This is for a general news release for a little PR. I'm sure you know what I mean, and, that's it's really necessary.

- 9) The National Mailing List, or lack of an updated copy, is beginning to bother me. Please let me know what action you would like to take...or perhaps I should take some action myself? This is very important.

For instance.....I just received a call from Andrea Basdekian from Washington, she said that Melanie was suppose to send her a copy of the National Mailing list for a mailing concerning the June weekend there. O.K., so it's a little late, and maybe some people will get the flyers with time to make arrangements to come.....but our listing for the N.Y.-N.J.-Philly area is laughable. I told her that I would send her what I have via over-night delivery, but not to expect too much from it.

It's good to know that Northern N.J. is working on updating their list, and that they will forward us a copy.....but what good is it if it isn't intergrated into the master listing?? In addition to the Bayside, Philly, etc., etc. lists?

- 10) I am planning to meet with Northern N.J. sometime soon. Do you wish to come?

It may be difficult for us to meet Sunday, May 13th....I'll let you know. However, we should make a point of meeting soon if this doesn't work. How about Monday, May 14th about 2p.m.? Let me know.

Say well.....

Sincerely,

JAMES MAGARIAN

# Armenian Church Youth Organization of America

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

9 May 84

You're a special person, as demonstrated by your concern and interest in our Church, and by the personal talents you bring to the Armenian community.

It was a pleasure to see you at the ACYOA Leadership Seminar this past weekend. Each year this program improves and attempts to inform the participants as to the importance of youth ministry, and the many ways it can reach out to the young people of the Church.

Our guest speaker, Lucille Smith, commented that the interest in the topics and the almost emotional concern by the participants for their Church was more than she had experienced with similar groups of other denominations. This was her first experience with Armenians, and she stated that with this type of interest in Church Youth Ministry, it can't help but take off and be an exciting and meaningful program for the Church at large, and especially for the young people.

Although time was short, and several items planned were not addressed, this program can give you an idea of the needs and direction the Church will take in the years to come. The Archbishop himself noted the need for trained, informed and dedicated young adults to assist in developing youth programs and work to see that the youth of the parish are involved and part of the parish "family". The emphasis is to build relationships - between young people themselves, their parish family, and with God. Exciting, meaningful and well-planned local programs are the key, and can be realized with trained and dedicated people on the local parish level.

In the future, the Youth Ministry Program of the Diocese will sponsor similar seminars and workshops that may be of interest to you, or others who are involved with young people in your parish. If your schedule permits, and you wish to learn more about Youth Ministry and the many ways it can be part of your parish, do plan to attend. You will always be welcome.

We appreciate those of you who completed the questionnaire, and for your information, the estimated number of Armenian young people living in America, ages 13-28, is 150,000. Of those, there are about 5,000 on the ACYOA Juniors and Seniors National Mailing List. You can call it a big job ahead of us. One that can be handled if concerned people like you continue helping out.

I look forward to seeing you and working with you in the future. Stay well and stay in touch.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN

Central Council

Diocese of the Armenian Church of America 630 Second Avenue New York, N. Y. 10016 (212) 686-0710



8 May 84

DOUGLAS TASHJIAN  
954 Wildwood Road  
Oradell, N.J. 07649

Dear Douglas,

It was good to have an opportunity to discuss some of our mutual concerns during the past weekend. As per your request, enclosed are some materials concerning the new "Interim" Youth Ministry Program. Please note that the "samples" are to be viewed as a reference, as they were prepared for other dioceses. For our Diocese, the program will be very similar.

Please be in touch regarding this.

We were pleased with the organization and proper execution of the many particulars regarding the Assembly. You all did a very good job in preparing and following through.

In the very near future, I should like to make a visitation to your area and meet with the parishes, as well as with the ACYOA. Please keep this in mind, and if possible, your assistance in setting up meetings would be most appreciated.

Take good care.

Sincerely,

JAMES MAGARIAN

8 May 84

V. REV. FR. ARSHEN AIVAZIAN  
Dean - St. Nersess Armenian Seminary  
150 Stratton Road  
New Rochelle, N.Y. 10802

V. Rev. Father Arshen:

It's good news that ~~the~~ seminarians are able to travel to Armenia this summer and experience the Seminary at Holy Etchmiadzin. It will be really worthwhile for them.

Enclosed is a confirmation sheet for the two boys. Please note the instructions that is assumed you will handle. In addition to the two parts on the sheet, please forward the complete names, addresses, telephone and age of the boys, since they did not complete the application form of the program and the information is necessary.

If there is anything you need or problems arise, please do be in touch.

Stay well Hayr Soorp,

Respectfully yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN

2 May 84

SET MOMJIAN  
1979 Country Club Road  
Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006

Dear Mr. Momjian,

Enclosed you will find various materials which have been sent to confirmed participants in this year's Armenian Studies Programs - "Educational Tour to Armenia".

After several telephone calls, we were able to secure a place for your son. The major focus of these trips is to provide a unique and meaningful Armenian experience found no where else but in Armenia, and to provide opportunity for many, many young American-Armenians. Your son's interest is a good sign that he will enjoy and benefit from this worthwhile program.

The following steps should be taken at once:

1. Complete application form, send with valid passport, doctor's note of "good health" and payment (in full) of \$1740.00 to the address at the bottom of the form. Make check out to "Armenian Studies Programs".
2. Send four-passport-size photos, signed, to the travel agent, address is found on "confirmation sheet".
3. Read and understand various other materials.

A complete itinerary and Handbook will be sent in June. All participants are expected to meet at 12 noon, June 15th, at St. Vartan Armenian Cathedral in N.Y.C. for orientation, lunch, Cathedral tour, and a reception with the Primate. Departure will be in late afternoon, and return to N.Y.C., July 17th. Individual side-trips are not usually permitted.

If there are any questions, please do be in touch. Regarding any assistance you might provide, I shall be in touch soon.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN



27 June 84

ARDA NAZERIAN  
Chairman of ACYOA Central Council  
189-39 Midland Parkway  
Jamaica Estates, N.Y. 11432

Dear Arda,

It was good to see you while I was in New York City last time. I think you're the type of person who will get the most out of working on an election campaign. Sorry for the inflexibility regarding the Council meeting dates....but not all of my weekends are free either.

In preparation for our Summer meeting in Chelmsford, July 12-15, 1984, please be advised and consider the following:

1. This particular meeting should be relaxed, unpressured, easy-going and for the most part, enjoyable. If Vaughan still wants us to visit his place down the Cape, that's fine. Our business should allow for it.
2. In addition to the necessary agenda items (i.e. old business, etc.) the following items must also be added:
  - a) ACYOA Awards Selections:  
Chapter "A" Award, Honorable Mention, Sam Nersesian Awards  
Sam Nersesian Scholarship.
  - b) ACYOA Chapter Annual Report and Check-lists.
  - c) Preparation for General Assembly:  
Council Annual Report  
Proposed Budget  
Assembly Agenda  
Assembly Procedures and areas of Council Responsibility/Assignments  
Auditing Committee work  
Nominating Committee work  
Assembly Officers  
Delegate Assembly Materials  
Amendments to Constitution/General Proposals.  
Assembly Committees
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d) Preparation for Transitional Meeting of Council - Aug. 31st.

As we had discussed, the Council Report should be almost complete for this meeting. After this meeting we will make the necessary corrections and make copies for the Delegates' Package.

The proposed budget should be prepared by the Treasurer (Vaughan) and presented during the meeting as well. This too should be sent with the Delegates' materials.

There is much to do, but it should be done in a relaxed manner.

If you are in need of accommodations, please inform.

Stay well...I look forward to seeing you then. If I am in New York City before our meeting, I shall call you. I do hope that you will forward your first draft of the Council report so that I may add what is necessary. Do Your Best - I know you will.

TAKE GOOD CARE.

Sincerely,

JAMES HUNGARIAN

p.s. I still haven't heard from George.....is a formal letter in order yet?  
Hope you have been thinking of Council members for next year.....

26 June 84

VAUGHAN TOTOVIAN  
Treasurer - ACYOA Central Council  
16 Concord Road  
Watertown, MA 02172

Dear Vaughan,

As we had briefly discussed when I saw you in Watertown last week, enclosed are newly received membership application forms from the Armenian Church of the Holy Ascension, Trumbull, CT.

No check or money was sent with the forms.

I have spoken with Der Untzag Nalbandian, Pastor, and he explained that they are newly organized and are trying to formalize the group. He intends to collect dues and prepare any other materials to be recognized as a chapter.

Please write Der Untzag a note and inform him that he should send the dues directly to you. I have informed him that first year dues are \$4.50 to Central Council, and that the local Chapter can of course charge more for its own treasury. These memberships will be for the 1984-85 ACYOA year.

Let me know if you have any problems.

Sincerely,

JAMES MAGARIAN

c.c. Council Chairman

21 June 84

JILL BOYAJIAN  
Yearbook Coordinator  
1984 ACYOA National Sports Weekend  
6101 West L29th Place  
Palos Heights, IL 60463

Dear Jill,

Enclosed you will find an updated copy of the Athletic Events Records of the ACYOA National Sports Weekend - 1984 Edition. Also enclosed is a copy of the 1982 Yearbook, as well as pertinent photographs.

For the 1984 Yearbook, you should use only the information on Athletic Events provided in the "1984 Edition" of the records. These have been updated and have corrections that do not appear in other Yearbooks.

The 1982 Yearbook is enclosed to give you an idea of the desired result. Here, they have prepared the most important information on the Weekend, the Athletic Events results and records from past years, as well as useful and interesting information about ACYOA, the Church, etc. This is a booklet to keep. We do not want a booklet filled with pages and pages of ads. Although these types of booklets may appear to make more money, in actuality they don't. And in most cases, you end up just throwing the booklet away. With some creativity, imagination and proper layout, plenty of recognition can be given to those donors who deed it. What you must say when soliciting sponsors/donors is that they are making a contribution to the Weekend and in the sponsorship of the Yearbook - in affect they are Weekend sponsors. Thus, there is no real need for ads, and, there are very few participants in the Weekend that will go and buy anything from anyone advertising in the Weekend Yearbook.

There are red check marks in the 1982 Yearbook that you might consider, some are necessary (Catholics, Primate, Weekend Committee, Central Council, etc.) and some are nice if you like them (important dates, what the ACYOA has done, etc.)

