

# Armenian Church Youth Organization of America

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

TO: Pastors, ACYOA Chapter Chairmen and Delegates  
to the 1985 ACYOA General Assembly

SUBJECT: 1985 ACYOA General Assembly Site and Date

All ACYOA Chapters in **good standing** are invited to participate in the 1985 ACYOA General Assembly which will convene on Wednesday, August 28th, at 7:30 p.m. at the Marriott Hotel in Worcester, Massachusetts.

His Eminence, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America, and National President of the ACYOA, shall preside and address the Assembly.

Hosting this year's Assembly, and National Sports Weekend which immediately follows, is the Worcester ACYOA Chapter of the Armenian Church of Our Saviour.

Chapter delegates are:

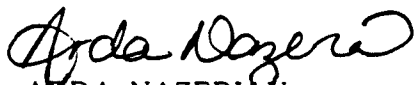
The pastor of the parish (or parish council chairman where there is no pastor).

The chapter chairman.

The elected delegates (see ACYOA Constitution, page 6, Article 10, Section 2 for delegate counts).

Every ACYOA Chapter is urged to fulfill its obligations and send representatives to this year's Assembly. All young people of the Church are invited to attend the proceedings, however only delegates from chapters in good standing may have voice and voting privileges.

We look forward to your attendance and participation in the Assembly, and hope you will stay for the entire Weekend's festivities.



ARDA NAZERIAN  
Chairman  
ACYOA Central Council

c.c. Primate  
Vicar General  
Executive Secretary



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**SUBJECT: Materials and Information for 1985 ACYOA General Assembly**

Enclosed for your use and information are the following:

1. Itinerary for 1985 ACYOA General Assembly.
2. 1985 Assembly Agenda.
3. Delegate Credential Card.
4. ACYOA Central Council Annual Report
5. Proposals and other items.

These materials are sent directly to delegates declared by the Chapter, as well as the Chapter Chairman and Pastor. In cases where the Chapter has not yet declared delegates, it is the responsibility of the Chapter Chairman to distribute these materials.

The enclosed **Delegate Credential Card** is your "ticket" to participate in the Assembly with full voice and voting privileges. Complete the card, with the required signatures, and **present** the card during Assembly registration - Wednesday August 28th, 6 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. **Do not mail the card in.**

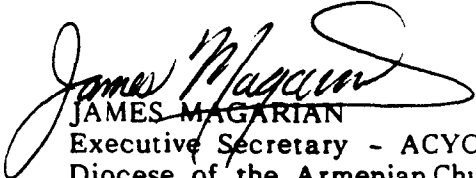
Reminder: All chapters that wish to participate in the Assembly are required to fulfill their obligations to the National Organization and be in **good standing** (see enclosed sheet for details). If there are any questions, please do be in touch.

The Minutes of the 1984 ACYOA General Assembly were sent to all Chapters and Parishes in November, 1984, in accordance with the ACYOA Constitution. We suggest that you contact your Chapter or Pastor for copies. Additional copies will not be available.

We look forward to your positive and energetic participation in this year's Assembly. We shall consider a proposal that is intended to help the young people of the Church become more involved via increased opportunities and a more efficient administration of youth programs. Please join us with your ideas to help us grow!



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JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA  
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Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

30 April 85

**TO: All Pastors, Parish Councils, and  
ACYOA Senior Chapters**

**SUBJECT: ACYOA AWARDS PROGRAM  
ACYOA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

## AWARDS PROGRAM:

The ACYOA Central Council is currently accepting **nominations** for the **Sam Nersesian Award** (see enclosed nomination form). Nominations may be made by the Pastor and/or Parish Council and/or ACYOA Chapter Executive Committee. The official nomination form should be read carefully and completely filled out. The deadline of June 30th will be strictly followed. Kindly mail the nomination form to the address provided on the form.

Upon selection, the ACYOA Central Council shall notify the recipient. Formal presentation of the Award and Certificate shall be made by the Primate during the Awards Banquet of the National Sports Weekend.

## SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM:

The ACYOA Central Council is currently accepting **applications** for the **Sam Nersesian Scholarship** (see enclosed form). Applications are open to all who are planning to attend one of the Summer Studies Conferences of the St. Nersess Seminary this coming season. Kindly make available and distribute the enclosed application form. It should be mailed to the address provided on the form.

The Scholarship covers the cost of tuition and is expected to be used this summer. The application should be filled out completely and include the Pastor's recommendation and signature.

Your support and promotion of these programs assist in making the ACYOA of our Diocese an attractive and diverse vehicle through which our young people participate, learn, enjoy and become motivated to join in Church related events.

We sincerely appreciate your cooperation and ask that you note the prescribed deadlines. Please make additional copies of the enclosed as needed.

  
JAMES MAGARIAN

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11 November 85

**TO: All Parishes and ACYOA Chapters**  
**SUBJECT: Minutes of 1985 ACYOA Assembly**

Enclosed for your reference and information is the Record of the Minutes of the 1985 ACYOA General Assembly, which took place August 28 - 30 at the Marriott Hotel in Worcester, Mass. Next year's Assembly will convene in Philadelphia, PA.

Also enclosed are:

1. Listing of the 1985-86 ACYOA Central Council Members, along with their respective Regional Assignments.
2. ACYOA Chapter Chairman & Contact Listing for 1985-86.
3. Outline for Chapter Obligations and Deadlines. Contact your Regional Representative with any questions.
4. Membership Renewal Form - due January 1st.
5. New Membership Form - due whenever new members pay dues. (make additional copies of these forms as you need them)

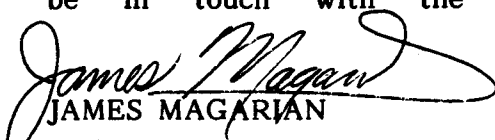
Please make note of the following **ACYOA Regional Youth Conferences:**

Mid-Atlantic Region - November 15-16 - Philadelphia.  
Contact Gary Townsend for additional information.

Midwest Region - November 30 - Detroit.  
Contact Melina Spinuzza for additional information.

New England Region - December 7 - Providence.  
Contact Scott Najarian for additional information.

You may look forward to receiving in the very near future an outline of events and activities celebrating the **40th Anniversary of the ACYOA** on the National, Regional and Local levels of our Organization. As always, if you have any questions or ideas, please be in touch with the Executive Secretary and ACYOA Central Council.

  
JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA



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Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

August 20, 1986

TO: The Reverend Clergy, Parish Council Chairmen, Delegates  
and ACYOA Chapter Chairmen

SUBJECT ACYOA EXECUTIVE SECRETARY POSITION

This is to inform you that James Magarian, Executive Secretary of the ACYOA, has resigned effective August 31, 1986.

We have initiated a vigorous search to find a qualified candidate for this demanding and challenging position. Should you know of a suitable candidate, please let us know so that an interview could be arranged.

In the interim, Anthony Barsamian of Worcester, Mass., will fill the position as the Acting Executive Secretary with a special emphasis on communication with the chapters and the Central Council of the ACYOA, and promoting youth activities in the parishes as well as on college campuses.

We pray that our youth will be strengthened with God's love and guidance in the performance of their devoted service to our Church.

Prayerfully,

*Arch. Torkom Manoogian*

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Primate

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TO : ACYOA ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS  
FROM : CENTRAL COUNCIL  
RE : ACYOA ISSUES

At our last council meeting ( Jan 24,25 in Chelmsford, MA), we came up with 4 issues we thought should be addressed by the advisory committee. We would like each member to review the issues and formulate responses. Please send these responses by APRIL 1, 1986 to :

Shake Ajamian  
15 Arjay Lane  
Commack, NY 11725

The council has asked Fr. Madiros to be with us at our next council meeting ( Apr 18,19 in NY ) to be the spokesman for the committee. Feel free to contact your fellow members or a central council member if any questions should arise.

## ISSUES

- 1) To redefine the goals of the organization on all three levels. ( National, Regional, Local ).
- 2) The positive and negative aspects of the ACYOA and how we can improve upon the negative and enhance the positive.
- 3) Problems of relationship and interaction between the young adults and other members of the church. And how can they be solved?
- 4) What changes (ideas) must occur to make the ACYOA a functioning organization.

