## JANUARY MONTHLY REPORT

SALE ACTIVITY	1984	1985	VARIANCE
CASH	\$ 843.06	\$1,381.25	
MAIL	2,094.87	7,943.15	
TOTAL	2,936.93	9,324.40	\$ + 6,387.47

Orders from the ad in BEMA totalled \$1,762.85.

## PROMOTION

- Prepared BEMA ad for March & April.
- Sent out Memo to Diocesan Parishes re: Ararat & Treasures of Echmiadzin.
- Prepared Bonus Offer for February.

## BOOKSTORE ACTIVITY

- Cleaned and Organized the Bookstore, i.e. files, drawers, shelves etc.
- Organized small storage area.
- Organized the storage room. Took inventory, except for the bookstore area.
- Started to compile the Inventory List.
- 1984 Inter-Departmental odders were submitted to Bill
- 1984 Adjustment register was completed.
- December Register was completed.
- Prepared Annual Report including statistics.
- Ordered new books & items.
- Processed all consignments is that were still open. Returned books were reshelved.
- Prepared new consignments which will go to various parishes.

## ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

- Discussed wwth Mr. Dingilian on the project of redecorating the Bookstore.

  Referred an electrician, however Bobby Gonzales told me he could install track lights as they are needed.
- DIscussed with Armand the paijnting of the Bookstore, which will probably be accomplished in February.
- Made arrangements to install new carpeting.
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A Brief History of Ancient Armenia A Question of Responsibility - book Adventures of an Armenian Boy For the Sake of Honor - Badvi Hamar Comrade Panchoonie	let	895 833 227 1,146 2,186
Gomidas Vartabed - bilingual		363
Human Rights & Genocide		2,129
Muse of Sheerak Unworthy Offspring		251 806
Evil Spirit	•	761
	Booklets	
A Brief Outline of the Armenian Church Christian Literature and Fine Arts Studies of Armenian Historiography		
Tragedy of Armenia		935
Armenian Coins and Medals Armenian Books - Early Printing		883 119
Thirty Centuries of Metal Art		113
	Records	
Gohar Gasparian		624
St. Vartan Symphony - Hovhaness		214
Wind Music - Hovhaness Poseidon Society		209 261
Vision of Catholicos Karekin		
		260

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Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

MONTHLY REPORT - January 1985

Executive Secretary to the ACYOA
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

## ARMENIAN STUDIES PROGRAMS

This summer Program One "Educational Tour to Armenia" and Program Two "Journey to Armenia" will be offered.

Developed the basic outlines for each.

Sent Newsreleases - will send more as details are confirmed.

Met with travel agent and arranged basics for trips.

Discussed the Choir Association Trip to Armenia with Fr. Nersess Jebejian and will discuss possibilities with Primate.

Prepared and sent to all Parishes and Chapters posters, flyers, and fact sheets on the Programs.

Will continue with these Programs through the end of July.

## II. ACYOA 70th Anniversary of Armenian Genocide of 1915

Contined developing National Program for ACYOA.
Sent initial outlines to Central Council based on discussion at previous meeting for their comment and ideas.
Expanded outline and will develop for distribution as soon as possible.
Will continue working on this through next month.

## III. ACYOA Central Council

A meeting set for January was canceled and rescheduled for February. Council members are presently preparing for Spring Regional meetings and promotion of coming ACYOA programs.

## IV. Leadership Conference

Met with Nancy Basmajian and decided to sponsor a one-day Leadership Conference for ACYOA Seniors, Jr. Advisors and other who work with youth. Many of the aforementioned have voiced a need and desire to attend and participate in such a conference.

John Roberto will be contacted and asked to lead the discussion.



Flyers will be prepared and a general outline for the day developed.

## V. GENERAL

Attended staff meeting at Diocese

Met with other staff members regarding procedures and methods of improving our image, efficiency and productivity.

Met with Primate to discuss pertinent matters, especially the Armenian Studies Programs for this summer.

Worked on materials for Dept. of Finance on Departmental budgets and projections. Will finalize these next month and send to Mr. Stoneson.

Began to make preparation for the ACYOA Leadership Seminar, annually held in conjunction with the Diocesan Assembly.

Began to check prices on a camera for use in travel and meetings. Will purchase next month after approval.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES MAGARIAN

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Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

MONTHLY REPORT - February 1985

Executive Secretary to the ACYOA Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

ACYOA 70th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide of 1915 I.

Completed development and preparation of National Program for all ACYOA Chapters. Booklets were prepared and sent to all parishes and chapters with a cover letter. Reaction was good with many chapters intending to utilize the entire four-part program in their parish.

ACYOA participation in the Diocesan Commemorative Program on April 23-24 was reviewed with Arda Nazerian, Council liason with the Diocesan Committee who said that several of the ideas of the Committee were impractical for the ACYOA to handle - i.e.programs throughout the night. She will discuss with Mr. Vartivarian and resolve.

Armenian Studies Programs II.

News releases regarding the programs continue to be prepared and sent to the Armenian press. Spoke with the Group Leader for Program #1 and informed regarding details of this year's trip. Will meet together in near future. Was informed by Travel Agent that price changes have occured, but that they will endeavor to hold the original price if they can. Many inquiries and requests for applications received and responded.

III. Leadership Conference

Made final preparations with Nancy Basmajian for the ACYOA Leadership Conference - March 2nd - Watertown. Flyers were prepared and sent to all interested persons - i.e. ACYOA, Church School, Advisors, Pastors, etc.

IV. Archbishop's Basketball Tournament

Will take place in Watertown, JUNE 7-9. Will meet with the Host Committee in March to review plans and attend to details.

General Assembly and National Sports Weekend v.

take place in Worcester. August 28 - September 2nd. Have sent the

Host Committee information and outlines to follow. Will meet with them in March to review progress.

## VI. ACYOA Central Council

Many breakdowns in the administrative work and chapter relations aspect of the Council this year. After an impressive, upbeat and enthusiastic meeting in Oct., the Council has not fulfilled many of its obligations, as well as acted on many of its decisions. Reminders and assistance given but little results thus far.