At our meeting on the 28th, I expect you will have an outline of the Yearbook for 1984, as well as some of the content. I look forward to hearing your ideas and discussion "possibilities" with you. I think we can publish the best Yearbook yet!

Take care and stay well.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MACABIAN

18 June 84

MESROB KERMIAN  
Administrative Director  
Diocese of the Armenian Church  
630 Second Avenue  
N.Y.C., N.Y. 10016-4885

Dear Mr. Kermian,

This to inform you that the regular Department Monthly Reports will be sent directly to the Primate, Nancy Basmajian and you. Please distribute to other Diocesan Department Directors as you see fit. Thank you for this assistance.

Enclosed is a copy of the ACYOA TODAY pamphlet, prepared several years ago and reprinted several times since. We again need a reprinting of at least 1,000 copies. If, through your contacts and business relationships through the Diocese, you could secure a low price for the reprinting, it would be very much appreciated. Color and stock should remain the same, and it appears that there are no changes needed at this time on the pamphlet. Therefore, it would be camera-ready, two-sided, folded. Please inform on this information at your earliest convenience.

It was good to see you and speak with you again. There seems to be a great need for increased understanding on primary direction and goals, as concerns not only the youth related programs, but most of the overall emphasis of the Diocese. I would like to discuss these concerns with you in the very near future, and will secure a date and time with you during next trip to New York City.

Looking forward to seeing you again, try to enjoy the summer months and stay cool.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN

ENCL.

8 June 84

KEVIN GIRAGOSIAN  
Host Committee Chairman  
1984 ACYOA National Sports Weekend  
8101 West 131st Street  
Palos Park, IL 60464

Dear Kevin,

This letter is to confirm our meeting for THURSDAY, JUNE 28th  
in the evening at Saints Sioachim and Anna Armenian Church  
[Please note the change of date from the 21st to the 28th.]

Thus far it appears that all is going well regarding your plans  
for the Assembly/Sports Weekend. The announcements and publicity  
have been creative and certainly attention-getting.

At our meeting we will review the many details concerning the  
Assembly and Sports Weekend. Anyone involved with even the smallest  
of responsibilities during the Weekend should be present for the  
part of the meeting that concerns them.

The enclosed agenda will be used that evening. You may reproduce  
it for the meeting participants.

If you have any questions, please do call. Looking forward to seeing  
you. Stay well.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN

7 June 84

GRAYLINE NEW YORK TOURS  
254 West 54th Street  
NYC, NY 10019

Attention: "GONY" - Service Order 15697

Enclosed is our payment of \$165.00 for bus transfer on June 15th, 1984 from St. Vartan Armenian Cathedral, 600 Second Avenue, N.Y.C (34th Street) to Kennedy International Airport, Air France Terminal.

We understand that the bus will arrive before 4 p.m. for departure at that time. The bus should park on 33rd Street at the rear of the Cathedral if possible for easy and safe boarding. If this is not possible, the bus should park on 2nd Ave. alongside the Cathedral near the doors on 2nd Ave

If there are any questions, please call me at - 617-256-7234 office hours. After June 13th, please call the Armenian Cathedral, Diocesan Office, 212-686-0710.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN

enclosure

6 May 84

CAROL KAZARIAN  
5050 Ruby Avenue  
Racine, WI 53402

DEAR CAROL,

Thank you for sending the "Monthly Fact Sheets". Although they are a little more effective when sent at the end of each month, rather than at the end of several months, your intention is well noted. Good work!

As noted on your fact sheets, you wish the Council Regional Representative to visit with you. George Jevardjian is the Representative for your area, and you should contact him directly. If you have trouble getting in touch with George, please let me know. (36602 Grove, Livonia, MI 48154, 313-464-8444)

Regarding my visit to your parish(s), it seems that this will have to take place in the Fall, perhaps in October. Most of my weekends are taken as well as allotted weekdays for travel. Consider a few dates - weekends or weekdays - and let me know. If possible, let us confirm a date before the end of July.

As your fact sheets show, you and your chapter members have been very busy with all types of activities and events. This is a good sign that the programs you are sponsoring or participating in are worthwhile and meaningful for your members.

At your earliest convenience, please forward a listing with address of your Chapter Executive Committee. I don't think one was sent when elections were held. Thank you.

Looking forward to seeing you and the others at the Assembly and Sports Weekend. Stay well.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN



3 August 84

JILL BOYAJIAN  
Yearbook Coordinator  
1984 ACYOA Nat. Sports Weekend  
6101 West 129th Place  
Palos Heights, IL 60463

Dear Jill,

Enclosed you will find a check in the amount of \$50.00 for the Yearbook from "Copy Kidd Instant Printing". Please include it in the Yearbook.

Please inform your sister Susan, that I will be sending her the photos she and I had talked about very soon.

Since I have not heard from you, I assume that all is going well with the Yearbook, and, that you have plenty of "filler" for the contents. If possible, give me a call when you have at "first draft" in your hands and tell me about it over the phone. This would be good.

Hope all is well. I'll see you in a few weeks....yes, just a few more weeks....

Sincerely,

JAMES MAGARAAN

8 August 84

PETER BABIGIAN  
Chairman - Watertown ACYOA Chapter  
St. James Armenian Church  
35 Beaver Brook Road  
Waltham, MA 02154

Dear Peter,

We have received the nomination form for the 1984 ACYOA Sam Nersesian  
Award, nominating Paula Bechakian.

The nomination is certainly well deserved, and knowing Paula, a tribute  
to her years of dedication and work for our Church. However, the nomination  
was received too late for consideration this year, and was not included in  
the review of nominees.

Therefore, it is highly suggested that you nominate Paula again next year,  
and forward the nomination form before the deadline - which is June 30th.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church

c.c. Pastor

8 August 84

SUSAN BOYAJIAN  
Coordinator - ACYOA Assembly  
242 S. Lewis  
Lombard, IL 60148

Dear Susan,

Hope all is well with you and everyone in Palos Heights. As the Assembly and Weekend draw near, I'm sure excitement and nervousness is growing. Don't worry....all will go very well indeed.

Enclosed you will find a flyer/notice announcing the "Educational Program" which will take place on Thursday, August 30th during the Assembly - 6-7:30p.m.

Copies of this flyer have been sent to all Chapters, selected parishes (especially in your area) and selected individuals who will probably be at the Assembly. (i.e. delegates). I suggest ~~also~~ since we would like to have the participation of the general public - adults and young adults alike - that you have additional copies made (on orange colored paper) and send to the members of your parish as well as the members of the parishes in your area. You may wish to also send flyers to selected individuals who might be interested and who might bring some people with them.

Because the Program will take place in the Assembly Hall, I suggest that you arrange additional seating for the non-Assembly participants who will be attending this Program only. In this way, the delegates, with all their materials, will not be disturbed. You may want to station someone at the door to direct these non-Assembly people to the reserved seating.

If you have any questions, please do be in touch.

Regarding the Photographic display - I'm working on it and shall send you the materials as soon as I can. It will be a chronological display of the photos of various ACYOA national events with short captions. I will try to send the captions to you ready to apply. The display paper (that which the photos will be glued/applied) should be big, but able to be bound into a photobook or scrapbook type. Give me a call when you've been able to investigate what is available in your area.

Stay well....

JIMMIE MAGARIAN

8 August 84

DEAN SHAHINIAN  
8909 Captains Row  
Alexandria, VA 22308

Dear Dean,

I have just received an impressive notice on the upcoming "Insights" program for the 1984 ACYOA National Sports Weekend. It looks interesting and demonstrates a considerable effort on your part to make the necessary arrangements.

I am a little disappointed that we didn't have the opportunity to work together on this, as it has been something that I have wanted for along time. The publicity on this has been "thin" and, as in most of our programs, is what can draw the participants if done well and timely.

In addition to this, the recently (the past 4-5 years) added educational program to the Assembly itinerary could have been tied to the themes you've incorporated into "Insights". (See enclosed flyer)

Please contact me immediately if you are planning to write a news release on the "Insights" program, as I shall write one based on your notice early next week. (617-256-7234/256-8980 office hours - 617-649-6875 evenings)

I have also read with interest your arrangements for the retreat held in your area recently. It's pleasing to see someone with your talent and dedication doing these things for the young people - rather than the young people having to do all the effort themselves, as has been the case in the past.

Stay well and keep up the good work.....see you in Palos Heights.

Sincerely,

JAMES MAGARIAN

8 August 84

REV. FATHER ARSEN BARSAMIAN  
Pastor - St. James Armenian Church  
705 West River Drive  
Richmond, VA 23229

Rev. Father Arsen:

Thank you for leaving your message when you called. It was nice to hear from you especially with such good news. The fact that you have a few young adults interested in traveling to Armenia next year is indeed good news; and in addition to that the possible "re-organizing" of your sender group is also encouraging.

Regarding the people interested in the Armenia trip, application forms are sent out in December-January for the following summer trips. All parishes of the Diocese receive ~~several~~ forms (as I'm sure you have some on file), as well as individuals who request them. The deadline for the Educational Tour to Armenia is April first.

It is encouraging to hear that you've been able to gather the young adults of your parish to form a group. Yes, I would be happy to visit and talk with them their involvement, goals, projects, etc. and inform them of the National Organization and how they can participate. The months of October or November are good, but I suggest that you give me several dates to work on. I will confirm as soon as possible. I may combine the visit with a trip to the Washington, DC parish.

Stay well Der Hayr. It would be nice to see you and some of your youth at the ACYOA General Assembly and National Sports Weekend in Palos Heights, Illinois later this month. Is it possible? It would be good for your young people to be there.

Respectfully yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN

8 August 84

CRAIG ERANOSIAN  
ACYOA Auditing Committee  
76 Freeborn Street  
Prossmouth, RI 00871

Dear Craig,

Enclosed you will find the various materials pertaining to the 1984 ACYOA Armenian Studies Programs. Included are:

1. General Ledger (black)
2. Check-book ledger
3. Bank statements
4. Preliminary financial statement
5. Expenses

At this time, we have not yet received expenses from the Group Leader's parish regarding the "Jamoodz" (payment/stipend for visiting clergy), nor any expenses incurred by the Group Leader. He informed us that he probably will not file for an personal reimbursement, and will inform his parish that they should send in any reimbursement needs as soon as possible.