Sincerely,

*Gary Townsend*  
Gary Townsend

cc: Vicar General  
Executive Secretary  
C.C. Members



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7 April 86

TO: ACYOA Central Council Members  
SUBJECT: Upcoming Council Meeting

The next meeting of the ACYOA Central Council will take place April 18-19, 1986 at the Diocesan Center in New York City, beginning at 8 p.m. on Friday evening. All Council Members are expected to attend. If for some understandable reason you are unable to attend, or will be late, please contact the Council Chairman.

Reservations have been made at the Marriott-LaGuardia Hotel, located adjacent to LaGuardia Airport. Those traveling by air should make their arrangements through LaGuardia Airport. If you are to be late coming to New York City, to be on time for our meeting, the hotel is holding our reservation, and you may check-in after we recess for the evening.

See the enclosed agenda for those topics we shall address, as well as for those you are expected to speak on.

On Sunday, April 20th, for those whose schedules allow, Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at St. Vartan Armenian Cathedral, including a special Requiem Service observing Martyr's Day. ~~At 1:30 p.m., a program and rally at Time's Square will take place observing the Armenian Martyr's on 1915.~~ Last year, this observance brought together over 5,000 people for the purpose of bringing to the public eye the importance of the Armenians who perished in 1915.

If there are any questions regarding hotel accommodations, contact the Executive Secretary. All other questions should be referred to the Council Chairman.

Happy Easter - Kristos Hariav - Have a safe trip - Stay well.

Sincerely,

  
JAMES MAGARIAN



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31 December 85

TO: All Parishes & ACYOA Chapters

SUBJECT: 1986 ACYOA General Assembly  
1986 ACYOA National Sports Weekend

SITE: Adam's Mark Hotel, Philadelphia, PA

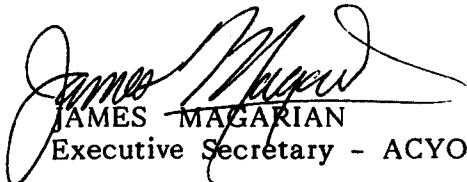
HOST: Wynnewood ACYOA Chapter  
Saints Sahag & Mesrob Armenian Church

DATES: Assembly - August 27-28-29, 1986  
Weekend - August 29 through September 1st

The ACYOA General Assembly and National Sports Weekend are annually held in tandem and hosted by an ACYOA Chapter. All young adults are invited to the Assembly and Sports Weekend, and are highly encouraged to join their local ACYOA Chapters, or re-activate those chapters currently inactive.

Detailed information on the Assembly and Sports Weekend may be found in the "Chapter Handbook", as well as from the Executive Secretary and ACYOA Central Council.

"ACYOA is an opportunity for the young Armenian to participate in the life of the Armenian Church Parish. The programs, activities, and various related events of ACYOA, when properly executed, open the doors to this opportunity, allowing the young adult to grow, learn, and enjoy feeling a part of the Church and community of the Armenians."

  
JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA

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31 December 85

**TO: All Parishes and ACYOA Chapters**

**SUBJECT: 1986 Annual ACYOA Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Basketball Tournament**

**SITE: Francis Lewis High School, Flushing, NY  
Marriott-LaGuardia Hotel, Flushing, NY (10 mins. from School)**

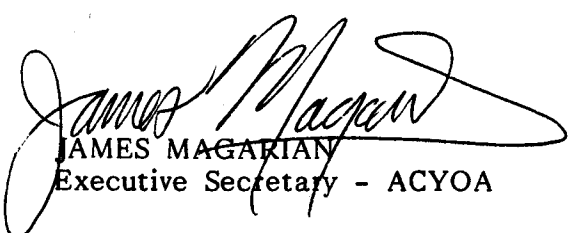
**HOST: Bayside ACYOA Chapter - Armenian Church of the Holy Martyrs**

**DATE: April 11-12-13, 1986**

All Parishes are invited to participate in the Tournament. The Weekend itinerary will include the basketball games complemented by various social activities highlighted by an Awards Banquet and Dance.