Met with the Council Chairman and discussed problems - motivation, time commitments, etc., and decided on a special meeting in March (meetings scheduled for Jan. and Feb. were postponed due weather) to discuss present status of programs, administration and commitments of Council members.

## VII. Executive Update

Written and prepared entirely in the office. This issue will be sent out in March and include information on programs, other chapters, Lent and Easter.

## VIII. General

Completed materials requested by Finance Dept. on budgetary outlays and various Department programs.

Attended Staff Meeting at Diocese. Met concerning various problems concerning staff and administrative procedures.

Working with Council Chairman on theme and content of Annual ACYOA Leadership Seminar at Diocesan Assembly. Will finalize and begin to promote.

Made visitation to Holy Cross Church in Lawrence and met with Gary Townsend, Chapter Chairman, to discuss problems and how to rebuild.

Met with Chapter of Ss. Vartanantz Church, Chelmsford and met with John Apkarian and John Guregian, again discussing programming and ways to rebuild. Intend to arrange visitation to New Britain, Westchester. Worcester and Northern New Jersey in near future.

Will attend Watertown Chapter meeting next month.

Received word from Western Diocese that they will have 2-4 people participating in the Armenian Studies Program #1 this year. Last year they did not have any participants - nor did they inform of such.

Respectfully submitted,

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Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

MONTHLY REPORT - March 1985

Executive Secretary to the ACYOA
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

## I. ACYOA Central Council

The ACYOA Central Council met over the weekend of March 15-17. All programs of the ACYOA were reviewed and progress noted. Administrative work of Council was given considerable time, due to a lapse on the part of the Council members and their work. An honest discussion revealed that the members had not given the necessary time to fulfill their many duties. Four of the five Council members attended the meeting, and all stated that they would set aside the needed time from their schedules to attend to ACYOA responsibilities.

For additional details of the meeting, see the minutes of the meeting.

## II. Armenian Studies Programs

Requests for applications were received and information and materials sent out immediately. ACYOA-Western Diocese informed that they have 3-4 interested young people and will send applications soon. It is noted that the coordinator from the Western Diocese is much more cooperative and understanding this year than in the past.

Primate informed that some problems with arrangements will have to be

Primate informed that some problems with arrangements will have to be dealt with, since the Cultural Committee is unable to assist with the program in Yerevan. Holy Etchmiadzin will be taking on a greater responsibility this year. Arrangements for the Choir group to travel with the ACYOA group is suspended until details are received.

## III. Leader's Conference

An ACYOA Leader's Conference was held in Watertown, MA, March 2nd. 15 participants attended from New England and NY/NJ. The day-long program was presented by Mr. John Roberto, Director of the Northeast Center for Youth Ministry in New Jersey. The participants enthusiastically discussed concerns and problems and worked through exercises in planning and fregram development. Final report prepared and submitted.

## IV. Archbishop's Basketball Tournament

Met with the Host Committee Chairman, Mark Kashgegian, and reviewed the progress of the Committee. Most all arrangements and details have been worked out, including costs and package plan prices. Besides the actual basketball tournament, a array of social activities will also take place for the athletes and non-athletes. A considerable amount of revenue should be generated from this program this year.

## V. ACYOA Annual Leadership Seminar

The Annual Leadership Seminar will again take place this year in conjunction with the Diocesan Assembly in Bayside, NY. Flyers and letters were prepared and sent to all parishes and chapters. The seminar will feature two sessions. The first will deal with the topic of "priorities, your time and the Church", and focus on social trends and values in our society, especially in relation to the Church. The second session will feature a "ten-year re-organizational meeting" format wherein participants will be asked to re-evaluate the National Structure of the ACYOA. A planning exercise is part of this session.

## VI. General

Attended general Diocesan Staff meeting in New York, March 14.

Attended Watertown ACYOA Chapter meeting, March 25.

Attended special meeting of New England Youth Ministers in Boston, March 30.

Met with Council Chairman to review progress on April 24th ACYOA participation in Diocesan Program. It appears that someone from the AGBU has also been asked to assist in the youth programming, as well as coordinate the program. A panel discussion with past youth leaders is planned for the evening of April 23rd. Contact has been made with the panelists which will be confirmed shortly.

Met with Primate to review various concerns about general ACYOA operations and the Armenian Studies Programs.

Respectfully submitted,

AMES MAGARIAN

## Airmentan Church Youth Organization of America Prinate

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

MONTHLY REPORT - April 1985

Executive Secretary to the ACYOA

Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

## I. Annual Leadership Seminar

Preparations finalized. Second set of notices sent. Secured speaker for first session. Executive Secretary to speak at second session.

First Session - topic - "Priorities, Your Time and the Church". Brother John Burke - Director of Youth Ministry - Roman Catholic Diocese of Rockville, NY. Second Session - topic - "Re-organizational Planning Meeting". Basics of leadership, along with an extensive exercise in planning - programs and administrative schedules - possibility of proposing part or all at ACYOA Assembly.

## II. Armenian Studies Programs

"Educational Tour to Armenia" - Due to some unusual circumstances this year, mainly in Armenia, we are not able to fully extend ourselves and have a group of 25 or so. Members of the Choir Association Tour will join group with a maximum capacity of about 20 - including Group Leaders. At present, ACYOA participation will be 12-13.

It is noted, in reviewing Parish monthly newsletters, that only 4, or 22 reviewed, had any mention, advertisement or promotion of this ACYOA Program.

"Journey to Armenia" - offered - limited interest.

"Jerusalem - The Holy City" - not offered this year.

## III. Archbishop's Basketball Tournament

Approximately 12-14 mens and womens teams have made commitments in whole or in part for this year's Tournament - June 7-9 - Watertown. This is far ahead of previous years. An unprecedented turnout is expected, along with needed revenues for the ACYOA national budget. A extra effor is being made to attract both the athlete and the non-athlete.

## IV. General

Attended Diocesan Staff meeting April 3rd.



Wrote, designed and prepared for distribution the May issue of the "ACYOA Executive Update" - made available extra copies for Diocesan Assembly.