Thus, the preliminary financial statement includes everything except the Jamoods.

Please review these materials at your earliest convenience, making adjustments where necessary according to your calculations. You should then report your opinion of the audit, and include it with the materials when you send it back to me. It will be included with the Financial Report of the ACYOA Central Council, presented during the Assembly by the Council Treasurer.

If you have any questions, please be in touch: 617-256-7234 or 256-8980 office hours / 617-649-6875 evenings.

Please, please, keep all these materials intact, and send the entire package to the following address when you are finished: 99 Long Pond Road, Tyngsboroug, Mass. 01879

2 August 84

SHAKE AJAMIAN  
Chairman - Bayside ACYOA Chapter  
Armenian Church of the Holy Martyrs  
15 Arjay Lane  
Commack, N.Y. 11725

Dear Shake,

In speaking with Arda Nazerian, she said that you would probably be attending the ACYOA General Assembly in Palos Heights, August 29-31.

As you know, the Assembly last year passed a proposal requesting a short presentation on the "Educational Tour to Armenia" trip. Since you participated this year, could you possibly make a 5-10 minute presentation? It could be a recap of the trip, "a day in the life of the trip", a few slides, or a memorable happening. You decide.

This would be most appreciated.

By this time, your evaluation of the program must be in the mail, right? Please.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to be in touch.

Stay well.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN

25 September 84

DINA AURSLANIAN  
Chairman - Cleveland ACYOA Chapter  
St. Gregory of Narek Armenian Church  
1111 Blanchester  
Lyndhurst, OH 44124

Dear Dina,

Thank you for your nice letter of September 1st. It was nice to hear from you, especially since you will be chairing the activities of the Cleveland ACYOA Chapter. However, we were informed not long before this, that Raymond Yoel was elected Chairman for the 1984-85 year. What happened?

Your letter is in indication that you will do a fine job, and that your interests in religiously oriented activities will help to form a balance between the more serious programs and the usual social and recreational types.

Were you able to participate in the ACYOA Assembly in Palos Heights, IL? If not, you will be happy to know that the Assembly passed three proposals regarding the following:

1. That the ACYOA Chapters have a Winter Retreat using the topic "Lonliness".
2. That the ACYOA Chapters have a Spring Retreat using the topic "Hassles".
3. That the ACYOA Chapters have Lenten Dialogues on a weekly basis.

Materials for these three programs will be distributed to all parishes as they are prepared.

Other than these types of religious programming, you might consider social service projects (i.e. assisting the elderly, taking a group of young children on a trip, helping the poor, etc.) Chapter activities could include guest speakers on specific religious topics (check with your pastor for approval), Bible studies, Church history reviews, understanding the position of the Church, ethics, religious cults, etc., etc.

Not knowing exactly what you're looking for or what your needs are makes it difficult to provide you with specifics.

Please write again with any needs you might have. Also, forward a listing of the Chapter Executive Committee (addresses and telephone numbers). Thank you.

Sincerely yours,





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DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF AMERICA, 630 SECOND AVENUE, NEW YORK, N.Y. 10016-4885 212 686-0710

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

24 September 84

Dear ACYOA Central Council Members,

As of the above date, we have not received official word from the Primate and Diocesan Council regarding approval of the Assembly elections and accepted proposals. However, everyone should realize that these things take time and the Diocesan Council only meets once a month, with a lengthy agenda to cover.

In the mean time, as mention in the previous letter to you, work should begin and/or continue as usual. Letters of introduction to the Chapters of your region should be sent and contact established. Plans for the November 24th Regional Conferences should be started. If there are any questions regarding this, please do be in touch.

The previous letter provided you with a list of Chapter Chairmen and Contacts. Since no one informed regarding corrections or additions, it shall be prepared as is and sent out to all Council members, chapters and parishes.

The Executive Update is almost ready, and will include an insert since there is alot of information to share. Please be some what familiar with the bulk-rate mailing procedure so that you may dispense with this task as soon as possible.

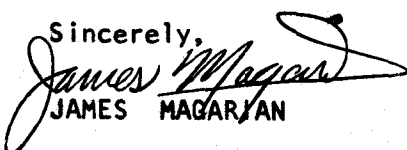
A mailing is currently under preparation to the parishes and chapters, and will include the following: 1. Copies of the "Service for Installation of Officers" with a cover letter. 2. Listing of Council Members and the Regions they represent. 3. Freshly printed "Executive Update". 4. Chapter Reminder Sheets (See Handbook) 5. Listing of Chapter Chairmen and Contacts.

If you have any particular letter or annoucement to send, and would like to include it in this mailing, please do be in touch.

The Archbishop's Tournament is tentatively set for June 7-9 - Watertown. After wrestling with a number or possible dates, this was the only reasonable weekend available.

Our first regular ACYOA CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING will take place at the Diocese on the Weekend of October 26-28. We would like to begin the meeting Friday evening so that we might cover the bulk of our agenda before Saturday evening. A letter and agenda will be sent to you from the Council Chairman.

Sincerely,

  
JAMES MAGARIAN

c.c. Primate



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DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF AMERICA, 630 SECOND AVENUE, NEW YORK, N.Y. 10016-4885 212 686-0710

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

24 September 84

Dear ACYOA Central Council Members,

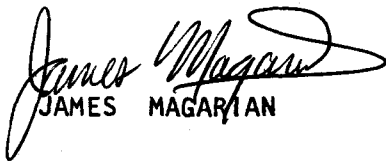
Enclosed you will find the 1982 Resolution adopted by the Diocesan Assembly, and embraced by the 1984 ACYOA Assembly on terrorism.

Copies of this Resolution will be sent to all ACYOA Chapters by Sona Palvetzian, who is assisting with the duties of Corresponding Secretary of the Council during this initial period of the 1984-85 ACYOA Central Council.

At each Regional Conference in November, this Resolution should be mentioned, having just been adopted by the ACYOA Assembly, and read aloud to the participants. You might encourage that they too read this Resolution to their membership, and perhaps reprint it in their Parish Newsletter.

It is very appropriate that the ACYOA adopt such a Resolution, and this fact should be publicly known.

Sincerely yours,

  
JAMES MAGARIAN

c.c. Primate

24 September 84

SONA PALVETZIAN  
ACYOA Central Council  
45 Dunfield Street #1402  
Toronto, ONT M1S 2H4

Dear Sona,

Enclosed as per your request is the 1982 Diocesan Resolution embraced by the 1984 ACYOA Assembly on terrorism. I understand that you will be sending this to all parishes and chapters shortly.

Regarding our discussions:

1. You should send the correspondence for the two representatives of the ACYO-Western Diocese (sic) to the Diocesan Center at St. John Armenian Cathedral 22001 No. Vine Street, Hollywood, CA 90038
2. Stationary is enclosed.
3. List of participating Chapters is enclosed.
4. Arda will send the letter to the Research and Development Committee.
5. "Brief" of Assembly is enclosed.
6. You will be sending out the "Courtesies" of the Assembly shortly.

As mentioned in a previous letter, your region will have to be handled in a special way regarding the bulk-mailing of the "Udate". I hope that you will attend to this matter very soon.

Sincerely,

JAMES MAGARRAN

c.c. Council Chairman

14 September 84

SUSAN DADEKIAN  
22 Yeoman Drive  
Upper Saddle River, N.J. 07458

Dear Susan,

This letter is to express our sincere appreciation for your efforts as a member of the 1983-84 ACYOA Auditing Committee.

Your expertise and concern provides us with a chance to improve our accounting methods and make progress toward efficient and simplified bookkeeping methods.

Again, our thanks to you. We hope that you will avail yourself to various programs and projects of the ACYOA in the future, since your concern and dedication is something we certainly need more of.

Stay well, and may God bless you and your family.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

14 September 84

KATHY TERZIAN  
5156 Hardwoods Drive  
West Bloomfield, MI 48033

DEAR KATHY,

This letter is to express our appreciation for your efforts as a member of the ACYOA Nominating Committee this past year. We also wish to congratulate you on your re-election to the Nominating Committee for the 1984-85 ACYOA year.

In preparing this letter, it seemed apparent that the other members of the Nominating Committee did not make much of an effort to fulfill their duties and participate in the Assembly as duly elected. Please inform if this is not true, as we would like to send them an appreciative note as well.

Needless to say, you have demonstrated a desire to fulfill your obligations and participate to the best of your abilities. Your comments and questions seem to reflect an attitude of caring and concern for the programs, projects and general operations of the ACYOA, and specifically the young adults of the Armenian Church. We hope that you will continue in this way and possibly influence others who will look to you as an example to follow.

Please share with us any ideas or comments you might have regarding programs for the young adults of the Diocese. Your perspective is welcomed and could certainly be of use in considering new programs and ideas.

We look forward to working with you in the future. Stay well, and may God bless you and your family.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

14 September 84

CRAIG ERANOSIAN  
76 Freeborn Street  
Prossmough, RI. 02871

Dear Craig,

This letter is to express our sincere appreciation for your efforts as a member of the 1983-84 ACYOA Adding Committee.

Your expertise and concern provides us with an opportunity to improve our accounting methods and make progress toward efficient and simplified bookkeeping methods.

Again, our thanks to you. We hope that you will continue to avail yourself to various programs and projects of the ACYOA, to which you have always done in the past. Your concern and dedication to our Church is something we certainly need more of.

Stay well, and may God bless you and your family.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

14 September 84

CHERYL ARSLANIAN  
15525 Hemlock Point Road  
Chagrin Falls, OH 44022

Dear Cheryl,

This letter is to express our sincere appreciation for your efforts as a member of the 1983-84 ACYOA Auditing Committee.

Your expertise and concern provides us with an opportunity to improve our accounting methods and make progress toward an efficient and simplified bookkeeping method.

Again, our thanks to you. We hope that you will continue to avail yourself to various programs and projects of the ACYOA, to which you have always done in the past. Your concern and dedication to our Church is something we certainly need more of.

Stay well, and may God bless you and your family.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MMAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

14 September 84

NANCY BASMAJIAN  
Director - ACYOA Juniors  
Armenian Diocese  
828 Brighton Street  
Philadelphia, PA 09911

Dear Nancy,

As you know, the ACYOA Juniors Directory has been adapted to the computer listing of the ACYOA Seniors. It can be printed out using a mailing-label format, or other formats you deem useful.