Parishes are encouraged to form basketball teams for competition in both the men's and women's divisions. Parishes need not have active ACYOA chapters, and payment of ACYOA dues is not a requirement (dues paid members will receive a reduced package plan rate). Players may be of any age, but must be members of the Armenian Church.

Additional information may be found in the Rules and Regulations for the Tournament, located in the "Chapter Handbook". Additional information and specifics will be forthcoming from the Host Chapter.

  
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Executive Secretary - ACYOA

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31 December 85

TO: All Parishes & ACYOA Chapters

SUBJECT: 1986 ACYOA Armenian Studies Programs:

- (1) Educational Tour to Armenia
- (2) Journey to Armenia

Again through the generosity of His Holiness, Vazken I, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of all Armenians, the Diocese of the Armenian Church and ACYOA offers to young adult Armenians the opportunity to make an extensive visit to Armenia, and meet first hand the people and places that continue our faith and culture on the very soil and carried the Holy Apostles Thaddeus and Bartholomew bringing to us the good news of our Saviour.

Enclosed are materials and information:

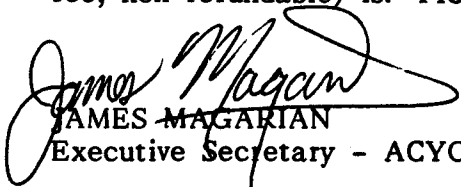
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- + APPLICATION FORMS - feel free to make additional copies.

Pastors are reminded that their recommendation and signature are part of the application for Program #1. Applicants for Program #1 should be ACYOA members, or for the most part involved in the activities of the Parish.

All applicants must be at least 18 years of age, or, high school graduates by June 1986.

Program #1 is a four-week trip to Armenia in a structured atmosphere with daily routines and a pre-arranged itinerary. Hosted by the Catholicos, ACYOA members are given first consideration for the limited space. Program #2 is offered for those without 4 weeks of vacation, and are not interested in a structured format. Commercial tour group style. Both tours include limited time in Paris and Moscow. A serious minded young adult interested in an indepth look at Armenia should apply for Program #1. The less serious and more independent young adult would appreciate Program #2.

Deadline for applications with passports and \$500 deposit (includes \$10 application fee, non-refundable) is: Program #1 - April 1st. Program #2 - June 1st.

  
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*Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate*

**TO: Reverend Clergy & Parish Council Chairmen**

**SUBJECT: 40th ANNIVERSARY OF THE ACYOA 1946-1986**

**DATE: January 16, 1986**

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5 February 86

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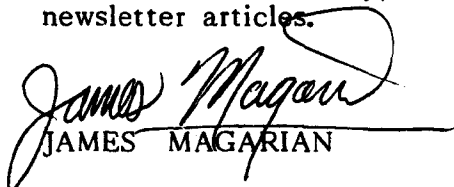
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As Chapter leaders, you should be aware of this image. When you represent your Chapter at meetings and conferences, or when the ACYOA is asked to contribute to a project, an immediate positive impression should be generated.

One immediate way your Chapter can begin an image improvement campaign is through public relations and promotions. This can be accomplished by setting a standard when promoting your activities and events. The announcements, letters, invitations, flyers, floaters, advertisements, should all be done with a professional perspective. The lettering should be typeset-quality; graphics need to be well drawn and clear; the vital information and specifics need to be easily understood.

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4 February 86

TO: ACYOA Chapter Chairmen  
SUBJECT: 1986 ACYOA Armenian Martyr's Commemoration

Those of you who are able to keep up with Armenian news and related events locally and throughout the world are aware of the fact that authorities in present day Turkey continue to distort the facts surrounding the Armenian Genocide of 1915. In fact, they would like the world to believe it never took place.

This is a bold and outrageous course of action that has thus far been demonstrated by the retelling of historical facts. This is currently being done by educators, historians, scholars, sociologists - some of Turkish origin, others contracted to write the changed history. No doubt financial considerations are involved. Whatever the motivation, one result will be the publishing of books and papers distorting the true historical facts, as well as "documentary" films for the public.

One way Armenians can keep the historical record straight is to continue educating the Armenian community and the public as well. The facts, events, people and results of the various incidents of the turn of the century through the 1920's are documented through official government papers, eye-witness accounts of Armenians and non-Armenians, as well as prominent newspapers throughout the world. Understanding the whole story, and not a distortion of historical facts, will allow the truth to be known and justice to prevail.