Contacted Wynnewood, Westchester and Washington for possible visitations in the upcoming months - it appears that the summer months provide a better time for visitation to the Senior ACYOA Chapters, since most Chapters "restart" with college students home, and, anticipation of Assembly and National Sports Weekend.

Met with Council Chairman regarding various inconsistencies with members of the Council, primarily in administrative areas.

Also discussed the ACYOA participation in the Martyrs Day Commemorations in New York City - Time Square Rally, and at the Diocese. The Chairman noted that the AGBU had taken on much of the responsibility for the Diocesan Program - while it was still being billed as primarily an ACYOA participatory event. Names of panelist were finalized and secured. In all, five past or current ACYOA Central Council members would make up the Panel, along with an AGBU participant. No reason given for an AGBU representative.

Met with former Council members who expressed some desire to hold a "reunion" for the purposes of taking on some responsibility in 1986 - the 40th Anniversary of the ACYOA. Future meetings will be planned.

Respectfully submitted,

IAMES MAGARIAN

## Airmenian Church Youth Organization of America

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

MONTHLY REPORT - May 1985

Executive Secretary to the ACYOA

Diocese of the Armenian Church of Amherica

## I. Armenian Studies Programs

Preparations finalized. Arrangements made at Diocese for luncheon, orientation and tour of the Cathedral complex, as well as a reception with the Primate. Total number in the group will be 19 - 1 group leader, the Rev. Fr. Arsen Barsamian, 3 participants from the Choir Association, and 15 participants from ACYOA. Following the orientation, the group will depart via bus to the airport. June 19 departure. July 20 return to N.Y.C. Parents of the participants will be instructed to call the Diocese during regular business hours to learn of the safe arrival in Armenia by the group.

## II. Annual Leadership Seminar

Held May 4th, in conjunction with the Annual Diocesan Assembly in Bayside, N.Y. 13 participants in both sessions - #1 "Priorities, Your Time, and the Church" - presented by Brother John Burke, OSF, Director of Youth Ministry, Roman Catholic Diocese of Rockville, N.Y. - #2 - Planning and Re-organizing Meeting - presented by the Executive Secretary.

Materials and presentations fairly well received by the group, however, several concepts and purposes were too involved for the participants. The group did resolve that the ACYOA needs more full time, professional assistance. This should be addressed on a regional basis and given priority.

## III. Archbishop's Basketball Tournament

Preparations finalized. June 7-8-9, Watertown. Approximately 12-14 mens and womens teams participating. Various non-athletic activities have been developed and offered to attract those not playing basketball to participate in the social aspect of the program.

## IV. Central Council

Various difficulties on the administrative level with the Council members and their cutive of responsibilities and duties. These have been discussed with the Council

Chairman, along with other considerations including discussion at the Leadership Seminar - regionalization, youth workers, etc.

A meeting was arranged with the Primate to discuss these issues and begin to move in a progressive direction to help with the youth programming of the Armenian Church in America.

The next Council meeting will take place at the Diocese, July 12-13-14. Preparations for the General Assembly and the issues concerning the operations of the Central Council and the regional youth workers setup.

## V. General Assembly & National Sports Weekend

Reviewed plans for the Weekend - will meet with the host Chapter - Worcester - June 5th in a general meeting. Most arrangements have been made for the standard Weekend format.

## VI. General

- + Attended various sessions of the Diocesan Assembly.
- + Met with representatives of the Mid-Atlantic Regional ACYOA Chapters in conference May 4th. Some ideas for regional programming on a limited basis.
- + Prepared news releases as usual.
- + Prepared and distributed to all parishes and chapters ACYOA administrative forms, pamphlets and information on due dates for same.
- + Revised and reprinted ACYOA "Today" pamphlet.

Respectfully submitted,

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Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

MONTHLY REPORT - June 1985

Executive Secretary to the ACYOA Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

## Armenian Studies Programs

Orientation held at Diocesan Center June 19th - 19 participants, one group leader. Luncheon, Cathedral Complex Tour, reception with Primate, group photos - bus departure to airport. Fr. Arsen Barsamian - instructed to be sure to send a telegram upon arrival in Armenia. Despite the many irregularities involved with arranging this year's Program, it is viewed as successful.

### II. Archbishop's Basketball Tournament

Held June 7,8,9. Hosted by the Watertown ACYOA Chapter. 10 men's teams and 2 women's teams participated. Good turnout for this time of the year. The related social events, dances, etc. were well attended. Some problems with covering details and followup by the Host Committee. Will try to be avoided next year.

### Central Council III.

Met with the Chairman several times in preparation for Council meeting in July at Diocese, as well as the Assembly at the end of August. Major proposal on the restructuring of the administrative aspect of the organization under consideration for presentation at the Council meeting, and the Assembly.

### ÍV. Assembly & Sports Weekend

Plans continue to move along. Most arrangements finalized with hotel, sports facilities and related areas. Major problem in utilizing the natinal mailing list, of the ACYOA in sending out information. It appeared that the Council member in charge of the listing could not get it to the Host Committee within an adequate time - the mailing was delayed for over a month. Steps are being taken to promote the Weekend to make up for the delays.

Due to unusual circumstances, a meeting with the Host Committee was postponed. A meeting will take place in early July to review all details of the Assembly and



Sports Weekend.

Articles have been prepared and will soon be sent to the Armenian Press, as well as advertisements.

## V. General

Visitation to Ss. Sahag and Mesrob Armenian Church in Wynnewood - general visitation to assist in programming and review their progress over the past year. 15 young people and several parish council members were present. Major discussion on their interest in bidding for the 1986 Assembly and Sports Weekend.

Brief discussion/presentation with Diocesan Council on June 28th.

Meeting with BEMA editor to discuss youth coverage and youth related articles.

Meeting with Finance Director to discuss 5-year plan and budgetary needs. Will assist on planning and preparation of materials.