The ACYOA National Youth Listing Project is aimed at developing a master listing of Armenian young people in the Diocese. Our goal is to have the listing in order of "year of birth", whereby names could be pulled to direct mailing and formulate listings according to age, and age groups.

In other words, we would like to have all young Armenians from Baptism to age 30 on the list. Then, as the person grows and is ready for Church or Armenian School, the list of that age group could be prepared and sent to the ~~Department~~ Department. As the person continues to grow and is of age for ACYOA Juniors, that listing could be updated, adding the names of those who have come of age. When the person is ready for ACYOA Seniors, again the names of that age group are added to the Seniors listing, etc., etc.

Is there a way the names on the ACYOA Juniors list could be "birth-dated"? This would assist the Seniors in knowing when to add their names to the Seniors list. In addition, could you obtain the listing of Church School students? Is this list according to birth dates (year of birth is sufficient)?

I'm sure you understand the goal here.

Please inform and share any ideas you might have to help speed up this project.

Thank you. Looking forward to speaking with you next week in New York.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN

C.C. Administrative Director  
of Diocese  
ACYOA Central Council



14 September 84

MICHAEL MOUSIGIAN  
SUSAN MOUSIGIAN  
Supervisors  
National Armenian Youth Listing  
1407 Fairway Court  
Dearborn, MI 48124

Dear Michael and Susan,

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the future direction of the National Armenian Youth Listing. Recently, a copy of the Listing was received in alphabetical order, which is very much appreciated and certainly a beautiful format for reference purposes.

In glancing through the copy, many changes have occurred that are in need of revision. This is something that will always be the case, and something that we all must live with regarding mailing lists. However, if a regular revision schedule can be adapted, then at least we can rest assured that updating will be a regular occurrence and that the Listing will approach a most efficient level.

Please review the enclosed revised "Revision Schedule". Is this realistic? Is it within your bounds, as regards your time, energy, costs, etc.? Please be honest and indicate those items that can be changed to allow us the most efficient way to continue this project.

As soon as possible, please respond and indicate any and all areas that will be of cost to the ACYOA, as well as any possible donation you can make. This donation should be given and receipted, and if any type of receipt can be of value to you, it can easily be obtained. You may wish this for tax purposes.

We appreciate your assistance in this very important project, and know that you are doing your best to make the Listing a valuable tool to the Church in reaching its young people.

We look forward to hearing from you soon, and ask God to bless you both.

Sincerely yours,

c.c. Primate  
Council Chairman  
Council Coordinator

JAMES MAGARIAN

14 September 84

SUSAN BOYAJIAN  
Corresponding Secretary-Elect  
ACYOA Central Council  
242 South Lewis  
Lombard, IL 60148

Dear Susan,

In as much as we can assume approval of elections by the Primate and Diocesan Council, I should like to request that you send letters of appreciation to the various people who assisted the General Assembly in the capacity of secretary.

I realize that Sona Palvetzian is handling some of your work regarding the Courtesies of the Assembly, since your school work is time consuming. The reason for this request is that you know the secretaries and can probably get their addresses alot easier than anyone else.

If you have any problems with this, please inform. Other letters of appreciation have gone out to Rev. Fr. Garabed Kochakian, Dean Shahinian, etc. who assisted in programs and execution.

Letters of appreciation will also be sent from my office to the members of the Host Committee, according to the list given me months ago by Kevin Giragosian, following receipt of the final Report of the Weekend.

These letters are time consuming, but as you know, very important to the people who assisted, as well as to the image of ACYOA and its recognition of those who gave time and effort to help.

Hope to hear from you soon. Stay well and don't 'over-study'!

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGRIAN

14 September 84

PETER BABIGIAN  
Chairman - Watertown ACYOA  
St. James Armenian Church  
35 Beaver Brook Road  
Waltham, MA 02154

Dear Peter,

It was good to see you and the other members of your "delegation" at the ACYOA General Assembly and National Sports Weekend just a few weeks ago.

You seem to be quite observant and interested in the needs of the young adults of our Church, and rightly so, for there are many needs. Please do share your observations and ideas so that we might consider other perspectives when initiating new programs and planning for the future.

Enclosed are the Monthly Fact Sheets, Annual Report Form, and Membership Renewal Form, as you had requested.

As we had briefly discussed, the National Sports Weekend Rules and Regulations, along with other program outlines and regulations, are all found in the "Chapter Handbook". The Handbooks have been previously forwarded to all chapters, in care of the Chairman, and to the Parishes in care of the Pastors. If you can't locate a copy, please inform and one will be sent directly to you. In addition, other pertinent, and not so pertinent, materials have been sent to the Chapter Chairmen, all of which are supposed to be "turned over" to the new chairman following elections in a transitional meeting of sorts. Please contact your previous Chapter Chairman for any and all of these materials.

Looking forward to hearing from you in the future and working with you on programs for Watertown, and the ACYOA in general.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN

P.S. A planning meeting should take place soon regarding the Archbishop's

13 September 84

SONA PALVETZIAN  
ACYOA Central Council Member  
45 Dunfield #1402  
Toronto, ONT Mls 2H4

Dear Sona,

Enclosed is a revised and properly worded copy of the  
"resolutions and courtesies" extended by the 1984 ACYOA  
General Assembly.

The Only revisions are in the wording, and not in the  
actual intentinn of the document.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN

c.c. Council Chairnan

11 September 84

SHAKE AJAMIAN  
Treasurer-Elect  
ACYOA Central Council  
15 Arjay Lane  
Commack, N.Y. 11725

Dear Shake,

In as much as we can assume approval of elections by the Primate and Diocesan Council, I shall begin sending you the various materials from the bank and other places as regards your office on ACYOA Central Council.

The proper procedure calls for any and all bank statements, disclosures, and other materials from our bank and financial institutions to be sent to the Diocese in care of the Executive Secretary to the ACYOA. They are then sent to me (or I pick them up while I'm there) for brief review, and then forwarded to the current Treasurer. Pertinent materials are also forwarded to others who assist the Council in this area (i.e. Raffh DerAsadourian).

Be assured that as soon as the materials are received they are sent directly to you.

On a monthly basis, as stated in the Council Operations and Procedures Guide, the Treasurer will make a financial statement of the receipts and disbursements of the General Treasury of the ACYOA, as operated by the Central Council. The statements are to be sent to me on a monthly basis. You shall also pass out copies of the statements at our Central Council meetings as part of your report on the treasury, which is always part of our agenda.

I do hope that you've reviewed the financial materials that were given to you by Vaughan Totovian, and have straightened out any problems or past due work. If there are any problems, please contact me immediately. We want to start off on the right track, and not get bogged down with past problems or current difficulties.

Stay well.  
Sincerely yours,



DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF AMERICA, 630 SECOND AVENUE, NEW YORK, N.Y. 10016-4885 212 686-0710

*Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate*

10 September 84

DEAR ACYOA CENTRAL COUNCIL MEMBERS,

Does everyone realize that we are in the third month of the 1984-85 ACYOA Year ? Yes, it's time for you to begin your work as members of the ACYOA Central Council this term.

The following information is provided for everyone, continuing and newly elected Council members, so that we realize our responsibilities and pursue them with standard procedures. If there are any questions at any time, you should immediately contact the Executive Secretary and/or Council Chairman.

1. Approval of Primate and Diocesan Council:

A "brief" has been sent to His Eminence and the Diocesan Council regarding the proposals and elections of the ACYOA General Assembly. The Diocesan Council will review this information at their next meeting and inform us of their decision. Last year, the "brief" was sent shortly after the Assembly as is the procedure, but the Council requested the Minutes of the Assembly as well. The Minutes were not prepared until the end of October, at which time they were sent to the Council. For some reason, we were never informed as to the action of the Diocesan Council regarding the 1983 Assembly. This is probably an administrative oversight, and will be pursued this year.

Upon receiving approval from the Primate and Diocesan Council, you will be informed of your official status. Letters will also be sent to all parishes as well.

2. Contact your Parishes:

Upon being informed of your official status as an ACYOA Central Council Member, or by October 10th (whichever occurs first) you should send letters to all the parishes and chapters of your respective regions. The letter should introduce yourself and mention your availability and desire to work closely with the parish and chapter during this year. In parishes where there is no pastor, all correspondence should be sent to the Parish Council Chairman. In all cases, whenever you correspond with your chapters, always send a copy to the church in care of the pastor/parish council chairman.

Your letter of introduction should be quickly followed up by a telephone call adding a personal touch and really getting to know the pastor and chapter chairman. At this first contact, a tentative date should be arranged for you to visit the

parish and meet with the (organized) chapter, or, meet with whatever young people there are in the parish to discuss their needs and the possibility of organizing an ACYOA Chapter. In cases of organizing new chapters, consult with the Executive Secretary to understand the particular parish and any past history that can be of use to you. Naturally, we'd like to see every parish of the Diocese with some type of chapter or group organized.

All telephone calls to the parishes/chapters should always mention upcoming programs or events. List these down on paper prior to making the calls.

3. Records:

Make copies of all your correspondence and place these items in file folders. Keep all related expense receipts for reimbursement by the ACYOA. Enclosed is a simple "reimbursement form" to be used when filing for reimbursement to the Central Council. Complete the form and staple the receipts to it. Mail it on a monthly basis to the Council Treasurer (Shake).

Past Council members who have records and materials for the permanent files of ACYOA should send these materials to the Executive Secretary now. Anyone with pertinent materials of the ACYOA Assembly (George) should forward these materials as well as soon as possible.

4. Read and Understand:

Everyone should be familiar with the "Operations and Procedures" of the ACYOA Central Council. Everyone should be familiar with the "Chapter Handbook" as well. If you need copies, ask.

To assist and advise the chapters, you should be familiar with the standard procedures of ACYOA, its Constitution, and the rules and regulations of the various programs. YOU should know when administrative forms and reports are due and remind the chapters when necessary (which is always).

5. Know the Minimum:

You should know and understand the minimum of your responsibilities and at least accomplish this. This "minimum" is that which affects your most basic responsibility and has an affect on the other Council members and your chapters. DO THIS MINIMUM when your time and energy is unavailable.