In 1985, the ACYOA observed the 70th Anniversary of the Genocide of 1915 with an elaborate 4-Part Program. Many ACYOA Chapters participated by sponsoring events in their own parishes. The Program has been reprinted and is attached. It is suggested that your Chapter again plan a commemoration, bringing together the entire parish family to learn, discuss, and more fully understand our recent history.

Perhaps the most important aspect of the Program is the donation of books on Armenians and Armenian subject to local public libraries. Many Chapters were able to do this last year, with several planning to make such a donation each year in memory of the Martyrs of 1915. In this way, the public will have access to references and resources on Armenians, and not just distorted propaganda.

At the very least, it is suggested that your Chapter consider donating (more) books and reference materials - if not to the same library, then to others whose "Armenian Collection" may be started with your donation. College and University libraries may also be considered.

  
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This Program is available for chapter and parish use on a loan basis.

Suggested formats include showing the program at a chapter membership meeting with discussion; sponsoring an evening educational program inviting the entire parish; or offering a public showing, announcing through newspapers, and/or inviting groups from other churches.

To complement the Program, it is suggested that your Pastor, or someone with a theological and/or church background review the materials, introduce the Program and moderate discussion afterwards.

This is no fee for the use of this Program, however a \$10.00 postage, handling and insurance charge will be applied. For additional information and reservation of the Program for a specific date, contact the Executive Secretary at 617-256-7234 (days) or 617-649-6875 (evenings).

  
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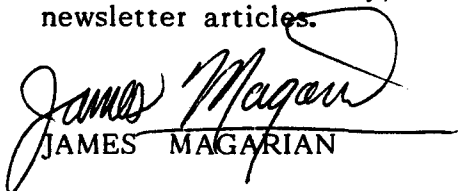
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To complement the Program, it is suggested that your Pastor, or someone with a theological and/or church background review the materials, introduce the Program and moderate discussion afterwards.

This is no fee for the use of this Program, however a \$10.00 postage, handling and insurance charge will be applied. For additional information and reservation of the Program for a specific date, contact the Executive Secretary at 617-256-7234 (days) or 617-649-6875 (evenings).

  
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Executive Secretary - ACYOA

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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

5 February 86

TO: Chapter Chairmen

SUBJECT: Chapter Public Relations & Promotions

Does your ACYOA Chapter have an "image" problem? Does it have any "image" at all? We should be concerned about image in a people-centered organization such as the ACYOA.

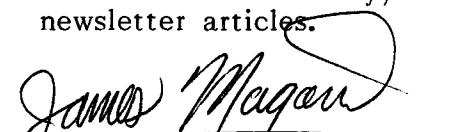
How your parish views and sees your Chapter can and does contribute to the image of your ACYOA Chapter. The types of activities you sponsor and participate in, the various events that ACYOA promotes all contribute to its image and character. It is very important that we project positive, goal-oriented, progressive images if we wish to gain the support and confidence of the entire parish community. This also plays a role in bringing new members into ACYOA.

As Chapter leaders, you should be aware of this image. When you represent your Chapter at meetings and conferences, or when the ACYOA is asked to contribute to a project, an immediate positive impression should be generated.

One immediate way your Chapter can begin an image improvement campaign is through public relations and promotions. This can be accomplished by setting a standard when promoting your activities and events. The announcements, letters, invitations, flyers, floaters, advertisements, should all be done with a professional perspective. The lettering should be typeset-quality; graphics need to be well drawn and clear; the vital information and specifics need to be easily understood.

Another very important area is your parish newsletter. In reviewing most parish newsletters, it is noted that "ACYOA Senior News" is not regularly included. Someone should be assigned to have, at the very least, a small article or announcement advertisement-style insertion in each and every parish newsletter. These should tell of recent activities and future planned events. Articles and photographs should be sent to the Armenian Newspapers when appropriate as well.