Respectfully submitted,

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## Armenian Church Youth Organization of America

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

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MONTHLY REPORT - July 85

Executive Secretary to the ACYOA

Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

## I. Assembly and Sports Weekend

August 28-30 - Assembly - Worcester Marriott Hotel August 30 - September 2 - Worcester Marriott Hotel

Plans finalized - last mass mailing sent - sports mailing sent - trophies purchased - Yearbook prepared/reviewed - banquet programs reviewed. Met with Host Committee Chairman to review details and finalized all aspects of the Assembly/Weekend. Met with entire Host Committee and discussed with each area coordinator the pertinent details relative to each. Problem areas recognized and will be handled.

Another meeting is scheduled for mid-August.

Materials prepared for the Assembly - letters of invitation, itinerary, agenda, proposals, other important information, Report of the Central Council, delegate credential card, etc. Sent to all parishes, chapters, and declared delegates.

## II. Assembly Committees

Letters were prepared for the Auditing and Nominating Committees outlining their duties and explaining what is expected at the Assembly. They were also contacted by phone.

## III. Central Council

Met at the Diocesan Center July 13 to review Assembly procedures and discuss unfinished business. Their administrative responsibilities remain poorly done. Three of the five members will finish their terms at the Assembly; a fourth is expected to resign, leaving 4 positions open for election.

major proposal was discussed at the meeting. This is a result of serious stemming from the Leadership Seminar held at the Diocesan by in May. The Proposal mainly deals with the need to hire gional youth directors who will concentrate their efforts within respective regions. It will elimiate the Central Council as it tly exists. (See attached for proposal details.)

## **Central Council**

## IV. General

Newsreleases sent concerning Armenian Studies Programs, Central Council meeting, Assembly, Sports Weekend and New Proposal for restructuring ACYOA.

Met with youth from Lawrence and Lowell in an informal setting to try to stimulate inter-chapter activities between the two, as well as encourage their participation in the Assembly and Sports Weekend.

Met with the Council Chairman to review the Council Report and prepare materials for the Assembly.

Respectfully submitted,

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# Airmenian Church Youth Organization of America Primates

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

MONTHLY REPORT - August 1985

Executive Secretary to the ACYOA

Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

## I. Assembly and Sports Weekend

Met several times with the Host Committee and its Chairman to review progress and attend to details. Met with entire Committee, in a special session arranged for the Vicar General to attend and participate in the discussions.

II. 1985 General Assembly - Worcester, Mass.

Convened at the Worcester Marriott Hotel. The Primate and Vicar General presided over the sessions. Approximately 39 delegates participated, along with 6 clergy men. 4 members of the Diocesan Council were also present for part of the Assembly.

Major discussion centered on a restructuring proposal which was defeated after lengthy debate. A new "advisory committee" was proposed and passed, consisting of three ACYOA members, one clergy and one Diocesan Council member.

ACYOA Central Council elections resulted in Gary Townsend (Lawrence), Scott Najarian (Worcester), Melina Spinuzza (Evanston) and Rev. Fr. Garabed Kochakian (Racine), joining Shake Ajamian on the 5-member council. Shake Ajamian has one year remaining of her two-year term.

Lengthy dicussion also included the status of Canadian members of the ACYOA, and their participation in light of the formation of a Canadian Diocese. While several proposals were considered, none were passed.

## III. "Executive Update"

The August issue of the Update was prepared and sent to all parishes and chapters. It included an outline of the ACYOA restructuring proposal, as well as other pertinent information for the

Sports Weekend. The next issue is scheduled for October and will contain results of the Assembly and Sports Competitions.

## IV. Central Council

Reviewed with the Council Chairman the duties of the Council for the Assembly, as well as advised on preparation of Council Report. Met with the Council Chairman and discussed the restructuring proposal, as well as bids for the 1986 Assembly/Sprts.Wkdn. and other agenda items for the Assemby.

## V. General

Discussed with members of the Auditing and Nominating Committees their duties relevant to the Assembly.

Sent ASP financial materials to the Auditing Committee for their review.

Sent a special group photo to all participants in the ASP "Educational Tour to Armenia", as part of the program. Received the Group Leader's report and will incorporate it in the final report for this year's program.

Newsreleases were prepared and sent regarding the Assembly, Sports Weekend, and the bid to host for 1986

Various materials prepared for the Assembly including registration, agendas, itinerary, displays, pamphlets, posters, reports, etc.

Received the report of the Archbishop's Basketball Tournament from host Chapter Watertown. Prepared the appropriate certificates as per the list provided for champions, outstanding players, etc. These will be signed by the Primate and sent to the pastors of the players for presentation.

Met with Primate and Vicar General to discuss the Assembly, possible proposals and general matters.

Respectfully Submitted,

JAMES MAGARIAN

## Airmenian Church Youth Organization of America

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

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MONTHLY REPORT - September 1985

Executive Secretary to the ACYOA Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

## I. 1985 General Assembly

Received the Minutes of the Assembly and prepared the final copy. Forwarded Minutes with requested approvals to the Primate and Diocesan Council.

Prepared newsreleases for Diocesan and weekly Armenian press. Photos also forwarded. Good coverage received.

Letters sent to delegates with addresses for future contacts. Letters for Courtesies also prepared.

Minutes will be sent to all chapters and parishes within the limits prescribed in the Constitution.

## II. Central Council Transitional meeting

The customary "Transitional Meeting" of the Council took place immediately following the Assembly at the Worcester Marriott Hotel. The Primate presided. Outgoing members and incoming members discussed pending issues and election of officers took place:

Shake Ajamian - chairman; Scott Najarian - v.chairman; Melina Spinuzza - treasurer; Fr. Garabed Kochakian - rec. sec.; and Gary Townsend - corrs. sec.

## III. National Sports Weekend

Successfully hosted by the Worcester Chapter - Aug. 30 - Sept. 2nd. Scott Najarian, Host Committee Chairman. Final statistical and financial Report pending. Larger than usual number of young adults purchasing package plans, and staying in the Hotel. Minor incidents without any major problems - everything handled well. Sports competitions organized and executed well, with usual minor scheduling problems. Final report will provide details.

At the Awards Banquet, the program was run efficiently and without usual delays and undue length. Certificates and gifts were presented to those Council members fulfilling their 2 year terms. Newsreleases and photos prepared and sent to newspapers.