When you can't do all that you have volunteered or are expected to do, you should immediately inform the Executive Secretary and Council Chairman so that someone else can take care of it. Don't feel embarrassed or bad that you couldn't do it. Better it get done by someone, than not at all. Think POSITIVE and be ACCOMPLISHMENT oriented.

6. Regional Conferences:

Regional programming and events are very important. We need many more of these if real progress is to be felt. Regional Conferences of ACYOA Chapters is one way to organize, promote, and bring together the young adults of a region. The Conference is arranged by the Central Council Regional Representative, and is

usually held at a parish in the region. Formats vary, but sometimes include a dance in the evening (the Conference coinciding with the already sponsored dance of an ACYOA Chapter or parish) or a party, or another type of activity the night before the Conference, etc., etc. Creativity is a must, but the most important element is the people - getting them together for interaction and enjoyment of each other's company.

ALL regions should organize a Fall Conference this year. (No, it is not too late.) The best weekend for this seems to be the Saturday following Thanksgiving (U.S.). The Midwest-South has had a Conference on this day for several years now, and has met with success. This is also the date of the annual Detroit ACYOA Fall Dance. The two events coincide to make each other successful (although the dance could well make it on its own!).

The date is Saturday, November 24th. Let's begin making arrangements now. If you have questions or problems regarding agenda, format, promotion, please contact the Executive Secretary and Council Chairman.

YOUR REGION has certain resources and people who can really help in making the programs of ACYOA successful. Find out who these people are and how they can fit in.

Regional Conferences should be held at least twice a year, and three times where possible. These get-togethers strengthen the ties of the region and make a good base for national participation in programs and events.

7. Parish Directory:

Enclosed for new Council Members are copies of the 1983 Parish Directory of the Diocese. As a new one is printed, they will be sent to all Council members.

8. Chapter Chairmen:

The following are known Chapter Chairmen, or Contacts where there is no chapter:

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|---------------------------------------|--|
| Bayside - Shake Ajamian (will change) | New Britain - Gary Hovhanessian                                  |
| Binghamton - Michael Findikyan        | N. New Jersey - Lori Kalemkerian                                 |
| Boston - David Panosian               | Palos Heights - Kevin Giragosian                                 |
| Cheltenham - Alice Zarzatian          | Providence - Marc Janigian                                       |
| Chicago - ?                           | St. Catherines - Lois Sarkisian                                  |
| Cleveland - Ray Yoel                  | St. Louis - Doreen Nersesian                                     |
| Detroit - Charles Cholmakjian         | Syracuse - Judy Koolakian  |
| Evanston - Melina Spinuzza            | Toronto - Greg Suin  |
| Hartford - Charlie Shooshan           | Washington - Andreea Basdekian                                   |
| Lawrence - Gary Townsend              | Watertown - Peter Babigian                                       |
| Lowell - Alan Manorian                | Westchester - Stella Choukachian                                 |
| Montreal - Alain Tchaderjian          | Wisconsin - David Stevoff  |
|                                       | Worcester - Louis Mikitarian                                     |
|                                       | Wynnewodd - Lisa Manookian (elections<br>will soon be held here) |

If any of these names are incorrect, or if better contacts can be found, please inform the Executive Secretary at once. A new listing with addresses and telephone numbers will be prepared and sent to you soon.



9. Program Assignments:

As per our Transitional meeting in Palos Heights:

Arda Nazerian:

Leadership Seminar  
Membership List and Cards  
Educational Programs

Sona Palvetzian:

Archbishop's Basketball Tournament

Shake Ajamian:

General Assembly/Nat. Sports Weekend  
70th Annv. of Armenian Martyrs of 1915

George Jevarjian:

Membership Campaign  
National Armenian Youth Listing

Susan Boyajian:

Religious Programs

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS:

Vaughan Totovian: Scholarship Program (letter of official appointment needed)

Ralph DerAsadourian: Stocks and Securities (letter of re-appointment needed)

SPECIAL SERVICES:

Mike and Sue Mousigian: Computerized Mailing Lists (letter requested costs and or donations needed)

NOTE: All Council members are responsible for ACYOA Regional and Local Program in their respective Regions and the parishes of the regions. The Council Chairman is responsible that the Regional Representatives fulfill their obligations to these Regional and Local Programs (assistance, promotion...)

10. Executive Update Mailing:

The Executive Update is prepared and printed by the Executive Secretary approximately 6 times (or more) a year. It is sent first-class mail immediately after printing to all parishes and Chapter Chairmen. It is also sent to all Council members for reproduction and bulk-rate mailing to their respective regions.

GEORGE: Please send a copy of the National Youth Listing (zip code order) to all Council members.

Council members should pull-out the pages that correspond to their respective Regions and have these pages reproduced on mailing labels.

ARDA: You coordinate these Regionalized Lists so that all parishes are covered. You should also determine how Sona is to handle her mailings, since she can't mail bulk-rate in Canada.

Keep in mind that bulk-rate mail can take weeks to be delivered to the various parts of your Region. Therefore, as soon as possible, after having received the "Master Copy" from the Executive Secretary, have the newsletter copied according to the number of names in your Region and prepare to mail it out as soon as you can.

It is suggested that you have a chapter assist you in this endeavor, as you can suspect it is a lengthy job. Make a pizza-party out of the evening for the chapter assisting you.

The bulk-rate permit may be used at your local parish. Explain that you are sending bulk-rate to the ACYOA members in the Diocese, and that the ACYOA Central Council will reimburse the parish any postage costs. (NOTE: at least two-hundred pieces are necessary for bulk-rate permit use.)

The next Executive Update is currently in process. Therefore, begin now to prepare your lists and understand how to properly prepare a bulk-rate mailing.

These ten points elaborated above are a few of the on-going operations and procedures that we all must be aware of and follow up on if we are to accomplish anything this year.

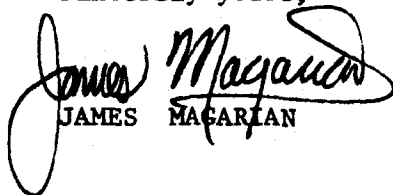
As mentioned at our last meeting, put aside one night a week for ACYOA Central Council work. This is really a "minimum" if you are to stay ahead of your work and not be too far behind. Remember, the parishes and chapters in your Region depend on you for support, assistance and contact. The more contact the more they will be aware of the presence and concern of the Council in ACYOA Programs and Chapter activities. You are not only someone who can make a difference, you are someone you will probably BE the difference in ACYOA this year.

A confirmation on the tentative October 27th meeting in New York City will be sent to you soon. You will also receive an agenda prior to the meeting with information on travel and accommodations.

Again, if there are any problems, quesitons, or concerns, please do be in touch.

Stay well, and may God grant you patience and wisdom as you begin your work this year.

Sincerely yours,

  
JAMES MAGARIAN

c.c. Primate

P.S. If you have any announcements for the Update, such as a date and site for your Regional Conference, etc., please forward the information as soon as possible.

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Armenian Church Youth Organization of America

Diocese of the Armenian Church  
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## Regional Parish Assignments

### Overseer

[Ensures that visitations and contact are maintained with all parishes via the Regional Representatives of the Central Council. Makes visitations with Exec.Sec. and Reg.Reps.]

### New England

Cambridge, MA  
Chelmsford, MA  
Haverhill, MA  
Lawrence, MA  
Springfield, MA

Hartford, CT  
New Britain, CT  
Trumbull, CT  
Watervliet, NY  
\*Bayside, NY  
Providence, RI

### Mid-Atlantic

N. Westchester, NY  
Westchester, NY  
Woodside, NY  
Manhattan, NY  
Union City, NJ  
Fair Lawn, NJ  
Tenafly, NJ  
Livingston, NJ

Wynnewood, PA  
Cheltenham, PA  
Washington, DC  
Richmond VA  
Atlanta, GA  
Miami, FL  
South Florida  
Elberon, NJ

### Midwest-NORTH

Binghamton, NY  
Niagra Falls, NY  
Rochester, NY  
Syracuse, NY  
\*Palos Heights, IL

St. Catherines, ONT  
Hamilton, ONT  
Toronto, ONT  
Montreal, QUE  
Vancouver, BC  
Ottawa, ONT

### Midwest-SOUTH

Chicago, IL  
Evanston, IL  
Belleville, IL  
Waukegan, IL  
Racine, WI

Greenfield, WI  
S.Milwaukee, WI  
Cleveland, OH  
Houston, TX  
Dallas, TX  
\*Detroit, MI

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\* = indicates special assignment, outside  
the usual geographic region.

JAMES MAGARIAN  
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ACYOA CENTRAL COUNCIL

REIMBURSEMENT FORM

PAY TO: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Items & Explanation: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

[NOTE: Send to Council Treasurer on a monthly basis. Attach all receipts.]  
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6 September 84

ARDA NAZERIAN  
Chairman - ACYOA Central Council  
186-39 Midland Parkway  
Jamaica Estates, N.Y. 11432

Dear Arda,

October Assembly and Weekend is behind us, and just when we think we have done our work and may have a little time to breathe.....more work is yet to be done.

I hope that you arrived home safely and that all is well.

Enclosed is the Brief for the Primate and Diocesan Council. In looking at my records, the Diocesan Council did not officially approve the elections and proposals from the 1983 Assembly in Toronto. Although this is many times rubber-stamp approval, it nonetheless is part of our "laws" and could be interpreted by some as invalid. In any case, we'll see what happens this year and follow up on it.

Early next week I shall send to the Council the following: Listing of regions and programs assigned to each Council member; explanation of items ~~not covered in our meeting~~ not covered in our meeting; and some information on proper procedures.

Letters ~~have been sent~~ have been sent to Father Garabed Kochakian, Dean Shahinian, Yeretzgin Rosalie Papazian, John Merigian, Melina Spinussa, and others who assisted in the Assembly Sports Weekend. Letters will be sent, ~~to the~~ to the Host Committee, AFTER their report has been filed. Letters will also go out soon to past Auditing and Nominating Committee members, as well as newly elected Council, Auditing, and Nominating Committee members - upon approval of Diocesan Council.

You should prepare the Agenda ~~and~~ the October Council Meeting. I shall confirm the date with you and the other Council members as soon as I can. We shall review the Agenda and it will be sent out at least two weeks before the meeting.