In other words, when people from your parish receive their monthly newsletter, your Chapter should be included with something to say, something to announce or something that will remind everyone that your ACYOA Chapter is providing an opportunity for all the young adults of the community to come together. As news of upcoming programs and events are received from the ACYOA Central Council or Executive Secretary, be sure that these are included in your promotions and newsletter articles.

  
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4 February 86

TO: ACYOA Chapter Chairmen  
SUBJECT: 1986 ACYOA Armenian Martyr's Commemoration

Those of you who are able to keep up with Armenian news and related events locally and throughout the world are aware of the fact that authorities in present day Turkey continue to distort the facts surrounding the Armenian Genocide of 1915. In fact, they would like the world to believe it never took place.

This is a bold and outrageous course of action that has thus far been demonstrated by the retelling of historical facts. This is currently being done by educators, historians, scholars, sociologists - some of Turkish origin, others contracted to write the changed history. No doubt financial considerations are involved. Whatever the motivation, one result will be the publishing of books and papers distorting the true historical facts, as well as "documentary" films for the public.

One way Armenians can keep the historical record straight is to continue educating the Armenian community and the public as well. The facts, events, people and results of the various incidents of the turn of the century through the 1920's are documented through official government papers, eye-witness accounts of Armenians and non-Armenians, as well as prominent newspapers throughout the world. Understanding the whole story, and not a distortion of historical facts, will allow the truth to be known and justice to prevail.

In 1985, the ACYOA observed the 70th Anniversary of the Genocide of 1915 with an elaborate 4-Part Program. Many ACYOA Chapters participated by sponsoring events in their own parishes. The Program has been reprinted and is attached. It is suggested that your Chapter again plan a commemoration, bringing together the entire parish family to learn, discuss, and more fully understand our recent history.

Perhaps the most important aspect of the Program is the donation of books on Armenians and Armenian subject to local public libraries. Many Chapters were able to do this last year, with several planning to make such a donation each year in memory of the Martyrs of 1915. In this way, the public will have access to references and resources on Armenians, and not just distorted propaganda.

At the very least, it is suggested that your Chapter consider donating (more) books and reference materials - if not to the same library, then to others whose "Armenian Collection" may be started with your donation. College and University libraries may also be considered.

  
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*Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate*

10 March 86

**TO:** Pastors and ACYOA Chapter Chairmen

**SUBJECT:** 1986 Annual ACYOA Leadership Seminar  
Racine Wisconsin - Diocesan Assembly  
Saturday, May 3rd, 1986

A very special program for the 1986 ACYOA Leadership Seminar is planned this year. Annually held in conjunction with the Diocesan Assembly, hosted this year by St. Mesrob Armenian Church in Racine, Wisconsin, the Seminar promised to be a different and enlightening experience.

To begin with, a meeting of chapter representatives and seminar participants is planned to provide information on ACYOA programs and administrative procedures. At this time, participants will be given details and progress reports on projects and on-going programs of the Organization.

Following this short meeting, and in conjunction with the Department of Religious Education of the Diocese, a program will be offered involving contemporary issues in the Church. Presentations will be made on, for example, church reform, worship, sexuality, abortion, human rights, as well as other concerns confronting us as we near the end of the 20th century.

A more detailed itinerary and topic schedule will be provided soon.

We highly encourage your participation, along with others from your parish. The participation of young people in the discussion of the topics mentioned above will enhance and provide a well-balanced program with input from an intergenerational audience.

Parishes and chapters are urged to underwrite some or all expenses involved so that as many young people as possible may attend. At the very least, one member from each parish should be present.

  
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Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

9 March 86


TO: Parishes and ACYOA Chapters  
SUBJECT: Armenian Studies Program - "Educational Tour to Armenia"

This is to remind all Pastors and ACYOA Chapter Chairmen that the deadline for application for the Armenian Studies Program - "Educational Tour to Armenia" has been extended to April 10th. In addition, the tentative departure date at this time is June 16th from New York City.

All parishes and chapters should take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to visit Armenia by highly promoting this program. Each year, the participants of the "Educational Tour to Armenia" have the experience of a lifetime. They always say they hope to return for another visit and further experience first-hand their heritage as found no where else in the world.

Applications have been sent previously to all parishes and chapters. Additional copies are available. It is highly encouraged that anyone who is interested apply early as space is limited.