## IV. General

Next issue of "Executive Update" will feature the Assembly and Sports Weekend, with results of sports competitions, as well as many photos.

Prepared materials for the permanent files regarding the Assembly and Sports Weekend.

Met with members of the Host Committee for the 1986 Assembly and Sports Weekend, which will be held in Philadelphia and hosted by the ACYOA Chapter of Wynnewood, Ss. Sahag and Mesrob Armenian Church.

Met with the Vicar and Frank Stoneson regarding 5 year budget project.

Met with Nancy Basmajian to discuss possible plans and projects to celebrate/observe the 40 anniversary of ACYOA.

Tentative dates for the next Central Council meeting is Nov. 1 & 2nd at the Diocesan Center in NYC.

Respectfully submitted,

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Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

MONTHLY REPORT - October 1985

Executive Secretary to the ACYOA Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

## I. Central Council

Discussed at length with the Council Chairman the various program and regional assignments for individual Council Members.

Each will be briefed on the duties and expectations.

Discussed with each Council member the upcoming ACYOA Regional Conferences regarding location, times, formats and items to be covered.

New England - Dec. 7 - Providence

Midwest - November 29 - Detroit

Mid-Atlantic - November 16 - Wynnewood

Received from the Diocesan Council the confirmation on elections held at the General Assembly. Council members informed.

Prepared mailing for all parishes and chapters containing Assembly Minutes and administrative forms. This will be sent in November.

Revised format for mailing the <u>Executive Update</u>. Since two-three Council members live relatively nearby - we shall meet together and do the entire mailing - about 2300 pieces.

This should improve our mailing the Update in a timely fashion.

## II. Executive Update

Prepared the November Issue - including all typesetting - for mailing in early November. This issue will include extensive coverage of the Assembly and Sports Weekend, and be sent to the entire mailing list.

January is the next issue and will be prepared and mailed by mid-December so that those students home for the Christmas holiday will see it.



## III. General

Met with Frank Stoneson and a representative from an advertising agency regarding a brochure promoting the departments.

Also Met with Frank regarding the 5-year plan and when we shall meet with the individual department heads to discuss their budgets - Nov. 14-15 tentatively.

Met with Nancy Basmajian regarding the plans for the 40th Anniversary of ACYOA. We discussed many options and prepared a chonological plan for 1986 with events and activities. This has been submitted to the Primate and will be discussed at the Nov. 1 & 2 meeting of the ACYOA Central Council.

Reviewed agenda for Council Meeting and noted changes and corrections for the Council Chairman. The meeting will take place at the Diocese.

Reviewed a preliminary report on the 1985 Sports Weekend - a more detailed report with financial statement will be forthcoming. Approximate profit from the Weekend is \$8,000 - split with the host Chapter.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES MAGARIAN

## Arrimentain Church Youth Organization of America

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

MONTHLY REPORT - November 85

Executive Secretary to the ACYOA
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

## I. 1985 National Sports Weekend

Final report pending. Oral report of Host Committee Chairman revealed a successful event; approx. \$8,000 profit (shared with National Treasury); considerable damage in hotel, mainly done by 3-4 individuals; Council may prohibit their future participation.

## II. 1986 National Sports Weekend

Host Committee Chaired by Lisa Manookian and Melcom Avrigian. Adam's Mark Hotel will be used for Assembly and Weekend. Sports Facilities pending (should not be a problem). The Committee has done extensive work and should have the entire program well organized. Will meet with them in Jan. or Feb.

## III. 1986 Archbishop's Basketball Tournament

To take place over the weekend of April 12, hosted by the Bayside Chapter. The Marriott LaGuardia Hotel will be used, with a nearby gymnasium for the games. The Committee did not first check with the Primate before selecting a date. The date may change to accommodate the Primate's schedule. Since this Committee hosted the event 2 years ago, they should have everything under control. The idea of including events/activities at the Cathedral remains a logistical problem. However, efforts are being made to include a scheduled activity there.

## IV. Central Council

Met November 1-2 at the Diocesan Center, NYC. All members present. Vicar General presided. The meeting went smoothly and without undue discussion or problem. These particular members seem eager to accomplish their work and to improve the organization of programs and events. Only one member, Shake Ajamian (chairman) remains from the previous year. (For details on the meeting, consult the Meeting Minutes.) Next meeting is to take place on Jan. 25-27 in Chelmsford, Mass.



## V. General

Met with Frank Stoneson regarding the 5-year fund raising plans. Reviewed budgets, formats, goals, and methods. Also discussed format for promotional brochure.

Met with Nancy Basmajian to review plans for observing 40th anniversary of ACYOA. A poster will be prepared and sent to all parishes promoting the anniversary. Regional Anniversary Balls will take place during the year in the various regions of the Diocese. A Ball will also take place at the Diocesan Center, most probably honoring Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan, founder of the ACYOA.

Prepared and mailed the Executive Update via bulk mailing - 2500 pieces. The November issue was received by the members in November - an improvement over the past mailing procedures. The January issue will be prepared and sent by mid-December.

MidAtlantic Regional ACYOA Conference - held in Philadelphia November 15-16. Not a particularly good showing by parishes in the region. Discussion centered around Anniversary Ball, Sports Weekend, ACYOA administration, and particular problems facing chapters. Another is planned for the Spring.

MidWest Regional ACYOA Conference - held in Detroit in conjuncition with the Detroit Chapter November Dance. Fair showing of parishes - could be much better. Frustrations of Detroit Chapter over not winning bid to host 1986 Sports Weekend. Discussion Anniversary Ball, chapter activities, etc. Another Conference should take place in the Spring. (Conf. took place Nov.30)

New England Regional ACYOA Conference - will take place in Providence Dec. 7 - in conjunction with Providence ACYOA Christmas Dance.

Prepared mailing to chapters regarding holiday activity ideas - will send first of December.

Met with area ACYOA members and clergy to discuss possible local programs to revitalize chapters.

Began research into organizational design and execution by other denominations. This will supplement research done earlier in conjunction with Youth Ministry Project.