I also want you to have a list of names prepared for the meeting of those people in the various regions who can and are willing to assist the Council Regional Representatives this year. These people will be voted on by the Council and appointed accordingly.

Regarding the regions, we must see to it that all regions have a Fall Conference this year. The most appropriate weekend for this is the weekend following Thanksgiving - November 24th) Each Regional Representative should convene the meeting at a convenient location/parish in the region. A short agenda of ACYOA program promotion and possible regional activities (realistic and short range) should make up the bulk of the Conference. Related activities for the participants is a must.

The fact that Detroit has an annual dance that evening should not make any difference to the majority of ACYOA Chapters in the other regions of the Diocese. In fact, it is because of the dance that evening that the Midwest Region usually has a successful Conference earlier in the day. Perhaps this should become a norm in EVERY Region.

We must move fast these next three months to avoid a period of inactivity that can hamper our efforts for the rest of the year, as you know can happen.

Stay well Arda.....and don't take on too much work - ACYOA or otherwise. You are a good worker....but can have your work watered-down when there is too much....I'm sure you know what I mean.

Take care. I shall call you if I'm coming to New York City this month.

Sincerely, yours with fond thoughts,

JAMES MAGARIAN

6 September 84

MELINA SPINUZZA  
Chairman - 1984 ACYOA General Assembly  
3467 Whirlaway Drive  
Northbrook, IL 60062

Dear Melina,

This letter is to express our pleasure and appreciation for your efforts and participation in the past ACYOA General Assembly. As Chairman of the proceedings, and somewhat inexperienced, you did a ~~good job~~ of keeping the business of the Assembly moving, despite many delays and the usual amount of confusion.

You are reminded that you remain Chairman of the Assembly until it next convenes in 1985. If there is any unfinished business, you are responsible for it. In addition, it is your responsibility to re-open the Assembly next year as well. If there are any questions, please do be in touch.

Once again, our appreciation for your efforts and willingness to take on the responsibility (something many others were unwilling to do)

We look forward to working with you in the future, especially as regards the activities and development of the Evanston ACYOA Chapter.

Stay well and stay in touch.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

6 September 84

ARTHUR T. SABOUNJIAN  
Director  
Department of Youth Ministry  
St. James Armenian Church  
465 Mount Auburn Street  
Watertown, MA 02172

Dear Arthur,

It was nice to see you during the ACYOA Assembly and National Sports Weekend last week in Palos Heights. Although time did not permit, it would have been good to discuss our mutual concerns at length - hopefully we will another time.

As you can see, times have changed at the Assembly, and ACYOA as a whole. The young adults are at a different stage in their development and social awareness than just ten years ago. Unfortunately the ACYOA has been slow to evolve with the times, and thus we are again in need of playing "catch-up".

The article in the Armenian Mirror-Spectator (p.4/Sept.1st) on your successful "Youth Activities Days" demonstrates the great need and potential success of parish-based youth ministry.

You should know that you're doing good things at St. James - keep it up - the young people of the parish community need your direction and participation in their lives and in their developing programs. Keep up the publicity in both the Mirror and the Reporter - there are interested Armenians outside of New England.....

Stay well and stay in touch. Later this month, or next, I shall meet with Mark and Kenny of Holy Trinity. Perhaps we might get together that day as well.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN



6 September 84

JILL BOYAJIAN  
Yearbook Coordinator  
'84 ACYOA National Sports Weekend  
6101 West 129th Place  
Palos Heights, IL 60463

Dear Jill,

Hope this letter finds you and your family well and ~~and~~ good spirits. Can you believe the Weekend is over??? Yes, it came and went....and most importantly it was well done by you and your committee, and, well received by all the participants.

The Yearbook came out good. It's too bad that more chapters didn't send in photos, but it seems that every year we try to publish photos, most chapters are either late in responding, or they don't respond at all. In any case, it was good.

Please, at your earliest convenience, return all photos and materials that I had sent to you. (His Holiness, etc....) This is most appreciated.

Don't forget that your ideas and recommendations for next year should be part of the General Report on the Weekend itself. Get this to Kevin Giragosian as soon as you can, as not to delay him in filing the Report with our Office.

Stay well, and stay in touch....

Sincerely yours,

James Magarian

c.c. Host Committee  
Chairman

6 September 84

REV. FATHER GARABED KOCHAKIAN  
Pastor - St. Mesrob Armenian Church  
3663 Green Street  
Racine, WI 53402

Rev. Father Garabed:

We extend to you our thanks and appreciation for your participation in our ACYOA General Assembly this year in Alsop, Illinois.

As you know, we have been encouraging educational programs and presentations to be incorporated in the ACYOA General Assembly and National Sports Weekend over the past several years. They have been accepted with interest and enthusiasm.

Your presentation on Marriage this year was a timely topic for a majority of young adults present - both male and female. Many commented that it was interesting, well presented and meaningful for them.

As we have discussed, the need for available materials and programs on such pertinent subjects for youth and adults alike is a great one. We should pursue the audio-visual format as well as others, so that parishes and ACYOA Chapters might offer these types of programs with little preparation or need for expertise.

If you are able, please forward a copy of your presentation, along with any other ideas you might have.

Stay well Der Hayr, and again we appreciate your participation in the Assembly and especially in presenting the educational program for this year. Any ideas for next year ?? Regards to Yeretzgin.

Respectfully yours, In Christ,

JAMES MAGARIAN

c.c. Primate

6 September 84

His Eminence  
ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN  
Primate - Diocese of the Armenian Church  
630 Second Avenue, NYC, NY 10016-4885  
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Your Emjnence:

So that the ACYOA may cooperate and participate to its fullest in the various commemorative events marking the 70th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide of 1915, please forward any confirmed information as per our discussions at the ACYOA General Assembly and National Sports Weekend.

In addition, if there are any updates on the Youth Festival in Yerevan (Aug.'85) please forward that as well.

Thank you.

Your obedient servant,

JAMES MAGARRAN

6 September 84

His Eminence  
ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN  
Primate - Diocese of the Armenian Church  
630 Second Avenue, N.Y.C., N.Y. 10016-4885

Your Eminence:

Enclosed are the pertinent parts of the proceedings of the 1984 ACYOA General Assembly, convened in ~~Rosier~~ Illinois, August 29-31st.

In keeping with past procedures, this "brief" on the Assembly is provided for Your Eminence and members of the Diocesan Council for approval, thus enabling those elected to pursue their duties, as well as initiate ~~phapp~~ proposals accepted by the Assembly.

The full text of the Minutes of the Assembly will be forwarded upon their compilation, as well as acceptance of the final session by the ACYOA Central Council at their next meeting (October). Thereafter the Minutes will be sent to all parishes and chapters in keeping with the ACYOA Constitution on this item.

If additional information is needed regarding the "brief" on the Assembly, please inform accordingly.

Your Obedient Servant,

JAMES MAGARIAN

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6 September 84

His Eminence  
ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN  
Primate - Diocese of the Armenian Church  
630 Second Avenue, N.Y.C., N.Y. 10016-4885

Your Eminence:

In keeping with our usual procedures, the enclosed materials are provided.

I should like to point out that in past years, the enclosed type of "brief", on the pertinent parts of the Assembly proceedings in need of Diocesan Council approval, was sufficient and was dispensed with as time allowed at the upcoming Diocesan Council meeting.

However, last year the minutes of the Assembly were requested (after the brief was sent) and the usual letters of approval (or disapproval) were never received. In particular, as I checked my files, letters of approval of elections were not sent from the Diocesan office to me, ~~for~~ herefrom I would send letters to the elected informing them of their official elected status, as well as their duties and responsibilities.

Be this as it may, I hope that this year the "brief" will be sufficient, since the Minutes are never fully prepared until the end of October, at the earliest.

In addition, since the Primate presides over the Assembly, and advises the Assembly on proper procedure and regulations of the Diocese, why is it the Diocesan Council has to approve of the proceedings and pertinent parts (i.e. proposals)? It seems that the Diocesan Council must be informed, officially, but to ask their approval after the Primate ~~has~~ presided over the particular sessions seems to be ~~an~~ ~~in~~ ~~ad~~ ~~equ~~ ~~ate~~ ~~pro~~ ~~ce~~ ~~d~~ ~~u~~ ~~r~~ ~~e~~ ~~.~~

I only mention these points to speed up the approval process, and note a possible inconsistency.

Your obedient servant,

JAMES MAGARIAN

6 September 84

His Eminence  
ARCHBISHOP TOKOM MANOOGIAN  
Primate - Diocese of the Armenian Church  
630 Second Avenue, N.Y.C., N.Y. 10016-4885

Your Eminence:

Regarding the customary telegram to His Holiness regarding the ACYOA Assembly and National Sports Weekend event, Father Aved has informed me that he worked on a draft for the telegram and gave it to Susan Boyajian to give to Deacon Serop to give to Your Eminence.

Please inform if the draft was received.

A folder with past telegrams was part of the draft; and assume that it is altogether. If possible, please keep the folder as I need it for the files.

Thank you.

Your obedient servant,

JAMES MAGARIAN

5 September 84

YERETZGIN ROSALIE PAPAIZIAN  
C/O St. Gregory of Narek Armenian Church  
666 Richmond Road  
Richmond Heights, OH 44143

Dear Keretzgin,

We extend to you a heart-felt appreciation for your participation in our religious program at this year's ACYOA National Sports Weekend.

"INSIGHTS" provided for the participants an alternative to the usual itinerary of athletics, socials, touring and the like. The alternative was a meaningful and well executed opportunity for the young adults at the Weekend.

We appreciate your participation and sincere commitment. We especially appreciate your cooperation with Dean Shannian, who took charge of the program and followed up on it.

God's blessings to you on your endeavors in your parish.

Stay well.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN

5 September 84

JOHN MERIGIAN  
508 East Ann Street  
Ann Arbor, MI 41804

Dear John,

We extend to you a heart-felt appreciation for your participation in our religious program at this year's ACYOA National Sports Weekend.

"INSIGHTS" provided for the participants an alternative to the usual itinerary of athletics, socials, touring and the like. And the alternative was a meaningful and well executed opportunity for the young adults in the Weekend.

We appreciate your participation and sincere commitment. We especially appreciate your cooperation with Dean Shahinian, who took charge of the program and followed up on it.