For more information, kindly refer interested persons to the ACYOA Executive Secretary - 617-256-7234 / 649-6875.

  
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1 April 86

TO: ACYOA CHAPTER CHAIRMEN AND CONTACTS  
SUBJECT: ACYOA LEADERSHIP SEMINAR - 1986

As previously described regarding the 1986 ACYOA Leadership Seminar, a special program has been planned for this year. In conjunction with the Annual Diocesan Assembly, hosted this year by St. Mesrob Armenian Church in Racine, WI, May 1-4, this year's format will combine a brief meeting of ACYOA members on Saturday morning, May 3rd, followed by joining the program of the Diocesan Department of Religious Education entitled, **The Armenian Church Today: Christian Life, Christian Decision.**

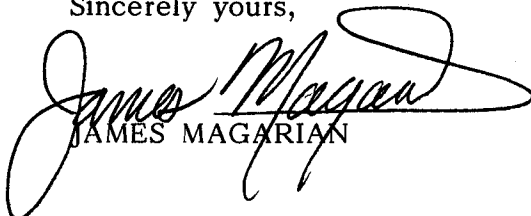
Enclosed is a flyer detailing the day's schedule, topics, and participants in the panel discussions. Young adult participation is encouraged to provide a balanced and well-rounded perspective on these interesting and timely topics of discussion.

The meeting preceding the discussion program is scheduled to begin precisely at 9:00 am, and finish by 10:00 am. All meetings and programs will take place at Trinity United Methodist Church, 3825 Erie Street, Racine, WI (four-tenths of a mile from St. Mesrob Church). For additional information, contact: Ms. Lisa Akgulian - 414-681-2643.

All young adults of the Diocese are invited to attend and participate in the day's program, which is free of charge. A luncheon is planned at St. Mesrob Church with all clergy, delegates, and program participants from ACYOA, Depart. of Religious Education, and Depart. of Language Education attending (\$10.00 per person).

Make your plans today to attend this special program. Each chapter should consider sending as many interested young adults as possible. Consider requesting financial assistance from your parish.

Sincerely yours,

  
JAMES MAGARIAN

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7 April 86

TO: ACYOA Central Council Members  
SUBJECT: Upcoming Council Meeting

The next meeting of the ACYOA Central Council will take place April 18-19, 1986 at the Diocesan Center in New York City, beginning at 8 p.m. on Friday evening. All Council Members are expected to attend. If for some understandable reason you are unable to attend, or will be late, please contact the Council Chairman.

Reservations have been made at the Marriott-LaGuardia Hotel, located adjacent to LaGuardia Airport. Those traveling by air should make their arrangements through LaGuardia Airport. If you are to be late coming to New York City, to be on time for our meeting, the hotel is holding our reservation, and you may check-in after we recess for the evening.

See the enclosed agenda for those topics we shall address, as well as for those you are expected to speak on.

On Sunday, April 20th, for those whose schedules allow, Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at St. Vartan Armenian Cathedral, including a special Requiem Service observing Martyr's Day. At 1:30 p.m., a program and rally at Time's Square will take place observing the Armenian Martyr's on 1915. Last year, this observance brought together over 5,000 people for the purpose of bringing to the public eye the importance of the Armenians who perished in 1915.

If there are any questions regarding hotel accommodations, contact the Executive Secretary. All other questions should be referred to the Council Chairman.

Happy Easter - Kristos Hariav - Have a safe trip - Stay well.

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9 May 86

TO: All Parishes and ACYOA Chapters  
SUBJECT: ACYOA Administrative Forms and Various Materials

Please review the enclosed ACYOA materials for your use and reference:

- 1- Revised listing of Chapter Chairmen and Parish Contacts.
- 2- Membership Renewal Form. New Membership Form.
- 3- Annual Report Form.
- 4- Scholarship Form, and guideline.
- 5- Award Nomination Form, and guideline.
- 6- "It's Due" - sheet of due dates.
- 7- "Summer Task Force" Program - information sheet.

Regarding the Chapter Chairmen and Parish Contacts list, those parishes that cannot support a regular ACYOA Chapter should, at the very least, provide the name of a young adult to receive ACYOA materials and assist in promoting programs and events. "Mission Parishes" should especially note this and provide a contact.