Respectfully submitted,

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Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

MONTHLY REPORT - January 1986

Executive Secretary to the ACYOA
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

## I. National Sports Weekend

1985 - Report and Dosier received - very well done and complete. Finances sent to Central Council Treasury - approx. \$4,000.

1986 - Plan continue. News releases have been sent to press. Host Committee beginning to consider various details. Will meet with them in early March.

## II. Archbishop's Basketball Tournament

Promotional materials prepared and sent. All details covered and secured. Marriott-LaGuardia Hotel will be used for accommodations. Francis Lewis High School for games. Holiday Inn (next door to Marriott) will be used for Awards Banquet and Dance. Rising costs of tournament and transportation may be a factor for some parishes. 10 teams are expected.

## III. Central Council

Met in Chelmsford Jan. 25-26. 4 of 5 members present. Review-assignments and programs. Generally the members want to accomplish their duties but procedures and communications seem to be obstacles at times. Finances a problem since chapter dues are delinquent from most at this time. Money from Sports Weekend received and will help. Next meeting scheduled for April in NYC. Fr. Khajag presided. Some members pre-occupied with personal interested and problems. Will attempt to sort these out and work with those who need help. (For specifics, see minutes of the meeting.)

## IV. 40th Anniversary of ACYOA

Met with Nancy Basmajian to review final draft of guidelines grant and sent to

the Regional Committees and to Central Council. Promotional poster will be prepared by Executive Secretary and sent to all parishes and chapters before ACYOA Day, Palm Sunday. (An Artist was originally to do this but backed out of the commitment.)

## V. General

Prepared list of past champions and all-stars of the Archbishop's Tournament to be included in this year's booklet. This was sent to the Host Committee.

Prepared list of possible topic areas to be included in the ACYOA Reference Book. This was sent to the Council Chairman.

Requested the Primate's Office to write and send a directive releative to the 40th Anniversary of the ACYOA. This was accomplished. Copies will be sent to all Chapters as well.

Prepared and sent the following to all parishes and chapters: Letter concerning site and dates of 1986 ACYOA Assembly and Sports Weekend

Letter concerning site and date of 1986 Archbishop's Tournament. Letter with information regarding 1986 Armenian Studies Programs. ASP application forms sent along with promotional materials.

Newsreleases prepared on various on-going ACYOA Programs.

Respectfully submitted,

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## Armenian Church Youth Organization of America Panazels

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

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MONTHLY REPORT - February 1986

Executive Secretary to the ACYOA
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

## I. ARCHBISHOP'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Details finalized. Lower number of teams registered thus far - some of the regular teams are not organized this year. Promotional materials prepared and sent for Weekend. Ads in Armenian Press with News Releases. Special flyer for Saturday night's dinner dance prepared and sent to Host Committee for distribution in Greater NY area. Booklet continues to be prepared and sponsors solicited. This program should be a money-maker.

## II. N.E. REGION "DAY OF SPIRITUAL RENEWAL"

Prepared mailing to all chapters in N.E. region to promote participation in "Day of Spiritual Renewal" at St. George Armenian Church in Hartford. Fr. Yeprem Kelegian coordinated and organized the program.

## III. MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Prepared formal guide sheet. Sent to all parishes and chapters. Wrote News Release for same and sent to Armenian press. Also included in UPDATE (March).

## IV. MAILING TO PARISHES AND CHAPTERS

Prepared the following and sent to all parishes and chapters: Primate's letter to parishes regarding the ACYOA 40th Anniversary year; Membership Incentive; Letter to chapter chairmen regarding public relations; letter regarding Martyr's Day; Articles that appreared in the Armenian press regarding Turkish "rewriting of History"; Copy of last year's ACYOA Martyr's Commemoration for the 70th Anniversary; Letter promoting Audio-Visual Program on "Symbolism" with briefing sheet and graphs; and poster promoting Archbp.'s Tournament. This year an increased number of mailing and communication is to be utilized to keep chapters informed and aware of what things are happening, and what

types of things they should be doing as well.

## EXECUTIVE UPDATE - MARCH ISSUE

Prepared and sent the March Newsletter to be received by early March.
Approximately 2500 names now on the national mailing list. A few volunteers well as Gary Townsend from Central Council assisted in getting it out.

## VI. CENTRAL COUNCIL

Spoke with CC members regarding their various responsibilities and offered suggestions where needed. Reviewed Anniversary Plans for the regions and stressed the need for all parishes to be involved, especially the alumni.

## VII. ACYOA ANNIVERSARY

Discussed with Nancy Basmajian progress of Host Committees for the Regional Dinnner-Dances.

Ordered commemorative pens for free distribution.

Prepared and sent news releases.

## VIII. General

Met with Diane Kapikian regarding the Archbishop's Tournament. Reviewed all aspects, including Sunday morning Liturgy at the Cathedral. Transportation will be provided for those who wish to attend. However, they are reluctant to plan anything specific.

Met with Shake Ajamian, CC Chairman, reviewed the various projects that the CC has taken on, as well as chapter status, membership, and the annual programs.

Respectfully Submitted,

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MONTHLY REPORT - MARCH 1986

Executive Secretary to the ACYOA Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

### I. NATIONAL SPORTS WEEKEND

Met with members of the Host Committee for the 1986 Spts. Wknd. in Wynnewood, PA. Work continues to progress with some of the usual problem areas promotional formats, hotel negociations, committee assignments. However, the group is very concerned with doing a good job and covering all the necessary responsibilities. There remains strained relations between some of the Committee members, and, the problem of receiving funds as start-up money from the CC. While these have been somewhat rectified, personal problems will take alittle longer to heal. One complaint (as is with most parishes) is the support of the adults of the community, especially the parish council. It appears that this issue will need to be dealt with on a diocesan-wide basis at some point.

### MAILING TO PARISHES AND CHAPTERS II.

Prepared the following and sent to all parishes and chapters: ACYOA Promotional poster; Letter on ACYOA Leadership Seminar; Letter on ASP "Educational Tour to Armenia; Special copy of the Membership Incentive Program guideline for ACYOA Chapter Handbook; Copy of Primate's Easter Message for 1986.