God's blessings to you in your endeavors in Ann Arbor. If you are in the Boston area, please do be in touch.

Stay well.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN



5 September 84

DEAN SHAHINIAN  
8909 Captains Row  
Alexandria, VA 22308

Dear Dean,

Yes, your efforts paid off more than you know.

Finally, I think since 1976, an organized non-athletic/social activity was offered and took place at the ACYOA National Sports Weekend, mainly due to your efforts and generosity. You should feel good about it.

Most of the comments were positive and enthusiastic. The participants in the seminars appreciated the effort and will undoubtedly look forward to similar offerings in the years to come.

Our sincere appreciation to you in taking charge of the proposal of the 1983 ACYOA Assembly. Perhaps we might not have been able to reach that item if it were not for your volunteer effort.

If you would like to write a news release on this successful activity, it would be very appropriate. If you wish, send me an outline of information and I shall write the article therefrom. Either way, it must get into the Armenian Press. I'm sure you'll agree.

If you are so disposed and I realize that this is a little early, it would be a pleasure to work with you for next year's effort. In this way we can include announcements of the offerings in the general and special mailings, articles and over-all preparation for the entire weekend itinerary. Think about it.

Again our thanks to you and your seminar leaders.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARRAN

c.c. Primate

5 September 84

MESROB KERMIAN  
Administrative Director  
Armenian Diocese  
630 Second Avenue  
NY, NY 10016-4885

Dear Mr. Kermian,

At your earliest convenience, kindly forward to me a copy of the official resolution on "terrorism", adopted by the 1982 (or 1983?) Diocesan Assembly.

At this year's ACYOA General Assembly, the delegates chose to adopt the same resolution of the Diocesan Assembly, keeping in line with the parent organization of the ASYOA.

The Resolution will be printed for all members and mentioned in news releases.

Thank you for your prompt attention on this.

Sincerely,

JAMES MAGARRAN

5 September 84

VAN GIRAGOSIAN  
Athletics Director  
1984 ACYOA Nat. Spts. Wknd.  
14949 South Lakeview Drive - Unit 2W  
Orland Park, IL 60462

Dear Van,

Fine job.

Its best measured, at these types of functions, by the way the participants speak about the weekend, especially regarding the Athletic Competitions. When they can't even find hardly anything to complain about, that's really something (because they usually can find something!). If there were any complaints, please let me know.

I know I didn't emphasize this to you, but I really need a typed copy of the official "results" of the Athletic Competitions. It should include 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, all chapters participating, and a listing of how many points were awarded to each chapter.

This is important if we want the results printed in the papers. If the news is "old", then they will only print some of the results, if any at all. Last year they didn't receive the official results until months after the Weekend, and you can imagine what the newspapers did with that information. Therefore, please send it as soon as possible.

Also, your 'section' in the over all General Report of the Weekend is very important. Please cover all aspects of your work, especially giving attention to any recommendations for next year. The Competition results should also be part of your report.

It was a pleasure working with you and I hope that we might have the chance to do some things in the future.

Stay well....my regards to your wife.

Sincerely yours,

5 September 84

KEVIN GIRAGOSIAN  
Chairman - Host Committee  
1984 ACYOA Nat. Spts. Wknd.  
8101 West 131st Street  
Palos Park, IL 60464

Dear Kevin,

Realizing that you are probably still trying to catch up on your sleep.... and that many of the post-weekend details are somewhat fuzzy in your mind, I thought a reminder note on the subject might be just what you need!

1. Any costs for the clergy accompanying Surpazan will be paid by Surpazan, as this is his request. If the Host Committee wants to "pick up the tab", then this should be said in writing.
2. Since I was the only one at the headtable on Sunday evening with any type of writing instrument, and everyone seemed to need one, of course my cross-pen was lost in the shuffle. If you have it, please send it along. It is a chrome cross-pencil, with my name engraved on it. Thank you.
3. The two extra Khatch-kar bookends should also be sent to me.
4. Although we discussed it many, many times, I still did not take with me the rolls of film! This possibly will cause me to miss my deadline.....please send them as soon as possible!
5. The two "Host Banners" of the Assembly should be wrapped and sent to me.
6. The display photos that Susan Boyajian designed should be sent to me.
7. The General Report for this year, along with the past year's reports, should all be sent. Naturally, if you think that your General Report will take a lot of time to write, PLEASE send the past reports as soon as possible. The potential chapter(s) for next year would like to see them, and this courtesy should be afforded to them.

Remember the types of information that you would have liked to

have, and include it in your General Report. An Outline for the report is included, although I have sent you this before.

8. Please remind Van that the results of the Athletic Competition is needed immediately for News Releases. This is important so that the "news" is current. Last year, the results were not received until months later, and the papers would not print the "old news". Would you?

Again, I must say that you and the other Host Committee members did a fine job on the Weekend. Now that the "fever" has subsided somewhat, I strongly suggest that an "appreciation" party be offered to all who assisted in the preparation and execution of the Weekend. This is important....don't let this type of show of appreciation be missing, or postponed too long.

I will be sending letters to all Committee members following receipt of your Report. The Report, along with its financial statement and net proceeds for the National Organization, is the last leg of the Weekend. Please allow me send this letters on a timely fashion.....in other words, get your Report in within a reasonable time. You'll feel better about it.

It was a pleasure to work with you this past year on this major ACYOA event.

I am giving some consideration in preparing an Assembly-Sports Weekend Guide book of sorts for chapters considering hosting it (part one) and the chapter that will host it (part two). Since you have most recently hosted the event, I hope that you will assist in its preparation. It will be most appreciated.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Stay well.

Most sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARAAN

31 October 84

MELANIE BARSAMIAN  
c/o 74 Woodland Street  
West Boylston, MA 01583

Dear Melanie,

Hope this letter finds you well. I have not heard from you since the end of July. Have you been all right?

Enclosed you will find a "Certificate of Special Recognition" for your service on the ACYOA Central Council. The certificate, along with a gift were to be presented to you at the Awards Banquet of the ACYOA National Sports Weekend, September 2nd, in Palos Heights, IL.

I was waiting for Kevin Giragosian to send the gift, but since Susan Boyajian brought it with her recently, to give to you, I thought I would forward the certificate and engraving now.

I am somewhat surprised at the way you ended your term as a Council Member. I would have never bet on it.

Stay well.

Most sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARAIN

30 October 84

FRANK STONESON  
Director - Department of Finance  
Diocese of the Armenian Church  
630 Second Avenue  
N.Y.C., N.Y. 10016-4885

Dear Mr. Stoneson,

Enclosed you will find materials pertaining to a five year  
medium range plan for the Department of ACYOA - Senior Division.

As per our conversation, the chart and notes has been simplified  
and further explained. If this information is inadequate, please  
inform so that additional details may be included.

Best of everything to you and your Department on this ambitious  
five year plan to raise needed funds for our Diocese.

Sincerely,

JAMES MAGARIAN

c.c. Primate  
Administrative Director

25 October 84

LOIS SARKISIAN  
Chairman - St. Catherines ACYOA Chapter  
St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church  
8 Canad Court  
St. Catherines, ONT L2N 3A6  
CANADA

Dear Lois,

It was nice to hear from you with your letter of October 16th. Hope all is going well with you and with the other members of your Chapter.

Concerning information on ACYOA JUNIORS, I am forwarding your letter to NANCY BASMAJIAN, 828 Brighton Street, Philadelphia, PA 19111 (215-722-3369). She is the Diocesan Director for ACYOA JUNIORS, and she can best help you out regarding formation and activities. She also has an abundance of materials which can assist you a great deal.

If you need any further assistance, please do not hesitate to ask.

Stay well.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN

c.c. Director, ACYOA JUNIORS



18 October 84

LOUIS MIKITARIAN  
Chairman - Worcester ACYOA Chapter  
Armenian Church of Our Holy Saviour  
109 June Street  
Worcester, MA 01602

Dear Louis,

It was a renewed pleasure to see you again and meet with some of the members of the Worcester ACYOA Chapter last night. While a somewhat different meeting was anticipated, we nevertheless covered the necessary areas to begin planning, the 1985 edition of the ACYOA National Sports Weekend.

Your cautious posture is understandable and respected. However, the resources and strong Armenian Church community in the Worcester area can be utilized and organized to host one of the most successful ACYOA National Sports Weekends yet. It is up to the members to be committed to the project, as well as for us to take a positive stance and make it work out the best we can. It is not beyond our means.

On a more personal level, I'm concerned about you. Your role and involvement is important. You have been an active and involved member of your Chapter and Parish for a long time. You know the "score" and understand the "players". You know your own capabilities and the amount of free time needed to get the job done.

Now, you must design a personal schedule within which you can feel comfortable and at ease with the responsibilities you decide to take on. You must be honest with yourself as well as the job at hand (this includes the Chapters as a whole, as well as the Sports Weekend). Anything less will result in a year of headaches and frustration as you try to reach too many things at once - simply because you care.

There are people in your community who can handle responsibility, if only in small amounts. Find them, talk with them, explain the situation, give them a chance, and most of all, allow them to exercise their own talents and ideas. This is mainly what ACYOA is all about. It is an "opportunity" to experience and do things in service to the Church. With your guidance, new people can handle some of the load of leadership that is needed.

Perhaps the best way to decide on the people and their positions to be filled,

is for you and Her Hayr to review the positions and those persons who have shown an interest in a particular area ((as well as those who should be approached). Then, via executive appointment by Der Hayr and the Chapter Chairman, establish the Host Committee Executive Body and create an understanding between everyone on procedures and areas of responsibility. (If you need assistance, please inform.)

In this way, the people with the interest and the talent will be utilized the their best, and our best, advantage.

Regarding your request for an ACYOA Chapter Handbook and Constitution, a copy should be on file at the Church Office, as well as with the past Chapter Chairman. Please inform if these copies are unavailable to you, and we shall send another. The ACYOA Constitution is included in the Chapter Handbook.

I look forward to working with you and the members of the Worcester ACYOA Chapter this coming year in planning and preparing for the 1985 National Sports Weekend. Stay well and please do stay in touch.