The ACYOA Summer Task Force at the Diocese is a new program being initiated this summer. It is a wonderful opportunity for young adults to serve the Church, learn about the operations of the Diocese, as well as spend considerable time in New York City. Application forms are available from parishes, as well as from the Diocese.

Kindly note that Chapter Annual Reports are requested by June 25th this year. This is to allow more time for the Central Council to more fully review the Reports and better prepare an analysis of the general chapter status throughout the Diocese. Please be sure to complete the form and send it in. Please note: absolute accuracy is not necessary. Do not wait for a bank statement, or election results to complete the form and send it in.

As always, feel free to reproduce any and all of the enclosed materials for use and distribution.

  
JAMES MAGARIAN  
Executive Secretary - ACYOA

# Armenian Church Youth Organization of America

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

24 July 1986

TO: Pastors, ACYOA Chapter Chairmen and Delegates to  
the 1986 ACYOA General Assembly

FROM: ACYOA Central Council

SUBJECT: 1986 ACYOA General Assembly Site and Date

You are invited to participate in the proceedings of the 1986 ACYOA General Assembly which will convene on Wednesday, August 27th, 7:30 p.m., at the Adam's Mark Hotel, Philadelphia, PA. All ACYOA Chapters, which have fulfilled their obligations to the National Organization, may send their delegations for full participation in the Assembly sessions.

His Eminence, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate and National President of ACYOA, shall preside and address the Assembly.

Hosting this year's Assembly and National Sports Weekend which follows, is the Wynnewood ACYOA Chapter of Ss. Sahag and Mesrob Armenian Church. Detailed information regarding hotel accommodations and package plans should be received via the Wynnewood Chapter Host Committee.

Delegates to the Assembly include:

The Pastor of the parish.

The Chapter Chairman.

The elected Delegates (see constitution, p.6, art.10, sec.2).

Enclosed are materials for your information and reference. Bring these materials with you. Please take note: Chapters who wish to participate must fulfill their obligations:

Dues paid for 1985-86.

Annual Report sent in.

Executive Committee listing sent in.

Special national/regional event report sent in (where applicable).

Mailing List sent in.

All Delegates to the Assembly must have a valid "credential card", completed with proper signatures. Do not mail in. Present the card during delegate registration.

Each ACYOA Chapter is urged to send delegates to the Assembly. The Central Council looks forward to your positive and energetic participation, and hope that you will stay for the entire weekend's festivities.

If you have questions regarding your chapter status, contact Melina Spinuzza, Central Council Treasurer - 312-564-4431

If you have any questions regarding hotel accommodations or package plan costs, contact Lisa Manookian, Host Committee Co-Chairman - 215-649-2570.



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*Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate*

August 1986

TO: All Parishes and ACYOA Chapters  
SUBJECT: **Service for Installation of Officers of ACYOA**

Enclosed for your use is the Service for Installation of Officers for ACYOA Chapters. It has been specifically designed for the ACYOA, both Senior and Junior groups.

It is suggested that shortly after officers are elected for the local chapter, an appropriate date and time be selected and announcements sent throughout the parish community. This Service is intended as a public event, and not a closed or private activity for young people only.

Properly planned and performed, this Service will, in addition to praying to God and asking His blessings on our young leaders, demonstrate the importance of ACYOA and our youth in general, thereby strengthening their role in the Church.

  
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**ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA**

Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

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Central Council

630 Second Avenue

New York, New York 10016

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TO: Syraun Palvetzian  
FROM: Douglas Tashjian  
RE: Publicity for ACYOA Events  
DATE: February 4, 1988

Listed below are the upcoming ACYOA events which I think are deserving of publicity.

- February 12 - 15: Armenian Cultural Weekend - *Nina*  
Succeeding the event
- March 11 - 13: Christian Leadership Weekend - *Pre-Nina*  
Preceding and succeeding the event *After-John*
- April 23: Martyrs Program  
Preceding and succeeding the event - *John*

Please let me know to whom you will assign these stories so that I can be prepared to work with the individual.

*25 Feb*  
*11 Feb*