### ACYOA 40th ANNIVERSARY III.

Prepared and sent to all parishes and chapters a promotional poster for the 40th Anniversary of the ACYOA. The poster was done in-house at a minimal cost, which is shared by the Juniors and Seniors. Using the prepared poster, ads were placed in the Armenian Press since Palm Sunday (March 23) is ACYOA Day in the Diocese, and many chapters and parishes without chapters, will have special programs. The poster will appear again in the summer incorporating the Sports Weekend, and again in the fall emphasizing the Regional Anniversary Celebrations.

## ACYOA LEADERSHIP SEMINAR

This year, the ACYOA Leadership Seminar will team up with the Annual Program of the DRE at the Diocesan Assembly. A special all-day panel disussion on various contemporary issues will be addressed by clergy and To have a youth perspective and slant, the ACYOA will y people. mparticipate, following a brief ACYOA meeting to distribute information and handle any ACYOA business before joining the panel discussion program. etters were prepared and sent to all parishes and chapters. A more detailed annoucement will be sent in early April.

Also, a letter was sent to all Pastors inviting their consideration to sponsor young people from their parish (in whole or in part) to attend the ACYOA program at the Diocesan Assembly.

## V. NATIONAL MAILING LIST

The list continues to be revised and is in its best form at the present. While it contains only about 15-20% of the names it should have, it is quickly becoming increasingly accurate with more names being added every month. The Mousigians of Dearborn, Michigan, continue to provide us with professional computer services as is their business. Their rates are lower than most commercial rates investigated, included printouts and formats.

## VI. General

News Releases continue to be written and sent: Archbp's Basketball Tourney, Central Council news, Armenian Studies Programs, 40th Anniversary of ACYOA.

Met with Fr. Khajag Barsamian and Primate to discuss programs and concerns.

Researched materials from ACYOA Archives for use in 40th Anniversary booklets.

Met with V.Rev. Fr. Haigazoun Melkonian, and members of the "youth committee" from his parish to discuss local issues and concerns, as well as approaches to youth organization and programming.

Met with Betsy Ungermann, newly hired youth director at Holy Trinity Armenian Church in Cambrigde, Mass. While she is not Armenian, and knows nothing about the Armenians, she does have a sincere and energetic approach to her work and should provide assistance to Cambridge whose youth problems have needed full time attention.

Met with Chelmsford youth serveral times to discuss problems and possible solutions, as well as help plan ACYOA Day dinner and program.

Applications for ASP Educational Tour to Armenia have begun to come in. About 35 requests for applications have been received and sent. Deadline for application was extended to April 10. Need to receive confirmation from Armenia on dates and possible extra costs. Group Leaders Appointed by Primate: Rev. Fr. Vertanes Kalayjian, Leader; Martha Gurahian, Assistant.

Respectifully submitted,

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Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

MONTHLY REPORT - April 1986

Executive Secretary to the ACYOA Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

## ARCHBISHOP'S TOURNAMENT

Hosted by Bayside ACYOA, April 11-13. Marriott LaGuardia Hotel and Francis Lewis High School Gym. 10 mens and womens teams. Wynnewood men's champ. Tenafly woman's champ. Fair number of participants, including non-athletes. Ad-Book as fund-raiser assisted in keeping package plan cost down, thus encouraging out-of-town participants with a low cost.

This program needs some review and re-design. A "single-elimination" format does littel to encourge teams with a less than formal approach. In other words, a small parish team that does not play regularly is not motivated to travel, pay for hotel, meals, etc., as well as high team fees, only to lose in an 8am game on Saturday.

This year was successful, but addressing the needs of accessablility and attractive itinerary remains to be done.

For detailed information, consult the Host Committee dosier report.

## II. ACYOA LEADERSHIP SEMINAR

Will be combined with DRE program for this year, which has a fine schedule of discussions and presentations to which young adults should participate. and flyers were sent in promoting the program.

The timing of this program is difficult for young people. Most who are in college find it difficult to go away for the weekend due to the proximity to final exams. Also there is the cost factor. While parishes have been encouraged to subsidize interested youth, few parishes do this, and fewer youth know of available money.

### III. CENTRAL COUNCIL

Meeting held at the Diocese, April 18-19. The Primate and Vicar General were present, along with 4 of 5 Council members. (Consult meeting minutes for details and specifics.)

Discussions among Council members revealed that while some are willing to "talk about alot of work" few are actually willing to do it. This has been a continual problem for the Council, which has resulted in poor communications, disseminating of materials and promotions, administration break-downs and in general bad feelings ong some of the young people. While they mean well enough, their commitment

and willingness to fulfill their responsibilities is lacking. This naturally maninfests in the over-all performance of the Council on the national scale. Their interest in the ACYOA and in the need for youth to be close to their Church is keen, albeit simplistic, and illustrates their concern. However, their performance speaks to a need to do more than assist them in their efforts.

The financial situation of the Council is poor. Last year, unnecessary trips, and high printing costs proved to carry over this year, and thus a shortage of money. The Executive Secretary has picked up some of this need through his budget to asist the Council in fulfilling their administrative obligations.

## IV. ARMENIAN STUDIES PROGRAMS

"Educational Tour to Armenia" - 10 signed up participants. Rev. Fr. Vertanes Kalayjian, Group Leader; Martha Gurahian, Assistant. Dates: June 16 through July 19th.

Low number of applicants this year, mainly due to cycle (we're in a low period), as well as increased bad publicity due to terrorists' activity. We will probably have 15 in the group - a drop of 5 from the average. However, the nuclear accident in the Soviet Union has also caused some to question the risks. If the risk is unnecessarily too high, we should cancel for this year.

"Journey to Armenia" - 2 signed up - will be connected to commercial tour group - will receive group discounts and personal guides. The risk factor here too is under scrutiny.

## V. ACYOA 40th ANNIVERSARY

Regional celebrations will be held as follows: Oct. 4 - Midwest - hosted by Evanston. New England - Oct. 25 - hosted by Providence. Mid-Atlantic - Nov. 29 - hosted by a Regional Committee, will be held at Diocese, will honor Archbp. Tiran Nersoyan, ACYOA Founder. Planning meetings continue to be held. Archival information on ACYOA, as well as a revision of "The Storybook of ACYOA" continues. These will be distributed to the Regional Hosts.