I hope to hear from you soon regarding our next meeting in early December. At that time, the various area coordinators, committees, and time table for mailing should be ready.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIN

c.c. Primate

15 October 84

JILL BOYAJIAN  
Yearbook Coordinator  
1984 ACYOA Nat. Spts. Wknd.  
6101 West 129th Place  
Palos Heights, IL 60463

Dear Jill,

Realizing that you have been very busy, we wish to remind you that the materials and photographs sent to you for use in the 1984 ACYOA National Sports Weekend Yearbook must be returned as soon as possible.

Please attend to this as soon as possible, and avoid further delays.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

JAMES MAGARIAN

c.c. Host Committee Chairman

16 October 84

VAN GIRAGOSIAN  
Athletics Coordinator  
1984 ACYOA National Spts. Wknd.  
149494 South Lakeview Drive Unit 2W  
Orland Park, IL 60462

Dear Han,

Realising that you have been very busy, this letter is to remind you that the results of the Athletics competitions of the 1984 ACYOA National Sports Weekend are PAST DUE.

It is intended to publish these results in a timely fashion, as well as place the information in our permanent files for future use. Without your information, we can do neither.

Please submit the information, 1st, 2nd, 3rd in all competitions, as well as the points awarded each participating chapter, as soon as possible.

Kindly attend to this and avoid further delays.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

JAMES MAGARRAN

c.c. Host Committee Chairman

16 October 84

KEVIN GIRAGOSIAN  
Chairman - Host Committee  
1984 ACYOA National Sports Weekend  
3101 West 131st Street  
Palos Park, IL 60464

Dear Kevin,

Six weeks have passed since the height of Weekend "Fever". Hopefully, you and your committee have had a chance to recover and can now finish off the work of Hosting this national event of the ACYOA.

Thank you for sending the mailing list - your prompt attention on this is well noted.

Enclosed you will find letters to Jill Bayajian and Van Giragosian regarding their specifics owed. These materials are needed NOW. Please encourage them.

Regarding the over all report, as well as half the net proceeds, please take care of these matters. Three copies of the report should be made - one kept by the Chapter, and two sent to our office. Of the two, one is used for circulation, the other for the permanent file. The net proceeds should be now be complete. A check for half this amount should be sent to the ACYOA Central Council Treasurer, Shaka Ajamian, for deposit in the ACYOA National Treasury. These funds are needed to keep the work of the ACYOA and the Central Council moving.

If you are having problems, please inform. Stay well.

Sincerely,

JAMES MAGARIAN

11 October 84

MARYANN OHANIAN  
105 Lyons Street  
New Britain, CT 06052

Dear Maryann,

I hope this letter finds you well, and that everything is alright with you and your family. It was nice to see you and have some time together with Linda and Sarkis in Palos Heights last month. It reminded me of old times, especially since we all have many memories in common.

Regarding the New Britain ACYOA, I still have concern for the situation there. I feel that you, Sharon, Gary and others have given a lot of your time and effort in trying to organize the group, sponsor programs and in general serve the Church. I do not want to see all this effort go to waste.

Therefore, I would like to hear from you and know where you and the others stand.

In the meantime, I have placed your name (and Sharon's) on the official ACYOA Chapter Listing as Chairmen/Contacts. Although at our meeting awhile ago, we had decided to have Gary Hovhannessian receive the official mail, I really think he's really too busy at this time in his life.

I look forward to hearing from you. I do hope we can work something out. Stay well.

Sincerely,

JAMES MAGARIAN

11 October 84

ANAHID DERBABIAN  
4572 Brightmore Court  
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48013

Dear Anahid,

Thank you for sending your "evaluation" on the Educational Tour to Armenia.

Although it was a little late, we appreciate your comments, ideas for improvement and insights to help us make the trip better for next year. (If you happen to be in touch with other trip members, please remind them to send in their comments, even at this late date. We don't appreciate the neglect, but we do need the input.)

Recently, the Mirror-Spectator Newspaper printed your "Armenia....always" article. It was very good and said a lot about your experiences. You have a nice way of expressing yourself.

With your permission, I would like to reproduce the article in the ACYOA Executive Update newsletter. The next edition is scheduled for December. I should also like to send a copy to the BEMA, the Chronicle of the Diocese. Please inform if you do not want it sent.

Stay well.

Sincerely,

JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

1110ctober 84

MARK KASHGEGIAN  
Chairman - Host Committee  
1985 Archbishop T.M. Basketball Tournament  
29 Jason Road, Belmont, MA 02178

Dear Mark,

I like your style. It was a pleasure to meet with you and some of the members of the Host Committee for the 1985 Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Basketball Tournament. Our meeting was short and to the point, and demonstrated that you and your Committee members have been busy working on preliminary plans for

Some of the ideas we discussed are very good, and should be pursued. This Tournament, initiated by His Eminence in the early 1970's, has had its successful and not-so-successful years. Your enthusiasm, good attitude and creativity could possibly result in a most socially, athletically and financially successful Tournament yet.

As you are aware, the Rules and Regulations governing the Tournament are found in the "Chapter Handbook". Please review these with all Committee members and see that they are followed. If you decide to deviate from the normal itinerary, please inform before the final plans are made.

Since the dates selected for this year's Tournament are much later than usual, June 7-9, (something we had little control over) we must keep in mind that this Tournament is not to compete with the ACYOA National Sports Weekend - which may take place in the New England area. Keeping this in mind, we might consider concentrating our promotional efforts in the New England and Mid-Atlantic Regions of the Diocese. Of course the Tournament is open to all Parishes, regardless of whether an active ACYOA Chapter, and information must be sent to every Parish of the Diocese. I'm sure you understand the situation, and we will discuss it further.

Enclosed you will find a record of past Tournament Champions and outstanding players. You might enhance this list with the names of champions from the Trophies themselves. This information should be included in the "booklet" the Host Committee is to produce as part of the fund-raising effort of this program. If you have other information you wish included, please do be in touch.

I look forward to working with you on this ACYOA Program. Stay well.

SINCERELY YOURS,

JAMES MAGARIAN

c.c. Primate, Pastor,  
Chapter Chairman



2 October 84

His Eminence  
Archbishop Torkom Manoggian  
Primate - Diocese of the Armenian Church  
630 Second Avenue - N.Y.C., N.Y. 10016-4885

Your Eminence:

Several members of the "Committee for Youth Ministry in the Diocese" have asked questions relevant to our present course of action and immediate goals. I have related to them our recent discussions and informed them that our immediate goal is to promote, recruit and convince parishes and potential trainees of the need and potential of local/parish youth workers.

They have also asked if we (the committee as a whole) will meet again.

At this juncton, since Your Eminence mentioned last month that the committee for all intents and purposes has accomplished its work and is somewhat dissolved, a letter might be in order from the Primate's Office to the Committee Members thanking them for their efforts and participation and informing them that the Committee is dissolved.

I feel that this type of closure is necessary regarding the Committee.

Your obedient servant,

JAMES MAGARAIAN

2 October 84

KEVIN GIRAGOSIAN  
Chairman & Host Committee  
1984 National Sports Weekend  
8101 West 131st St.  
Palos Park, IL 60464

Dear Kevin,

Please push a copy of the mailing list you used for your National Mailings.  
Send to:

J. Magarian  
99 Long Pond Road  
Tyngsborough, MA 01879

Also, at your earliest convenience, please send a copy of the list to:

George Jevanjian  
36602 Grove  
Livonia, MI 48154

Mention to George that I requested you to send a copy to him for inclusion in  
the ACYOA National Youth Listing.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR IMMEDIATE RESPONSE TO THE ABOVE.

Stay well.

Sincerely,

JAMES MAGARIAN

1 October 84

Dear ACYOA Central Council Members,

Enclosed for your reference and review is the Minutes of the 5th Session of the 1984 ACYOA Annual General Assembly.

As is the custom, the various sessions of the Assembly are accepted prior to the next session of the Assembly. The last (5th this year) session is reviewed and accepted by the ACYOA Central Council.

Following acceptance, the entire Record of the Minutes of the Assembly will be prepared and distributed to all parishes and chapters. This is to be accomplished within ninety days following the Assembly (by November 30th) in accordance with the ACYOA constitution.

Kindly review this 5th Session and prepare any questions or corrections you might have from your own notes, or from memory. Acceptance of this 5th Session (with whatever corrections necessary) will be accomplished at our October meeting.

Sincerely,

JAMES MAGARIAN

c.c. Primate

1 October 84

Dear ACYOA Central Council Members,

As some of you know, the literary competition entitled "The Archbishop's Essay Contest" was suspended last year due to lack of interest and proper local level promotion.

The Essay Contest was initiated a few years ago in response to many young people, and the feelings of the Assembly, that the ACYOA needed ~~more than~~ athletic competitions. Thus, a literary competition in English and Armenian languages was offered.

As literary competitions go, we offered the standard type of awards.

Other Organizations that have offered such contests have learned, as we have, that standard awards and certificates are not that attractive. Therefore, more elaborate and attractive awards must be considered.

Since 1985 marks the 70th Anniversary of the ~~Centennials~~ of the Armenian Genocide, we might consider a grand prize of a trip to Armenia. The costs for this could come from a benefactor, or, from the proceeds of the Armenian Studies Programs. The winner would join the group traveling to Armenia, or, perhaps participate in the Youth Festival in Yerevan, in August, as the Prime ~~tee~~ announced.

Give this some thought, as we shall discuss it at our next meeting.

Hope that all is well and that we may note some progress and accomplishment when we meet in New York City.

Sincerely,

JAMES MAGARIAN

c.c. Prime ~~tee~~

1 October 84

His Eminence  
Archbishop Torkom Manoogian  
Primate - Diocese of the Armenian Church  
630 Second Avenue - N.Y.C., N.Y. 10016-4885

Your Eminence;

Thank you for sending a copy of the Primate's Address to the 1984 ACYOA Annual General Assembly.

Is it proper for the Address to be sent to the Armenian Newspapers for publication? Will it be included in any upcoming issue of the BEMA? Is there publication in BEMA, if it is to be printed there, enough?

Regarding the "resolution" of the ACYOA Assembly, embracing the 1982 Diocesan Assembly Resolution on terrorism, is it proper for this to be released to the Armenian Newspapers. I feel that since the ACYOA Assembly adopted this resolution as their own, they are thereby making a statement that perhaps should be shared with the general public.

Copies of the resolution are to be sent to all parishes and chapters for their reference and information.

Thank you for advisement.

Your obedient servant,

JAMES MAGARIAN