## VI. GENERAL

- + Prepared information for Athletic Directors of the National Sports Weekend, to be held in Philadelphia.
- + Send mailing to parishes that included information on Leadership Seminar, and a "Calendar of Events".
- + Provided ASP program requirements to the Vicar General
- + Prepared agenda and various materials for Council Meeting, at request of Council Chairman.
- + Prepared May issue of the "Excutive Update" including special sections on the 40th ACYOA Anniversary.
- + Met with Travel Agent to discuss details for Armenia trips and set itinerary.
- + Met with Nancy Basmajian to review information on ACYOA 40 Anniv. progress.

Respectfully submitted,



## Armenian Church Youth Organization of America Zungte's

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

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MONTHLY REPORT - May 1986

Executive Secretary to the ACYOA Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

## I. Diocesan Assembly

Attended proceedings of Assembly. Promoted young adult attendance at Assembly and related programs. "Leadership Seminar" was combined with DRE program this year. Very positive reaction from young adults attending.

## II. Archbishops Tournament

Final Report pending. Financially successful. Prepared special certificates for participants and championship teams; Primate to sign. These are sent to their respective parishes for distribution. Central Council is planning to host the Tournament in 1987 in Florida. Research is currently being done to accomplish this.

## III. Armenian Studies Programs

After considerable work in planning for this program this year, the Executive Secretary, in consultation with the Primate and Vicar General, cancelled the trips due to risk factors involved with the Nuclear accident in Chernobyl, within the Soviet Union. 17 participants were registered, many with deposits and full fares paid. However, growing concern among the participants, but more so on the part of parents, proved a major consideration. All money returned, except the \$10 application fee. There were no penalties from Intourist or the Airlines since we cancelled far enough in advance.

There were 5 people registered for Program #2 - this too was cancelled.

## IV. ACYOA 40th Anniversary

Plans continue on the Regional Celebrations. Prepared revision and cameraready copy of the "Storybook of ACYOA" which will be distributed at all Regional Celebrations. Met with Rose Mekenian and Nancy Basmajian to review details and content materials that are being prepared for the individual "booklets" that each region will produce (i.e. list of CC

## V. Summer Task Force at Diocese

Prepared and sent to Vicar General drafts of announcement letters, applications, etc. for this new program. Discussed details with Vicar, as well as ideas with Nancy Basmajian. Will prepare outlines for Program Coordinator, as well as participants.

## VI. General

- + Prepared large mailing of ACYOA administrative forms and information for all parishes and chapters.
- + Visited St. Mary Church in Washington and met with Fr. Vertanes and concerned parishioners regarding possible hiring of a Youth Director for the parish. Met with young people as well. Presented slide program on Armenian aspects of Jerusalem (May 16,17,18).
- + Met with travel agent for ASP several times to review details, as well as know restrictions and cancellation penalties. We were not penalized since we were aware of the requirements.
- + Discussed with Nancy Basmajian a Youth Conference in September to discuss concerns and problems with the young people.
- + Will meet with Wynnewood Chapter to review Sports Weekend progress in June.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES MAGARIAN

## Armenian Church Youth Organization of America Runge's

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

MONTHLY REPORT - June 1986

Executive Secretary to the ACYOA
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

## I. Armenian Studies Programs

Cancelled this year due to high risk factors within the Soviet Union as a result of the nuclear accident at Chernobyl. Also this year, with the increase of global terrorism, and the USA-Libya conflict, there was a significant decrease in the number of applicants to the programs. This is also attributed to the lack of local publicity on the part of chapters and especially the parish in general (announcements, newsletters, etc.).

Of the registered participants, 8 were for program #1, 3 for program #2. Those with deposits and full payments were fully refunded (less \$10. application fee). Since the trips were cancelled 30 days before departure, we were not charged any cancellation fees, etc. A financial statement was issued in early June. Barring any unusual circumstances, the programs should resume next year.

### II. Central Council

The Council met June 27-28 in Chelmsford. All members present for most of the meetings. Discussions took place on: promotional calendar (in final stages, ready to print, will distribute at Assembly), Sports Weekend Probation (guidline and action for those who cause trouble, damages, etc. at Weekend, resulting in not being invited to next year's event), Assembly preparation (Council report, agenda, itinerary, details), Membership and chapter status (members in the chapters, dues paid, chapters unpaid, notices to be sent) as well as other items in anticipation of the Assembly in Philadelphia.

## III. Assembly and National Sports Weekend

Met with the Host Committee for the Assembly and Sports Weekend in Philadelphia, and reviewed progress. Most sub-committee heads present, with progress reports provided for those unable to attend meeting. With only a few details, most areas seem well in hand. Major mailing to go out in late June to all names on National Youth Listing.

Conflicts seems to continue between the two co-chairmen for the event.
While they are both head-strong, their pride will not allow them to fail.

## IV. Summer Task Force

Prepared detailed materials for the "program coordinator" and for the "participants". These included area responsibilities, step-by-step concerns, as well as suggested things to do. This program has alot of potential if handled correctly, with follow up and good public relations.

## V. ACYOA 40th Anniversary

Prepared materials for the regional celebration booklets. This includes lists of past Council Members, sites of Assemblies, past Directors/Exec. Secs., as well as a draft of ACYOA history. The history will be finalized soon. Backgound materials sent to Primate for Primate's and Catholicos' messages. Commemorative pens were sent to each regional host committee. The "Storybook of ACYOA" has also been revised and prepared for reprinting.

## VI. General

- + Prepared the July issue of the Executive Update for printing and distribution.
- + Met with V.Rev.Fr. Haigazoun Melkonian informally and discussed the youth in his parish, as well as other concerns for its improvement in light of the close proximity of the Assembly/Sports Weekend.
- + Received a considerable amount of past ACYOA materials for Council members. Will sort and file appropriately.
- + Will prepare statistics for Council Report regarding chapters.

Respectfully submitted,

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